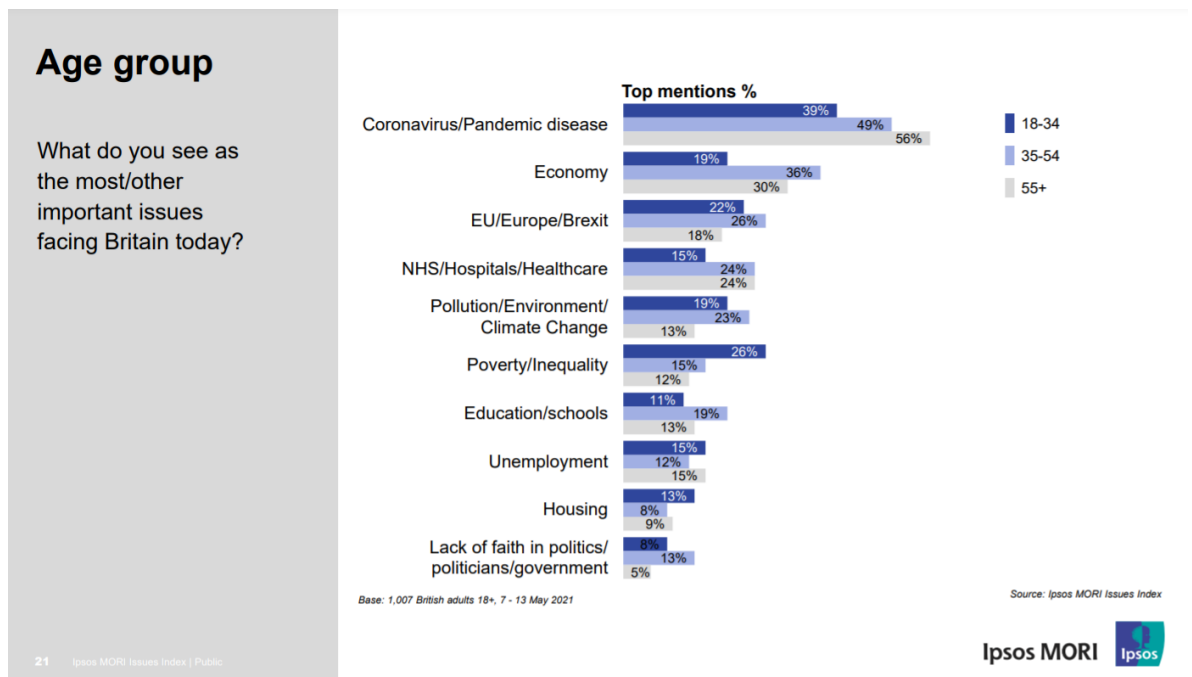




The issues index found that concern about Covid remains considerably higher among older people than young adults – while poverty and inequality, sixth overall, ranks second for respondents aged under 35.

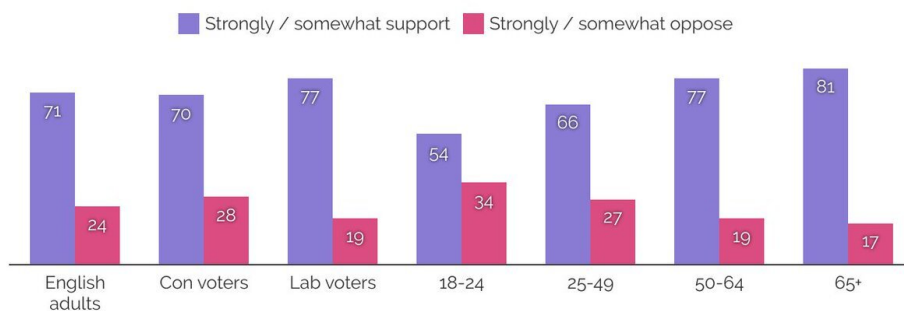


### Broad support for delaying the end of Covid restrictions

Covid attitudes became more cautious during June as cases rose. YouGov found broad support – by 71% to 24% - for the government’s decision to delay the proposed June 21<sup>st</sup> lifting of Covid restrictions, though just 36% had favoured delaying a fortnight earlier. There was a broad cross-party consensus, but a narrower majority among young adults (+20) than the over 65s (+64).

### The English public support delaying the lifting of lockdown by four weeks

It has been reported that most lockdown easing measures in England will not now be lifted on 21st June, but will be delayed by four weeks. Do you support or oppose this delay? % of English adults



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Ipsos-Mori also found that most people would miss some aspects of lockdown. Majorities cite better hygiene, less traffic, quieter shops and more family time as things that they will miss – though 6 out of 10 people will be glad to stop wearing a face-mask.

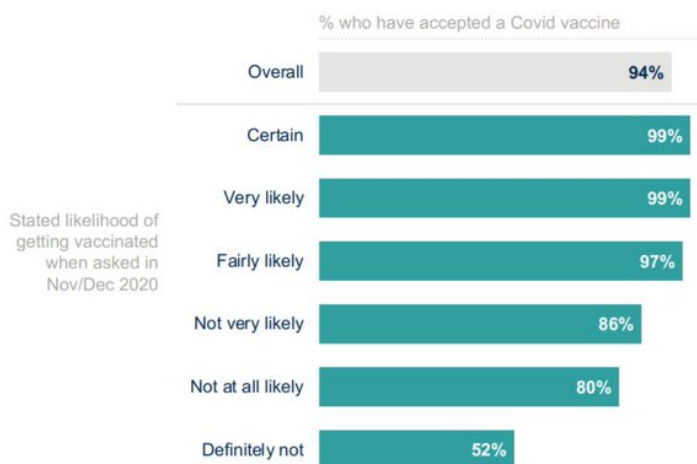


### How pro-vaccine norms grew

A Kings study illuminated the growth of pro-vaccine norms – to 94% - by returning to respondents who were asked before Christmas about their willingness to take a vaccine. Some 84% of those who thought they were unlikely to take a vaccine had now taken it. Even 52% of those who had said they would “definitely not” accept a vaccine had decided to accept the offer when invited.

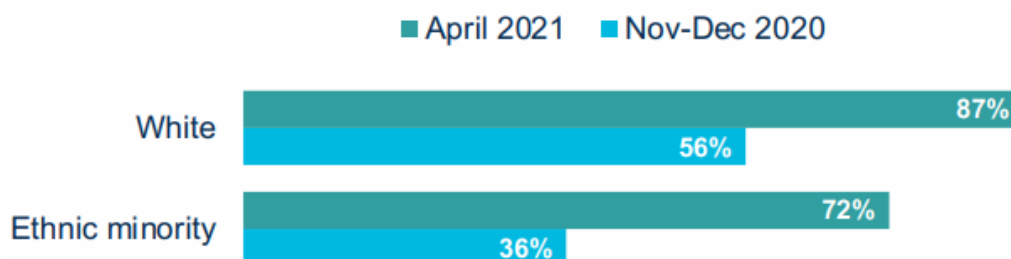


% who accepted a Covid vaccine when offered one, compared with their stated likelihood of getting vaccinated when asked in Nov/Dec 2020

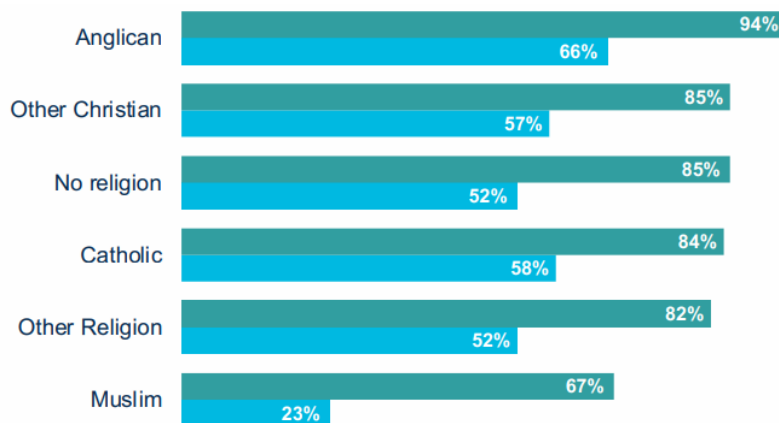


Base: 1,402 UK adults aged 18-75 who have had their first or second vaccine interviewed between 1-16 Apr 2021, and 4,860 UK adults aged 18-75 interviewed online 21 Nov-22 Dec 2020

The Spring 2021 survey showed 72% willingness to take a vaccine among ethnic minorities, doubling since the late 2020 poll, though with inter-ethnic and inter-faith gaps remaining.

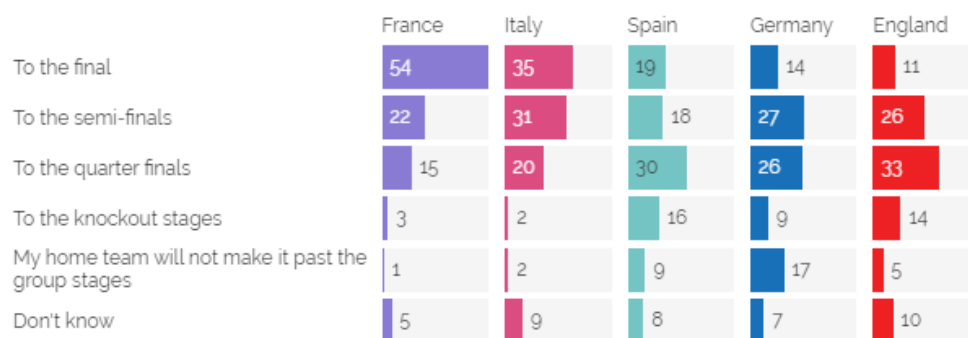


The largest increase in willingness to take a vaccine was among Muslim respondents (+44), but from a considerably lower base, so with more to do when the April 2021 survey was taken.

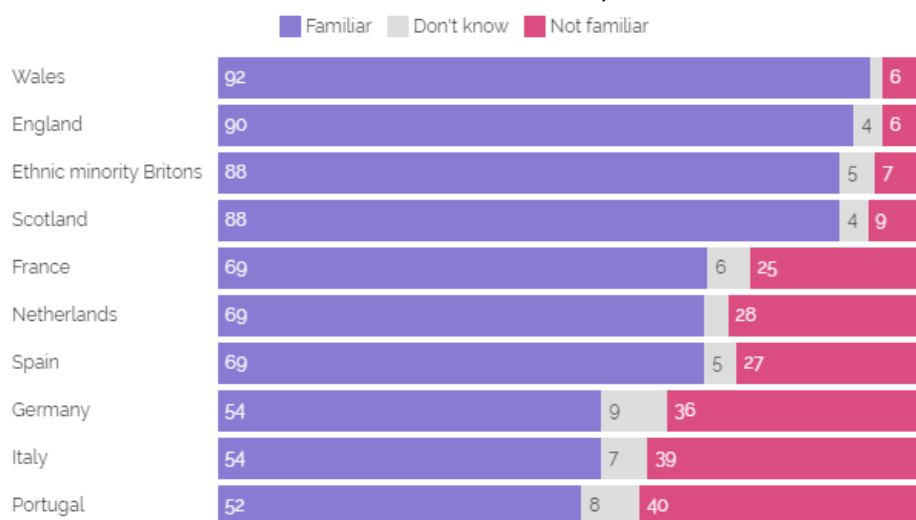


### Is football coming home?

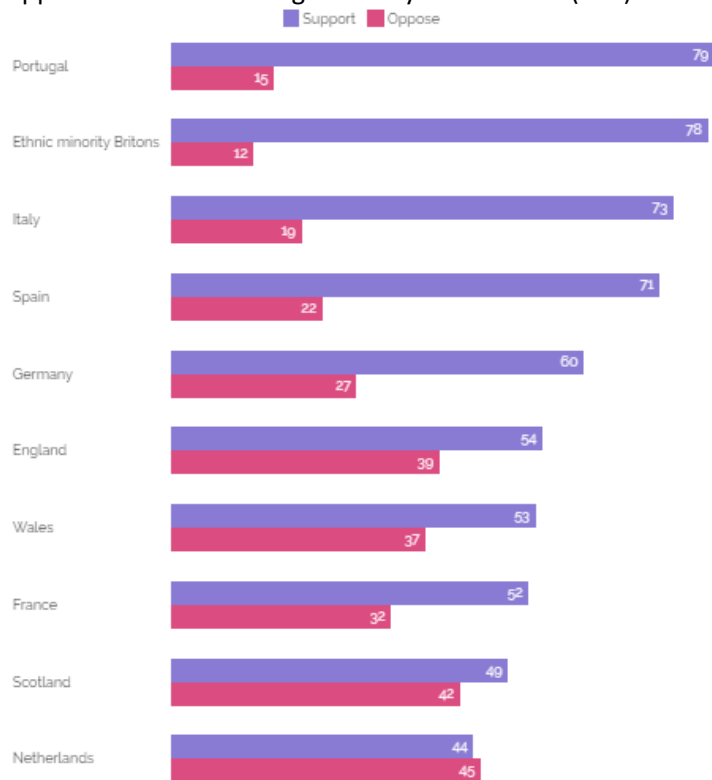
The Euro 2020 football tournament saw England and Wales qualify for the last 16, while Scotland were eliminated. Wales play Denmark on Saturday while England host Germany on Tuesday. Both English and German supporters approached this tournament more in hope than expectation – with 11% of English supporters and 14% of German fans expecting the team to reach the final. Having won the World Cup, most French fans (54%) expected to see their side reach the final.



The decision of the England players to ‘take the knee’ before kick-off sparked debate. YouGov had found comparatively high familiarity with this gesture across the UK, while sizeable minorities of the public had not heard about this in continental Europe.



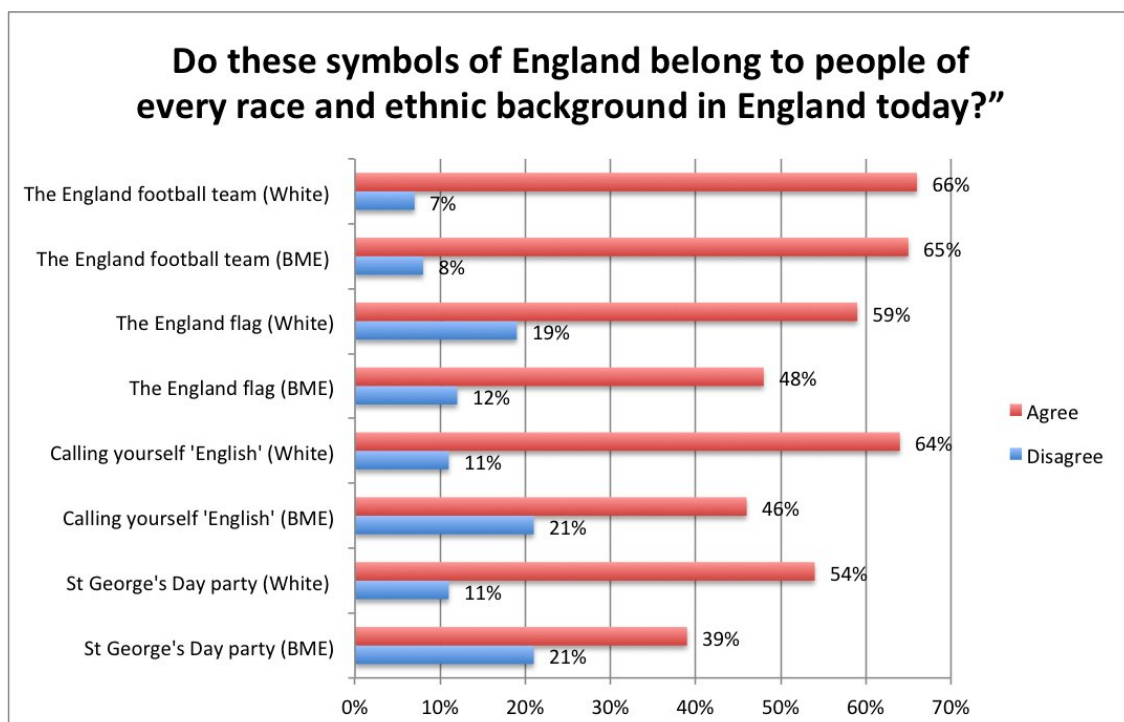
YouGov found that football supporters backed players taking the knee – by 54% to 39% in England (+15), 53% to 37% in Wales (+16) and a narrower 49% to 44% (+5) in Scotland. Ethnic minority supporters favoured the gesture by 78% to 12% (+66) with a majority (58%) strongly supportive.



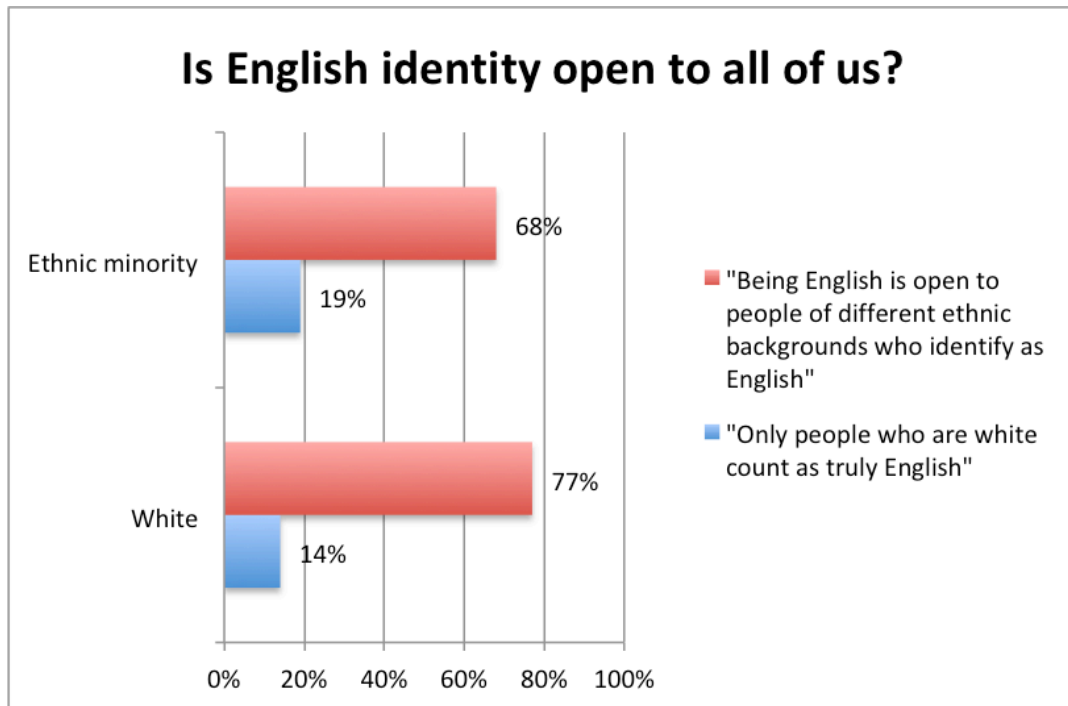
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British Future’s [pre-tournament study of English identity](#) found that the English football team is the national symbol most felt to belong to people across ethnic and faith groups in England – with two-thirds of white British and ethnic minority respondents feeling that it does so.



The report explores how football has contributed to a shift across generations towards understanding English identity as civic rather than ethnic – though there is broader confidence about this among the white British (+63) than ethnic minorities (+49).



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