

YouGov/ Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 1769

Fieldwork: 12th - 13th June 2008

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Headline Voting Intention

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

Con	47
Lab	25
Lib Dem	18
Other	10

<i>Would Not Vote</i>	8
<i>Don't know</i>	12

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

Very well	1
Fairly well	15
Fairly badly	37
Very badly	41
Don't know	5

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

Very well	10
Fairly well	53
Fairly badly	18
Very badly	8
Don't know	11

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

Very well	2
Fairly well	33
Fairly badly	20
Very badly	9
Don't know	37

Recent news on the economy has been very gloomy.

In your opinion how good or bad is the state of Britain's economy at the moment?

Very good	0
Quite good	5
Neither good nor bad	19
Quite bad	49
Very bad	24
Don't know	3

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

Grow at a faster rate than over the past 12 months	1
Grow at about the same rate	4
Grow more slowly	28
Not grow at all	31
Go into recession	31
Don't know	5

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

Rise by more than 10%	2
Rise by less than 10%	6
Stay about the same	19
Fall by less than 10%	43
Fall by more than 10%	25
Don't know	5

Some people in the City say house prices will not get back to last year's levels until 2017. Do you agree with them?

Yes, house prices will not recover until 2017	25
No, house prices will recover before 2017	45
Don't know	30

The price of crude oil has hit nearly \$140 and petrol and diesel are at record levels. Do you intend to do any of the following as a direct result of rising oil prices? [Please tick all that apply]

Make fewer car journeys	41
Drive more slowly to save fuel	27
Use my car less and public transport more	17
Share car journeys with other drivers	9
None of the above	18
Not applicable - I don't drive	19
Don't know	5

As well as petrol, food and energy prices have gone up sharply. Do you intend to do any of the following as a direct result of rising food and energy prices? [Please tick all that apply]

I intend to watch my energy consumption (e.g. gas and electricity) more carefully	65
I intend to spend less on other things	50
I intend to take fewer holidays and / or short breaks over the next 12 months	26
None of the above	13
Don't know	5

Do you intend to fly less as airlines increase or plan to increase fuel surcharges

Yes, I intend to fly less	17
No, I shall continue to fly as much as before	32
Not applicable: I seldom if ever fly at all	46
Don't know	6

Compared with last year are you more worried about losing your job?

More worried	12
Less worried	6
No change	45
Not sure	4
Not applicable – I don't work	34

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

Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling	16
David Cameron and George Osborne	36
Neither	37
Don't know	10

How much do you blame Gordon Brown and his management of the economy for current problems?

I blame him a great deal	29
I blame him to some extent	38
I do not blame him much	19
I do not blame him at all	10
Don't know	5

In recent cases the government has ruled that people who pay for additional cancer drugs should lose their right to free NHS cancer treatment.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

People who pay for additional cancer drugs should lose their right to free NHS treatment

Agree – otherwise we end up with a two-tier NHS	5
Disagree – people have paid for the NHS through their taxes and should have right to pay for extra drugs as well as receiving NHS treatment	89
Neither	2
Don't know	4

The government wants to set up larger 'one stop' polyclinics to provide a wider range of GP services in a single building, including minor operations. This would have longer opening hours than most GP surgeries; but some GP surgeries would have to close, and merge into the new polyclinics.

Do you support or oppose this policy?

I support larger 'one stop' polyclinics'	36
I oppose larger 'one stop' polyclinics'	42
Don't know	22

Suppose you had to travel further than you do now to your local polyclinic to see a GP and could not be guaranteed seeing your own GP would you still support 'one stop' polyclinics

[Excluding those who oppose this policy]

Yes, the advantages still outweigh the disadvantages	42
No, I would prefer to keep my local separate GP surgery	19
It would depend on how far I had to travel and the quality and range of services of the new polyclinic	38
Don't know	1

This week MPs voted for a new law that would allow police in exceptional circumstances to increase from 28 to 42 days the length of time that terrorist suspects can be held without charge.

Do you think the Prime Minister was right to press for this new law?

He was right	53
He was wrong	37
Don't know	11

In general which do you think should have the bigger influence on the government's decisions – the need to protect civil liberties or the need to defeat the threat from terrorism?

The threat from terrorism should have the bigger influence	38
Civil liberties should have the bigger influence	14
They go together and should have equal influence	41
Don't know	6

As you may be aware, when MPs voted on this issue, the government had a majority of only 9, with the support of Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist. Has this vote on 42 days strengthened or weakened Gordon Brown politically or has it made no difference to his overall political standing?

The fact that the Commons approved the bill has strengthened him politically	9
The fact that the majority was so small has weakened him politically	45
The outcome has made no difference to his overall political standing	33
Don't know	13

The House of Lords has threatened to overturn Wednesday's vote. What would be your attitude if it does so?

It would be wrong - the House of Lords should back the increase to 42 days	45
It would be right for the House of Lords to overturn the vote	33
Neither	10
Don't know	13

The conservative shadow home secretary, David Davis, has resigned as an MP in order to fight a by-election in his constituency on the issue of 42 days. Which of these statements comes closer to your view?

'He is doing it mainly as a genuine act of principle in order to defend civil liberties'	29
'He is doing it mainly as a cynical ploy to help the conservative party and his own career'	41
Don't know	30

Most opinion polls have shown the Conservative party in substantial lead for some time.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

I know enough about what David Cameron and his party would do in power

Agree	32
Disagree	37
Neither	18
Don't know	13

The Conservatives are ready for government

Agree	40
Disagree	33
Neither	13
Don't know	14

The Conservatives would handle Britain's current problems better than the current government

Agree	35
Disagree	34
Neither	17
Don't know	14

Turning to foreign issues, the 100th British soldier was killed in Afghanistan earlier this week. Both the government and the Conservative party say British troops should remain in Afghanistan to fight the Taliban and prevent the country becoming a base for international terrorism.

Do you think Britain's troops should continue to fight in Afghanistan or be brought home?

British troops should stay in Afghanistan	34
British troops should be brought home	54
Don't know	12

On Europe, Ireland is holding a referendum this week on the European Union reform treaty - the successor to the constitution. Should Britain have had such a vote?

Yes there should have been a referendum on the European reform treaty	63
No it was right for Parliament to take the decision, as it always has in the past	18
Don't know	20

If there were a referendum on the new European Union treaty how would you vote?

I would vote in favour of the European reform treaty	19
I would vote against the European reform treaty	44
I would not vote at all	6
Don't know	31