

YouGov Results - VAR August 2020

Fieldwork: 26th - 28th August 2020

Sample: 4,154 GB adults



Total	Gender		Age					Social Grade	
	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE

How often, if at all, do you watch men's English Premier League football matches, either on television or live at a stadium?

Unweighted base	4154	1934	2220	291	634	772	651	1806	2535	1619
Base: All GB Adults	4154	2015	2139	461	634	746	626	1687	2368	1786
Very frequently	10%	15%	5%	11%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
Fairly frequently	12%	16%	8%	12%	10%	12%	13%	12%	13%	11%
Not very frequently	10%	11%	9%	10%	10%	13%	10%	8%	11%	9%
Rarely	17%	16%	17%	15%	16%	16%	18%	18%	17%	16%
Never	50%	39%	60%	46%	52%	47%	49%	52%	48%	52%
Don't know	1%	2%	1%	5%	2%	3%	0%	0%	2%	1%

At the beginning of the 2019-2020 season, the English Premier League introduced Video Assistant Referees (commonly known as VAR) to all matches. How well or badly would you say VAR has worked in the Premier League so far?

Unweighted base	895	615	280	54	127	174	150	390	559	336
Base: All GB Adults who watch the Men's EPL very or fairly frequently	914	642	272	108	130	165	143	368	536	378
Worked very well	5%	6%	5%	11%	8%	5%	3%	4%	4%	7%
Worked fairly well	30%	27%	37%	18%	34%	30%	24%	35%	30%	30%
Neither worked well or badly	13%	12%	15%	14%	10%	13%	15%	12%	13%	12%
Worked fairly badly	29%	31%	25%	36%	27%	28%	30%	28%	31%	26%
Worked very badly	21%	24%	16%	20%	19%	24%	26%	20%	20%	23%
Don't know	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%

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Unweighted base	4154	186	480	347	312	369	380	477	606	409	3566	204	384
Base: All GB Adults	4154	177	478	339	316	369	371	561	582	397	3589	204	361
Very frequently	10%	9%	14%	9%	9%	12%	10%	11%	11%	8%	11%	4%	8%
Fairly frequently	12%	14%	15%	12%	10%	11%	14%	11%	11%	9%	12%	16%	13%
Not very frequently	10%	11%	8%	12%	10%	12%	10%	10%	9%	8%	10%	9%	9%
Rarely	17%	22%	15%	18%	16%	18%	18%	19%	15%	16%	17%	18%	13%
Never	50%	44%	46%	47%	53%	45%	47%	47%	54%	58%	49%	52%	54%
Don't know	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%

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Base: All GB Adults who watch the Men's EPL very or fairly frequently	914	39	137	72	60	88	87	122	124	67	797	40	77
Worked very well	5%	4%	6%	1%	3%	10%	-	13%	5%	1%	6%	7%	4%
Worked fairly well	30%	34%	27%	25%	37%	15%	35%	33%	31%	35%	30%	32%	35%
Neither worked well or badly	13%	14%	14%	12%	11%	6%	19%	9%	13%	11%	12%	19%	15%
Worked fairly badly	29%	13%	25%	39%	18%	39%	29%	31%	32%	31%	30%	27%	25%
Worked very badly	21%	33%	26%	23%	31%	29%	16%	15%	16%	22%	22%	13%	20%
Don't know	1%	3%	2%	-	-	-	2%	-	3%	-	1%	2%	1%

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Thinking about the use of VAR in the English Premier League so far in the 2019-2020 season...If you were to give VAR a mark from 0 to 10 on how well or badly it's worked so far, with 0 being a complete failure and 10 being that it has worked perfectly, what mark would you give?

Base: All GB Adults who watch the Men's EPL very or fairly frequently	Unweighted base		895	615	280	54	127	174	150	390	559	336
	914	642	272	108	130	165	143	368	536	378		
0 - complete failure	9%	9%	7%	5%	8%	13%	11%	8%	8%	9%		
1	5%	5%	3%	7%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%		
2	9%	10%	6%	9%	8%	9%	11%	8%	9%	9%		
3	11%	11%	11%	12%	7%	14%	15%	10%	11%	11%		
4	13%	15%	9%	24%	13%	7%	12%	13%	16%	9%		
5	12%	11%	14%	4%	11%	14%	13%	13%	11%	12%		
6	15%	15%	15%	17%	17%	12%	13%	15%	16%	12%		
7	14%	14%	17%	12%	15%	18%	10%	15%	14%	16%		
8	7%	6%	10%	4%	5%	6%	5%	10%	6%	9%		
9	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%		
10 - worked perfectly	2%	1%	3%	-	4%	3%	2%	1%	1%	3%		
Don't know	2%	2%	2%	4%	5%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%		

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1	5%	7%	7%	2%	7%	10%	4%	1%	4%	1%	5%	-	5%
2	9%	5%	9%	8%	10%	14%	11%	7%	6%	14%	9%	10%	2%
3	11%	5%	11%	19%	9%	19%	7%	11%	7%	18%	12%	10%	5%
4	13%	21%	8%	18%	13%	10%	13%	12%	18%	10%	13%	14%	15%
5	12%	-	16%	5%	9%	14%	12%	10%	11%	11%	11%	20%	16%
6	15%	18%	12%	21%	9%	5%	18%	18%	16%	13%	14%	5%	23%
7	14%	14%	13%	12%	25%	10%	16%	12%	16%	16%	14%	22%	12%
8	7%	10%	5%	4%	8%	9%	4%	12%	5%	6%	7%	12%	7%
9	2%	3%	5%	1%	-	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	-	1%
10 - worked perfectly	2%	4%	2%	-	2%	-	-	3%	4%	1%	2%	3%	1%
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Overall, how much more or less enjoyable has VAR made watching Premier League football matches, or has it made no difference?

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Base: All GB Adults who watch the Men's EPL very or fairly frequently	914	642	272	108	130	165	143	368	536	378
Made watching them a lot more enjoyable	3%	3%	2%	4%	5%	4%	3%	2%	2%	4%
Made watching them a little more enjoyable	12%	12%	13%	16%	10%	12%	8%	14%	13%	12%
Made no difference	20%	18%	24%	20%	26%	16%	18%	20%	19%	21%
Made watching them a little less enjoyable	36%	37%	34%	38%	36%	38%	37%	35%	39%	33%
Made watching them a lot less enjoyable	26%	27%	25%	16%	20%	28%	31%	29%	27%	26%
Don't know	2%	2%	2%	5%	4%	1%	2%	1%	1%	4%

What would be your preference on the future use of VAR in Premier League football matches?

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Keep using VAR as it is used now, without any changes	10%	8%	15%	14%	10%	9%	6%	11%	8%	13%
Keep using VAR, but change the ways in which it is used	71%	72%	70%	69%	73%	66%	74%	72%	75%	66%
Stop using VAR entirely	16%	18%	12%	16%	13%	23%	16%	15%	15%	18%
Don't know	3%	2%	3%	1%	4%	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%

To what extent do you support or oppose the following changes being made to the use of VAR in English Premier League football matches? (Please select one option on each row)

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Made watching them a lot more enjoyable	3%	-	4%	2%	1%	8%	1%	5%	4%	-	3%	-	1%
Made watching them a little more enjoyable	12%	15%	11%	10%	19%	7%	11%	18%	15%	10%	13%	13%	9%
Made no difference	20%	27%	21%	15%	11%	14%	24%	15%	22%	26%	19%	23%	23%
Made watching them a little less enjoyable	36%	21%	34%	28%	47%	40%	38%	42%	29%	44%	36%	38%	36%
Made watching them a lot less enjoyable	26%	34%	29%	45%	20%	30%	23%	16%	27%	19%	26%	23%	28%
Don't know	2%	3%	1%	-	2%	-	3%	3%	3%	-	2%	2%	3%

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Keep using VAR, but change the ways in which it is used	71%	70%	67%	68%	76%	65%	77%	73%	70%	72%	71%	79%	73%
Stop using VAR entirely	16%	17%	17%	23%	16%	25%	13%	13%	15%	18%	17%	10%	15%
Don't know	3%	3%	5%	-	-	1%	4%	-	5%	2%	2%	5%	3%

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A time limit on how long it can take for decisions to be made using VAR

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Strongly support	38%	38%	37%	34%	30%	37%	36%	43%	36%	41%
Tend to support	38%	38%	39%	46%	41%	35%	41%	36%	39%	37%
Neither support nor oppose	12%	12%	13%	9%	13%	16%	13%	11%	13%	11%
Tend to oppose	7%	7%	7%	5%	6%	8%	5%	8%	7%	6%
Strongly oppose	3%	3%	3%	5%	7%	3%	1%	2%	3%	3%
Don't know	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%

Being able to see the video footage that the video assistant referees are being shown to make their decision

Unweighted base	895	615	280	54	127	174	150	390	559	336
Base: All GB Adults who watch the Men's EPL very or fairly frequently	914	642	272	108	130	165	143	368	536	378
Strongly support	55%	54%	57%	68%	53%	55%	47%	55%	55%	55%
Tend to support	32%	31%	32%	23%	30%	28%	37%	34%	31%	32%
Neither support nor oppose	10%	11%	7%	9%	14%	12%	10%	7%	10%	9%
Tend to oppose	2%	2%	3%	-	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%
Strongly oppose	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	2%	-	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	1%	1%	0%	-	1%	-	3%	1%	1%	1%

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Strongly support	38%	32%	34%	40%	43%	51%	37%	37%	35%	30%	38%	45%	38%
Tend to support	38%	41%	41%	40%	38%	32%	40%	32%	36%	48%	38%	35%	46%
Neither support nor oppose	12%	17%	12%	9%	11%	12%	14%	17%	12%	12%	13%	16%	6%
Tend to oppose	7%	6%	10%	8%	4%	1%	3%	11%	9%	7%	7%	4%	5%
Strongly oppose	3%	5%	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	4%	-	3%	-	5%
Don't know	1%	-	1%	-	-	2%	2%	1%	4%	3%	2%	-	-
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Strongly support	55%	58%	51%	57%	67%	56%	63%	50%	48%	60%	55%	59%	52%
Tend to support	32%	25%	34%	30%	22%	27%	28%	40%	38%	20%	31%	33%	34%
Neither support nor oppose	10%	15%	9%	10%	9%	16%	6%	7%	9%	12%	10%	5%	10%
Tend to oppose	2%	-	3%	4%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%	5%	2%	-	3%
Strongly oppose	1%	3%	1%	-	-	-	-	2%	2%	-	1%	2%	-
Don't know	1%	-	1%	-	-	1%	2%	-	1%	3%	1%	-	-

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Being able to hear the conversation that the on-field referees and the video assistant referees are having regarding the decision

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Strongly support	48%	49%	47%	59%	50%	49%	46%	45%	50%	46%
Tend to support	29%	27%	33%	18%	26%	29%	27%	34%	28%	31%
Neither support nor oppose	15%	16%	12%	16%	12%	12%	17%	15%	14%	16%
Tend to oppose	5%	5%	6%	6%	6%	8%	6%	4%	6%	5%
Strongly oppose	2%	2%	2%	-	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	1%	3%	0%	1%	1%

The on-field referee being encouraged to consult pitch-side VAR screens more often

Unweighted base	895	615	280	54	127	174	150	390	559	336
Base: All GB Adults who watch the Men's EPL very or fairly frequently	914	642	272	108	130	165	143	368	536	378
Strongly support	45%	50%	33%	53%	46%	43%	40%	46%	45%	46%
Tend to support	27%	25%	32%	17%	28%	25%	33%	28%	26%	28%
Neither support nor oppose	13%	11%	17%	13%	15%	14%	10%	13%	12%	14%
Tend to oppose	9%	8%	11%	8%	9%	10%	11%	8%	10%	8%
Strongly oppose	5%	4%	5%	7%	1%	7%	3%	5%	6%	3%
Don't know	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%

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Strongly support	48%	38%	41%	47%	60%	56%	52%	50%	46%	48%	49%	41%	47%
Tend to support	29%	41%	29%	37%	22%	17%	27%	29%	29%	22%	28%	45%	34%
Neither support nor oppose	15%	17%	17%	10%	10%	21%	15%	15%	11%	22%	15%	7%	13%
Tend to oppose	5%	2%	5%	3%	7%	4%	3%	7%	10%	5%	5%	5%	6%
Strongly oppose	2%	3%	5%	4%	-	1%	-	-	3%	2%	2%	2%	-
Don't know	1%	-	3%	-	2%	1%	2%	-	1%	1%	1%	-	-
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Unweighted base	895	40	139	73	58	85	85	99	127	66	772	39	84
Base: All GB Adults who watch the Men's EPL very or fairly frequently	914	39	137	72	60	88	87	122	124	67	797	40	77
Strongly support	45%	39%	45%	49%	49%	50%	42%	45%	43%	36%	45%	49%	51%
Tend to support	27%	27%	21%	24%	31%	21%	31%	32%	27%	30%	27%	26%	26%
Neither support nor oppose	13%	18%	18%	12%	6%	13%	13%	11%	11%	20%	13%	5%	11%
Tend to oppose	9%	11%	10%	14%	8%	6%	8%	7%	9%	5%	9%	17%	9%
Strongly oppose	5%	5%	4%	-	4%	9%	5%	5%	7%	8%	5%	-	1%
Don't know	2%	-	3%	-	2%	1%	1%	-	3%	1%	1%	2%	3%

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VAR5_5. Assistant referees keeping their flag down for marginal offside calls until the attacking move has played out, then VAR will check the play

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Strongly support	20%	21%	17%	33%	25%	19%	18%	15%	21%	17%
Tend to support	28%	30%	23%	35%	29%	22%	29%	29%	27%	29%
Neither support nor oppose	18%	16%	22%	13%	18%	19%	15%	19%	17%	19%
Tend to oppose	18%	17%	20%	8%	19%	18%	20%	20%	19%	17%
Strongly oppose	12%	13%	10%	1%	4%	17%	11%	16%	11%	13%
Don't know	5%	3%	8%	11%	5%	5%	6%	2%	4%	5%

Using VAR to spot goalkeeper/ player encroachment when penalties are being taken

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Strongly support	27%	28%	24%	29%	25%	21%	28%	28%	24%	31%
Tend to support	32%	28%	40%	20%	31%	28%	30%	38%	33%	30%
Neither support nor oppose	19%	21%	16%	24%	25%	21%	16%	16%	19%	20%
Tend to oppose	13%	14%	12%	20%	11%	15%	16%	10%	14%	12%
Strongly oppose	7%	8%	4%	3%	5%	12%	5%	7%	8%	5%
Don't know	2%	2%	4%	4%	2%	2%	5%	1%	2%	2%

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Base: All GB Adults who watch the Men's EPL very or fairly frequently	914	39	137	72	60	88	87	122	124	67	797	40	77
Strongly support	20%	25%	18%	14%	15%	26%	16%	17%	19%	20%	19%	29%	26%
Tend to support	28%	28%	26%	40%	40%	15%	33%	26%	32%	22%	29%	27%	25%
Neither support nor oppose	18%	9%	18%	16%	17%	18%	20%	24%	15%	20%	18%	14%	14%
Tend to oppose	18%	11%	18%	15%	15%	24%	15%	22%	16%	19%	18%	19%	18%
Strongly oppose	12%	18%	16%	14%	8%	15%	11%	8%	13%	15%	13%	5%	8%
Don't know	5%	8%	6%	1%	6%	1%	4%	3%	6%	5%	4%	5%	8%

Using VAR to spot goalkeeper/ player encroachment when penalties are being taken

Unweighted base	895	40	139	73	58	85	85	99	127	66	772	39	84
Base: All GB Adults who watch the Men's EPL very or fairly frequently	914	39	137	72	60	88	87	122	124	67	797	40	77
Strongly support	27%	18%	25%	33%	36%	29%	21%	29%	26%	27%	27%	21%	23%
Tend to support	32%	37%	31%	22%	38%	29%	30%	36%	30%	34%	32%	34%	33%
Neither support nor oppose	19%	17%	26%	23%	16%	15%	19%	21%	19%	15%	20%	30%	10%
Tend to oppose	13%	19%	10%	18%	5%	17%	20%	10%	14%	13%	13%	8%	13%
Strongly oppose	7%	9%	5%	4%	3%	9%	6%	4%	7%	5%	6%	5%	18%
Don't know	2%	-	3%	-	2%	1%	5%	-	3%	5%	2%	2%	3%

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Still thinking about VAR...Please imagine that a potential foul occurred in a football match, but play continued. How long a time limit do you think there should be to allow a VAR decision to be made? (If you think that there should not be a time limit on VAR decisions after play continues or there should not be VAR decisions if play continues, please select the relevant "Not applicable" option)

Unweighted base	895	615	280	54	127	174	150	390	559	336
Base: All GB Adults who watch the Men's EPL very or fairly frequently	914	642	272	108	130	165	143	368	536	378
Up to 10 seconds after play continues	11%	11%	10%	6%	8%	12%	12%	12%	13%	8%
Up to 15 seconds after play continues	17%	18%	14%	14%	16%	23%	15%	17%	17%	17%
Up to 30 seconds after play continues	26%	28%	22%	28%	26%	22%	33%	25%	28%	24%
Up to 45 seconds after play continues	4%	4%	5%	6%	4%	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%
Up to 60 seconds after play continues	11%	11%	11%	17%	19%	13%	7%	8%	8%	16%
Don't know	9%	7%	13%	12%	7%	9%	7%	9%	8%	10%
Not applicable - there should not be a time limit on VAR decision after play continues	11%	11%	10%	10%	13%	11%	10%	10%	12%	8%
Not applicable - there should not be VAR decisions if play continues	11%	9%	15%	7%	7%	6%	13%	15%	10%	12%

In general, do you think VAR has improved or worsened each of the following aspects of Premier League football, or do you think it has made no difference?

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Up to 10 seconds after play continues	11%	15%	8%	5%	12%	17%	12%	11%	10%	11%	11%	5%	13%
Up to 15 seconds after play continues	17%	13%	21%	29%	21%	10%	19%	12%	13%	14%	17%	20%	20%
Up to 30 seconds after play continues	26%	28%	28%	24%	21%	30%	27%	26%	22%	26%	26%	32%	27%
Up to 45 seconds after play continues	4%	5%	3%	5%	1%	4%	5%	4%	7%	2%	4%	6%	2%
Up to 60 seconds after play continues	11%	-	13%	15%	8%	9%	4%	20%	11%	14%	11%	10%	10%
Don't know	9%	4%	9%	9%	7%	8%	12%	8%	8%	11%	9%	7%	11%
Not applicable - there should not be a time limit on VAR decision after play continues	11%	20%	10%	6%	12%	7%	9%	9%	17%	12%	11%	2%	13%
Not applicable - there should not be VAR decisions if play continues	11%	14%	9%	7%	18%	15%	12%	9%	12%	11%	11%	18%	4%

In general, do you think VAR has improved or worsened each of the following aspects of Premier League football, or do you think it has made no difference?

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Total	Gender		Age					Social Grade		
	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	
Pace of the game										
Unweighted base	895	615	280	54	127	174	150	390	559	336
Base: All GB Adults who watch the Men's EPL very or fairly frequently	914	642	272	108	130	165	143	368	536	378
VAR has improved this significantly	2%	2%	3%	2%	5%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%
VAR has improved this somewhat	4%	3%	4%	6%	6%	3%	2%	2%	3%	5%
No difference	23%	23%	23%	23%	19%	20%	28%	25%	23%	23%
VAR has worsened this somewhat	46%	47%	45%	43%	47%	47%	38%	50%	49%	43%
VAR has worsened this significantly	23%	24%	20%	24%	19%	27%	27%	20%	22%	24%
Don't know	2%	1%	4%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%
Quality of football played										
Unweighted base	895	615	280	54	127	174	150	390	559	336
Base: All GB Adults who watch the Men's EPL very or fairly frequently	914	642	272	108	130	165	143	368	536	378
VAR has improved this significantly	4%	3%	5%	13%	5%	2%	2%	2%	3%	5%
VAR has improved this somewhat	11%	9%	17%	13%	16%	8%	8%	12%	11%	12%
No difference	71%	74%	63%	60%	64%	74%	72%	74%	73%	67%
VAR has worsened this somewhat	8%	8%	9%	12%	6%	7%	10%	8%	8%	8%
VAR has worsened this significantly	4%	4%	3%	-	5%	5%	5%	4%	3%	5%
Don't know	2%	2%	5%	2%	4%	3%	4%	1%	2%	3%

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Pace of the game													
Unweighted base	895	40	139	73	58	85	85	99	127	66	772	39	84
Base: All GB Adults who watch the Men's EPL very or fairly frequently	914	39	137	72	60	88	87	122	124	67	797	40	77
VAR has improved this significantly	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	-	1%	6%	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%
VAR has improved this somewhat	4%	7%	6%	5%	3%	5%	1%	3%	3%	2%	4%	-	4%
No difference	23%	40%	19%	25%	22%	24%	19%	28%	19%	36%	24%	19%	15%
VAR has worsened this somewhat	46%	23%	49%	42%	44%	43%	51%	45%	50%	39%	45%	51%	57%
VAR has worsened this significantly	23%	27%	23%	25%	27%	25%	27%	17%	21%	21%	23%	26%	17%
Don't know	2%	-	1%	-	2%	3%	1%	2%	4%	1%	2%	-	4%
Quality of football played													
Unweighted base	895	40	139	73	58	85	85	99	127	66	772	39	84
Base: All GB Adults who watch the Men's EPL very or fairly frequently	914	39	137	72	60	88	87	122	124	67	797	40	77
VAR has improved this significantly	4%	8%	4%	4%	3%	1%	4%	6%	3%	-	4%	-	4%
VAR has improved this somewhat	11%	7%	12%	5%	9%	10%	10%	13%	13%	18%	11%	15%	10%
No difference	71%	73%	69%	79%	71%	75%	70%	68%	69%	70%	71%	68%	70%
VAR has worsened this somewhat	8%	7%	7%	11%	9%	7%	8%	8%	7%	7%	8%	12%	11%
VAR has worsened this significantly	4%	5%	6%	-	6%	4%	4%	3%	4%	-	4%	4%	6%
Don't know	2%	-	2%	1%	2%	3%	5%	2%	4%	4%	3%	-	-

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Accuracy of referee's decisions

Unweighted base	895	615	280	54	127	174	150	390	559	336
Base: All GB Adults who watch the Men's EPL very or fairly frequently										
VAR has improved this significantly	8%	8%	10%	13%	11%	7%	4%	8%	7%	10%
VAR has improved this somewhat	40%	43%	35%	36%	40%	41%	39%	42%	43%	37%
No difference	24%	25%	22%	28%	24%	19%	27%	23%	26%	20%
VAR has worsened this somewhat	18%	16%	21%	11%	18%	23%	18%	17%	16%	20%
VAR has worsened this significantly	7%	7%	8%	9%	5%	8%	7%	7%	5%	10%
Don't know	3%	2%	5%	3%	2%	2%	5%	2%	2%	3%

How enjoyable football is to watch in person at a stadium

Unweighted base	895	615	280	54	127	174	150	390	559	336
Base: All GB Adults who watch the Men's EPL very or fairly frequently										
VAR has improved this significantly	3%	3%	3%	8%	7%	3%	1%	2%	2%	5%
VAR has improved this somewhat	5%	4%	6%	5%	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%
No difference	22%	21%	22%	16%	18%	21%	22%	25%	22%	21%
VAR has worsened this somewhat	30%	30%	30%	28%	27%	31%	28%	33%	31%	30%
VAR has worsened this significantly	20%	22%	15%	19%	17%	24%	22%	19%	20%	20%
Don't know	20%	18%	24%	24%	27%	17%	23%	16%	20%	19%

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VAR has improved this significantly	8%	5%	6%	8%	13%	5%	4%	14%	12%	5%	8%	12%	6%
VAR has improved this somewhat	40%	36%	39%	31%	36%	35%	48%	48%	39%	40%	40%	40%	42%
No difference	24%	35%	26%	27%	17%	30%	20%	13%	22%	29%	23%	17%	30%
VAR has worsened this somewhat	18%	15%	16%	22%	17%	19%	22%	19%	13%	20%	18%	15%	17%
VAR has worsened this significantly	7%	7%	10%	11%	13%	9%	4%	3%	8%	2%	7%	12%	4%
Don't know	3%	2%	3%	1%	4%	2%	2%	2%	5%	4%	3%	-	1%
How enjoyable football is to watch in person at a stadium													
Unweighted base	895	40	139	73	58	85	85	99	127	66	772	39	84
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VAR has improved this significantly	3%	3%	2%	1%	2%	6%	1%	9%	5%	-	4%	-	1%
VAR has improved this somewhat	5%	-	8%	5%	10%	4%	2%	6%	3%	5%	5%	8%	3%
No difference	22%	31%	22%	19%	23%	13%	18%	22%	25%	24%	22%	24%	20%
VAR has worsened this somewhat	30%	29%	34%	29%	33%	31%	37%	30%	21%	31%	30%	34%	31%
VAR has worsened this significantly	20%	24%	17%	23%	17%	30%	19%	16%	22%	17%	20%	25%	18%
Don't know	20%	12%	18%	23%	16%	15%	24%	17%	25%	24%	20%	9%	26%

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How enjoyable football is to watch on television										
Unweighted base	895	615	280	54	127	174	150	390	559	336
Base: All GB Adults who watch the Men's EPL very or fairly frequently	914	642	272	108	130	165	143	368	536	378
VAR has improved this significantly	5%	5%	5%	8%	9%	4%	1%	4%	3%	7%
VAR has improved this somewhat	12%	12%	12%	6%	14%	11%	9%	14%	13%	10%
No difference	28%	28%	29%	31%	25%	27%	27%	29%	29%	27%
VAR has worsened this somewhat	36%	36%	36%	30%	34%	37%	40%	36%	36%	36%
VAR has worsened this significantly	18%	19%	15%	21%	16%	20%	19%	16%	18%	18%
Don't know	2%	1%	4%	4%	3%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%

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VAR has improved this significantly	5%	-	3%	5%	6%	8%	-	11%	7%	-	5%	-	3%
VAR has improved this somewhat	12%	14%	15%	7%	14%	10%	8%	15%	10%	12%	12%	11%	12%
No difference	28%	32%	29%	24%	20%	19%	33%	29%	29%	35%	28%	30%	31%
VAR has worsened this somewhat	36%	32%	35%	34%	36%	37%	42%	32%	35%	39%	36%	30%	40%
VAR has worsened this significantly	18%	22%	17%	29%	18%	25%	15%	12%	16%	10%	18%	29%	15%
Don't know	2%	-	1%	-	6%	1%	3%	1%	3%	4%	2%	-	-

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