

# YouGov Survey Results

## March Political Tracker

*Prepared for The Daily Telegraph*

Sample Size: 2282

Fieldwork: 26th - 27th March 2003

	%
<b>Voting Intention</b>	
	Con <b>33</b>
	Lab <b>40</b>
	Lib Dem <b>20</b>
	Other <b>7</b>
<b>Do you approve or disapprove of the Government's record to date?</b>	
	Approve <b>37</b>
	Disapprove <b>54</b>
	Don't know <b>9</b>
<b>Who would make the best Prime Minister?</b>	
	Tony Blair <b>43</b>
	Iain Duncan Smith <b>14</b>
	Charles Kennedy <b>15</b>
	Don't know <b>28</b>
<b>Do you think the Government has, on balance, been honest and trustworthy or not?</b>	
	Yes – honest and trustworthy <b>35</b>
	No – not honest and trustworthy <b>56</b>
	Don't know <b>9</b>
<b>How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months?</b>	
	Get a lot better <b>3</b>
	Get a little better <b>19</b>
	Stay the same <b>31</b>
	Get a little worse <b>33</b>
	Get a lot worse <b>12</b>
	Don't know <b>2</b>
<b>If Britain were in economic difficulties, which party do you think could handle the problem best – the Conservatives or Labour?</b>	
	Conservative <b>34</b>
	Labour <b>35</b>
	Neither <b>22</b>
	Don't know <b>10</b>
<b>Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with Tony Blair as Prime Minister?</b>	
	Satisfied <b>43</b>
	Dissatisfied <b>51</b>
	Don't know <b>6</b>
<b>a) The strength of Britain's economy at the moment</b>	
	Very satisfied <b>5</b>
	Fairly satisfied <b>54</b>
	Fairly dissatisfied <b>31</b>
	Very dissatisfied <b>7</b>
	Don't know <b>4</b>

**b) The likely strength of Britain's economy in 12 months' time**

Very satisfied	2
Fairly satisfied	39
Fairly dissatisfied	33
Very dissatisfied	11
Don't know	14

**c) Your family's standard of living at the moment**

Very satisfied	7
Fairly satisfied	61
Fairly dissatisfied	25
Very dissatisfied	8
Don't know	0

**d) Your family's likely standard of living in 12 months' time**

Very satisfied	6
Fairly satisfied	47
Fairly dissatisfied	29
Very dissatisfied	10
Don't know	9

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

Go up	45
Go down	9
Stay about the same	42
Don't know	4

**b) 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	59
Go down	3
Stay about the same	31
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	8
Fairly likely	15
Fairly unlikely	22
Very unlikely	54
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	15
About the same amount	33
A little less	18
A lot less than the past 12 months	25
Don't know	2

**Do you. . . ?**

Work full-time away from home	38
Work full-time at home	9
Work part-time (8 or more hours a week) away from home	11
Work part-time (8 or more hours a week) at home	4
Work part-time (less than 8 hours a week) away from home	2
Work part-time (less than 8 hours a week) at home	2
Not work	36

**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	<b>18</b>
Stay about the same	<b>54</b>
Go down	<b>25</b>
Don't know	<b>2</b>

**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	<b>9</b>
Go up by about the same as inflation	<b>43</b>
Go up by less than inflation, or go down	<b>41</b>
Don't know	<b>7</b>

**Taking account of the state of the economy and the housing market, do you consider this a good time or a bad time for people like you to buy a house/flat?**

Very good	<b>2</b>
Fairly good	<b>16</b>
Neither good nor bad	<b>28</b>
Fairly bad	<b>33</b>
Very bad	<b>16</b>
Don't know	<b>5</b>

**And do you consider is this to be a good time or a bad time for people with some money to invest to buy shares on the stock market?**

Very good	<b>6</b>
Fairly good	<b>25</b>
Neither good nor bad	<b>15</b>
Fairly bad	<b>29</b>
Very bad	<b>16</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>