

**Public Opinion Poll**

**08/01/16**

**On behalf of:**



## **Fieldwork Dates**

9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> December 2015

## **Data Collection Method**

The fieldwork was conducted online. Invitations to participate were sent to members of online panels. Non-response from different demographic groups was taken into account during the fieldwork phase and in the post-fieldwork adjustments.

## **Sample**

All residents aged 18+ in United Kingdom. The sample size is 1,585 respondents.

## **Weighting**

Results were weighted to reflect the profile of all UK adults aged 18 and above. Targets were Age/Sex, Government Office Region (GOR), Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) and past vote. All targets are based on Official Statistics from the ONS that are awarded National Statistics status, and the results of the 2015 General Election.

## **Margin of Error**

As a sample of the population was interviewed, the results are subject to a margin of error around various estimates. This means that, given the random nature of the sampling process, we can be confident that the actual result lies somewhere within the margin of error. For example, where 50% of a given population (the worst case scenario) responded in a particular way, with a sample of 1,500 we can be 95% certain that the actual value will fall 2.5% either side of the result. However, where 90% of a given population responded in a particular way, with a sample of 1,500 we can be 95% certain that the actual value will fall 1.5% of the estimate. Users should note that subsamples within cross-breaks will be subject to a higher margin of error, so any conclusions drawn should be treated with caution.

## **Questions & Presentation**

All results are shown in full below, in order, and using the wording that was put to respondents. For questions where the list of responses is names of parties, names or statements, these will typically have been displayed to respondents in a random order, but be ordered in the attached tables. Questions typically not shown in a random order are those where there is a natural or accepted order to maintain i.e. a scale from “strongly agree” to “strongly disagree”, a list of numbers from 0 to 10, or questions that have a factual, rather than opinion-related answer, such as key demographic information. Responses such as “Other”, “Don't know” and “Refused” are not usually randomised.



Data were collected, analysed and weighted by BMG Research.

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Table 17

**Do you think that Britain should agree that Syrian president, Bashar Assad, should stay in power to defeat Islamic State as it is a worse evil and a far bigger threat to the UK than his regime?**

	Total	Gender		Age					
		Male	Female	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65+
Unweighted Bases	1585	801	784	174	259	254	279	229	390
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	601	634	134	204	200	215	189	297
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>355</b>
Yes - Britain should support Bashar Assad in order to defeat Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	554 35%	337 44%	217 27%	67 36%	96 35%	80 31%	100 35%	73 32%	138 39%
No - Britain should not support Bashar Assad, even if it meant losing ground to Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	417 26%	232 30%	185 23%	50 27%	68 25%	65 25%	74 26%	58 25%	101 29%
Dont know	614 39%	203 26%	411 51%	66 36%	108 40%	116 44%	111 39%	98 43%	115 32%

Table 17 (continuation)

**Do you think that Britain should agree that Syrian president, Bashar Assad, should stay in power to defeat Islamic State as it is a worse evil and a far bigger threat to the UK than his regime?**

	Total	SEG		Vote 2015					Did not vote
		ABC1	C2DE	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	UKIP	Other	
Unweighted Bases	1585	981	551	412	360	134	204	130	245
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	764	429	382	334	131	197	125	233
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>460</b>
Yes - Britain should support Bashar Assad in order to defeat Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	554 35%	357 36%	177 32%	145 39%	106 35%	25 32%	59 46%	27 27%	146 32%
No - Britain should not support Bashar Assad, even if it meant losing ground to Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	417 26%	253 26%	155 28%	97 26%	94 31%	30 38%	36 29%	36 37%	102 22%
Dont know	614 39%	369 38%	217 40%	128 35%	106 35%	24 31%	32 25%	36 36%	212 46%

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**Do you think that Britain should agree that Syrian president, Bashar Assad, should stay in power to defeat Islamic State as it is a worse evil and a far bigger threat to the UK than his regime?**

	Vote Intention									
	Total	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	UKIP	Plaid Cymru	SNP	Greens	Other	Not sure
Unweighted Bases	1585	393	349	102	225	11	50	63	10	248
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	340	295	76	183	9	42	52	8	203
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>302</b>
Yes - Britain should support Bashar Assad in order to defeat Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	554 35%	164 44%	108 33%	25 31%	83 49%	7 60%	10 22%	18 32%	5 46%	55 18%
No - Britain should not support Bashar Assad, even if it meant losing ground to Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	417 26%	96 26%	116 35%	26 33%	41 24%	2 19%	13 29%	21 37%	4 39%	68 23%
Dont know	614 39%	112 30%	107 32%	28 36%	47 27%	2 21%	22 48%	17 31%	2 15%	179 59%

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**Do you think that Britain should agree that Syrian president, Bashar Assad, should stay in power to defeat Islamic State as it is a worse evil and a far bigger threat to the UK than his regime?**

	Total	Country			
		England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland
Unweighted Bases	1585	1355	130	74	26
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	1088	107	61	13
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>1330</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>44</b>
Yes - Britain should support Bashar Assad in order to defeat Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	554 35%	452 34%	44 33%	26 34%	32 73%
No - Britain should not support Bashar Assad, even if it meant losing ground to Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	417 26%	362 27%	30 23%	20 26%	5 12%
Dont know	614 39%	516 39%	60 45%	31 41%	7 15%



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**Do you think that Britain should agree that Syrian president, Bashar Assad, should stay in power to defeat Islamic State as it is a worse evil and a far bigger threat to the UK than his regime?**

	Total	GOR								Yorkshire and The Humber
		East Midlands	East of England	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	
Unweighted Bases	1585	137	139	202	76	189	207	138	124	143
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	112	116	158	60	149	169	110	104	115
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>131</b>
Yes - Britain should support Bashar Assad in order to defeat Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	554 35%	36 31%	48 33%	68 33%	18 28%	56 32%	84 39%	47 34%	54 39%	41 31%
No - Britain should not support Bashar Assad, even if it meant losing ground to Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	417 26%	37 32%	32 22%	50 24%	25 39%	52 30%	62 28%	35 26%	32 23%	37 29%
Dont know	614 39%	42 36%	67 46%	88 42%	22 33%	67 38%	71 33%	54 40%	53 38%	53 41%

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**Do you think that Britain should agree that Syrian president, Bashar Assad, should stay in power to defeat Islamic State as it is a worse evil and a far bigger threat to the UK than his regime?**

	Total	Public/Private Sector		
		Public	Private	Third sector
Unweighted Bases	1585	246	536	39
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	186	408	32
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>38</b>
Yes - Britain should support Bashar Assad in order to defeat Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	554 35%	99 40%	201 40%	12 30%
No - Britain should not support Bashar Assad, even if it meant losing ground to Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	417 26%	63 25%	139 28%	12 33%
Dont know	614 39%	87 35%	160 32%	14 37%

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**Do you think that Britain should agree that Syrian president, Bashar Assad, should stay in power to defeat Islamic State as it is a worse evil and a far bigger threat to the UK than his regime?**

	Total	Tenure								
		Homeowner (owned outright)	Homeowner (with a mortgage)	Rented from private landlord	Rented from Council	Tenure Rented from Housing Association or Social Housing Provider	Shared ownership	Student accomodation	Living with parents/ extended family	Other
Unweighted Bases	1585	550	397	282	140	127	8	8	69	4
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	430	299	225	109	101	7	7	57	4
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>6</b>
Yes - Britain should support Bashar Assad in order to defeat Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	554 35%	193 36%	150 38%	98 32%	45 33%	33 28%	2 27%	3 27%	29 38%	1 23%
No - Britain should not support Bashar Assad, even if it meant losing ground to Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	417 26%	148 28%	98 25%	89 29%	32 24%	26 22%	3 35%	4 37%	16 22%	1 20%
Dont know	614 39%	191 36%	149 38%	116 38%	58 43%	59 50%	3 38%	3 36%	30 40%	4 57%

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**Do you think that Britain should agree that Syrian president, Bashar Assad, should stay in power to defeat Islamic State as it is a worse evil and a far bigger threat to the UK than his regime?**

	Total	Political interest		Interest in news		Top issue	
		Interested	Not interested	Yes	No	Immigration & Asylum	Not Immigration & Asylum
Unweighted Bases	1585	1130	455	1213	372	541	1044
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	894	358	951	292	397	839
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>1048</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>1157</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>1059</b>
Yes - Britain should support Bashar Assad in order to defeat Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	554 35%	409 39%	145 27%	439 38%	115 27%	211 40%	343 32%
No - Britain should not support Bashar Assad, even if it meant losing ground to Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	417 26%	328 31%	89 17%	335 29%	82 19%	121 23%	296 28%
Dont know	614 39%	311 30%	303 56%	383 33%	231 54%	194 37%	420 40%

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**Do you think that Britain should agree that Syrian president, Bashar Assad, should stay in power to defeat Islamic State as it is a worse evil and a far bigger threat to the UK than his regime?**

	Total	Likelihood to Vote				
		I would definitely vote	I would probably vote	It would be roughly 50/50	I probably would not vote	I definitely would not vote
Unweighted Bases	1585	1005	236	148	85	111
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	835	180	115	75	95
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>164</b>
Yes - Britain should support Bashar Assad in order to defeat Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	554 35%	332 39%	79 33%	51 26%	43 33%	49 30%
No - Britain should not support Bashar Assad, even if it meant losing ground to Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	417 26%	250 29%	66 28%	51 26%	28 21%	23 14%
Dont know	614 39%	276 32%	94 39%	93 48%	59 46%	92 56%

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**Do you think that Britain should agree that Syrian president, Bashar Assad, should stay in power to defeat Islamic State as it is a worse evil and a far bigger threat to the UK than his regime?**

	Total	Left Wing/Right Wing						
		Very left wing	Fairly left wing	Slightly left	Centrist/In the centre	Slightly right	Fairly right wing	Very right wing
Unweighted Bases	1585	53	142	246	741	228	137	38
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	44	120	203	592	162	97	30
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>39</b>
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**Do you think that Britain should agree that Syrian president, Bashar Assad, should stay in power to defeat Islamic State as it is a worse evil and a far bigger threat to the UK than his regime?**

	Total	Trust in government			IMD Quartile			
		Trust	Neither	Distrust	1st Quartile	2nd Quartile	3rd Quartile	4th Quartile
Unweighted Bases	1585	480	387	718	320	388	428	449
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	385	291	562	272	282	340	359
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>394</b>
Yes - Britain should support Bashar Assad in order to defeat Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	554 35%	191 41%	120 29%	243 34%	140 35%	144 36%	140 35%	131 33%
No - Britain should not support Bashar Assad, even if it meant losing ground to Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	417 26%	119 26%	93 23%	205 29%	106 27%	102 26%	105 26%	104 26%
Dont know	614 39%	156 33%	195 48%	263 37%	151 38%	150 38%	154 39%	159 40%

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Base: VALID

	Total	Gender		Age					
		Male	Female	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65+
Unweighted Bases	1025	612	413	117	169	147	178	141	273
Effective Weighted Sample	780	448	332	86	132	117	132	119	197
Weighted Bases	<b>971</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>240</b>
Yes - Britain should support Bashar Assad in order to defeat Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	554 57%	337 59%	217 54%	67 57%	96 59%	80 55%	100 57%	73 56%	138 58%
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	Total	SEG		Vote 2015					Did not vote
		ABC1	C2DE	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	UKIP	Other	
Unweighted Bases	1025	641	356	276	239	94	154	85	131
Effective Weighted Sample	780	488	271	257	222	92	149	82	123
Weighted Bases	<b>971</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>248</b>
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	Total	Vote Intention								
		Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	UKIP	Plaid Cymru	SNP	Greens	Other	Not sure
Unweighted Bases	1025	275	244	69	169	9	26	46	8	104
Effective Weighted Sample	780	235	208	53	137	8	22	38	6	83
Weighted Bases	<b>971</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>123</b>
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	Total	Country			
		England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland
Unweighted Bases	1025	883	75	48	19
Effective Weighted Sample	780	709	63	41	10
Weighted Bases	<b>971</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>37</b>
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		East Midlands	East of England	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire and The Humber
Unweighted Bases	1025	90	77	131	53	123	148	88	82	91
Effective Weighted Sample	780	74	64	102	42	97	120	71	69	74
Weighted Bases	<b>971</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>78</b>
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Unweighted Bases	1025	170	385	25
Effective Weighted Sample	780	125	286	20
Weighted Bases	<b>971</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>24</b>
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		Homeowner (owned outright)	Homeowner (with a mortgage)	Rented from private landlord	Rented from Council	Rented from Housing Association or Social Housing Provider	Shared ownership	Student accomodation	Living with parents/ extended family	Other
Unweighted Bases	1025	371	260	183	86	70	6	5	42	2
Effective Weighted Sample	780	284	186	145	66	57	5	4	34	2
Weighted Bases	<b>971</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>3</b>
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		Interested	Not interested	Yes	No	Immigration & Asylum	Not Immigration & Asylum
Unweighted Bases	1025	812	213	840	185	357	668
Effective Weighted Sample	780	630	158	646	138	249	533
Weighted Bases	<b>971</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>639</b>
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Unweighted Bases	1025	700	148	74	46	57
Effective Weighted Sample	780	570	108	55	41	46
Weighted Bases	<b>971</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>72</b>
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Effective Weighted Sample	780	32	85	146	332	109	69	20
Weighted Bases	<b>971</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>24</b>
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Table 18 (continuation)

**Do you think that Britain should agree that Syrian president, Bashar Assad, should stay in power to defeat Islamic State as it is a worse evil and a far bigger threat to the UK than his regime?**

Base: VALID

	Total	Trust in government			IMD Quartile			
		Trust	Neither	Distrust	1st Quartile	2nd Quartile	3rd Quartile	4th Quartile
Unweighted Bases	1025	335	221	469	200	257	277	291
Effective Weighted Sample	780	265	154	363	165	176	224	237
Weighted Bases	<b>971</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>234</b>
Yes - Britain should support Bashar Assad in order to defeat Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	554 57%	191 62%	120 56%	243 54%	140 57%	144 59%	140 57%	131 56%
No - Britain should not support Bashar Assad, even if it meant losing ground to Islamic State (Isis/Isil)	417 43%	119 38%	93 44%	205 46%	106 43%	102 41%	105 43%	104 44%

Table 19

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

	Total	Gender		Age					
		Male	Female	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65+
Unweighted Bases	1585	801	784	174	259	254	279	229	390
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	601	634	134	204	200	215	189	297
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>355</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 33%	319 41%	197 24%	59 32%	87 32%	89 34%	92 32%	74 32%	116 33%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 44%	336 44%	364 45%	74 41%	105 39%	89 34%	129 45%	116 51%	185 52%
Don't know	369 23%	117 15%	252 31%	50 27%	80 29%	82 32%	64 23%	39 17%	54 15%

Table 19 (continuation)

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

	Total	SEG		Vote 2015					
		ABC1	C2DE	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	UKIP	Other	Did not vote
Unweighted Bases	1585	981	551	412	360	134	204	130	245
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	764	429	382	334	131	197	125	233
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>460</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 33%	324 33%	175 32%	148 40%	95 31%	27 35%	45 35%	24 24%	142 31%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 44%	433 44%	248 45%	159 43%	161 53%	40 50%	60 48%	60 61%	176 38%
Don't know	369 23%	223 23%	126 23%	63 17%	49 16%	12 15%	21 17%	15 15%	142 31%

Table 19 (continuation)

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

	Total	Vote Intention								
		Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	UKIP	Plaid Cymru	SNP	Greens	Other	Not sure
Unweighted Bases	1585	393	349	102	225	11	50	63	10	248
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	340	295	76	183	9	42	52	8	203
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>302</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 33%	152 41%	95 29%	25 31%	65 38%	6 55%	7 16%	15 26%	4 33%	88 29%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 44%	163 44%	181 55%	34 43%	75 44%	5 45%	31 68%	28 48%	6 60%	105 35%
Don't know	369 23%	57 15%	55 17%	20 26%	30 17%	0 0%	7 16%	15 26%	1 6%	109 36%

Table 19 (continuation)

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

	Total	Country			
		England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland
Unweighted Bases	1585	1355	130	74	26
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	1088	107	61	13
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>1330</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>44</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 33%	430 32%	31 23%	29 37%	26 60%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 44%	588 44%	67 50%	36 47%	9 21%
Don't know	369 23%	312 23%	37 27%	12 16%	8 19%

Table 19 (continuation)

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

	Total	GOR								
		East Midlands	East of England	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire and The Humber
Unweighted Bases	1585	137	139	202	76	189	207	138	124	143
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	112	116	158	60	149	169	110	104	115
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>131</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 33%	35 31%	44 30%	64 31%	25 38%	52 30%	81 37%	43 32%	44 32%	43 33%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 44%	57 50%	65 44%	79 39%	27 41%	78 45%	94 44%	60 44%	68 49%	59 45%
Don't know	369 23%	22 20%	38 26%	63 30%	13 20%	45 26%	42 19%	33 24%	27 19%	29 22%

Table 19 (continuation)

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

	Total	Public/Private Sector		
		Public	Private	Third sector
Unweighted Bases	1585	246	536	39
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	186	408	32
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>38</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 33%	87 35%	197 39%	7 18%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 44%	103 41%	223 45%	22 57%
Don't know	369 23%	59 24%	80 16%	10 25%



Table 19 (continuation)

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

	Total	Tenure								
		Homeowner (owned outright)	Homeowner (with a mortgage)	Rented from private landlord	Rented from Council	Rented from Housing Association or Social Housing Provider	Shared ownership	Student accomodation	Living with parents/ extended family	Other
Unweighted Bases	1585	550	397	282	140	127	8	8	69	4
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	430	299	225	109	101	7	7	57	4
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>6</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 33%	177 33%	126 32%	91 30%	46 34%	42 36%	2 26%	0 0%	28 37%	5 80%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 44%	248 47%	169 42%	135 45%	62 46%	48 40%	3 36%	6 63%	27 36%	1 20%
Don't know	369 23%	107 20%	103 26%	77 25%	27 20%	28 24%	3 38%	4 37%	20 27%	0 0%

Table 19 (continuation)

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

	Total	Political interest		Interest in news		Top issue	
		Interested	Not interested	Yes	No	Immigration & Asylum	Not Immigration & Asylum
Unweighted Bases	1585	1130	455	1213	372	541	1044
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	894	358	951	292	397	839
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>1048</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>1157</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>1059</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 33%	378 36%	139 26%	402 35%	115 27%	200 38%	316 30%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 44%	503 48%	196 37%	545 47%	154 36%	213 40%	487 46%
Don't know	369 23%	167 16%	202 38%	210 18%	159 37%	113 22%	256 24%

Table 19 (continuation)

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

	Total	Likelihood to Vote				
		I would definitely vote	I would probably vote	It would be roughly 50/50	I probably would not vote	I definitely would not vote
Unweighted Bases	1585	1005	236	148	85	111
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	835	180	115	75	95
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>164</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 33%	303 35%	74 31%	66 34%	40 31%	34 20%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 44%	425 50%	103 43%	60 31%	49 38%	62 38%
Don't know	369 23%	131 15%	61 25%	69 35%	40 31%	69 42%

Table 19 (continuation)

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

	Total	Left Wing/Right Wing						
		Very left wing	Fairly left wing	Slightly left	Centrist/In the centre	Slightly right	Fairly right wing	Very right wing
Unweighted Bases	1585	53	142	246	741	228	137	38
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	44	120	203	592	162	97	30
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>39</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 33%	15 28%	37 28%	66 31%	231 30%	88 38%	65 45%	14 36%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 44%	28 53%	75 58%	113 52%	304 39%	106 46%	60 42%	13 33%
Don't know	369 23%	10 18%	17 13%	38 17%	235 31%	38 17%	19 13%	12 31%

Table 19 (continuation)

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

	Total	Trust in government			IMD Quartile			
		Trust	Neither	Distrust	1st Quartile	2nd Quartile	3rd Quartile	4th Quartile
Unweighted Bases	1585	480	387	718	320	388	428	449
Effective Weighted Sample	1235	385	291	562	272	282	340	359
Weighted Bases	<b>1585</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>394</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 33%	180 39%	107 26%	230 32%	140 35%	123 31%	131 33%	123 31%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 44%	190 41%	156 38%	354 50%	176 44%	178 45%	172 43%	173 44%
Don't know	369 23%	96 21%	146 36%	127 18%	81 20%	94 24%	96 24%	98 25%

Table 20

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

Base: VALID

	Total	Gender		Age					
		Male	Female	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65+
Unweighted Bases	1264	699	565	134	194	185	223	192	336
Effective Weighted Sample	991	532	459	101	153	146	169	160	265
Weighted Bases	<b>1216</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>301</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 42%	319 49%	197 35%	59 44%	87 45%	89 50%	92 42%	74 39%	116 38%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 58%	336 51%	364 65%	74 56%	105 55%	89 50%	129 58%	116 61%	185 62%

Table 20 (continuation)

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

Base: VALID

	Total	SEG		Vote 2015					
		ABC1	C2DE	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	UKIP	Other	Did not vote
Unweighted Bases	1264	786	438	341	303	114	169	111	169
Effective Weighted Sample	991	621	337	315	281	111	163	107	159
Weighted Bases	<b>1216</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>318</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 42%	324 43%	175 41%	148 48%	95 37%	27 41%	45 43%	24 28%	142 45%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 58%	433 57%	248 59%	159 52%	161 63%	40 59%	60 57%	60 72%	176 55%

Table 20 (continuation)

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

Base: VALID

	Total	Vote Intention								
		Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	UKIP	Plaid Cymru	SNP	Greens	Other	Not sure
Unweighted Bases	1264	334	298	82	188	11	43	51	9	158
Effective Weighted Sample	991	289	254	66	153	9	36	44	7	128
Weighted Bases	<b>1216</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>194</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 42%	152 48%	95 34%	25 42%	65 47%	6 55%	7 19%	15 35%	4 36%	88 46%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 58%	163 52%	181 66%	34 58%	75 53%	5 45%	31 81%	28 65%	6 64%	105 54%



Table 20 (continuation)

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

Base: VALID

	Total	Country			
		England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland
Unweighted Bases	1264	1079	100	63	22
Effective Weighted Sample	991	872	83	52	12
Weighted Bases	<b>1216</b>	<b>1018</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>35</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 42%	430 42%	31 32%	29 44%	26 74%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 58%	588 58%	67 68%	36 56%	9 26%

Table 20 (continuation)

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

Base: VALID

	Total	GOR								Yorkshire and The Humber
		East Midlands	East of England	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	
Unweighted Bases	1264	114	109	153	62	151	166	106	102	116
Effective Weighted Sample	991	94	93	120	49	120	136	84	86	96
Weighted Bases	<b>1216</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>103</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 42%	35 38%	44 40%	64 45%	25 48%	52 40%	81 46%	43 42%	44 40%	43 42%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 58%	57 62%	65 60%	79 55%	27 52%	78 60%	94 54%	60 58%	68 60%	59 58%

Table 20 (continuation)

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

Base: VALID

	Total	Public/Private Sector		
		Public	Private	Third sector
Unweighted Bases	1264	201	462	29
Effective Weighted Sample	991	162	349	24
Weighted Bases	<b>1216</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>28</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 42%	87 46%	197 47%	7 24%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 58%	103 54%	223 53%	22 76%

Table 20 (continuation)

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

Base: VALID

	Total	Tenure								
		Homeowner (owned outright)	Homeowner (with a mortgage)	Rented from private landlord	Rented from Council	Rented from Housing Association or Social Housing Provider	Shared ownership	Student accomodation	Living with parents/ extended family	Other
Unweighted Bases	1264	450	313	216	114	104	6	5	52	4
Effective Weighted Sample	991	349	244	171	89	85	5	4	43	4
Weighted Bases	<b>1216</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>6</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 42%	177 42%	126 43%	91 40%	46 42%	42 47%	2 42%	0 0%	28 50%	5 80%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 58%	248 58%	169 57%	135 60%	62 58%	48 53%	3 58%	6 100%	27 50%	1 20%

Table 20 (continuation)

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

Base: VALID

	Total	Political interest		Interest in news		Top issue	
		Interested	Not interested	Yes	No	Immigration & Asylum	Not Immigration & Asylum
Unweighted Bases	1264	965	299	1019	245	439	825
Effective Weighted Sample	991	774	229	810	188	329	662
Weighted Bases	<b>1216</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>803</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 42%	378 43%	139 41%	402 42%	115 43%	200 48%	316 39%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 58%	503 57%	196 59%	545 58%	154 57%	213 52%	487 61%

Table 20 (continuation)

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

Base: VALID

	Total	Likelihood to Vote				
		I would definitely vote	I would probably vote	It would be roughly 50/50	I probably would not vote	I definitely would not vote
Unweighted Bases	1264	863	175	96	60	70
Effective Weighted Sample	991	733	132	72	52	58
Weighted Bases	<b>1216</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>96</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 42%	303 42%	74 42%	66 53%	40 45%	34 35%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 58%	425 58%	103 58%	60 47%	49 55%	62 65%

Table 20 (continuation)

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

Base: VALID

	Total	Left Wing/Right Wing						
		Very left wing	Fairly left wing	Slightly left	Centrist/In the centre	Slightly right	Fairly right wing	Very right wing
Unweighted Bases	1264	44	126	206	544	193	123	28
Effective Weighted Sample	991	36	106	171	437	134	94	22
Weighted Bases	<b>1216</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>27</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 42%	15 35%	37 33%	66 37%	231 43%	88 45%	65 52%	14 52%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 58%	28 65%	75 67%	113 63%	304 57%	106 55%	60 48%	13 48%

Table 20 (continuation)

**Should Britain deploy ground combat troops in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State?**

Base: VALID

	Total	Trust in government			IMD Quartile			
		Trust	Neither	Distrust	1st Quartile	2nd Quartile	3rd Quartile	4th Quartile
Unweighted Bases	1264	391	274	599	262	307	340	355
Effective Weighted Sample	991	313	210	468	230	218	273	287
Weighted Bases	<b>1216</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>296</b>
Yes - It should deploy ground troops	516 42%	180 49%	107 41%	230 39%	140 44%	123 41%	131 43%	123 42%
No - It should not deploy ground troops	699 58%	190 51%	156 59%	354 61%	176 56%	178 59%	172 57%	173 58%