

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1718 GB Adults

Fieldwork: 1st - 2nd November 2011

	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	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample	1718	489	538	109	535	445	384	835	883	208	438	588	484	979	739	220	558	368	423	149
Unweighted Sample	1718	501	499	112	541	419	398	832	886	92	471	697	458	1162	556	225	601	348	384	160
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Currently squatting is not a criminal offence in England, providing there is no evidence of forced entry. Some have called on the law to be changed, making squatting a criminal offence. They point out that the squatters are entering the premises without the permission of the owner, making it difficult and time-consuming for landlords to remove them from their property. Others argue that it is better to put an empty property to good use highlighting that the landlords are able to remove the squatters once they have been discovered.

Do you think the law should be changed making squatting a criminal offence or should it be left as it currently is?

The law should be changed	81	93	75	77	93	77	75	81	80	77	77	81	85	82	79	78	83	81	81	75
The law should be left as it is	13	4	20	15	5	16	18	14	12	11	15	14	11	12	14	15	12	12	12	18
Don't know	6	2	5	7	1	7	7	5	8	12	8	5	4	6	7	7	5	7	7	7