

YouGov / ESRC-funded Party Members Project Survey Results

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Which of the following do you think are the most important issues facing the country at this time?
Please rank your top three, in order of importance.

[Excluding those who said Don't know or None of these; n = 1,211]

Britain leaving the EU

Ranked first	75	77	76	75	76	73	75	78	76	72	68	76	76	78	77
Ranked second	8	6	8	8	7	7	10	7	7	9	7	8	7	8	6
Ranked third	5	6	4	5	4	5	4	5	5	5	6	4	7	3	8
Not Ranked	12	11	12	12	13	15	10	10	12	15	19	12	10	10	9

Health

Ranked first	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	3	2	4	3	2	3	1	2
Ranked second	7	12	6	5	12	5	9	9	7	8	6	8	7	8	9
Ranked third	10	13	9	9	12	11	8	11	10	10	7	10	12	11	9
Not Ranked	80	73	83	84	74	83	82	77	81	78	85	80	77	80	80

The economy

Ranked first	6	9	5	6	5	7	6	5	6	7	11	4	4	7	7
Ranked second	25	45	20	28	20	30	25	21	28	15	27	25	21	26	31
Ranked third	14	14	14	15	12	16	13	13	15	12	13	15	15	14	13
Not Ranked	55	31	62	50	63	48	56	61	52	66	49	56	61	52	50

Immigration & Asylum

Ranked first	6	1	7	5	6	7	7	4	5	8	7	6	5	6	5
Ranked second	14	3	18	15	13	14	16	14	12	24	10	15	19	12	10
Ranked third	11	7	13	10	13	8	12	15	12	9	12	11	9	13	11
Not Ranked	69	89	62	70	68	72	65	68	71	60	71	68	68	69	74

Crime

Ranked first	3	1	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	2	3	4	3	1	0
Ranked second	10	6	12	9	13	6	13	13	11	9	11	11	12	10	5
Ranked third	16	11	17	15	17	17	15	14	16	16	17	15	17	16	14
Not Ranked	71	82	68	74	67	75	69	69	71	73	69	71	68	73	82

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Housing															
Ranked first	2	0	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	4
Ranked second	7	5	7	9	5	10	6	5	7	7	13	6	6	6	7
Ranked third	8	10	7	8	9	8	10	7	8	9	12	7	10	7	6
Not Ranked	83	85	83	82	85	80	83	86	82	84	73	85	82	85	84
The environment															
Ranked first	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	0	1	3	1	0
Ranked second	4	7	3	3	4	3	4	3	3	5	1	4	4	3	6
Ranked third	4	8	4	4	5	4	4	5	4	5	5	5	3	6	1
Not Ranked	91	83	93	91	90	90	91	91	91	88	94	89	90	90	93
Welfare benefits/Universal Credit															
Ranked first	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ranked second	5	4	4	3	7	5	4	5	4	9	2	5	4	5	8
Ranked third	6	7	6	5	8	7	6	6	6	9	5	8	4	5	8
Not Ranked	89	89	89	91	85	88	90	90	91	81	93	87	92	90	84
Education															
Ranked first	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	3	1	0	1	2
Ranked second	3	2	4	3	5	4	2	3	4	1	2	2	3	4	9
Ranked third	4	5	4	5	3	5	5	4	4	3	5	5	4	3	5
Not Ranked	91	92	92	91	91	89	93	93	90	95	90	92	93	92	84
Defence and security															
Ranked first	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	4	3	4	2	4	1	3	2
Ranked second	12	7	14	12	12	8	10	17	13	8	14	12	12	14	9
Ranked third	14	12	15	14	13	10	14	18	13	15	7	16	13	13	18
Not Ranked	72	77	69	71	72	80	73	61	71	73	77	69	74	71	71
Pensions															
Ranked first	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Ranked second	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
Ranked third	2	2	2	2	3	2	4	2	2	4	5	2	2	2	2
Not Ranked	97	96	97	97	96	97	96	97	97	96	94	98	96	96	98
Tax															
Ranked first	1	1	1	2	0	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	3	0	2
Ranked second	4	4	4	5	2	7	2	1	4	4	7	3	5	3	2
Ranked third	4	4	5	6	2	7	6	1	5	4	5	4	4	6	4
Not Ranked	90	90	90	87	96	84	91	97	91	90	86	92	88	91	92

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Do you think that Theresa May is doing well or badly as Prime Minister?

Very well	15	22	13	14	17	15	15	16	15	16	14	13	14	20	19
Fairly well	36	51	29	32	41	36	34	36	36	35	40	35	32	36	39
TOTAL WELL	51	73	42	46	58	51	49	52	51	51	54	48	46	56	58
Fairly badly	26	19	29	28	24	29	24	25	27	25	28	30	26	19	25
Very badly	22	6	27	24	17	19	26	22	22	21	16	21	26	25	14
TOTAL BADLY	48	25	56	52	41	48	50	47	49	46	44	51	52	44	39
Don't know	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	3

Do you think Jeremy Corbyn is doing well or badly as leader of the Labour party?

Very well	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	2	1	2	0	0
Fairly well	3	4	3	3	3	4	2	2	3	5	6	3	2	4	3
TOTAL WELL	4	5	4	4	3	6	3	2	4	5	8	4	4	4	3
Fairly badly	15	23	12	12	20	15	12	17	15	16	17	16	11	14	16
Very badly	79	69	83	82	75	77	83	80	81	74	73	79	84	81	81
TOTAL BADLY	94	92	95	94	95	92	95	97	96	90	90	95	95	95	97
Don't know	2	3	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	4	2	2	2	1	0

A deal on the terms of Brexit has been agreed between the government and the European Union. From what you have seen or heard about the deal so far, do you support or oppose the draft Brexit deal?

Strongly support	10	17	8	9	11	10	9	10	10	9	13	9	12	10	7
Tend to support	28	48	21	27	30	26	25	33	29	23	33	24	28	30	40
TOTAL SUPPORT	38	65	29	36	41	36	34	43	39	32	46	33	40	40	47
Tend to oppose	20	18	21	20	21	24	17	18	21	19	22	23	18	19	14
Strongly oppose	39	11	49	42	34	36	47	38	37	45	29	42	41	39	33
TOTAL OPPOSE	59	29	70	62	55	60	64	56	58	64	51	65	59	58	47
Don't know	3	6	1	2	4	5	2	1	2	4	3	3	1	2	6

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Regardless of whether you think it is good or bad for Britain, do you think the Brexit deal as it currently stands does or does not respect the result of the referendum?

Does respect the result of the referendum	42	77	30	41	44	47	33	42	43	38	53	38	43	42	46
Does not respect the result of the referendum	53	16	67	55	51	47	64	55	53	57	40	58	54	52	50
Don't know	4	7	3	4	5	6	3	3	4	5	7	4	2	6	4

Thinking about Theresa May's approach to Brexit negotiations, do you think...

She's got a good Brexit deal	15	30	10	16	13	16	15	14	16	13	18	13	17	14	21
She's got a poor Brexit deal, and an alternative leader would have got a better deal	37	6	48	38	35	33	43	38	37	37	30	40	39	34	36
She's got a poor Brexit deal, but any other leader would have done just as badly	43	57	38	41	45	43	40	44	43	40	46	41	39	48	41
None of these	3	4	2	2	4	4	2	2	3	4	5	3	3	3	1
Don't know	2	4	1	2	2	3	1	2	1	5	1	3	2	1	1

Imagine Labour were in government and Jeremy Corbyn was Prime Minister, do you think...

Labour could probably get a better Brexit deal	2	4	1	2	1	4	1	1	2	1	3	2	3	1	1
Labour would probably not be able to get a better Brexit deal	96	95	97	95	97	94	98	97	97	94	94	96	96	97	99
Don't know	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	5	2	3	1	2	0

Would you support or oppose holding a new general election if Parliament voted to reject the proposed Brexit deal?

Support	12	14	10	13	9	19	7	7	10	18	19	12	8	11	11
Oppose	83	80	86	82	85	74	89	91	85	76	75	83	87	86	83
Don't know	5	5	4	4	5	7	4	3	4	7	6	5	5	2	6

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Would you support or oppose holding a referendum on the deal if Parliament voted to reject the proposed Brexit deal?

Support	14	39	5	14	15	20	11	9	15	12	20	12	17	11	16
Oppose	82	56	92	83	80	75	86	88	82	84	73	85	80	85	81
Don't know	4	4	3	3	5	4	3	3	3	5	7	3	3	3	3

Imagine that Brexit ended with the following outcomes - how would you feel?
If Britain ended up leaving the European Union without any deal?

Delighted	32	2	43	34	31	29	40	33	30	43	23	34	35	36	26
Pleased	17	5	21	20	12	19	14	16	18	10	18	16	21	15	15
Relieved	14	10	15	13	16	10	13	19	13	15	9	16	13	14	11
Wouldn't mind either way	10	11	9	10	10	11	12	8	10	8	13	10	10	7	13
Disappointed	13	32	7	11	16	12	13	14	14	9	15	12	12	15	13
Angry	7	23	2	6	9	9	6	6	8	4	9	8	6	4	12
Betrayed	3	9	1	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	7	3	1	3	5
None of these	2	6	1	3	1	3	1	1	2	4	4	1	1	4	3
Don't know	2	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	3	2

Imagine that Brexit ended with the following outcomes - how would you feel?
If Britain ended up accepting the negotiated deal and leaving the European Union on those terms?

Delighted	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	4	3	6	6	4	3	4	1
Pleased	8	12	7	9	6	9	8	7	9	6	10	7	7	8	10
Relieved	24	42	18	22	27	22	19	27	25	19	30	20	19	29	27
Wouldn't mind either way	6	11	4	6	6	8	6	4	6	6	5	6	10	4	7
Disappointed	22	17	23	23	20	25	21	19	22	20	25	23	21	19	22
Angry	10	6	12	10	10	10	11	11	11	9	6	11	11	13	7
Betrayed	23	3	31	24	22	17	32	26	22	31	12	27	26	21	24
None of these	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
Don't know	2	2	2	1	4	3	1	1	2	3	5	1	2	3	2

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Imagine that Brexit ended with the following outcomes - how would you feel?
If Britain ended up leaving the European Union but remaining in the single market and customs union – an arrangement that is sometimes called ‘Norway-plus’?

Delighted	4	6	2	3	4	6	3	1	4	2	4	3	5	4	1
Pleased	7	14	4	8	5	10	5	4	7	4	10	8	3	5	7
Relieved	9	23	4	7	10	10	5	9	8	10	16	7	8	8	9
Wouldn't mind either way	7	11	5	5	10	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	9
Disappointed	23	29	21	24	20	22	22	24	24	18	27	19	29	22	26
Angry	11	5	13	11	11	10	10	12	11	11	9	11	8	13	12
Betrayed	38	8	49	40	34	31	44	42	36	45	21	44	37	37	35
None of these	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
Don't know	2	3	2	1	5	4	1	1	2	2	4	2	1	5	0

Imagine that Brexit ended with the following outcomes - how would you feel?
If Britain ended up having a new referendum and voting to remain in the EU after all?

Delighted	9	33	0	8	9	12	6	6	10	4	14	7	9	8	9
Pleased	3	10	1	2	3	3	4	2	3	2	3	2	2	5	1
Relieved	4	10	1	4	3	4	2	3	4	2	7	2	5	2	6
Wouldn't mind either way	3	7	1	4	2	5	2	1	3	5	5	3	5	2	2
Disappointed	6	10	5	5	8	6	6	7	6	7	8	6	4	6	9
Angry	15	11	16	14	16	15	16	14	13	24	16	14	12	17	20
Betrayed	58	13	74	60	54	50	63	64	59	53	38	63	63	59	51
None of these	1	4	0	1	2	2	0	1	1	0	5	1	0	0	0
Don't know	1	2	1	0	2	2	0	1	1	3	4	0	0	1	2

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If Parliament votes to reject the Brexit deal the government has negotiated, do you think Theresa May should resign as leader and Prime Minister?

Should stay in her job if the deal is rejected	50	74	42	49	52	52	46	50	51	46	60	46	47	52	55
Should stand down and let someone else take over if the deal is rejected	44	17	54	47	39	41	50	45	44	48	38	47	49	42	33
Don't know	6	9	4	4	9	7	4	5	6	6	2	6	4	6	11

Imagine there were a new referendum on Brexit, with the options of Britain remaining in the European Union, or leaving the European Union with the proposed deal. How would you vote?

Remain a member of the European Union	18	59	4	16	21	21	16	15	19	12	32	15	16	15	19
Leave the EU with the proposed deal	57	34	65	58	56	56	54	61	58	53	55	56	57	61	61
Would not vote	20	2	26	20	18	19	23	19	18	25	10	23	21	19	18
Don't know	4	3	4	5	3	3	6	5	3	8	1	5	5	5	2
Skipped	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0

Imagine there was a new referendum on Brexit, with the options of Britain remaining in the European Union, or leaving the European Union without a deal. How would you vote?

Remain a member of the European Union	18	63	2	17	20	23	14	14	19	11	31	14	19	16	18
Leave the EU without a deal	76	28	93	78	73	72	81	79	75	80	60	80	77	81	76
Would not vote	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	2	2	3	2	2	0	1
Don't know	2	5	1	2	2	2	3	2	2	5	3	2	1	2	3
Skipped	2	2	2	1	3	1	1	3	2	2	4	2	1	1	1

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Imagine there was a new referendum on Brexit, with the options of Britain leaving the European Union with the proposed deal or leaving the European Union without a deal. How would you vote?

Leave the EU with the proposed deal	29	70	15	29	30	31	26	28	32	16	38	25	27	29	38
Leave the EU without a deal	64	18	80	66	61	61	69	66	62	74	53	67	69	66	57
Would not vote	3	4	1	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	6	3	3	1	0
Don't know	3	6	2	2	5	5	3	2	3	6	2	4	1	4	3
Skipped	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	1

Now, imagine there was a three-way referendum on Brexit, with the options of Britain remaining in the European Union, leaving the European Union with the proposed deal, or leaving the European Union without a deal.

People would be able to vote for their first and second preference.

Which would you vote for as your first preference?

Remain a member of the European Union	15	55	1	14	18	19	12	12	16	10	29	12	15	13	15
Leave the EU with the proposed deal	23	34	19	22	25	24	22	24	25	18	27	21	21	25	31
Leave the EU without a deal	57	8	74	59	53	51	64	59	55	64	42	61	61	57	50
Would not vote	3	2	4	4	3	3	2	4	3	4	0	4	2	4	3
Don't know	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	4	0	2	1	1	0
Skipped	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0

Which would you vote for as your second preference?

Remain a member of the European Union	6	10	5	6	6	8	5	4	6	7	8	6	4	7	7
Leave the EU with the proposed deal	40	40	39	42	36	44	36	37	40	37	37	39	42	41	38
Leave the EU without a deal	19	23	17	19	19	20	19	18	20	14	24	18	18	19	20
Would not cast a second preference	33	22	37	30	37	25	38	39	32	38	28	35	33	32	30
Don't know	2	4	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	4	2	1	2	1	4
Skipped	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

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Some people have suggested that Britain leaving the European Union without agreeing a deal could cause severe short term disruption, such as shortages of food and medicines. Which of the following best reflects your view?

These warnings are realistic, and leaving without a deal would cause serious disruption	18	54	6	18	18	25	16	12	20	9	33	14	16	16	22
The warnings are exaggerated or invented, and in reality leaving without a deal would not cause serious disruption	76	32	90	77	74	68	80	81	74	84	59	79	78	79	71
Not sure	6	14	4	5	8	7	4	7	6	7	8	6	6	5	7

If Britain were to leave the European Union without a deal, do you think it would have a positive or negative impact on Britain's economy in the medium to long term?

Very positive	38	6	49	39	35	32	44	41	37	42	30	39	40	41	32
Fairly positive	26	15	30	27	25	25	27	27	27	24	20	29	26	24	28
TOTAL POSITIVE	64	21	79	66	60	57	71	68	64	66	50	68	66	65	60
Neither positive nor negative	15	18	15	15	16	18	15	14	15	19	16	15	12	18	16
Fairly negative	10	25	4	9	11	10	7	11	10	7	11	9	11	7	14
Very negative	9	32	0	8	10	13	6	6	10	4	18	6	8	7	9
TOTAL NEGATIVE	19	57	4	17	21	23	13	17	20	11	29	15	19	14	23
Don't know	2	4	2	2	3	3	2	1	2	4	5	2	3	2	0

In hindsight, and irrespective of how or if you voted, do you think Britain was right or wrong to vote to leave the European Union in the Referendum held in June 2016?

Right to leave	79	26	97	81	76	73	86	83	78	83	64	83	80	80	80
Wrong to leave	18	66	2	16	22	22	14	15	19	14	30	14	18	18	18
Don't know	3	8	0	3	2	5	0	2	3	3	5	3	2	2	2

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	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample	1215	279	879	765	450	509	228	471	988	227	165	508	215	237	90
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

How well or badly do you think the government are doing at negotiating Britain's exit from the European Union?

Very well	4	6	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	5	4	4	5	4	5
Fairly well	25	48	17	24	28	25	21	28	26	24	29	23	25	25	32
TOTAL WELL	29	54	21	28	32	29	26	32	30	29	33	27	30	29	37
Fairly badly	33	30	33	33	32	37	30	29	33	31	34	33	28	35	34
Very badly	35	12	45	38	32	30	43	37	35	37	27	39	40	34	28
TOTAL BADLY	68	42	78	71	64	67	73	66	68	68	61	72	68	69	62
Don't know	2	4	1	2	3	3	1	2	2	4	6	1	2	1	1

Do you support or oppose the stance that the Conservative party have taken towards Brexit?

Strongly support	14	19	13	14	15	14	11	16	14	16	16	11	15	18	18
Tend to support	33	35	31	36	28	33	36	31	35	27	35	32	33	34	33
TOTAL SUPPORT	47	54	44	50	43	47	47	47	49	43	51	43	48	52	51
Nether support nor oppose	17	17	16	15	19	18	14	16	16	20	17	19	16	16	11
Tend to oppose	18	15	20	18	18	16	18	20	18	19	15	21	16	16	21
Strongly oppose	13	10	14	12	14	12	16	13	13	13	8	13	17	13	13
TOTAL OPPOSE	31	25	34	30	32	28	34	33	31	32	23	34	33	29	34
Don't know	5	3	6	4	6	7	5	3	5	6	9	5	4	4	3

Has the Conservative party policy on Brexit since 2016 caused you to consider leaving the Conservative party?

[Shown only to those who said they oppose the stance that the Conservative Party has taken towards Brexit; n = 442]

Yes, it has	56	63	54	58	54	61	57	51	56	56	42	59	60	58	50
No, it has not	40	36	41	39	42	34	42	45	40	39	47	38	37	41	45
Don't know	4	1	5	4	4	5	1	5	4	5	12	3	3	1	5

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What do you think should happen to MPs who vote against their party on the Brexit deal?
Would you support or oppose the following?
The party leadership removing the whip from MPs who rebel on the Brexit vote (that is, expelling them – possibly permanently – from the parliamentary party)?

Strongly support	14	10	16	15	14	11	14	18	14	16	12	12	20	16	15
Tend to support	18	18	18	15	23	13	19	22	18	16	19	18	12	19	22
TOTAL SUPPORT	32	28	34	30	37	24	33	40	32	32	31	30	32	35	37
Tend to oppose	24	31	22	25	23	28	21	22	26	19	25	25	21	25	27
Strongly oppose	34	29	36	38	27	35	38	31	33	37	31	35	39	32	29
TOTAL OPPOSE	58	60	58	63	50	63	59	53	59	56	56	60	60	57	56
Don't know	9	11	8	7	13	12	8	7	9	13	13	10	9	8	7

Local constituency parties deselecting MPs who rebel on the Brexit vote (that is, not allowing them to stand for the party at the next election)?

Strongly support	23	16	26	24	21	17	24	29	23	24	24	21	26	26	24
Tend to support	18	18	17	15	22	16	18	20	19	12	11	19	15	18	27
TOTAL SUPPORT	41	34	43	39	43	33	42	49	42	36	35	40	41	44	51
Tend to oppose	17	24	15	18	16	19	15	15	17	19	19	17	14	15	22
Strongly oppose	33	33	34	36	30	36	35	30	33	35	35	34	36	33	23
TOTAL OPPOSE	50	57	49	54	46	55	50	45	50	54	54	51	50	48	45
Don't know	9	10	8	7	11	12	7	6	8	11	11	9	9	8	4

Which of the following best reflects your view?

The backstop makes sense and should be part of the deal	11	31	4	10	13	14	10	9	12	6	15	11	11	8	13
The backstop is a bad idea but it's a price worth paying to secure a deal	23	40	18	23	24	22	23	26	25	15	27	20	21	28	28
The backstop is a bad idea and we should reject any deal that includes it	40	14	49	43	33	40	41	39	39	44	38	40	43	39	34
The backstop is irrelevant because the deal is a bad one anyway	21	7	26	20	21	17	24	23	19	27	11	24	20	21	20
Don't know	5	8	3	3	8	7	3	4	4	8	8	4	5	5	4