

YouGov Survey Results

Euro Tracker (August)

Prepared for Sunday Times

Sample Size: 2918

Fieldwork: 21-23 August 2002

	%
If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for?	
Conservatives	33
Labour	40
Liberal Democrats	20
Other	7
Thinking of the European single currency, which of the following comes closest to your view?	
Definitely join as soon as possible	15
Join if and when the economic conditions are right	35
Stay out for at least the next four or five years	20
Rule out on principle	28
Don't know	2
Overall, do you approve or disapprove of Britain's membership of the EU?	
Strongly approve	16
Approve	32
Neither approve nor disapprove	19
Disapprove	21
Strongly disapprove	10
Don't know	1
How well do you think the present government has handled relations with the EU?	
Very well	5
Fairly well	32
Neither well nor badly	25
Fairly badly	23
Very badly	12
Don't know	3
How much do you trust the government to make the right decisions on euro entry?	
Trust a lot	10
Trust a little	23
Neither trust nor distrust	10
Don't trust much	23
Don't trust at all	32
Don't know	1
If there were a referendum tomorrow on whether to join the euro, how would you vote?	
In favour of joining	35
Against joining	55
Would not vote	3
Don't know	7
Irrespective of whether you support the euro, how likely do you think it is that the UK will join in the next four years?	
Inevitable	20
Likely	52
Not likely	22
Certain not to	2
Don't know	4

Do you think that Europe will do better or worse economically, now that it has a single currency, or will it make no difference?

Better	29
Worse	36
No difference	25
Don't know	10

Over the last six months, do you think the UK has gained or suffered from not being a member of the euro-zone?

Gained	25
Suffered	27
Made no difference	41
Don't know	8

Which of the following do you think would be better for...? a) Keeping shop prices as low as possible

Joining the euro within the next two or three years	20
Keeping the pound for the foreseeable future	46
It won't make much difference either way	27
Don't know	6

b) Creating jobs for British workers

Joining the euro within the next two or three years	32
Keeping the pound for the foreseeable future	32
It won't make much difference either way	30
Don't know	6

c) Keeping mortgage rates as low as possible

Joining the euro within the next two or three years	19
Keeping the pound for the foreseeable future	39
It won't make much difference either way	30
Don't know	11

d) Keeping taxes as low as possible

Joining the euro within the next two or three years	11
Keeping the pound for the foreseeable future	44
It won't make much difference either way	34
Don't know	11

a) The government says that the decision on entry will be an economic one, strictly dependent on the chancellor's economic tests being met. Which of the following comes closest to your view?

It will be an economic decision and the tests are crucial	21
It will be a political decision and the tests don't really matter	74
Don't know	5

b) Who, from the following, do you trust most to make the right decision on the euro?

Tony Blair	8
Gordon Brown	38
Neither	48
Don't know	6

16. Do you think that the euro gives shops and companies more or less scope to rip-off consumers?

More	60
Less	11
No difference	20
Don't know	9

17. Do you think that prices in the British high street would be higher or lower if the euro were introduced?

Higher	61
Lower	11
No difference	20
Don't know	8