

# Cannabis opinion polls in the Netherlands

Three opinion polls have been conducted on Dutch cannabis policy since 2010. One in February 2010, a second in May 2012 and the most recent in August 2013. The polls were conducted by [Peil.nl](http://Peil.nl), and subdivided by political party. Below are the results in English, translated by the Transnational Institute.

## 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 prohibited	11%	9%	10%	14%	9%	8%	1%	18%
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%

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

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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%