

# Which of the main parties would do the best job?

In percentage terms

(change since March 2009 in brackets)



Labour



Conservatives



Liberal Democrats

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<b>Improving the NHS</b>	34 (-1) ▼	37 (+10) ▲	15 (-2) ▼
Manage economy well	33 (+5) ▲	42 (+8) ▲	11 (-3) ▼
<b>Improving standards in schools</b>	33 (-)	39 (+11) ▲	15 (-1) ▼
Getting right balance between taxes and spending	30 (+1) ▲	38 (+6) ▲	19 (+2) ▲
<b>Dealing with crime and antisocial behaviour</b>	27 (-1) ▼	45 (+8) ▲	12 (-)
Tackling climate change	24 (-1) ▼	25 (+4) ▲	31 (+5) ▲
<b>Reforming Britain's political system</b>	24 (-)	37 (-)	25 (-)
Immigration and asylum	24 (-1) ▼	44 (+8) ▲	15 (+1) ▲
<b>Reforming Britain's welfare system</b>	32 (-)	30 (-)	17 (-)
Dealing with the current recession	30 (-)	33 (-)	13 (-)
<b>Representing Britain's best interests in the EU</b>	28 (-2) ▼	40 (+7) ▲	15 (+3) ▲

Source: Populus for The Times, based on interviews September 11-13