

British Future Race Relations Poll Topline



Fieldwork: 9th to 17th October 2020

Sample: 1,000 ethnic minority and 1,088 white UK adults

Q1 On a scale of 1-10 (with 1 being very badly and 10 being very well), how well or badly do you feel that people of different races and ethnic backgrounds get along in your local community?

	All	White	BME
1 - very badly	3	3	1
2	2	2	2
3	4	4	3
4	5	5	7
5	12	12	12
6	10	10	12
7	16	15	20
8	18	18	19
9	6	7	6
10 - very well	14	14	13
Don't know	9	10	5

Q2 On a scale of 1-10 (with 1 being very badly and 10 being very well), how well or badly do you feel that people of different races and ethnic backgrounds get along in Britain today?

	All	White	BME
1 - very badly	3	3	1
2	3	3	2
3	6	6	5
4	9	9	10
5	20	20	17
6	17	17	17
7	19	19	17
8	11	11	14
9	2	2	3
10 - very well	5	5	7
Don't know	6	5	6

Q3 On a scale of 1-10 (with 1 being very negative and 10 very positive) how positive or negative an impact do you feel that immigration has had on the UK, nationally and in your local community?

	All	White	BME
1 - very negative	6	7	2
2	3	4	1
3	7	8	5
4	7	8	5
5	17	17	16
6	12	12	12
7	13	13	13
8	11	11	15
9	6	6	7
10 - very positive	9	8	14
Don't know	8	8	8

Q4 Thinking of your friends, neighbours or work colleagues that you are in regular contact with, how many are from a different ethnic background to you

	All	White	BME
Many	20	15	50
Some	35	35	32
A few	30	32	14
None	16	17	5

Q5 For each of the ethnic and religious groups listed below, please say how much prejudice, if any, you think there is against them?

Muslims	All	White	BME
A lot	42	41	52
A little	30	31	22
Hardly any	11	11	10
None at all	7	7	7
Don't know	10	10	10

Q5 For each of the ethnic and religious groups listed below, please say how much prejudice, if any, you think there is against them?

Asian	All	White	BME
A lot	21	19	31
A little	42	42	39
Hardly any	17	18	12
None at all	10	10	9
Don't know	10	10	9

Q5 For each of the ethnic and religious groups listed below, please say how much prejudice, if any, you think there is against them?

East European (e.g. Polish, Romanian, Bulgarian)

All White BME

A lot	22	22	21
A little	38	38	41
Hardly any	20	20	17
None at all	10	10	11
Don't know	10	10	11

Q5 For each of the ethnic and religious groups listed below, please say how much prejudice, if any, you think there is against them?

Black

All White BME

A lot	27	25	44
A little	36	37	28
Hardly any	18	19	10
None at all	10	9	10
Don't know	9	10	8

Q5 For each of the ethnic and religious groups listed below, please say how much prejudice, if any, you think there is against them?

Hindus

All White BME

A lot	15	14	16
A little	35	34	37
Hardly any	24	24	21
None at all	12	12	11
Don't know	15	15	15

Q5 For each of the ethnic and religious groups listed below, please say how much prejudice, if any, you think there is against them?

Sikhs

All White BME

A lot	14	14	16
A little	33	32	35
Hardly any	25	26	22
None at all	12	12	11
Don't know	16	16	17

Q5 For each of the ethnic and religious groups listed below, please say how much prejudice, if any, you think there is against them?

Mixed Race

All White BME

A lot	9	9	9
A little	33	33	36
Hardly any	31	31	28
None at all	15	15	14
Don't know	12	12	13

Q5 For each of the ethnic and religious groups listed below, please say how much prejudice, if any, you think there is against them?

Jews

All White BME

A lot	13	12	18
A little	29	28	31
Hardly any	27	28	24
None at all	17	18	12
Don't know	14	14	15

Q5 For each of the ethnic and religious groups listed below, please say how much prejudice, if any, you think there is against them?

Christians

All White BME

A lot	8	8	7
A little	16	16	14
Hardly any	33	33	32
None at all	31	30	35
Don't know	13	13	11

Q5 For each of the ethnic and religious groups listed below, please say how much prejudice, if any, you think there is against them?

White British

All White BME

A lot	9	9	4
A little	16	17	10
Hardly any	27	27	28
None at all	38	37	46
Don't know	10	10	12

Q5 For each of the ethnic and religious groups listed below, please say how much prejudice, if any, you think there is against them?

Atheists

All White BME

A lot	4	4	4
A little	11	10	13
Hardly any	30	30	28
None at all	35	35	33
Don't know	20	20	22

Q5 For each of the ethnic and religious groups listed below, please say how much prejudice, if any, you think there is against them?

Chinese

	All	White	BME
A lot	11	10	18
A little	31	30	38
Hardly any	29	31	20
None at all	15	16	11
Don't know	13	13	13

Q8 Which of the following best describes how you feel about being British?

	All	White	BME
Very proud	31	32	19
Fairly proud	24	24	22
Somewhat proud	21	21	23
Not proud	11	12	9
Not applicable – I am not British	7	5	18
Don't know	6	5	9

Q9 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

"Black and Asian people born in Britain are just as British as white people born in Britain"

	All	White	BME
Strongly agree	50	50	53
Tend to agree	29	29	27
Neither agree nor disagree	12	13	10
Tend to disagree	4	4	5
Strongly disagree	3	3	2
Don't know	2	2	3

Q10 Which of the following comes closest to your view?

	All	White	BME
Britain's tradition of Remembrance Day brings people together of all faiths and ethnicities	59	60	46
Britain's tradition of Remembrance Day can divide and cause friction between people of different faiths and ethnicities	22	22	23
Don't know	19	18	31

Q11 Which of the following have you personally experienced – directed at you personally?

Racist or prejudiced insults in the street or public transport

	All	White	BME
Have	21	18	46
Have not	73	77	45
Prefer not to say	6	5	8

Q11 Which of the following have you personally experienced – directed at you personally?

Racist or prejudiced insults on social media such as Facebook or Twitter

	All	White	BME
Have	14	13	20
Have not	80	82	70
Prefer not to say	5	5	10

Q11 Which of the following have you personally experienced – directed at you personally?

Racist or prejudiced insults in the workplace

	All	White	BME
Have	15	13	29
Have not	79	82	62
Prefer not to say	6	5	9

Q12 Which of the following have you personally witnessed – directed at somebody else?

Racist or prejudiced insults in the street or public transport

	All	White	BME
Have	32	30	53
Have not	63	67	38
Prefer not to say	4	4	10

Q12 Which of the following have you personally witnessed – directed at somebody else?

Racist or prejudiced insults on social media such as Facebook or Twitter

	All	White	BME
Have	34	32	45
Have not	63	65	46
Prefer not to say	4	3	9

Q12 Which of the following have you personally witnessed – directed at somebody else?

Racist or prejudiced insults in the workplace

	All	White	BME
Have	22	20	38
Have not	73	76	50
Prefer not to say	5	4	11

Q17 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

"Black and Asian people face discrimination in their everyday lives in Britain today"

	All	White	BME
Strongly agree	18	16	31
Tend to agree	38	39	38
Neither agree nor disagree	24	25	17

Tend to disagree	10	11	7
Strongly disagree	4	4	3
Don't know	6	6	5

Q17 Which of the following best applies to you

	All	White	BME
I think there is "white privilege" in Britain today	33	29	59
I do not think there is "white privilege" in Britain today	35	37	18
I am not familiar with the term "white privilege"	20	21	12
Don't know	12	13	11

**Q18 Would you say It is easier/harder to get ahead in Britain today if you are...
Privately educated**

	All	White	BME
Easier	65	66	64
Harder	7	6	13
No difference	19	20	13
Don't know	9	9	10

**Q18 Would you say It is easier/harder to get ahead in Britain today if you are...
White British**

	All	White	BME
Easier	50	47	70
Harder	10	10	5
No difference	34	36	15
Don't know	7	6	10

**Q18 Would you say It is easier/harder to get ahead in Britain today if you are...
Working class**

	All	White	BME
Easier	13	12	18
Harder	52	52	51
No difference	28	30	19
Don't know	7	7	11

**Q18 Would you say It is easier/harder to get ahead in Britain today if you are...
Black British**

	All	White	BME
Easier	7	7	5
Harder	53	51	67
No difference	29	31	14
Don't know	11	11	14

**Q18 Would you say It is easier/harder to get ahead in Britain today if you are...
Asian British**

	All	White	BME
Easier	8	8	9
Harder	47	46	57
No difference	33	34	20
Don't know	12	12	14

**Q18 Would you say It is easier/harder to get ahead in Britain today if you are...
Muslim**

	All	White	BME
Easier	7	7	5
Harder	55	54	64
No difference	24	25	18
Don't know	14	14	12

**Q18 Would you say It is easier/harder to get ahead in Britain today if you are...
Male**

	All	White	BME
Easier	41	41	43
Harder	9	9	8
No difference	42	43	39
Don't know	8	7	11

**Q18 Would you say It is easier/harder to get ahead in Britain today if you are...
Female**

	All	White	BME
Easier	12	12	10
Harder	41	41	42
No difference	39	39	35
Don't know	8	8	12

**Q18 Would you say It is easier/harder to get ahead in Britain today if you are...
Born outside the UK**

	All	White	BME
Easier	7	7	6
Harder	52	50	63
No difference	27	28	18

Don't know	14	15	13
Q19 Do you feel that attempts to ensure equal opportunities for black and Asian people in Britain have...			
	All	White	BME
Gone much too far	15	16	5
Gone a little too far	18	19	11
Are about right	27	28	23
Not gone quite far enough	19	17	32
Not gone nearly far enough	8	7	16
Don't know	12	12	13
Q20 To what extent did you support/oppose the Black Lives Matter anti-racism protests in the UK?			
	All	White	BME
Strongly support	18	15	34
Tend to support	21	20	26
Neither support nor oppose	31	32	23
Tend to oppose	9	10	4
Strongly oppose	15	16	5
Don't know	6	6	8
Q21 How, if at all, did you engage personally with the anti-racism protests of 2020?			
	All	White	BME
I participated in person, eg in marches, rallies or events	3	3	3
I supported online only	15	14	26
I criticised online only	5	5	5
I participated in person, in counter-demonstrations	2	2	2
No specific personal engagement with the protests	68	70	54
Prefer not to say	6	5	10
Q22 Which of the following best applies to you			
	All	White	BME
I talked about the anti-racism protests with family, friends or colleagues	53	53	56
I did not talk about the anti-racism protests with family, friends or colleagues	38	39	30
Prefer not to say	9	8	14
Q23 Which of the following is closer to your view, overall			
	All	White	BME
Race relations are better in Britain than in the USA	60	61	53
Race relations are similar in Britain and the USA	19	18	27
Race relations are worse in Britain than in the USA	3	3	4
Don't know	18	18	15
Q24 Which of the following is closer to your view			
	All	White	BME
The anti-racism protests have primarily generated positive energy that could advance issues of race relations in Britain	16	15	24
The anti-racism protests have primarily generated a backlash that could set back race relations in Britain	32	34	19
The anti-racism protests have generated both positive energy and a backlash effect	32	31	34
None of the above	7	7	6
Don't know	14	13	17
Q25 Thinking about the following institutions, would you say that they treat ethnic minorities better, similarly or worse than they treat white people overall?			
NHS			
	All	White	BME
Much worse	5	5	8
A bit worse	9	7	18
Similarly	58	60	44
A bit better	8	8	7
Much better	7	6	8
Don't know	14	14	16
Q25 Thinking about the following institutions, would you say that they treat ethnic minorities better, similarly or worse than they treat white people overall?			
Schools			
	All	White	BME
Much worse	3	3	7
A bit worse	13	12	21
Similarly	55	57	40
A bit better	10	10	10
Much better	5	5	7
Don't know	13	13	14
Q25 Thinking about the following institutions, would you say that they treat ethnic minorities better, similarly or worse than they treat white people overall?			
Police			
	All	White	BME
Much worse	13	11	26
A bit worse	27	27	30
Similarly	34	36	20
A bit better	6	6	7
Much better	5	5	4
Don't know	14	15	13
Q25 Thinking about the following institutions, would you say that they treat ethnic minorities better, similarly or worse than they treat white people overall?			

National government

	All	White	BME
Much worse	8	7	15
A bit worse	19	17	27
Similarly	43	45	29
A bit better	9	9	8
Much better	5	6	4
Don't know	16	16	16

Q25 Thinking about the following institutions, would you say that they treat ethnic minorities better, similarly or worse than they treat white people overall?**Local government**

	All	White	BME
Much worse	5	4	10
A bit worse	15	14	22
Similarly	47	48	34
A bit better	10	10	11
Much better	5	5	4
Don't know	18	18	18

Q25 Thinking about the following institutions, would you say that they treat ethnic minorities better, similarly or worse than they treat white people overall?**Big companies**

	All	White	BME
Much worse	6	5	11
A bit worse	19	18	28
Similarly	46	48	32
A bit better	8	8	8
Much better	4	4	3
Don't know	18	18	18

Q25 Thinking about the following institutions, would you say that they treat ethnic minorities better, similarly or worse than they treat white people overall?**Local businesses**

	All	White	BME
Much worse	4	3	7
A bit worse	14	12	22
Similarly	54	56	40
A bit better	8	8	9
Much better	4	4	5
Don't know	17	17	17

Q25 Thinking about the following institutions, would you say that they treat ethnic minorities better, similarly or worse than they treat white people overall?**National newspapers**

	All	White	BME
Much worse	10	9	24
A bit worse	18	17	19
Similarly	39	41	26
A bit better	9	9	7
Much better	5	6	5
Don't know	19	19	18

Q25 Thinking about the following institutions, would you say that they treat ethnic minorities better, similarly or worse than they treat white people overall?**Broadcasters**

	All	White	BME
Much worse	6	5	14
A bit worse	13	11	23
Similarly	45	47	29
A bit better	12	12	10
Much better	8	8	6
Don't know	17	17	17

Q27 Thinking about things that may have made a positive difference to race relations in the UK in recent years, which of the following do you think have made the most difference? (Choose up to 3)

	All	White	BME
Children mixing at school with kids from other ethnic/religious backgrounds	53	53	52
Workplace contact with people from other ethnic/religious backgrounds	35	34	36
Antidiscrimination legislation such as the Race Relations Acts	32	31	35
Television/culture – eg Nadiya Hussain winning the Great British Bakeoff	25	25	26
Sport: black footballers and Olympic medalists like John Barnes and Mo Farah	25	25	22
Multicultural festivals and activities put on by local authorities and charities.	22	22	24
Public campaigns and protests against racism	13	12	22
The response to the murder of Stephen Lawrence in 1993	10	10	10
Something else	4	4	3
None of the above	16	17	15

Q28 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:**It is important that the history of race and Empire – including its controversies and complexity – are taught in British schools**

	All	White	BME
Strongly agree	41	40	47
Tend to agree	32	33	28
Neither agree nor disagree	15	15	11
Tend to disagree	4	4	4

Strongly disagree	2	2	2
Don't know	7	7	8

Q28 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

All boards of major companies, NHS Trusts, and large charities should include somebody from an ethnic minority background

	All	White	BME
Strongly agree	22	19	37
Tend to agree	25	25	26
Neither agree nor disagree	33	35	22
Tend to disagree	8	9	5
Strongly disagree	5	6	3
Don't know	7	7	6

Q28 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

Social media platforms should take stronger action to remove hate speech

	All	White	BME
Strongly agree	48	47	54
Tend to agree	24	25	18
Neither agree nor disagree	15	15	16
Tend to disagree	5	5	4
Strongly disagree	2	2	3
Don't know	6	6	4

Q28 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

Big companies should commit to monitoring applications to ensure candidates from different ethnic backgrounds have a fair chance of getting an interview

	All	White	BME
Strongly agree	29	27	47
Tend to agree	29	30	26
Neither agree nor disagree	25	26	16
Tend to disagree	5	5	3
Strongly disagree	5	5	2
Don't know	6	7	6

Q28 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

Every school should ensure its pupils have significant contact across ethnic and social class lines

	All	White	BME
Strongly agree	28	25	43
Tend to agree	30	31	28
Neither agree nor disagree	26	27	17
Tend to disagree	5	6	4
Strongly disagree	4	4	3
Don't know	7	7	5

Q28 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

Measures such as quotas, all ethnic minority shortlists, or similar, should be used to get more ethnic minority representation in top jobs

	All	White	BME
Strongly agree	15	13	29
Tend to agree	20	19	26
Neither agree nor disagree	31	32	24
Tend to disagree	13	13	9
Strongly disagree	12	13	6
Don't know	9	9	6

Q28 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

Covid has increased public awareness of the contribution of ethnic minorities to the NHS and public services

	All	White	BME
Strongly agree	24	22	33
Tend to agree	31	32	29
Neither agree nor disagree	26	27	20
Tend to disagree	6	6	6
Strongly disagree	3	3	4
Don't know	9	9	8

Q28 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

Covid has shown that health inequalities between different ethnic groups need greater attention

	All	White	BME
Strongly agree	22	20	34
Tend to agree	28	28	26
Neither agree nor disagree	28	29	23
Tend to disagree	8	9	6
Strongly disagree	5	5	3
Don't know	9	9	8

Q28 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

Covid has increased tensions between different ethnic and faith groups over social distancing rules

	All	White	BME
Strongly agree	12	12	16
Tend to agree	22	22	21
Neither agree nor disagree	33	34	27
Tend to disagree	14	14	14
Strongly disagree	7	7	7

Don't know	12	12	14
Q28 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:			
Covid has been exploited by extreme groups to spread divisive conspiracy theories			
	All	White	BME
Strongly agree	22	23	19
Tend to agree	25	25	27
Neither agree nor disagree	26	26	24
Tend to disagree	8	8	11
Strongly disagree	5	4	6
Don't know	13	13	14
Q34 Which of the following comes closest to your view			
	All	White	BME
Many public statues put up in the past should be removed, when they recognise people who were involved in slavery or Empire	17	15	30
Only a few statues put up in the past– eg, people who had a major role in slavery – should be considered for removal to museum	27	27	25
No public statues put up in the past should be removed today, because of their associations with slavery or Empire.	41	43	23
Don't know	16	15	22
Q35 Which of the following comes closest to your view			
	All	White	BME
The focus on statues and monuments is important, because it expresses what we value as a society	31	31	31
The focus on statues and monuments mainly distracts from more important issues of race equality	51	52	46
Don't know	18	17	23
Q99 For each of the following, please say whether you think it should or should not be a government policy priority			
Crime, justice and policing			
	All	White	BME
Should	83	82	83
Should not	7	7	6
Don't know	11	11	11
Q99 For each of the following, please say whether you think it should or should not be a government policy priority			
Equal opportunities in education			
	All	White	BME
Should	69	68	80
Should not	17	19	8
Don't know	13	14	11
Q99 For each of the following, please say whether you think it should or should not be a government policy priority			
Equal opportunities in jobs			
	All	White	BME
Should	70	68	79
Should not	18	19	10
Don't know	12	12	11
Q99 For each of the following, please say whether you think it should or should not be a government policy priority			
Action on hate crime on social media			
	All	White	BME
Should	68	68	72
Should not	19	19	16
Don't know	13	13	12
Q99 For each of the following, please say whether you think it should or should not be a government policy priority			
Action on hate crime in public (eg in the street, or on public transport)			
	All	White	BME
Should	80	79	83
Should not	10	11	7
Don't know	10	10	9
Q99 For each of the following, please say whether you think it should or should not be a government policy priority			
Institutions that look like the population they serve			
	All	White	BME
Should	41	40	50
Should not	24	25	19
Don't know	34	35	31