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If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for?

	Lab	Con	Lib Dem	Other	Lab lead
January 2003	36	32	24	8	4
February	35	31	26	8	4
March	40	33	20	7	7
April	40	32	21	7	8
May	37	36	20	7	1
June	35	37	21	7	-2
July	34	37	22	7	-3
August	35	37	20	8	-2
Sept	31	32	30	7	-1
Oct	36	34	23	7	2
Nov	36	38	19	6	-2
Dec	38	39	18	5	-1
January 2004	35	40	19	6	-5
February	34	39	21	6	-5
March	34	39	20	7	-5
April	35	39	19	7	-4
May	33	34	21	12	-1
June	33	34	21	12	-1
July	34	33	23	11	1
August	34	34	21	11	0
Sept	36	34	21	9	2
Oct	36	32	22	10	4
Nov	35	32	23	10	3
Dec	35	32	21	12	3
January 2005	35	34	22	9	1
February	38	32	21	9	6
March	35	34	22	9	1

Do you approve or disapprove of the Government's record to date?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
January 2003	28	62	10
February	31	60	10
March	37	54	9
April	36	54	11
May	31	58	11
June	29	61	10
July	26	63	11
August	26	63	11
Sept	25	65	10
Oct	26	61	13
Nov	26	59	15
Dec	31	58	11
January 2004	26	62	12
February	27	60	14
March	29	60	11
April	25	63	12
May	28	61	11
June	27	62	11
July	27	60	13
August	29	57	14
Sept	26	59	15
Oct	27	59	13
Nov	29	57	14
Dec	27	57	15
January 2005	30	57	13
February	30	57	13
March	32	55	14

Who would make the best Prime Minister?

	Tony Blair	Iain Duncan Smith	Charles Kennedy	Don't know
January 2003	33	15	22	31
February	36	12	23	29
March	43	14	15	28
April	42	14	15	28
May	38	19	15	29
June	35	21	18	27
July	31	21	18	30
August	30	19	18	33
Sept	28	18	21	33
		Michael Howard		
Oct	29	22	14	34
Nov	31	27	10	32
Dec	35	29	13	22
January 2004	31	29	12	28
February	32	28	13	28
March	32	29	13	26
April	29	29	13	29
May	30	28	15	27
June	31	26	13	30
July	32	24	15	29
August	33	23	14	30
Sept	30	22	14	34
Oct	32	21	14	32
Nov	31	19	16	34
Dec	31	20	15	34
January 2005	32	21	14	33
February	35	20	14	31
March	32	23	18	27

Do you think the Government has, on balance, been honest and trustworthy or not?

Do you think if a Conservative government were elected it would, on balance, been honest and trustworthy or not?

	Current government			Conservative government		
	Honest & trustworthy	Not honest & trustworthy	Don't know	Honest & trustworthy	Not honest & trustworthy	Don't know
January 2003	27	65	8			
February	30	62	8			
March	35	56	9			
April	34	57	9			
May	29	62	9			
June	25	66	8			
July	24	68	9			
August	22	69	10			
Sept	21	71	8			
Oct	24	65	10			
Nov	28	65	7			
Dec	28	64	8			
January 2004	26	66	8			
February	25	67	8			
March	25	66	9			
April	22	68	10			
May	26	66	8	24	58	18
June	25	67	7	22	57	20
July	24	68	8	20	56	24
August	28	63	19	22	57	21
Sept	24	67	9	21	56	23
Oct	25	66	9	19	56	24
Nov	24	65	11	20	56	24
Dec	24	66	10	20	57	24
January 2005	24	66	9	22	58	20
February	27	64	9	21	57	22
March	26	63	12	21	56	23

How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months?

	Get better	Stay same	Get worse	Don't know	Feel-good factor*
January 2003	21	31	47	1	-26
February	22	29	47	2	-25
March	22	31	45	2	-23
April	17	28	53	2	-36
May	20	31	47	3	-27
June	17	34	46	3	-29
July	18	33	47	2	-29
August	19	33	46	3	-27
Sept	19	31	48	2	-29
Oct	15	37	44	4	-29
Nov	17	32	49	2	-32
Dec	21	32	46	2	-25
January 2004	21	31	47	1	-26
February	19	31	47	3	-28
March	19	31	48	3	-29
April	22	34	41	3	-19
May	19	33	45	3	-26
June	20	32	44	4	-24
July	22	31	45	3	-23
August	20	33	45	2	-25
Sept	21	35	41	3	-20
Oct	18	36	43	3	-25
Nov	21	36	39	5	-18
Dec	22	34	39	4	-17
January 2005	24	35	38	3	-14
February	23	35	37	4	-14
March	23	37	36	4	-13

* % saying "get better" minus % saying "get worse"

If Britain were in economic difficulties, which party do you think could handle the problem best - the Conservatives or Labour?

	Lab	Con	Neither	Don't know
January 2003	32	31	28	9
February	34	32	25	9
March	35	34	22	10
April	35	32	23	10
May	34	33	24	10
June	31	34	25	10
July	33	33	24	10
August	31	34	26	9
Sept	30	34	26	10
Oct	28	33	24	14
Nov	31	33	22	13
Dec	34	35	20	11
January 2004	29	35	23	12
February	31	35	22	12
March	32	33	23	12
April	31	34	22	12
May	32	31	25	11
June	32	32	24	11
July	34	30	23	13
August	34	31	23	12
Sept	31	32	21	15
Oct	34	27	25	14
Nov	32	28	24	16
Dec	34	26	26	14
January 2005	33	28	26	13
February	37	27	22	14
March	39	28	19	14

Which party do you think is more likely to keep Britain's economy strong - the Conservatives or Labour?

	Lab	Con	Neither	Don't know
December 2004	27	38	18	17
January 2005	27	39	18	17

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with Tony Blair as Prime Minister?

	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Don't know
February 2003	34	59	7
July	31	63	7
November	32	57	11
January 2004	34	59	7
June	30	63	7
September	28	62	10
January 2005	32	61	7

If you had to choose, which would you prefer to see after the next election, a Conservative government led by Or a Labour Government led by Tony Blair?

	Con-IDS	Lab-Blair	Don't know	Lab lead
August 2003	40	43	18	3
Con-Howard				
October	39	42	19	3
November	38	40	22	2
March 2004	44	42	14	-2
April	41	41	18	0
June	41	43	16	2
October	38	47	14	9
February 2005	36	46	18	10

Suppose a Conservative Government were formed under Michael Howard*. Which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

	I would be delighted	I wouldn't mind	I would be dismayed	Don't know
February 2003*	11	28	55	7
August 2003*	16	31	44	10
November 2003	19	32	34	16
March 2004	21	33	35	11
December 2004	16	29	41	15
February 2005	16	28	44	13

* Iain Duncan Smith in Feb and Aug 2003