

# YouGov / Economist Survey Results

Sample Size: 2031

Fieldwork: 10th - 13th September 2004

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Which of these groups do you think has benefited most from the Labour government?

The working class	25
The middle class	21
The rich	26
Don't know	27

Taking everything into account, do you think Britain has or has not prospered since Labour came to power seven years ago?

Has prospered	45
Has not prospered	41
Don't know	14

Taking everything into account, have you and your family prospered since Labour came to power seven years ago?

Have prospered	32
Have not prospered	59
Don't know	9

*(To home owners)* Do you think the value of your house will go up, down or stay the same over the next five years?

Up	57
Down	14
Stay the same	25
Don't know	5

Looking at your tax bill since Labour came to power, do you think the overall tax rate for people like you – that is, the amount of tax of all kinds paid for each pound of income – is higher, lower or about the same?

Tax rate is now higher	64
Tax rate is now lower	5
Tax rate is about the same	18
Don't know	14

If Labour wins the next election, do you think that the overall tax rate for people like you will be higher than it is today, lower, or about the same?

Tax rate will be higher	61
Tax rate will be lower	1
Tax rate will be about the same	25
Don't know	13

**What is the overall impact on you and your family of the extra money that the Government has spent on public services, such as health, education and the police?**

Made our lives much better	<b>3</b>
Made our lives a little better	<b>16</b>
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TOTAL "BETTER"	<b>19</b>
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Not made any difference either way	<b>60</b>
Made our lives a little worse	<b>11</b>
Made our lives much worse	<b>7</b>
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TOTAL "WORSE"	<b>18</b>
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Don't know	<b>4</b>

**What do you think the overall impact has been on other people of the extra money that the Government has spent on public services, such as health, education and the police?**

Made their lives much better	<b>4</b>
Made their lives a little better	<b>30</b>
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TOTAL "BETTER"	<b>34</b>
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Not made any difference either way	<b>43</b>
Made their lives a little worse	<b>8</b>
Made their lives much worse	<b>4</b>
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TOTAL "WORSE"	<b>12</b>
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Don't know	<b>10</b>