

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

YouGov questioned 1932 adults aged 18+ throughout Britain online between 14th and 16th December 2004. The results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

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If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for? (excluding don't knows, won't votes; base = 1554)*

Con	32	100	0	0	34	31	26	34	36	35	29	36	41	32	25	19
Lab	35	0	100	0	35	34	34	34	36	32	38	30	29	35	42	37
Lib Dem	21	0	0	100	19	24	26	22	18	23	19	20	20	22	23	24
Other	12	0	0	0	13	11	14	10	11	10	14	13	10	11	10	19
SNP / PCY	2	0	0	0	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	17
Geen	2	0	0	0	3	2	5	2	1	2	3	3	2	3	1	1
UKIP	5	0	0	0	5	6	4	4	7	5	6	6	7	5	5	1
BNP	2	0	0	0	2	1	4	2	1	1	3	4	1	2	3	0
Would Not Vote	8	0	0	0	7	10	13	10	4	5	12	7	8	8	9	13
Don't know	14	0	0	0	9	17	16	15	10	13	14	17	14	12	12	15

*Note that this question is asked in two stages. At the first stage, respondents are given the following answer options: Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat, Scottish Nationalist/Plaid cymru, some other party, would not vote, don't know. Those who respond "some other party" are then asked: "Which of these parties would you vote for?" and given the following answer options: Green, United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP), British National Party (BNP), some other party, don't know. The above table shows the combined figures from both parts of the question. "Other" included SNP/Plaid Cymru (2%), UKIP(5%), BNP (2%) and Green (2%).

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

Approve	27	3	79	14	31	25	26	26	30	28	27	24	23	30	32	29
Disapprove	57	91	9	71	61	55	49	60	62	59	56	60	63	53	53	60
Don't know	15	6	12	15	9	21	25	14	8	13	17	16	15	16	15	11

Who would make the best Prime Minister?

Tony Blair	31	3	87	10	35	27	30	28	34	30	31	28	25	33	36	30
Michael Howard	20	69	0	3	23	18	14	19	26	22	18	20	27	19	16	12
Charles Kennedy	15	2	3	61	16	14	17	15	13	17	13	12	13	15	16	21
Don't know	34	25	9	27	27	41	39	39	26	31	38	39	35	32	32	37

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

Yes – honest and trustworthy	24	4	69	13	26	23	24	23	26	24	25	19	21	27	28	30
No – not honest and trustworthy	66	95	19	78	67	65	61	67	69	67	64	71	69	64	63	61
Don't know	10	1	12	9	7	12	15	10	5	9	11	10	11	10	9	9

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

Yes – honest and trustworthy	20	58	7	5	22	18	15	17	27	23	17	18	26	19	16	15
No – not honest and trustworthy	57	14	76	79	59	54	55	62	53	56	57	59	49	55	62	65
Don't know	24	28	16	16	19	28	30	21	21	21	26	22	24	26	22	20

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

Get a lot better	3	2	6	2	4	2	6	2	1	3	3	4	2	3	2	4
Get a little better	19	14	31	18	21	18	28	17	14	19	19	20	17	19	21	21
Stay the same	34	30	43	35	32	36	31	36	36	36	33	34	35	32	37	36
Get a little worse	29	37	14	35	30	29	23	29	34	30	28	31	32	30	26	24
Get a lot worse	10	14	3	7	10	10	5	11	13	10	10	7	10	11	10	11
Don't know	4	2	2	3	3	5	7	4	2	3	6	5	4	4	4	4

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

Conservative	26	76	2	11	27	26	20	22	36	29	23	31	34	24	22	15
Labour	34	3	82	30	40	29	34	33	35	35	33	31	24	35	41	49
Neither	26	12	7	50	25	27	26	28	23	26	26	22	25	27	26	28
Don't know	14	9	9	10	8	19	20	17	6	10	18	15	17	13	11	8

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

Conservative	27	84	1	10	32	23	20	29	32	31	24	31	35	25	22	19
Labour	38	2	88	38	40	37	42	32	41	38	38	35	32	38	47	41
Neither	19	4	4	37	17	21	18	23	17	17	22	23	15	20	20	24
Don't know	15	10	7	15	11	19	19	16	11	14	16	11	19	17	11	16

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When it comes to the next general election, which of the following do you think will be the TWO most important issues in deciding which party you will finally decide to vote for?

The number of immigrants and asylum-seekers coming into the country	26	34	17	20	25	28	23	30	26	23	30	23	28	26	30	16
Which political party looks best able to govern Britain well	20	16	28	26	19	21	23	18	20	20	20	19	20	21	19	17
The conflict in Iraq	12	9	8	22	12	12	12	12	12	13	11	14	10	12	13	16
Law and order, crime and anti-social behaviour	30	40	29	22	32	28	23	31	34	31	28	25	28	30	34	27
Britain's relations with Europe	10	14	8	11	12	9	8	8	14	12	9	11	14	9	9	8
The overall state of Britain's economy	18	16	30	13	19	18	17	21	17	20	16	21	20	18	16	19
The state of public services, such as schools, the health service and help for old people	32	22	40	43	30	33	30	29	35	34	29	32	33	29	30	39
The level of taxation	17	26	10	11	19	15	21	17	14	18	16	21	18	18	14	15
Whether Tony Blair or Michael Howard would make the best Prime Minister	5	4	10	2	6	3	6	4	4	4	5	5	3	6	5	4
Which political party can most be trusted to be honest	12	12	10	20	12	13	10	12	14	12	12	12	11	12	14	13
None of the above / something else	5	4	3	4	5	5	7	6	3	5	5	6	5	5	5	5
Don't know	4	1	2	1	3	5	7	4	2	2	7	4	4	4	4	7

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Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat, Scottish Nationalist, Plaid Cymru, or don't you think of yourself as any of these things?

Conservative	24	77	1	4	26	23	19	22	31	27	22	26	36	20	19	12
Labour	30	6	84	14	33	28	20	33	36	28	33	27	25	30	39	29
Liberal Democrat	9	1	1	44	8	9	11	9	7	10	8	7	9	10	10	6
Scottish Nationalist	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	15
Plaid Cymru	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Other party	2	0	0	1	3	2	4	2	1	3	2	6	2	3	2	1
None of these	27	14	11	34	25	28	35	26	20	27	26	30	21	30	26	33
Don't know	6	2	2	2	2	8	8	7	2	3	8	5	8	5	5	3

Some people think of themselves as usually being a supporter of one political party rather than another. Do you usually think of yourself as being a supporter of one particular party or not ?

Yes – Conservative	18	62	1	4	19	18	12	19	23	24	12	24	22	19	13	13
Yes – Labour	30	2	78	19	29	30	21	30	37	29	30	28	27	30	35	26
Yes – Liberal Democrat	6	0	0	34	7	6	5	4	9	8	4	5	7	7	5	9
Yes – Scottish Nationalist	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Yes – Plaid Cymru	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Yes – some other party	3	0	0	0	4	3	5	3	2	2	5	4	3	6	2	1
No – do not think of myself as being a supporter of any party	38	33	18	41	37	39	50	41	25	34	43	35	37	38	41	39
Don't know	3	2	2	2	2	4	6	2	2	3	4	4	4	1	4	6

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

I would be delighted	16	58	1	1	18	14	11	13	22	19	13	16	21	15	13	9
I would be dismayed	41	0	79	56	44	38	37	39	45	43	38	41	33	38	48	52
I wouldn't mind	29	39	13	31	30	29	32	32	24	27	31	27	28	33	27	27
Don't know	15	3	7	12	8	20	20	16	9	11	18	16	17	13	13	12

Which of the following words or phrases do you think apply to the Conservative Party? [Please tick all that apply]

Forward-looking	11	37	1	2	13	10	8	10	15	12	10	9	15	11	10	8
Stuck in the past	39	5	67	55	44	35	40	37	41	40	39	39	35	38	41	51
Has clear principles	17	51	3	6	18	15	15	14	20	19	14	17	21	15	13	13
Does not have clear principles	32	8	50	43	37	27	25	33	38	33	30	34	29	32	33	36
In tune with modern Britain	10	33	1	1	12	9	8	9	14	10	11	10	13	10	8	9
Out of tune with modern Britain	40	4	65	60	43	38	38	40	43	44	37	40	34	41	43	49
Extreme	15	2	28	25	17	13	11	17	17	18	12	18	13	14	14	22
Moderate	16	40	5	9	16	16	10	15	21	17	15	17	18	15	16	11
Wants to help most people	20	63	2	3	21	20	15	18	27	23	17	19	26	18	18	16
Wants to help only a minority	35	2	62	49	34	35	27	37	39	36	34	35	28	35	39	43
In touch with people like me	14	51	0	1	15	13	9	14	18	17	11	13	18	13	12	11
Not in touch with people like me	45	4	73	65	46	44	36	48	49	47	43	44	40	44	48	54
Has mostly sensible policies	20	67	2	4	22	19	15	19	27	23	18	17	26	21	18	12
Has too many policies that don't make sense	27	2	45	35	28	25	21	25	32	26	27	25	27	26	27	27
Well led	9	30	2	2	11	7	7	9	11	11	7	8	11	7	10	7
Badly led	32	4	54	47	38	27	29	32	34	33	30	34	25	31	37	39
Don't know	11	5	4	9	8	15	20	11	5	9	15	9	12	13	11	11

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Which of the following words or phrases do you think apply to the Labour Party? [Please tick all that apply]

Forward-looking	26	6	62	22	28	23	27	24	27	26	26	25	23	27	28	28
Stuck in the past	9	19	1	7	11	8	8	11	9	9	10	10	9	9	8	15
Has clear principles	17	2	48	10	18	15	16	15	19	17	16	13	13	17	21	18
Does not have clear principles	41	66	10	51	43	39	35	39	47	44	37	42	42	42	38	44
In tune with modern Britain	23	2	62	18	23	22	23	20	25	23	23	20	19	23	28	22
Out of tune with modern Britain	34	63	4	37	38	29	27	35	38	34	33	33	35	37	28	37
Extreme	20	40	4	19	21	19	13	17	28	23	16	21	21	20	17	21
Moderate	18	6	40	20	21	16	14	19	21	21	15	16	15	21	21	18
Wants to help most people	31	4	76	31	33	30	31	29	34	34	29	30	26	31	39	33
Wants to help only a minority	30	61	3	27	33	28	23	32	34	32	29	32	34	30	27	27
In touch with people like me	14	1	45	6	14	14	12	14	17	15	14	12	15	12	18	14
Not in touch with people like me	44	78	9	49	48	40	33	46	51	46	42	44	47	46	38	45
Has mostly sensible policies	18	1	51	13	21	16	17	17	21	19	18	18	16	17	22	22
Has too many policies that don't make sense	42	78	7	48	45	40	31	43	52	45	39	44	44	42	40	42
Well led	18	5	50	10	22	15	15	19	21	18	19	19	16	18	20	22
Badly led	34	61	4	40	36	31	25	33	41	36	31	30	38	33	29	38
Don't know	7	1	3	5	4	10	12	6	3	6	8	8	8	6	6	4

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Which of the following words or phrases do you think apply to the Liberal Democrats? [Please tick all that apply]

Forward-looking	25	14	27	58	28	22	28	24	23	29	20	24	24	23	26	31
Stuck in the past	10	18	10	1	13	8	5	10	15	10	10	8	10	10	12	8
Has clear principles	21	12	20	58	24	19	19	22	23	25	17	22	20	19	22	27
Does not have clear principles	27	40	37	5	33	22	18	27	36	31	23	25	26	30	29	25
In tune with modern Britain	20	7	20	59	21	19	21	19	21	24	16	19	18	18	22	28
Out of tune with modern Britain	17	31	17	3	23	11	12	16	22	18	16	14	16	20	16	16
Extreme	9	21	8	1	12	6	8	8	11	9	9	8	11	9	9	9
Moderate	26	19	30	49	29	24	18	27	34	32	20	25	24	27	27	34
Wants to help most people	32	20	35	70	35	29	29	30	37	39	25	33	32	31	31	40
Wants to help only a minority	10	19	9	2	12	9	7	11	12	10	10	10	9	9	12	12
In touch with people like me	14	2	10	51	14	13	13	12	16	18	8	13	15	12	13	18
Not in touch with people like me	23	42	21	5	28	17	12	22	32	25	21	19	23	23	24	23
Has mostly sensible policies	17	5	14	51	19	14	17	15	18	20	12	17	14	16	17	25
Has too many policies that don't make sense	25	44	32	4	31	20	15	24	36	30	20	23	26	25	26	25
Well led	15	11	16	37	20	11	13	14	19	18	13	14	16	13	15	23
Badly led	19	32	21	3	25	13	15	18	23	19	19	17	21	18	20	15
Don't know	27	25	24	7	20	34	38	27	19	21	34	28	28	29	26	25

In view of all that has happened during the past few weeks, do you think David Blunkett should remain in office as Home Secretary, or do you think he should resign?

Should remain as Home Secretary	38	20	64	35	37	39	42	37	35	37	38	31	39	40	38	35
Should resign	50	73	24	53	55	45	40	51	57	52	48	56	49	47	48	56
Don't know	12	7	13	11	8	17	18	12	8	11	14	13	12	13	14	9

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When one political party adopts policies that have previously been advocated by another party, the first party is often accused of 'stealing the other's clothes'. Which of these statements comes closer to your own view?

It is generally wrong for political parties to steal each other's clothes, as parties should remain as distinct from each other as possible	14	20	12	13	14	15	11	16	15	13	15	16	12	15	16	15
If the policies in question are good policies, parties should be encouraged to steal each other's clothes	74	75	80	81	79	69	70	73	78	79	68	72	76	72	73	74
Don't know	12	6	8	6	8	16	18	11	7	8	16	12	12	13	11	11

If elected to power, which of the two main parties do you think is more likely to provide 'value for money'?

The Conservatives	27	84	1	8	31	24	20	26	35	31	23	30	34	27	22	17
Labour	31	1	82	28	31	30	32	28	32	30	31	29	25	30	37	35
Neither	29	10	10	53	29	29	28	33	27	28	31	27	25	32	30	36
Don't know	13	6	7	11	9	16	20	13	6	11	15	14	15	12	11	12

The shadow chancellor, Oliver Letwin, has pledged the Conservative Party to cut taxes immediately if and when the Conservatives are returned to power. Do you believe taxes should be cut, or should any money available for tax cuts used to increase spending on public services such as health and education?

Taxes should be cut	36	68	14	24	39	34	37	35	36	37	35	38	38	36	36	26
More should be spent on public services	53	24	77	69	52	54	48	55	57	55	51	51	50	53	54	63
Don't know	11	7	8	7	9	12	15	10	8	8	13	11	11	10	9	11

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Do you believe that, if the Conservatives are returned to power, they will act on their pledge and actually will cut taxes?

Yes, they definitely will	17	46	8	7	20	14	10	18	22	20	14	21	19	19	14	8
Maybe they will, maybe they won't	56	51	53	66	56	56	59	55	55	59	53	55	57	54	58	54
No, they definitely won't	21	1	35	24	20	22	21	22	20	17	25	20	17	22	23	30
Don't know	6	2	4	3	4	7	10	5	3	5	7	4	7	5	6	8

Do you believe that the Conservatives can cut taxes without at the same time cutting public services such as schools, the health services and help for old people?

Yes, they can	22	61	2	9	25	19	20	21	25	24	19	24	27	20	19	17
No, they can't	63	22	90	85	63	63	60	64	65	63	63	60	56	64	68	74
Don't know	15	17	8	6	12	18	20	16	10	13	18	16	17	16	13	10

At the moment, if householders injure or even kill an intruder in their house, they may be called upon to show that they can use only 'reasonable force'. In view of the current debate on the issue, which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

In view of the fact that, in practice, householders in this position are almost never prosecuted for using force in self-defence, the law should remain as it is	11	8	15	20	14	8	10	11	12	14	8	16	10	10	8	18
Because householders can never know in advance what the courts will deem 'reasonable force' to be, the law should be changed so that people in this position will face prosecution only if it is alleged that they used 'grossly disproportionate' force in self-defence	47	48	51	53	43	50	50	45	46	48	45	51	48	47	45	43
The law should be changed so that householders are legally free to use whatever force, and whatever weapons, they wish against intruders	37	41	30	26	40	35	33	38	40	35	40	28	37	38	43	32
Don't know	5	2	4	2	3	7	8	5	2	4	6	5	5	4	5	6

	Current Vote			Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region					
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 to 34	35-54	Over 55	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted N	1949	493	525	327	931	1018	584	674	691	1043	906	247	555	495	477	176
Unweighted N	1932	473	533	350	954	978	564	609	759	1069	863	331	431	429	553	188
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

The Government plans to introduce a new criminal offence of incitement to religious hatred – that is, saying or doing things calculated to stir up hatred against a group of people defined by their religious faith. Which of the following statements comes closer to your own view?

It is wrong of people to stir up hatred against other people simply because of their religious faith, and there should be a law to prevent people deliberately behaving in that way	45	33	58	49	41	49	48	46	43	45	45	44	41	45	49	53
People should have the right to say whatever they want about other people's religious beliefs and any law that could prevent them from doing that would be an infringement of the right to free speech	44	57	33	44	52	37	38	43	50	46	42	44	48	42	43	36
Don't know	11	10	8	7	8	14	14	12	7	9	13	13	11	13	8	11

YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and past vote:

Recalled vote in 2001:	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Labour	859	817
Conservative	386	411
Liberal Democrat	214	194
Scottish / Welsh Nationalist	30	29
Other	75	10
Did not vote	368	489

Newspaper readership:	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Express / Mail	358	316
Sun / Star	327	428
Mirror / Record	270	311
Guardian/ Independent	143	78
Financial Times / Times / Telegraph	192	184
Other paper	209	242
No paper	433	390

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