

# YouGov/ Sunday Times Survey Results

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## Headline Voting Intention

[Excluding Don't Knows and Wouldn't Vote]

Con	43	100	0	0	14	95	13	42	45	37	43	49	48	38	49	53	39	42	18
Lab	27	0	100	0	70	0	7	27	28	31	31	22	24	31	24	25	29	31	30
Lib Dem	16	0	0	100	9	1	75	17	15	22	13	15	17	16	18	15	18	18	11
Other	13	0	0	0	8	3	6	14	11	10	14	14	11	15	9	7	15	9	41

## Other Parties Voting Intention

[Excluding Don't Knows and Wouldn't Vote]

SNP / PCY	5	0	0	0	3	0	2	5	4	4	5	5	4	5	0	0	4	0	37
BNP	3	0	0	0	2	2	1	5	2	3	4	3	2	5	4	2	5	4	1
Green	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	3
UKIP	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	0
Respect	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0

## Non Voters

Would Not Vote	10	0	0	0	8	4	5	8	12	14	10	6	8	12	8	10	11	12	4
Don't know	13	0	0	0	14	4	11	10	15	12	15	11	11	14	13	11	14	14	11

## Do you think Gordon Brown is doing well or badly as prime minister?

Very well	2	0	8	1	5	0	1	3	2	3	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3
Fairly well	31	8	75	38	51	9	40	30	32	36	31	26	30	32	27	29	28	32	47
Fairly badly	33	42	12	40	26	38	35	33	33	33	33	34	37	30	39	35	31	31	29
Very badly	26	48	1	18	11	50	19	30	23	16	26	34	26	26	26	27	28	27	15
Don't know	8	1	5	4	6	3	5	5	11	12	9	3	6	10	6	7	11	8	7

## Do you think David Cameron is doing well or badly as Conservative leader?

Very well	7	20	2	1	2	21	6	8	7	7	6	9	9	6	6	9	7	8	5
Fairly well	44	69	31	41	34	63	40	45	42	42	41	48	47	39	55	48	36	41	39
Fairly badly	26	9	38	35	34	11	33	28	24	23	26	27	25	26	21	24	29	25	33
Very badly	11	0	19	13	17	2	13	12	10	10	13	9	10	12	8	9	12	13	10
Don't know	13	2	11	10	13	4	9	8	17	18	14	7	9	17	10	11	16	14	13

## Do you think Nick Clegg is doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?

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Very well	<b>2</b>	2	1	9	1	3	6	3	2	2	2	2	1	3	1	2	2	3	2
Fairly well	<b>27</b>	28	23	58	25	26	54	28	26	28	23	30	29	25	30	27	26	27	26
Fairly badly	<b>23</b>	26	26	16	24	27	18	27	20	18	23	29	26	21	23	24	21	23	31
Very badly	<b>12</b>	13	14	2	13	13	6	16	9	8	14	14	13	12	14	13	12	12	10
Don't know	<b>35</b>	31	35	15	36	32	16	26	43	44	38	25	31	40	33	34	40	35	32

Who would you trust more to raise you and your family's standard of living?

Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling	<b>21</b>	1	72	18	45	1	20	22	20	26	21	17	20	22	17	19	23	21	30
David Cameron and George Osborne	<b>33</b>	82	1	12	11	80	18	33	32	29	29	39	37	28	40	40	28	28	16
Neither	<b>38</b>	15	22	62	37	16	53	38	38	33	42	39	36	41	34	34	38	43	45
Don't know	<b>9</b>	3	4	9	7	3	9	7	10	13	9	5	7	10	9	7	11	9	9

Compared with last year, are you ...

...more worried about losing your job?

More worried	<b>18</b>	20	14	16	17	18	17	21	14	18	23	12	19	17	18	18	16	20	13
Less worried	<b>8</b>	6	11	9	9	6	8	9	7	15	8	2	9	7	8	8	8	8	9
No change	<b>39</b>	39	43	42	40	39	45	40	38	46	46	28	43	35	44	39	38	38	42
Not sure	<b>3</b>	2	2	1	2	3	2	3	2	4	3	1	2	3	3	3	1	3	3
Not applicable – I don't work	<b>33</b>	34	31	32	31	34	29	27	38	17	21	57	28	39	28	33	37	31	33

... eating out in restaurants?

More often	<b>9</b>	9	11	11	8	9	12	10	9	18	5	6	10	9	12	9	9	8	10
Less often	<b>38</b>	42	35	41	40	39	38	38	38	42	41	33	39	38	36	38	41	38	37
No change	<b>37</b>	38	40	30	35	40	37	39	35	32	37	40	41	32	35	38	36	39	32
Not sure	<b>1</b>	2	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	1
Not applicable – I seldom/never eat in restaurants	<b>14</b>	10	13	17	16	10	13	12	17	7	16	20	10	20	15	14	12	15	20

... checking prices in the supermarket?

More often	<b>65</b>	68	61	64	68	65	60	60	69	64	67	63	64	65	61	65	65	68	62
Less often	<b>3</b>	2	3	4	2	1	3	3	2	4	2	2	2	3	4	2	1	4	3
No change	<b>30</b>	29	35	31	28	31	36	35	27	29	29	33	32	29	33	31	31	27	33
Not sure	<b>1</b>	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1
Not applicable – I seldom/never shop in supermarkets	<b>1</b>	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2

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... buying new clothes?

More often	8	6	12	6	9	6	6	8	7	14	5	4	7	8	6	8	8	8	6
Less often	53	57	46	55	54	54	54	47	59	53	56	51	56	50	55	54	52	53	51
No change	34	33	36	34	31	37	37	39	29	29	34	38	34	34	34	34	33	32	40
Not sure	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	3	1	1
Not applicable – I seldom/never buy new clothes	5	3	4	5	5	3	3	5	4	3	4	6	3	6	5	4	5	6	3

... More or less likely to think about replacing your car?

More likely	9	9	10	9	8	8	12	9	9	15	7	5	10	7	6	10	7	9	9
Less likely	40	47	29	36	39	45	34	39	40	31	41	46	42	37	34	41	40	42	32
No change	29	30	31	29	27	31	30	30	29	22	32	33	32	27	23	32	31	28	30
Not sure	4	4	4	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	5	3	6	4	4	5	5	4
Not applicable – I don't own a car	19	11	26	23	22	12	21	19	19	29	16	12	15	23	34	13	17	18	26

Do you think house prices in your area will rise or fall over the next 12 months?

Rise by more than 10%	8	7	9	6	9	6	5	6	9	9	8	6	6	9	12	7	5	7	11
Rise by less than 10%	22	18	27	23	22	19	24	22	21	26	18	21	21	23	22	22	17	19	39
Stay about the same	36	35	35	36	36	35	36	35	38	36	40	33	36	37	35	35	35	42	31
Fall by less than 10%	28	33	24	31	27	33	29	30	26	24	28	31	31	25	24	30	35	26	17
Fall by more than 10%	7	7	5	5	6	7	6	7	7	5	7	8	7	6	7	7	9	6	3

Over the next 12 months do you think Britain's economy will...

Grow at a faster rate than over the past 12 months	2	2	4	2	4	2	1	1	3	4	2	1	1	4	3	2	3	3	2
Grow at about the same rate	8	4	17	8	12	4	6	8	8	12	8	6	7	10	8	9	4	10	10
Grow more slowly	36	28	51	42	44	27	48	40	32	37	33	39	39	34	38	35	33	36	48
Not grow at all	24	30	16	27	18	30	26	26	22	16	24	30	25	23	23	24	29	21	21
Go into recession	23	32	7	18	16	32	16	21	25	21	26	21	24	21	22	24	23	23	18
Don't know	7	4	5	4	6	6	2	3	10	10	7	3	5	9	7	6	8	8	2

Which of these statements comes closer to your view?

Taxes can be cut without public services suffering because it is perfectly possible to run our public services more efficiently	60	80	42	52	48	80	56	61	60	59	57	65	62	59	60	61	61	60	56
In practice tax cuts that lead to less money being spent on the public services would mean that our public services suffer	31	16	53	42	43	14	39	34	29	30	34	30	33	30	31	32	31	31	34
Don't know	8	4	6	6	8	6	5	5	11	12	9	5	6	11	9	7	8	9	10

Taking everything into account do you think the overall amount of money that the government raises in taxation is...

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Too high; the Government should tax less and spend less	<b>67</b>	84	43	58	56	83	59	68	65	65	65	69	64	69	64	67	71	67	58
The overall level is about right	<b>20</b>	10	44	25	29	11	24	20	19	19	19	20	22	17	21	21	15	19	26
Too low; the Government should tax more and spend more	<b>6</b>	2	8	13	8	1	10	7	5	5	6	6	7	4	6	5	5	6	8
Don't know	<b>8</b>	3	5	5	8	5	6	5	11	11	10	4	6	10	10	7	8	8	9

Thinking about the Budget, taxes and Britain's economy generally, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Everything I buy including food petrol and energy bills is rising much faster than the government says

Agree	<b>86</b>	96	72	80	81	95	82	85	87	79	89	90	86	87	79	88	87	88	82
Disagree	<b>7</b>	2	19	12	12	2	11	8	6	8	6	7	8	6	12	7	5	6	9
Don't know	<b>7</b>	2	9	8	7	3	7	7	7	12	6	4	6	8	9	5	8	6	9

Energy companies rip us off and should have been hit with a windfall tax

Agree	<b>84</b>	80	88	82	91	77	81	82	85	81	86	84	82	86	81	82	85	86	83
Disagree	<b>8</b>	13	4	10	4	16	11	12	5	8	7	10	10	6	9	10	6	8	8
Don't know	<b>8</b>	7	8	8	5	8	7	6	10	11	8	7	8	9	10	8	9	7	9

The government wastes large amounts of taxpayers' money and is not trying seriously to reduce the level of waste

Agree	<b>78</b>	92	53	77	64	91	78	78	78	76	77	81	79	78	79	79	78	77	77
Disagree	<b>12</b>	3	35	14	23	3	15	14	10	12	12	12	12	11	10	12	10	11	15
Don't know	<b>10</b>	6	13	9	13	6	8	8	12	13	11	7	9	11	11	9	12	11	8

The government spent too much in the good times forcing it to raise taxes as the economy slows down

Agree	<b>66</b>	86	38	60	50	86	65	67	64	63	63	71	67	65	66	68	63	66	62
Disagree	<b>15</b>	4	39	20	27	4	19	17	13	14	16	15	16	14	15	15	15	15	18
Don't know	<b>19</b>	10	23	20	23	10	15	15	23	23	21	14	17	22	19	17	21	20	20

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%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

The government is imposing 'green taxes' as an excuse to raise money rather than to help save the environment

Agree	74	90	45	67	61	89	69	75	72	65	75	79	74	73	70	77	72	74	69
Disagree	16	5	41	23	27	4	21	16	16	20	14	15	17	14	16	15	16	14	21
Don't know	11	6	14	10	12	7	10	9	12	15	11	6	9	13	14	8	12	12	9

Mr Darling announced a number of policies designed to help fight climate change. In each case do you support or oppose the new policy?

Increasing the tax on flights

Support	45	40	56	55	50	36	56	45	45	43	43	49	48	43	41	46	49	44	43
Oppose	44	53	33	35	39	55	36	46	42	42	46	42	44	43	49	44	38	45	46
Don't know	11	7	11	10	11	9	9	9	13	15	10	9	9	14	11	11	13	11	11

Increasing the tax on large "environmentally unfriendly" family cars

Support	68	58	83	79	77	54	84	65	71	67	69	69	70	66	66	66	69	71	70
Oppose	26	39	13	17	18	41	14	30	22	24	26	28	25	27	25	29	26	24	23
Don't know	6	4	5	4	6	5	3	5	7	9	5	4	4	8	9	6	5	5	7

Requiring supermarkets to charge for plastic shopping bags

Support	63	61	70	69	65	62	70	58	67	66	60	64	66	59	59	67	61	62	61
Oppose	30	36	23	24	27	35	24	35	26	25	34	31	29	32	33	28	31	31	31
Don't know	7	3	8	7	8	4	7	7	7	10	6	5	5	9	8	5	8	8	8

And do you support or oppose these policies, also announced in the Budget?

Increasing the tax on cigarettes

Support	76	78	83	79	77	78	77	77	74	76	73	78	79	71	70	78	72	76	82
Oppose	20	19	14	20	19	18	21	19	21	17	23	20	17	24	23	18	24	21	13
Don't know	4	3	3	2	4	4	2	4	5	7	4	3	4	5	7	3	5	4	5

Increasing the tax on beer wine and spirits

Support	46	40	62	49	54	38	49	41	52	43	46	50	48	44	49	46	45	47	48
Oppose	48	56	34	48	41	58	50	54	42	49	49	46	47	49	46	49	50	47	46
Don't know	6	4	5	3	5	4	2	5	6	8	5	4	5	6	6	5	6	6	7

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Requiring everyone claiming incapacity benefit to attend a "work-focussed interview" to check whether they should continue to receive the benefit

Support	77	86	76	68	75	85	74	77	78	80	74	79	83	71	75	82	74	76	74
Oppose	16	11	17	24	19	10	19	17	14	12	19	16	12	20	14	13	17	18	18
Don't know	7	3	7	7	6	5	7	6	8	9	7	5	5	9	11	4	8	6	8

From 2010, the system of taxing cars will change. There will be a "showroom tax", which will take the form of more expensive tax discs for the first year for many cars. The new amounts will range from £250 (up from £170 in the coming year) for a typical family car, to £950 (up from £400) for the largest cars. Smaller and "greener" cars will incur NO first-year tax disc charge.

Would these changes make you buy a more environmentally-friendly car?

Yes it would	28	24	36	33	35	23	34	25	32	32	26	27	29	28	24	29	31	27	29
No it would make no difference – I would still buy the car I wanted/ needed	32	45	21	22	25	44	24	40	24	29	33	32	33	30	30	35	32	28	30
No it would make no difference – I would only buy a "clean" car anyway	17	17	15	22	14	18	24	15	19	13	17	21	20	13	15	18	14	20	15
Don't know	9	7	7	8	9	6	6	8	10	10	10	8	7	11	8	9	10	10	6
Not applicable – I don't own a car	14	8	21	15	18	9	12	12	15	16	14	12	11	18	23	9	13	14	20

Do you think higher duties on beer wine and spirits will help to curb binge drinking?

Yes they will help a lot	2	2	3	2	2	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	1	2	3	1	1	3	0
Yes they will help a little	12	6	22	13	17	6	14	12	11	15	10	10	12	11	14	10	12	12	12
No they won't make any real difference	85	92	74	85	79	91	83	86	84	79	88	88	86	85	80	87	85	85	84
Don't know	2	0	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	3	1	2	1	4

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Taking everything into account, do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

"Alistair Darling is not up to the job of being Chancellor of the Exchequer"

Agree	47	73	17	36	30	74	41	52	42	36	46	56	48	45	43	52	46	46	35
Disagree	22	7	57	28	39	6	26	23	22	26	19	22	24	20	25	19	21	23	29
Don't know	31	20	26	36	31	21	33	26	37	38	35	22	28	35	32	29	33	31	37

Suppose Alistair Darling stood down as Chancellor which of these do you think would make the best Chancellor of the Exchequer

Sir Alan Sugar	21	27	15	21	18	28	23	19	22	20	21	21	22	20	17	25	20	18	19
Sir Philip Green (the billionaire retailer)	11	19	4	6	5	20	8	14	8	8	10	14	12	9	13	11	8	11	10
Gordon Brown	10	6	21	10	18	5	9	13	8	10	11	9	10	10	11	8	10	11	16
Jack Straw	6	4	12	6	8	5	7	7	5	7	6	5	6	5	7	5	6	6	7
Delia Smith	5	6	2	5	4	5	4	6	5	5	5	6	4	6	6	4	7	5	3
Ed Balls	4	1	9	8	6	1	6	5	3	3	3	5	5	2	7	4	3	2	6
Don't know	44	36	38	45	41	37	45	38	50	48	45	40	41	48	39	44	45	47	39

Turning to a different topic, proposals have been made to increase people's sense of British citizenship. Do you agree or disagree with the following recommendations?

Citizenship ceremonies for all school leavers including an oath of allegiance to the Queen

Agree with a ceremony including an oath of allegiance	15	24	11	10	12	25	8	18	13	15	14	17	14	17	18	17	15	15	10
Agree with ceremony but oath of allegiance should be to the country, not the Queen	36	33	46	33	42	30	40	33	39	31	35	40	35	37	34	37	37	37	28
Disagree	42	38	38	52	41	38	49	45	40	44	45	38	45	39	41	39	41	43	57
Don't know	7	6	5	5	5	7	3	4	9	9	7	5	6	7	7	7	7	6	5

A new "British Day" national holiday

Agree	69	71	74	63	74	69	62	66	71	75	69	63	67	70	70	73	67	75	37
Disagree	25	25	21	32	21	25	32	29	22	18	25	32	27	23	22	22	27	20	54
Don't know	6	4	5	5	5	6	6	5	7	7	6	6	5	7	8	5	7	5	9

Discounts on council tax or university tuition fees for people who engage in volunteering

Agree	58	57	64	62	63	54	66	58	58	66	56	54	58	58	59	58	61	59	50
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	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Lab	Con	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
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%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Disagree	28	34	24	27	25	35	25	32	25	23	29	32	31	26	29	28	25	28	40
Don't know	13	10	12	11	13	11	9	10	17	11	15	14	11	16	12	14	14	14	11

A new points-based system for foreigners applying for citizenship giving extra points to skilled people in key jobs

Agree	81	86	83	77	82	86	79	83	78	78	79	84	83	78	77	83	81	81	75
Disagree	12	9	11	17	11	9	15	13	11	12	12	11	11	12	14	11	11	11	15
Don't know	8	5	7	6	7	5	6	4	11	10	8	5	6	10	9	7	8	8	10

Turning to the issue of Britain's airports a decision will soon be made on a third runway and sixth terminal at Heathrow airport. Do you approve of Heathrow's expansion?

Yes - it is necessary to meet future aviation demand	29	34	31	25	28	37	28	35	24	37	27	24	31	28	31	34	26	27	23
No - any expansion of airport facilities should be to the east of London, in the Thames Estuary	6	9	5	8	5	11	8	8	5	5	4	10	8	4	15	7	3	5	5
No - any expansion should be away from London altogether, strengthening regional airports	33	31	36	35	37	27	33	33	32	26	33	37	33	32	22	28	33	39	44
No - there should be no expansion of airport capacity	18	17	16	21	15	17	19	15	21	16	20	18	17	19	20	20	21	15	12
Don't know	14	8	13	11	16	9	11	10	18	16	15	11	11	17	12	11	18	15	16

Do you agree or disagree with these statements about BAA, which runs the airports at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted?

"BAA is too powerful and should be broken up to allow competition between the main airports serving London"

Agree	51	59	49	53	48	57	58	58	46	39	49	64	53	49	57	52	47	51	55
Disagree	18	18	19	17	18	19	15	20	16	26	16	13	19	16	19	20	18	14	19
Don't know	31	22	32	30	33	24	27	22	39	34	35	24	27	35	24	27	35	36	26

"BAA is too close to the government and has too much influence over the Government's policies on airports"

Agree	48	56	38	50	44	53	52	52	44	41	44	59	46	51	53	47	46	49	45
Disagree	14	14	21	11	17	13	13	18	10	17	15	11	17	10	17	16	12	9	19
Don't know	38	30	40	39	39	34	35	30	46	43	42	31	37	40	30	37	42	42	36

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And finally, MPs will shortly debate the law on abortion. Currently, the legal time limit for abortion is 24 weeks. Some MPs want to reduce this limit to 20 weeks.

Leaving aside medical emergencies which of these options do you favour?

Keep the time limit at 24 weeks	35	34	37	46	35	32	45	43	28	39	35	32	38	32	37	35	33	34	42
Reduce the time limit to 20 weeks	48	51	47	40	49	53	42	35	59	43	50	49	48	47	45	49	50	48	39
Ban abortions altogether	8	8	8	6	8	7	7	9	7	6	7	11	7	9	9	6	9	8	9
Don't know	9	7	8	8	9	8	6	13	6	11	8	8	8	11	9	9	8	10	11