



# All-Party Parliamentary Group on Banning Trophy Hunting

## What voters think about Trophy Hunting

In March 2021, Survation carried out a poll of 1020 respondents which asked them whether or not they agreed with the following statements:

**Q1: “The UK government should ban trophy hunters from bringing back trophies of hunted animals as soon as possible”**

- **AGREE – 85%; Disagree – 4%**
- Neither Agree/Disagree – 7%; Don’t Know – 3%



**Q2: “The UK government should ban trophy hunters from bringing back trophies of all hunted animals, regardless of whether or not the animal is an endangered species”**

- **AGREE – 85%; Disagree – 3%**
- Neither Agree/Disagree – 9%; Don’t Know – 2%



**Q3: “The UK government should ban trophy hunters from bringing back trophies of hunted animals, even if hunters have given money to local governments for conservation”**

- **AGREE – 85%; Disagree – 4%**
- Neither Agree/Disagree – 9%; Don’t know – 3%



It is the latest in a series of polls which appear to show consistently strong support among voters for a comprehensive ban on trophy hunting/trophy imports. For example:

A survey carried out in July 2019 by Survation asked:

**“To what extent do you support or oppose a ban on trophy hunters bringing back hunting trophies of wild animals to the UK?”**

- **Support: 75%; Oppose: 15%**
- Neither support nor oppose: 9%; Don't know: 2%

In September 2019, Survation carried out a new poll:

**“Which of the following statements is closest to your view?”**

- Trophy hunting should be universally banned: **86%**
- Trophy hunting should not be universally banned: **8%**
- Don't know: 6%

A poll in January 2020 by YouGov asked:

**“To what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose a ban on imports and exports of hunting trophies?”**

- **Support: 80%; Oppose: 10%**
- Neither support nor oppose: 5%; Don't know: 4%

The YouGov poll put a further question to respondents:

**“If the government were to bring in restrictions on imports and exports of hunting trophies, to which types of animal should they apply?”**

- All species: **76%**
- Threatened or endangered species only: **14%**
- The government should not bring in any restrictions: **2%**
- Don't know: 8%

## **CONCLUSION**

The polls appear to demonstrate that UK voters:

- **Wish to see legislation implemented as soon as possible.**
- **Support a total ban rather than one which is limited only to endangered species**
- **Are opposed to exceptions or exemptions.**

The polls also suggest that support for a comprehensive ban on trophies is growing over time.