

YouGov Survey Results

February Euro Tracker

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If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for?	
Labour	35
Conservative	33
Lib Dem	25
Other	8

Thinking of the European Single Currency, which of the following statements would come closest to your own view?	
Definitely join as soon as possible	13
Join if and when the economic conditions are right	36
Stay out for at least the next four or five years	22
Rule out on principle	26
Don't know	3

How well do you think the present government has handled relations with the European Union?	
Very well	3
Fairly well	28
Neither well nor badly	30
Fairly badly	23
Very badly	11
Don't know	5

How much do you trust the government to make the right decisions on euro entry?	
Trust a lot	9
Trust a little	24
Neither trust nor distrust	12
Don't trust much	29
Don't trust at all	25
Don't know	2

If there were a referendum today on whether to join the euro, how would you vote?	
In favour of joining	32
Against joining	59
Would not vote	3
Don't know	6

Which way would you vote in a referendum if Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, recommended a YES vote on the grounds that it would be good for Britain's economy to join the euro?	
In favour of joining	41
Against joining	48
Would not vote	4
Don't know	7

Leaving aside whether or not you would vote to join the euro, do you think a referendum should or should not be held this year to decide the issue one way or the other?	
Referendum should be held	61
Referendum should not be held	29
Don't know	10

When do you think it is most likely that a referendum will be held?		
	In the next 12 months	9
	Longer than 12 months, but before the next general election	46
	A few years after the next general election	30
	It will not be held for at least 6 years	5
	Don't know	11

Some have proposed that the European Union should have a 'common defence policy'. There have recently been serious disagreements between members of the European Union on what to do about Iraq. Keeping this in mind, which of the following comes closest to your view?

	These disagreements make a 'common defence policy' for the EU more desirable	27
	They make a 'common defence policy' for the EU seem unworkable	61
	Don't know	13

Should Britain take part in a war against Iraq without a second resolution supporting military action, or not?

	Should	21
	Should not	73
	Don't know	7

Should Britain take part in a war against Iraq if there is a second UN resolution authorising military action, or not?

	Should	59
	Should not	30
	Don't know	11

What if a second resolution is not passed unanimously BUT a majority on the UN security council backs it? Should Britain then take part in military action against Iraq, or not?

	Should	46
	Should not	42
	Don't know	13

A second resolution may depend on giving the UN arms inspectors more time to find weapons of mass destruction (WMD). Do you think they should be given more time, or not?

	Should	75
	Should not	20
	Don't know	6

How much more time should they be given?

	Up to 2 weeks	16
	Up to 4 weeks	18
	Up to 3 months	19
	Up to 6 months	16
	Longer than 6 months	18
	Don't know	14

France has been leading the opposition in the UN to war. Which of the following best sums up your view of France on this issue?

	France is taking a principled opposition to war	24
	France is opposing war for tactical reasons, based on what it can get in return	55
	Neither	10
	Don't know	10

Which best sums up your view of Saddam Hussein?

	He represents a growing threat to the world and needs to be stopped urgently	45
	He represents a threat, but can be contained by sanctions	28
	He's not a threat outside his own country and region	23
	Don't know	4

Some people have said that Tony Blair is risking his political career on Iraq. Which of the following do you think is Tony Blair's main reason for behaving in the way that he is?

He genuinely believes there is a serious threat from Iraq	42
He expected Saddam to back down and is now boxed in	15
He'll always support whatever America does	38
Other	3
Don't know	2

Tony Blair says there is a moral case for a war against Iraq. The leaders of the Church of England and Roman Catholic church say there is no such case. What is your view?

There is a moral case for war	37
There is no moral case	50
Don't know	13

Which of the following best sums up your view of America?

America is a force for good in the world	23
America is a bully and wants to dominate the world	47
Neither	27
Don't know	3

Do you admire America, or not?

Yes, admire America	34
No, do not	54
Don't know	12

Given the choice, would you rather live in America or mainland Europe?

America	25
Europe	68
Don't know	7

Which comes closest to your view of George Bush on Iraq?

He's determined to go to war, with or without UN backing	87
He's prepared for a peaceful settlement if Saddam disarms	10
Don't know	3

Which comes closest to your view of George Bush in the wider world?

He wants to impose American values on the whole world, if necessary by force	57
He'll only threaten military action if American is threatened	36
Don't know	7

Who of the following poses a greater threat to world peace?

Saddam Hussein	45
George Bush	45
Don't know	10

Turning now to the Conservative Party... Do you think the Conservatives can win a general election with Iain Duncan Smith as leader, or not?

Yes, can win	15
No, can not	70
Don't know	15

Do you think the Conservatives are more or less divided under Iain Duncan Smith than under William Hague?

More divided	21
About the same	58
Less divided	10
Don't know	11

Which would make you more likely to support the Conservatives?

If the party proposed tax cuts	19
If the party committed itself to spending more on public services	22
Neither	53
Don't know	6

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'Labour has an easy ride because there is no real political opposition in this country.'

Agree	71
Disagree	23
Don't know	6

Turning now to the Olympic games... The government is considering whether to back, and guarantee with taxpayers' money, a bid by London to host the Olympics in 2012. Should it back the bid, or not?

Yes, should back it	45
No, should not	48
Don't know	7