

YouGov / HSI UK Survey Results

Sample Size: 1546 English Adults

Fieldwork: 14th - 15th February 2012

	Voting intention			2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region						
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	North	Midlands	East	London	South	
Weighted Sample	1546	x	x	x	511	391	347	754	792	187	396	526	438	897	649	441	295	172	229	410	
Unweighted Sample	1546	500	429	106	547	356	355	745	801	79	425	579	463	1055	491	423	264	182	281	396	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

The government has recently announced that it intends to license groups of farmers and land-owners in selected areas of England to cull badgers by shooting them in the hope that this will decrease tuberculosis (TB) in cattle.

Some people believe that the disease is being spread by badgers, and that a cull is the most cost effective way of stopping it being spread.

Other people have said that killing badgers will not significantly reduce TB and could make things worse by encouraging infected badgers to move into previously uninfected areas.

Do you support or oppose the cull of badgers to try and reduce TB in cattle?

Support	31	43	25	25	40	24	27	39	23	23	31	31	34	33	28	32	27	24	37	33
Oppose	40	34	45	50	35	45	46	33	47	30	30	45	46	37	44	40	38	39	31	47
Don't know	29	23	30	24	25	31	27	28	30	47	39	24	19	29	28	29	35	37	32	20

Which, if any, of the following do you think should be the government's MAIN focus to reduce the spread of tuberculosis (TB) in cattle?

The controlled cull of badgers to stop them spreading TB	12	16	10	9	15	10	7	15	9	8	14	10	13	12	11	11	12	11	15	11
Limiting the movement of cattle herds and reforming cattle farming to stop cattle spreading TB	12	13	9	8	13	8	14	10	14	12	12	15	9	12	13	12	12	12	13	12
Developing vaccines to stop cattle and badgers catching and passing on TB	60	57	62	64	59	61	63	55	64	46	50	61	72	60	60	58	60	58	50	67
None of these	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	4	2	0
Don't know	15	12	19	18	10	20	15	18	13	30	22	13	6	15	16	17	15	16	21	10