

YouGov/ Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 1755

Fieldwork: 10th - 11th April 2008

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Headline Voting Intention

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

Con	44
Lab	28
Lib Dem	17
Other	11

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

Very well	2
Fairly well	26
Fairly badly	37
Very badly	28
Don't know	7

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

Very well	7
Fairly well	44
Fairly badly	27
Very badly	11
Don't know	11

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

Very well	1
Fairly well	25
Fairly badly	24
Very badly	11
Don't know	38

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%	10
TOTAL RISE	12
Stay about the same	28
Fall by less than 10%	41
Fall by more than 10%	13
TOTAL FALL	54
Don't know	6

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	5
Grow more slowly	35
Not grow at all	28
Go into recession	26
Don't know	6

How much do you trust Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling to lead Britain through the present financial crisis?

Trust a lot	4
Trust to some extent	25
Do not trust much	30
Do not trust at all	36
Don't know	6

Thinking about Prime Minister Gordon Brown which of the following qualities do you think he has? [Please tick all that apply.]

Sticks to what he believes in	35
Strong	18
Honest	18
Decisive	14
Good in a crisis	11
In touch with the concerns of ordinary people	10
A natural leader	5
Charismatic	2
None of these	45
Don't know	6

And now thinking about David Cameron the leader of the Conservative Party which of the following qualities do you think he has? [Please tick all that apply.]

Charismatic	32
In touch with the concerns of ordinary people	21
Sticks to what he believes in	20
A natural leader	19
Honest	16
Decisive	14
Strong	12
Good in a crisis	7
None of these	32
Don't know	15

If Tony Blair were still Prime Minister instead of Gordon Brown how would you vote if there were a general election tomorrow?

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

Conservative	39
Labour	34
Liberal Democrats	15
Other	12

Non Voters

Would not vote	8
Don't know	11

How much do you trust each of the following people to devise the right policies for Britain's economy...?

Alistair Darling the Chancellor

Trust a great deal	3
Trust to some extent	21
Do not trust much	30
Do not trust at all	37
Don't know	10

George Osborne the shadow chancellor

Trust a great deal	3
Trust to some extent	24
Do not trust much	26
Do not trust at all	23
Don't know	25

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

Too high; the Government should tax less and spend less	75
Too low; the Government should tax more and spend more	10
Don't know	15

Do you think Gordon Brown is generally decisive or does he tend to dither?

Decisive	26
Tends to dither	62
Don't know	12

Some people talk about politicians 'spinning' (this is carefully chosen words designed to create a good impression, and sometimes mislead people), rather than saying clearly what they really think.

Do you think Mr Brown relies on 'spinning' more than most leading politicians or less or about the same?

Mr Brown relies on 'spinning' more than most senior politicians	19
He relies on it less	22
He relies on it to about the same extent	48
Don't know	11

Mr Brown said last week that he will not attend the opening ceremony at this summer's Olympic Games in Beijing, and never intended to. He will, however, attend the closing ceremony, which was always his intention.

Do you think he always intended to attend the closing but not the opening ceremony or did he only make up his mind following the controversy over China's human rights record?

He is doing what he always intended	24
He made up his mind in the last few days	52
Don't know	24

Which of these statements comes closer to your view?

Gordon Brown in control of events	14
Gordon Brown is floundering	57
Neither	19
Don't know	10

Gordon Brown says Britain's economy is well-placed to weather global economic problems. Do you think he is right or wrong about this?

Right – Britain is well-placed to weather global problems	26
Wrong – Britain is not well-placed	55
Don't know	19

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
'Britain's economic growth under Labour has been built on a mountain
of debt'**

Agree	55
Disagree	15
Neither	12
Don't know	18

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

I blame him a great deal	25
I blame him to some extent	36
I do not blame him much	24
I do not blame him at all	8
Don't know	7

**Do you think the members of Gordon Brown's Cabinet are generally
pulling in the same direction or are they pulling in different directions?**

Pulling in the same direction	25
Pulling in different directions	47
Don't know	27

**This week is the start of the new tax year. The basic rate of income tax
has been cut from 22 pence to 20 pence in the pound. To pay for this,
the 10p starting rate of income tax, payable on the first £2,230 of
taxable income, has been scrapped.**

Which of the following tax options would you prefer?

Keep the 20p basic tax rate with no 10p starting rate	27
Revert to the 22p basic tax rate and the 10p starting rate	52
Don't know	21

**The decisions to reduce the basic rate of tax and to scrap the 10p rate
were taken last year by Gordon Brown when he was still Chancellor.
Thinking specifically of those decisions do they make you feel better or
worse of Mr Brown?**

Better	6
Worse	35
Those decisions make no difference to my high opinion of him	14
Those decisions make no difference to my low opinion of him	25
Don't know	21

**Ed Balls the Schools Minister has criticised faith schools over unfair
admissions procedures. Which of these statements comes closer to
your views?**

The Government is right to get tough on schools that erect hidden barriers that discourage poorer families from applying	50
Labour should stop undermining often excellent faith schools and leave heads to run their schools as they see fit	38
Don't know	12

Now looking ahead what do you think is the most likely result of the next general election?

An overall majority for Labour	11
An overall majority for the Conservatives	21
A 'hung Parliament' in which neither party has an overall majority, but with Labour winning more seats than the Conservatives	29
A 'hung Parliament' in which neither party has an overall majority, but with the Conservatives winning more seats than Labour	23
Don't know	16

Bearing in mind that nobody can be sure of the result of the next general election how likely is it in your view that Gordon Brown will remain leader of the Labour Party beyond the next election?

Very likely	9
Fairly likely	34
Fairly unlikely	31
Very unlikely	16
Don't know	10

If for any reason Gordon Brown were to stand down as Labour leader and Prime Minister BEFORE the next general election which of these Labour MPs would you most prefer to succeed him?

Jack Straw	13
David Miliband	7
Harriet Harman	5
Alan Johnson	5
Charles Clarke	3
Jacqui Smith	2
Alan Milburn	2
Ed Balls	2
James Purnell	0
Don't know	61