

Cannabis opinion polls in the Netherlands

Four opinion polls have been conducted on Dutch cannabis policy since 2010. One in February 2010, a second in May 2012, a third in August 2013 and the most recent in December 2013. The polls were conducted by Peil.nl, and subdivided by political party. Below are the results in English, translated by the Transnational Institute.

December 2013

Question: Uruguay has been the first country in the world to legalize the production, sale and consumption of marijuana. Do you think that this should be introduced in the Netherlands as well?

	All	VVD	PvdA	CDA	D66	SP	PVV	50PLUS
Yes	65%	65%	67%	49%	82%	74%	60%	67%
No	28%	27%	25%	43%	11%	19%	33%	25%
Undecided	8%	8%	8%	8%	7%	7%	7%	8%

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August 2013

Question: Should the Netherlands adopt the same law as has been adopted on the legalization of marijuana in Uruguay this week?

	All	VVD	PvdA	CDA	D66	SP	PVV	50PLUS
In favour	54%	58%	55%	23%	66%	61%	56%	62%
Against	38%	34%	35%	72%	25%	23%	34%	27%
Undecided	9%	8%	10%	6%	9%	16%	10%	9%

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May 2012

Following the introduction of the weed pass in the south of country, a number of questions were asked on this subject:

Question: The use of soft drugs should be completely banned

	All	VVD	PvdA	CDA	D66	SP	PVV	Greens
Agree	30%	33%	24%	49%	14%	23%	35%	5%
Don't agree	64%	63%	73%	43%	84%	68%	58%	91%
Undecided/No answer	6%	4%	3%	9%	2%	9%	8%	3%

Question: The use of soft drugs should be left completely free

	All	VVD	PvdA	CDA	D66	SP	PVV	Greens
Agree	45%	43%	53%	25%	56%	61%	45%	63%
Don't agree	49%	53%	41%	72%	40%	31%	49%	31%
Undecided/No answer	6%	4%	5%	3%	4%	8%	7%	6%

Question: The introduction of the cannabis pass is a good idea

	All	VVD	PvdA	CDA	D66	SP	PVV	Greens
Agree	28%	31%	16%	54%	23%	14%	29%	9%
Don't agree	61%	60%	74%	29%	71%	78%	59%	86%
Undecided/No answer	11%	10%	10%	16%	6%	8%	12%	6%

Question: With the introduction of the cannabis pass the illegal trade will only increase

	All	VVD	PvdA	CDA	D66	SP	PVV	Greens
Agree	80%	78%	86%	60%	90%	89%	82%	91%
Don't agree	11%	13%	7%	21%	7%	3%	11%	3%
Undecided/No answer	10%	9%	7%	20%	2%	8%	7%	6%

Question: The introduction of the cannabis pass must be stopped

	All	VVD	PvdA	CDA	D66	SP	PVV	Greens
Agree	60%	59%	71%	34%	73%	79%	58%	79%
Don't agree	28%	32%	18%	51%	18%	13%	31%	10%
Undecided/No answer	12%	9%	11%	15%	9%	8%	11%	11%

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February 2010

Question: The discussion to tolerate coffee shops and soft drugs seems to flourish again. What is your position?

	All	VVD	PvdA	CDA	PVV	SP	Greens	CU
Soft drugs should be legalized	49%	50%	68%	21%	51%	58%	88%	24%
Current situation should be continued	13%	17%	11%	12%	5%	23%	7%	9%
Sale of soft drugs should not be continued, but its use not	11%	9%	10%	14%	9%	8%	1%	18%

prohibited								
Use of soft drugs should be banned	26%	23%	8%	51%	23%	10%	4%	47%
Undecided	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%	0%	2%

Question: What do you think should happen with coffee shops where soft drugs are sold?

	All	VVD	PvdA	CDA	PVV	SP	Greens	CU
Number should be extended	6%	8%	2%	3%	10%	3%	18%	5%
Current number continued	41%	39%	52%	18%	29%	66%	68%	20%
Number should be reduced	19%	20%	25%	23%	16%	16%	10%	17%
All coffee shops should disappear	31%	30%	17%	56%	39%	14%	3%	58%
Undecided	3%	4%	4%	0%	6%	2%	2%	0%

Question: Have you ever used soft drugs yourself?

	All	VVD	PvdA	CDA	PVV	SP	Greens	CU
Never	62%	53%	67%	83%	58%	48%	41%	73%
A few times in the past	25%	36%	22%	13%	25%	31%	42%	19%
With some regularity in the past but not anymore	8%	7%	8%	3%	9%	10%	13%	8%
I use very occasionally	3%	4%	2%	1%	3%	6%	3%	0%
I use it with some regularity	4%	0%	0%	0%	4%	5%	2%	0%
Don't know / No answer	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%

Question: The discussion to tolerate coffee shops and soft drugs seems to flourish again. What is your position?

	All	Age			Use		
		<30	30-50	>50	Never	Past	Now
Soft drugs should be legalized	49%	50%	48%	47%	40%	62%	68%
Current situation should be continued	13%	24%	11%	9%	11%	14%	28%
Sale of soft drugs should not be continued, but its use not prohibited	11%	12%	8%	12%	12%	8%	1%
Use of soft drugs should be banned	26%	12%	31%	29%	33%	15%	3%

Undecided	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	0%
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Question: What do you think should happen with coffee shops where soft drugs are sold?

	All	Age			Use		
		<30	30-50	>50	Never	Past	Now
Number should be extended	6%	7%	7%	3%	3%	9%	26%
Current number continued	41%	51%	40%	34%	33%	53%	62%
Number should be reduced	19%	23%	16%	22%	22%	16%	12%
All coffee shops should disappear	31%	16%	34%	38%	39%	19%	0%
Undecided	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	0%