

YouGov Survey Results

April Political Tracker

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	%
Voting Intention	
Con	32
Lab	40
Lib Dem	21
Other	7
Do you approve or disapprove of the Government's record to date?	
Approve	36
Disapprove	54
Don't know	11
Who would make the best Prime Minister?	
Tony Blair	42
Iain Duncan Smith	14
Charles Kennedy	15
Don't know	28
Do you think the Government has, on balance, been honest and trustworthy or not?	
Yes - honest and trustworthy	34
No - not honest and trustworthy	57
Don't know	9
How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months?	
Get a lot better	2
Get a little better	15
Stay the same	28
Get a little worse	39
Get a lot worse	14
Don't know	2
If Britain were in economic difficulties, which party do you think could handle the problem best - the Conservatives or Labour?	
Conservative	32
Labour	35
Neither	23
Don't know	10
There is a lot of talk at the moment about whether or not the present Government is 'delivering'. From what you know, do you think it is or is not delivering on each of the following?	
Getting people back to work...	
Yes, is delivering	48
No, is not	40
Don't know	12
Improving the health service...	
Yes, is delivering	24
No, is not	69
Don't know	7

Improving the quality of education in schools...	Yes, is delivering	26
	No, is not	63
	Don't know	12
Putting an end to the old stop-and-go, boom-and-bust economic cycle...	Yes, is delivering	39
	No, is not	40
	Don't know	21
Improving the quality of public transport...	Yes, is delivering	12
	No, is not	81
	Don't know	7
Being tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime...	Yes, is delivering	19
	No, is not	71
	Don't know	9
Do you think the United States and Britain were right or wrong to take military action against Iraq?	Right	58
	Wrong	35
	Don't know	8
Do you think Mr Blair's handling of the Iraq crisis as a whole has been...	Excellent	17
	Good	49
	Poor	22
	Very poor	9
	Don't know	3
How much do you trust Tony Blair to take the right decisions from now on about Iraq?	A great deal	17
	A fair amount	43
	Not much	25
	Not at all	14
	Don't know	1
Generally speaking, do you think that Britain's membership of the European Union is a good thing, a bad thing, or neither good nor bad?	A good thing	34
	A bad thing	32
	Neither good nor bad	29
	Don't know	5
As you may have heard, ten new countries, mainly in central and eastern Europe, are about to join the EU. On balance, do you welcome their joining the EU or not?	Yes, welcome	47
	No, do not welcome	32
	Don't know	21

People hold different views about how they would like to see the European Union develop. Which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

A fully integrated Europe, with all major decisions taken by a European government	6
No European government, but a more integrated European Union than now, with a single currency and no frontier controls	23
The situation more or less as it is now	19
A less integrated Europe than now, with the European Union amounting to little more than a free trade area	30
Complete British withdrawal from the European Union	15
Don't know	7

If a popular referendum on the question of the single European currency were held during the next few months, how would you vote - in favour or against Britain joining the single currency and abolishing the pound?

In favour	28
Against	62
Would not vote	2
Don't know	8

In connection with a possible referendum on the single currency, which of these statements comes closer to your own view?

In order to end uncertainty and settle the issue one way or the other, a referendum should be held as soon as possible	44
A referendum should not be held until the British Government decides it wishes to make a clear recommendation to the British people	48
Don't know	8

As you know, there have recently been differences of opinion between Britain and France and Germany over Iraq. Do those differences make you think that...

Greater efforts should be made to achieve an agreed European foreign and defence policy	33
Each EU member state should be left free to pursue its own foreign and defence policy	58
Don't know	9

At the moment a new constitution for the European Union is being drafted. This would set out the powers of the EU and those of the national governments. It would be binding on all the members states of the EU, including Britain. From what you know, would you be in favour or against the adoption of such as constitution?

In favour	15
Against	39
Would depend on the terms	39
Don't know	8

Do you think Tony Blair is spending too much time on foreign affairs at the moment, too little, or about the right amount?

Too much	51
Too little	2
About the right amount	40
Don't know	8

Do you think Tony Blair is spending too much time on affairs here at home at the moment, too little, or about the right amount?

Too much	1
Too little	62
About the right amount	30
Don't know	6

**How satisfied are you with each of the following...?
The strength of Britain's economy at the moment...**

Very satisfied	5
Fairly satisfied	57
Fairly dissatisfied	27
Very dissatisfied	6
Don't know	5

The likely strength of Britain's economy in 12 months' time...

Very satisfied	3
Fairly satisfied	43
Fairly dissatisfied	29
Very dissatisfied	9
Don't know	17

Your family's standard of living at the moment...

Very satisfied	6
Fairly satisfied	53
Fairly dissatisfied	29
Very dissatisfied	11
Don't know	1

Your family's likely standard of living in 12 months' time...

Very satisfied	4
Fairly satisfied	42
Fairly dissatisfied	30
Very dissatisfied	14
Don't know	9

Over the next 12 months, do you expect unemployment in Britain to go up, go down or stay about the same?

Go up	39
Go down	12
Stay about the same	44
Don't know	5

Over the next 12 months, do you expect the inflation rate in Britain to go up, go down or stay about the same?

Go up	51
Go down	4
Stay about the same	38
Don't know	8

In the coming 12 months how likely is it that your family will purchase a car (new or used)?

Very likely	7
Fairly likely	15
Fairly unlikely	21
Very unlikely	55
Don't know	2

Compared with the past 12 months, how much do you expect your household to spend in total in the next 12 months on major purchases for the home – items such as carpets, curtains, furniture, double-glazing, cooker, fridge, washing machine, television, computer, videos/DVD recorder?

A lot more than the past 12 months	7
A little more	13
About the same amount	33
A little less	20
A lot less than the past 12 months	25
Don't know	3

Thinking about your place of work, and how things will develop over the next 12 months, do you expect the number of people employed there to go up, down or stay about the same?

Go up	20
Go down	25
Stay about the same	53
Don't know	3

Over the next 12 months, do you think the pay for people like you will go up by more than inflation, less than inflation or about the same as inflation?

Go up by more than inflation	9
Go up by about the same as inflation	42
Go up by less than inflation (or go down)	42
Don't know	7