

WHAT OUR FAMILIES SAID



# WEARING OF UNEARNED MEDALS

2016

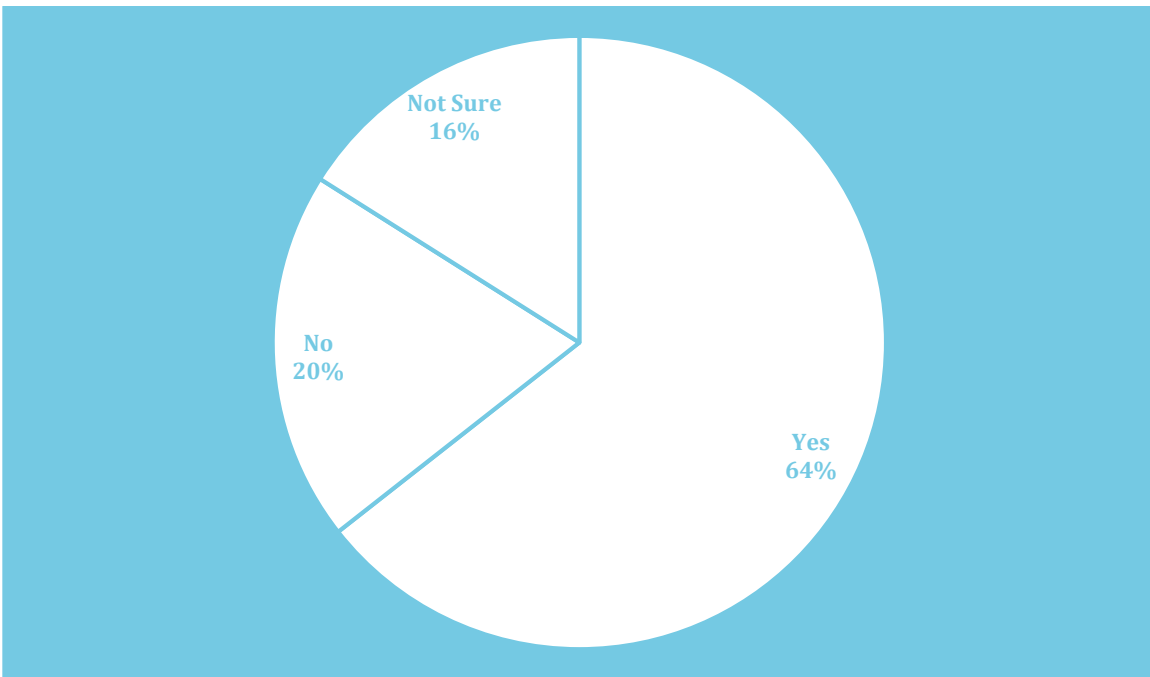
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## HOW MANY PEOPLE RESPONDED?

We had 1,111 responses over 4 days.

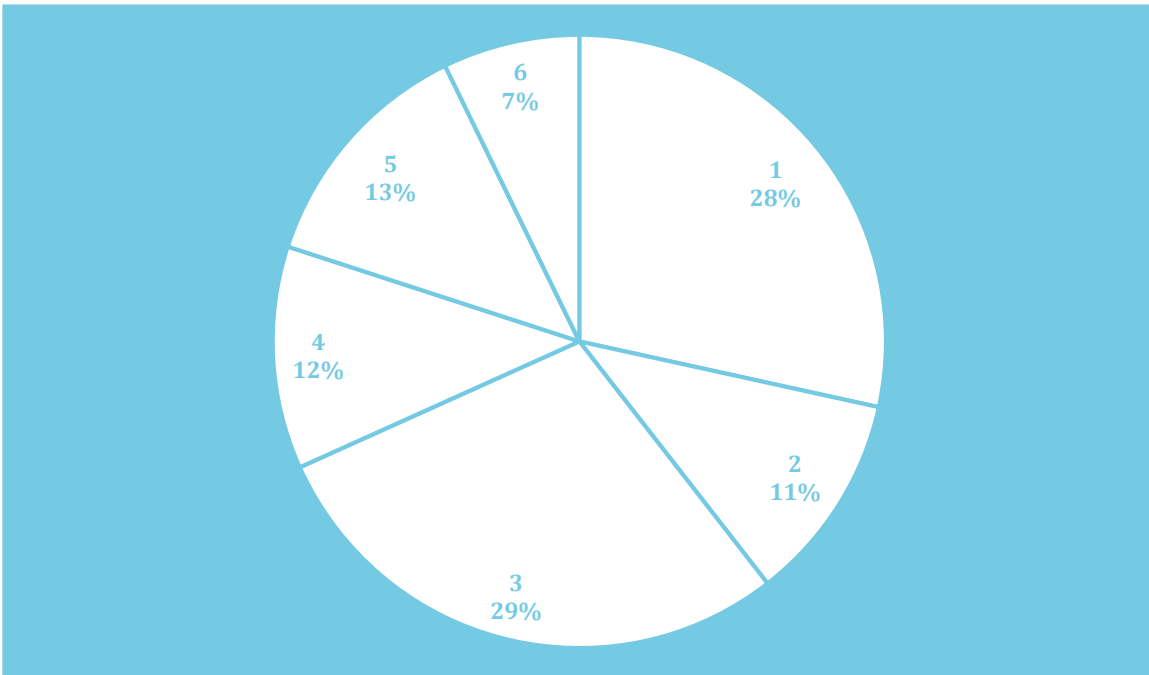
## WHAT WE ASKED

1. Have you personally encountered anyone wearing medals or insignia that were awarded to someone else?



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2. In what circumstances was the person wearing the medals or insignia of another person? Select all that apply.



- 1- They were a relative wearing medals awarded to a deceased service/ex-service person
- 2- They were impersonating a serving member of the UK Armed Forces
- 3- They were impersonating a UK Armed Forces veteran
- 4- They appeared to be collecting money for charity
- 5- Don't know
- 6-Other

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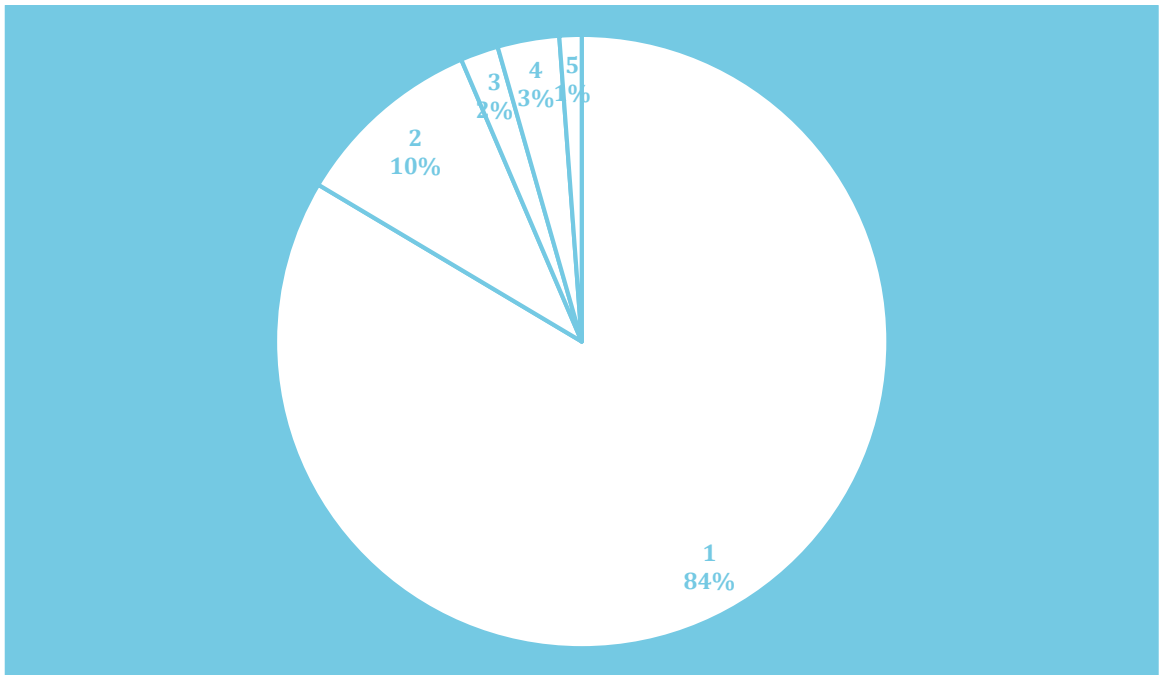
3. What is your attitude towards individuals who wear medals or insignia that were awarded to someone else?

The below words are the most common used to answer this question. For a list of all comments in full, please see Annex A.

**Sad** Stolen Valour **Fraud** Contempt **Public** Despicable  
**Disgrace** Criminal Offence **Disrespectful**  
Worn Correctly **Family Member** Anger  
**Wearing** scum **Medals** Jailed  
**Earned** Armed Forces **Disgusting** Low  
**Right Side** Angry **Veterans** Walter Mitty  
**Not be Allowed** Totally Unacceptable **Illegal**

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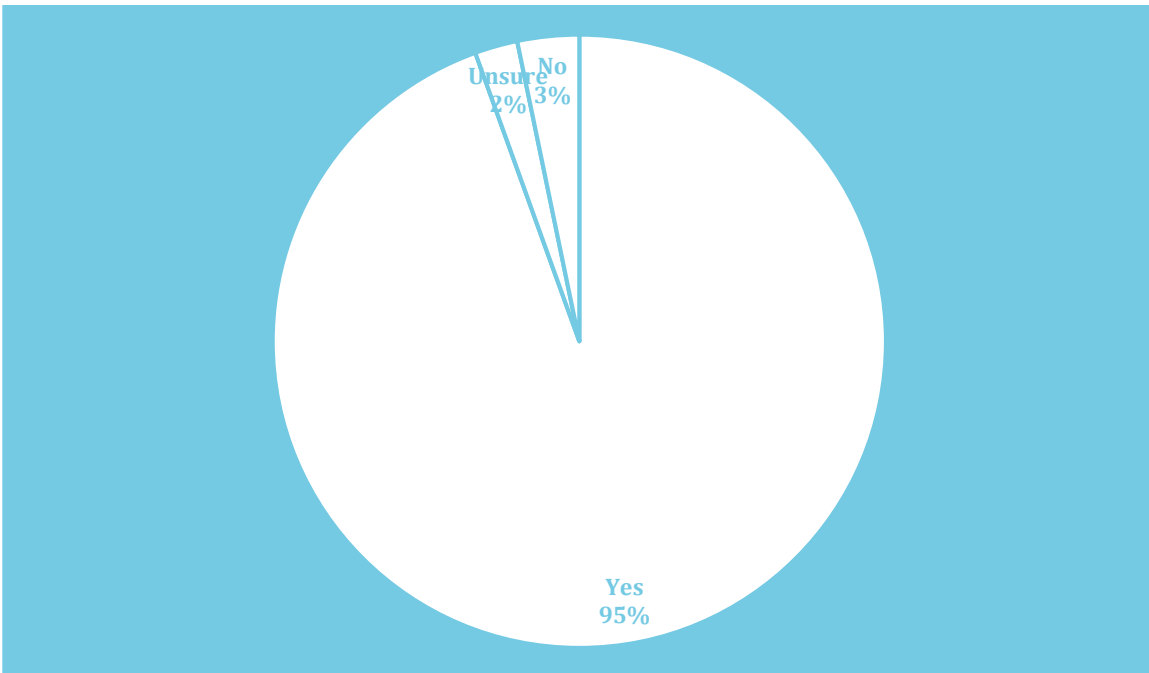
4. Would you support the criminalisation of wearing unearned medals?



- 1- Yes I strongly support this
- 2- Yes I moderately support this
- 3- I'm unsure
- 4- No I would not fully support this
- 5- No I would strongly oppose this

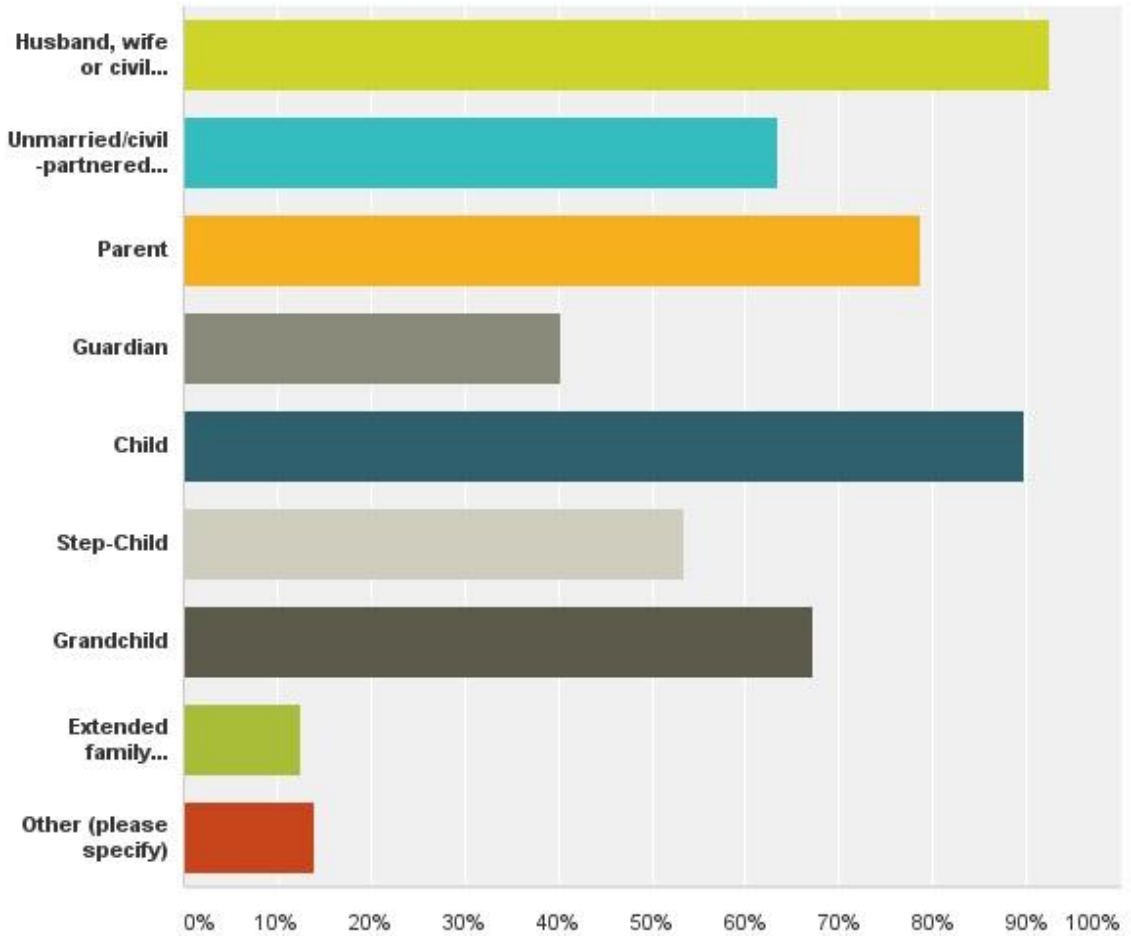
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5. If criminalisation of wearing unearned medals was introduced, should there be specific safeguards for family members who wear the medals of deceased relatives?



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6. If yes, which family members should be safeguarded? Please tick all that apply.



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7. Do you have any further thoughts or comments on the wearing of unearned medals?

Below are the most common words used to answer this question. Please see Annex B for a full list of comments in full.

A word cloud of common words used to answer the question. The words are arranged in a roughly circular pattern, with some words being significantly larger than others. The words include: Jail, Offenders, Campaign Medals, Disgusting, Named and Shamed, Money Issue, Sale, Stop, Prison, Family Members, Question, Earned, Criminalised, Wearing Medals, Taken, Worn, Commemorative Medals, Veterans, Sacrifice, Needs, Charged, Gain, Imprisonment, Armed Forces, Official Parades, and Criminal.

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