

BBC Daily Politics Show Poll

Fieldwork : February 7th-8th 2007

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Q.1 Please say if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Base: All respondents

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region							
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	1003	472	531	87	159	242	171	159	185	246	413	344	299	219	181	304	267	260	245	142	89
Weighted base	1003	481	522	110	170	200	170	151	201	281	371	351	251	291	211	251	267	261	247	140	88
<u>Community service is less likely than prison to deter criminals from committing future crimes</u>																					
Agree	407	216	191	47	72	73	66	68	80	119	140	148	104	114	91	98	99	107	104	59	38
	41%	45%	37%	43%	42%	37%	39%	45%	40%	42%	38%	42%	41%	39%	43%	39%	37%	41%	42%	42%	43%
Disagree	525	240	285	59	85	112	90	74	105	144	202	179	130	160	106	130	148	136	123	76	42
	52%	50%	55%	54%	50%	56%	53%	49%	52%	51%	54%	51%	52%	55%	50%	52%	55%	52%	50%	55%	48%
Don't know	71	25	46	4	14	15	15	9	15	18	29	24	17	17	14	23	20	19	19	5	8
	7%	5%	9%	3%	8%	7%	9%	6%	8%	6%	8%	7%	7%	6%	7%	9%	8%	7%	8%	3%	9%
<u>Given that the prison system is at stretching point, tougher forms of community service should be formulated, including making convicted criminals wear recognisable uniforms when they are carrying out their sentence</u>																					
Agree	735	357	378	81	127	131	125	112	159	208	256	271	171	216	157	191	186	190	192	110	57
	73%	74%	72%	74%	74%	66%	73%	74%	79%	74%	69%	77%	68%	74%	75%	76%	69%	73%	78%	79%	65%
Disagree	229	110	119	27	41	58	38	32	33	69	95	66	70	67	49	44	71	62	46	24	26
	23%	23%	23%	25%	24%	29%	22%	21%	17%	24%	26%	19%	28%	23%	23%	17%	27%	24%	19%	17%	30%
Don't know	39	14	25	2	2	11	8	7	9	4	19	15	9	8	4	17	11	9	8	6	4
	4%	3%	5%	2%	1%	6%	5%	4%	4%	2%	5%	4%	4%	3%	2%	7%	4%	4%	3%	4%	5%
<u>Attempts to rehabilitate criminals - whether in prison or through community service - will usually fail because it is almost impossible to change the ways of someone who has committed a crime</u>																					
Agree	396	213	183	52	46	64	66	73	96	98	130	168	81	102	84	128	111	101	114	43	28
	39%	44%	35%	47%	27%	32%	39%	48%	48%	35%	35%	48%	32%	35%	40%	51%	42%	39%	46%	30%	31%
Disagree	572	255	317	58	115	131	98	72	98	173	229	170	165	178	117	111	146	153	126	87	60
	57%	53%	61%	53%	67%	65%	57%	48%	49%	62%	62%	48%	66%	61%	56%	44%	55%	58%	51%	63%	68%
Don't know	35	13	22	-	10	6	6	5	8	10	12	13	4	10	9	12	10	8	7	10	1
	4%	3%	4%	-	6%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	5%	4%	3%	3%	7%	1%

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Weighted base	1003	481	522	110	170	200	170	151	201	281	371	351	251	291	211	251	267	261	247	140	88
<u>People who commit crimes in this country are often not punished sufficiently for their offences</u>																					
Agree	806	391	414	94	131	150	141	125	165	225	291	290	183	252	169	202	210	210	200	114	72
	80%	81%	79%	85%	77%	75%	83%	83%	82%	80%	78%	83%	73%	87%	80%	81%	79%	80%	81%	81%	82%
Disagree	163	76	87	13	35	42	25	23	25	49	66	48	59	31	32	41	46	47	39	21	11
	16%	16%	17%	12%	21%	21%	15%	15%	13%	17%	18%	14%	24%	11%	15%	16%	17%	18%	16%	15%	12%
Don't know	34	14	21	3	4	9	5	2	11	7	14	13	9	8	10	8	11	5	8	6	5
	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	5%	3%	1%	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	6%