

# YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2047

Fieldwork: 25th November - 5th December 2011

**Please note: A number of questions have been rebased to remove those who answered "don't know" or "not applicable". These were only removed when appropriate to the question.**

On a scale of 1 to 5 where 5 means 'very high opinion' and 1 means 'very low opinion', what is your overall opinion of the following groups of people?

<b>People from ethnic minorities</b>	<b>Total</b>	
	Unweighted Base	1958
	<b>Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)</b>	<b>1961</b>
	1 Very low opinion	5%
	2	12%
	3	45%
	4	28%
	5 Very high opinion	10%
<b>Asylum seekers / refugees</b>	<b>Total</b>	
	Unweighted Base	1975
	<b>Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)</b>	<b>1982</b>
	1 Very low opinion	29%
	2	26%
	3	32%
	4	10%
	5 Very high opinion	3%
<b>People from Christian religious groups</b>	<b>Total</b>	
	Unweighted Base	1964
	<b>Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)</b>	<b>1962</b>
	1 Very low opinion	6%
	2	16%
	3	44%
	4	25%
	5 Very high opinion	8%
<b>People from non-Christian religious groups</b>	<b>Total</b>	
	Unweighted Base	1884
	<b>Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)</b>	<b>1881</b>
	1 Very low opinion	7%
	2	13%
	3	50%
	4	24%
	5 Very high opinion	5%
<b>Women</b>	<b>Total</b>	
	Unweighted Base	2016
	<b>Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)</b>	<b>2019</b>
	1 Very low opinion	*
	2	1%
	3	21%
	4	35%
	5 Very high opinion	43%
<b>People with disabilities</b>	<b>Total</b>	
	Unweighted Base	1976
	<b>Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)</b>	<b>1983</b>
	1 Very low opinion	*
	2	2%
	3	28%
	4	39%
	5 Very high opinion	31%

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<b>Lesbian, gay and bisexual people</b>		<b>Total</b>
	Unweighted Base	1975
	<b>Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)</b>	<b>1980</b>
	1 Very low opinion	8%
	2	9%
	3	41%
	4	29%
	5 Very high opinion	13%

<b>Older people</b>		<b>Total</b>
	Unweighted Base	2023
	<b>Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)</b>	<b>2025</b>
	1 Very low opinion	1%
	2	2%
	3	24%
	4	40%
	5 Very high opinion	33%

<b>Young people</b>		<b>Total</b>
	Unweighted Base	2022
	<b>Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)</b>	<b>2022</b>
	1 Very low opinion	2%
	2	11%
	3	43%
	4	35%
	5 Very high opinion	9%

<b>Generally speaking, which, if any, of the following do you think should be responsible for reducing the level of prejudice against lesbian, gay and bisexual people? Please tick all that apply.</b>		<b>Total</b>
	Unweighted Base	2074
	<b>Base: All respondents</b>	<b>2074</b>
	Government	39%
	Local councils	24%
	Schools and colleges	46%
	Universities	25%
	Employers	37%
	Religious groups	32%
	The media	47%
	Parents	48%
	Police	30%
	Others	12%
None of the above	8%	
Not applicable – I don't think there is prejudice against lesbian, gay and bisexual people	21%	

<b>Do you agree or disagree that there is public prejudice against lesbian, gay and bisexual people in Britain today?</b>		<b>Total</b>
	Unweighted Base	1848
	<b>Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)</b>	<b>1840</b>
	Strongly agree	8%
	Agree	52%
	Disagree	30%
	Strongly disagree	10%
	NET Agree	60%
	NET Disagree	40%

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What do you think is responsible for public prejudice against lesbian, gay and bisexual people in Britain today?

	Total
Unweighted Base	1119
<b>Base: All who agree that there is prejudice against LGB people</b>	1098
Not enough legal protection	14%
Not enough acceptance (e.g. in the workplace and school)	63%
Not enough support from institutions (e.g. Government and local councils)	26%
Religious attitudes	61%
Tabloid newspapers	45%
Broadsheet newspapers	15%
TV	19%
Government	12%
Parental attitudes	59%
Local authorities	6%
Other	6%
None of the above	5%

Some people say the BBC as a public service broadcaster has an obligation to portray lesbian, gay and bisexual people so that wider society can better understand them. Do you agree or disagree with this view?

	Age			
	Total	18-29	30-50	51+
Unweighted Base	1698	274	521	903
<b>Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)</b>	1683	297	586	800
Strongly agree	10%	19%	12%	6%
Agree	46%	56%	49%	40%
Disagree	29%	19%	31%	32%
Strongly disagree	14%	6%	8%	22%
NET Agree	56%	75%	61%	45%
NET Disagree	44%	25%	39%	55%

Which, if any, of the following political parties do you consider to be 'gay friendly'? Please tick all that apply.

	Age			Gender		
	Total	18-29	30-50	51+	Male	Female
Unweighted Base	2074	331	650	1093	950	1124
<b>Base: All respondents</b>	2074	358	739	977	994	1080
Conservative	22%	15%	19%	27%	24%	20%
Labour	37%	29%	38%	39%	42%	33%
Liberal Democrat	40%	35%	36%	44%	46%	35%
Scottish National Party	10%	10%	8%	11%	12%	9%
Plaid Cymru	9%	8%	8%	10%	11%	7%
Green	28%	28%	28%	27%	33%	23%
United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)	7%	6%	6%	9%	9%	6%
British National Party (BNP)	3%	4%	1%	3%	4%	2%
Respect	16%	16%	16%	15%	17%	15%
None of the above	39%	42%	40%	36%	33%	44%

Representation of lesbian, gay and bisexual people in parliament is much lower than in the wider population. Do you think an increase of gay MPs will lead to a reduction in the level of prejudice against gay people in the future?

	Total
Unweighted Base	1465
<b>Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)</b>	1458
Yes	24%
No	59%
Not applicable – there is no prejudice against gay people	17%

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Anti-gay bullying in schools is shown to be widespread and schools have been urged to do more to combat it. Was there bullying at your school of children who were – or who were thought to be – lesbian, gay or bisexual?

<b>Total</b>	
Unweighted Base	1506
<b>Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)</b>	1520
Yes	34%
No	66%

Were you ever the target of anti-gay bullying in school?

	Age			
	Total	18-29	30-50	51+
Unweighted Base	2000	314	616	1070
<b>Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)</b>	1994	338	697	959
Yes	5%	14%	7%	1%
No	95%	86%	93%	99%

Do you think anti-gay bullying in schools should be tackled?

	Religion?		
	Total	Yes	No
Unweighted Base	1869	774	1017
<b>Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)</b>	1872	782	1007
Yes – it should be tackled	93%	92%	94%
No – it should not be tackled	7%	8%	6%

Which, if any, of the following do you think should be responsible for tackling anti-gay bullying in schools? Please tick all that apply.

<b>Total</b>	
Unweighted Base	1727
<b>Base: All who think anti-gay bullying in schools should be tackled</b>	1734
Teachers	85%
Headteachers	86%
Government	35%
Local authorities	43%
Parents	77%
Other pupils	61%
School governors	62%
None of the above	1%

Have you ever witnessed verbal bullying at your workplace of people who were – or who were thought to be - lesbian, gay or bisexual?

<b>Total</b>	
Unweighted Base	1854
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know and not applicable)</b>	1856
Yes – within the last 5 years	6%
Yes – longer than 5 years ago	9%
NET Yes	15%
No	85%

Have you ever witnessed physical bullying at your workplace of people who were – or who were thought to be - lesbian, gay or bisexual?

<b>Total</b>	
Unweighted Base	1876
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know and not applicable)</b>	1877
Yes – within the last 5 years	2%
Yes – longer than 5 years ago	2%
NET Yes	4%
No	96%

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To what extent do you support or oppose the following:

It is now illegal to discriminate against (e.g. sack or harass) people at work on the grounds of their sexual orientation

		Religion?	
		Total	No
Unweighted Base		1959	1069
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>		<b>1958</b>	<b>1060</b>
Strongly support	40%	31%	46%
Support	52%	60%	47%
Oppose	5%	5%	4%
Strongly oppose	3%	4%	2%
NET Support	92%	92%	94%
NET Oppose	8%	8%	6%

It is now legal for same-sex couples to form a legal relationship called a civil partnership which is similar in legal rights to civil marriage

		Religion?	
		Total	No
Unweighted Base		1897	1050
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>		<b>1885</b>	<b>1032</b>
Strongly support	28%	19%	35%
Support	53%	54%	53%
Oppose	9%	13%	7%
Strongly oppose	10%	15%	6%
NET Support	81%	73%	88%
NET Oppose	19%	27%	12%

The Government intends to extend the legal form and name of civil marriage to same-sex couples

		Age			Religion?		
		Total	18-29	30-50	51+	Yes	No
Unweighted Base		1793	292	560	941	726	984
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>		<b>1784</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>968</b>
Strongly support	24%	42%	29%	14%	13%	34%	
Support	47%	41%	53%	45%	45%	48%	
Oppose	15%	10%	11%	21%	21%	11%	
Strongly oppose	13%	6%	8%	20%	21%	7%	
NET Support	71%	84%	82%	59%	58%	82%	
NET Oppose	29%	16%	18%	41%	42%	18%	

The permitting of religious institutions to conduct same-sex marriages if they wish to do so

		Total
Unweighted Base		1839
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>		<b>1835</b>
Strongly support	23%	
Support	47%	
Oppose	15%	
Strongly oppose	14%	
NET Support	71%	
NET Oppose	29%	

It is now legal for same-sex couples to adopt a child

		Total
Unweighted Base		1789
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>		<b>1789</b>
Strongly support	19%	
Support	39%	
Oppose	23%	
Strongly oppose	20%	
NET Support	58%	
NET Oppose	42%	

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It is now illegal to discriminate against lesbian, gay and bisexual people in the provision of healthcare and social services'

		Religion?	
		Total	No
Unweighted Base		1905	1043
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>		<b>1899</b>	<b>1028</b>
Strongly support	35%	26%	43%
Support	55%	62%	50%
Oppose	6%	7%	4%
Strongly oppose	4%	5%	2%
NET Support	90%	88%	93%
NET Oppose	10%	12%	7%

It is now illegal to incite hatred on the basis of race or religion. Do you support legislation that now also makes it illegal to incite hatred on the basis of an individual's sexual orientation?

		Religion?	
		Total	No
Unweighted Base		1599	864
<b>Base: All respondents in England and Wales</b>		<b>1684</b>	<b>903</b>
Yes – it should be illegal	91%	92%	92%
No – it should not be illegal	9%	8%	8%

On a scale of 1 to 5 where 5 means 'very comfortable' and 1 means 'very uncomfortable', how comfortable or uncomfortable would you personally feel if each of the following were lesbian, gay or bisexual?

Your GP

		Total
Unweighted Base		1973
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>		<b>1966</b>
1 Very uncomfortable	7%	
2	6%	
3	19%	
4	23%	
5 Very comfortable	46%	

Your child's teacher

		Total
Unweighted Base		1955
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>		<b>1948</b>
1 Very uncomfortable	9%	
2	8%	
3	20%	
4	22%	
5 Very comfortable	41%	

Your boss

		Total
Unweighted Base		1968
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>		<b>1960</b>
1 Very uncomfortable	5%	
2	4%	
3	19%	
4	25%	
5 Very comfortable	48%	

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**A work colleague**

	Total
Unweighted Base	2004
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	<b>1994</b>
1 Very uncomfortable	3%
2	4%
3	18%
4	25%
5 Very comfortable	51%

**Your MP**

	Total
Unweighted Base	1973
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	<b>1964</b>
1 Very uncomfortable	6%
2	5%
3	21%
4	22%
5 Very comfortable	46%

**Your local religious representative e.g. vicar, rabbi, imam etc'**

	Religion?		
	Total	Yes	No
Unweighted Base	1867	805	977
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	<b>1860</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>960</b>
1 Very uncomfortable	13%	20%	9%
2	8%	9%	6%
3	19%	20%	17%
4	21%	22%	20%
5 Very comfortable	39%	29%	48%

**Your son**

	Total
Unweighted Base	1912
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	<b>1905</b>
1 Very uncomfortable	11%
2	9%
3	18%
4	22%
5 Very comfortable	41%

**Your daughter**

	Total
Unweighted Base	1910
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	<b>1903</b>
1 Very uncomfortable	10%
2	9%
3	18%
4	22%
5 Very comfortable	41%

**Your brother/ sister**

	Total
Unweighted Base	1968
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	<b>1962</b>
1 Very uncomfortable	7%
2	7%
3	16%
4	23%
5 Very comfortable	47%

**Another member of your family**

	Total
Unweighted Base	1976
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	<b>1967</b>
1 Very uncomfortable	6%
2	6%
3	17%
4	24%
5 Very comfortable	46%

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		Religion?		
		Total	Yes	No
<b>A close friend</b>				
	Unweighted Base	2002	828	1082
	<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	1995	835	1065
1	Very uncomfortable	4%	6%	3%
2		5%	5%	3%
3		17%	20%	14%
4		23%	25%	21%
5	Very comfortable	51%	43%	59%

		Total
<b>A footballer in the team you support</b>		
	Unweighted Base	1884
	<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	1884
1	Very uncomfortable	3%
2		3%
3		18%
4		22%
5	Very comfortable	53%

		Total
<b>The first child – and heir to the throne - of Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge</b>		
	Unweighted Base	1875
	<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	1875
1	Very uncomfortable	10%
2		7%
3		18%
4		21%
5	Very comfortable	44%

		Total
<b>You said you would feel uncomfortable if your boss was lesbian, gay or bisexual. Would this lead you to change your job?</b>		
	Unweighted Base	186
	<b>Base: All who would feel uncomfortable if their boss was lgb</b>	176
Yes		29%
No		45%
Don't know		26%

		Total
<b>You said you would feel uncomfortable if a footballer in the team you support was lesbian, gay or bisexual. Would this lead to you changing the team you support?</b>		
	Unweighted Base	133
	<b>Base: All who would feel uncomfortable if a footballer in their team was lgb</b>	130
Yes		19%
No		70%
Don't know		11%

		Total
<b>You said you would feel uncomfortable if your son was gay or bisexual. Would you love them less?</b>		
	Unweighted Base	371
	<b>Base: All who would feel uncomfortable if their son was lgb</b>	378
Yes		10%
No		78%
Don't know		12%



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<b>You said you would feel uncomfortable if your daughter was lesbian or bisexual. Would you love them less?</b>	<b>Total</b>
Unweighted Base	349
<b>Base: All who would feel uncomfortable if their daughter was lgb</b>	<b>347</b>
Yes	9%
No	80%
Don't know	12%

<b>You said you would feel uncomfortable if your brother/ sister were lesbian, gay or bisexual. Would you love them less?</b>	<b>Total</b>
Unweighted Base	240
<b>Base: All who would feel uncomfortable if their brother / sister was lgb</b>	<b>234</b>
Yes	15%
No	71%
Don't know	14%

<b>You said you would feel uncomfortable if another member of your family was lesbian, gay or bisexual. Would you love them less?</b>	<b>Total</b>
Unweighted Base	211
<b>Base: All who would feel uncomfortable if another member of their family was lgb</b>	<b>208</b>
Yes	16%
No	67%
Don't know	17%

Thinking about the following celebrities...

Did finding out that they were gay affect your opinion of them?

<b>Mary Portas</b> Retail expert and presenter of TV series including Mary Queen of Shops	<b>Total</b>
Unweighted Base	787
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know and not applicable)</b>	<b>786</b>
Opinion improved	4%
Opinion went down	5%
Opinion stayed the same	91%

<b>Joe McElderry</b> Winner of X Factor	<b>Total</b>
Unweighted Base	960
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know and not applicable)</b>	<b>997</b>
Opinion improved	2%
Opinion went down	7%
Opinion stayed the same	91%

<b>Gareth Thomas</b> Recently retired Welsh rugby player	<b>Total</b>
Unweighted Base	1079
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know and not applicable)</b>	<b>1094</b>
Opinion improved	15%
Opinion went down	7%
Opinion stayed the same	78%

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Clare Balding

Presenter of BBC live racing coverage including the Grand National and Royal Ascot as well as on Radio 4 and 5 live

<b>Total</b>
Unweighted Base 1124
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know and not applicable)</b> 1121

Opinion improved	4%
Opinion went down	5%
Opinion stayed the same	91%

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

'Lesbian, gay and bisexual people should be able to be open about their sexual orientation no matter what'

	Religion?	
	Yes	No
<b>Total</b>		
Unweighted Base	1850	1016
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	766	1000
Strongly agree	19%	33%
Agree	60%	53%
Disagree	14%	11%
Strongly disagree	7%	3%
NET Agree	79%	86%
NET Disagree	21%	14%

'The media rely heavily on clichéd stereotypes of lesbian, gay and bisexual people'

<b>Total</b>
Unweighted Base 1697
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b> 1685

Strongly agree	17%
Agree	60%
Disagree	19%
Strongly disagree	4%
NET Agree	77%
NET Disagree	23%

The media frequently use homosexuality and bisexuality as the subject of jokes'

<b>Total</b>
Unweighted Base 1697
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b> 1697

Strongly agree	12%
Agree	53%
Disagree	30%
Strongly disagree	5%
NET Agree	65%
NET Disagree	35%

'Britain has a moral and social responsibility to challenge human rights abuses against lesbian, gay and bisexual people abroad'

<b>Total</b>
Unweighted Base 1764
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b> 1750

Strongly agree	20%
Agree	48%
Disagree	21%
Strongly disagree	10%
NET Agree	68%
NET Disagree	32%

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'Britain has a moral and social responsibility to protect people who come to the UK fleeing persecution in their home countries because they are lesbian, gay or bisexual'

	Total
Unweighted Base	1737
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	<b>1710</b>
Strongly agree	13%
Agree	41%
Disagree	27%
Strongly disagree	19%
NET Agree	54%
NET Disagree	46%

The next set of questions are of a more personal nature, therefore if you do not wish to answer them please select the relevant option below. Please tick all that apply.

Are any members of your family...?

	Total
Unweighted Base	2074
<b>Base: All respondents</b>	<b>2074</b>
Gay	12%
Lesbian	8%
Heterosexual/ straight	56%
Bisexual	3%
None of the above	31%
Prefer not to say	4%
NET LGB	19%

Are any of your friends...?

	Total	Religion?	
		Yes	No
Unweighted Base	2074	855	1113
<b>Base: All respondents</b>	<b>2074</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>1102</b>
Gay	38%	32%	44%
Lesbian	24%	21%	28%
Heterosexual/ straight	50%	48%	53%
Bisexual	11%	8%	14%
None of the above	25%	30%	21%
Prefer not to say	4%	3%	3%
NET LGB	47%	39%	54%

Which, if any, of the following statements apply to you? Please tick all that apply.

	Total	Religion?	
		Yes	No
Unweighted Base	2074	855	1113
<b>Base: All respondents</b>	<b>2074</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>1102</b>
I don't like lesbian, gay or bisexual people	4%	5%	3%
I know people who don't like lesbian, gay and bisexual people	39%	37%	41%
Homosexuality is morally unacceptable in all circumstances	9%	13%	7%
None of the above	51%	50%	51%

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Do you think it's right to tackle prejudice against lesbian, gay and bisexual people in Britain?	Age			Gender		Religion?		Region											
	Total	18-29	30-50	51+	Male	Female	Yes	No	North East	North West	Yorkshire and Humber	East-Mid	West-Mid	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland
Unweighted Base	1897	314	600	983	867	1030	775	1028	80	206	133	125	137	175	254	248	158	121	260
Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)	1890	339	676	875	905	985	785	1007	80	223	159	149	169	184	246	255	166	93	166
Yes	62%	71%	67%	54%	58%	66%	57%	67%	57%	70%	60%	60%	62%	60%	63%	67%	51%	65%	61%
No	15%	15%	12%	17%	17%	12%	16%	14%	18%	10%	17%	12%	13%	18%	14%	13%	19%	11%	19%
Not applicable – I don't think there is prejudice against lesbian, gay and bisexual people	23%	14%	21%	29%	24%	22%	28%	19%	25%	20%	23%	29%	25%	22%	23%	20%	30%	25%	21%

Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion?	Total
Unweighted Base	2074
Base	2074
Yes	42%
No	53%
Not sure/Don't know	4%
Refused	1%

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Do you think it's right to tackle prejudice against lesbian, gay and bisexual people in Britain?	Newspaper																
	Total	Express	Mail	Mirror / Record	Star	Sun	Telegraph	FT	Guardian	Independent	Times	Scotsman	Herald (Glasgow)	Western Mail	Other local	Other	None
Unweighted Base	1897	68	325	182	22	223	76	3	111	38	93	14	21	10	87	119	505
<b>Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)</b>	1890	51	254	259	35	337	62	3	60	21	79	10	13	8	87	120	491
Yes	62%	58%	51%	63%	58%	56%	53%	100%	85%	79%	64%	53%	83%	60%	62%	70%	66%
No	15%	8%	17%	15%	15%	20%	9%	-	13%	7%	17%	22%	8%	-	12%	16%	12%
Not applicable – I don't think there is prejudice against lesbian, gay and bisexual people	23%	33%	32%	22%	27%	23%	38%	-	2%	15%	19%	25%	8%	40%	26%	15%	22%

Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion?	Total
Unweighted Base	2074
<b>Base</b>	2074
Yes	42%
No	53%
Not sure/Don't know	4%
Refused	1%