

# YouGov Survey Results

## Euro Tracker (July)

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Sample Size: 1807

Fieldwork: 24 - 26 July 2002

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<b>If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for?</b>	
Conservatives	34
Labour	38
Liberal Democrats	22
Other	6

<b>Thinking of the European single currency, which of the following comes closest to your view?</b>	
Definitely join as soon as possible	16
Join if and when the economic conditions are right	32
Stay out for at least the next four or five years	20
Rule out on principle	29
Don't know	3

<b>Overall, do you approve or disapprove of Britain's membership of the EU?</b>	
Strongly approve	16
Approve	32
Neither approve nor disapprove	19
Disapprove	21
Strongly disapprove	11
Don't know	2

<b>How well do you think the present government has handled relations with the EU?</b>	
Very well	5
Fairly well	32
Neither well nor badly	25
Fairly badly	23
Very badly	12
Don't know	3

<b>How much do you trust the government to make the right decisions on euro entry?</b>	
Trust a lot	10
Trust a little	23
Neither trust nor distrust	10
Don't trust much	24
Don't trust at all	32
Don't know	2

<b>If there were a referendum tomorrow on whether to join the euro, how would you vote?</b>	
In favour of joining	35
Against joining	54
Would not vote	3
Don't know	7

<b>Irrespective of whether you support the euro, how likely do you think it is that the UK will join in the next four years?</b>	
Inevitable	20
Likely	51
Not likely	22
Certain not to	2
Don't know	4

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

Better	<b>30</b>
Worse	<b>35</b>
No difference	<b>25</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>

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

Gained	<b>24</b>
Suffered	<b>28</b>
Made no difference	<b>40</b>
Don't know	<b>7</b>

**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	<b>24</b>
Keeping the pound for the foreseeable future	<b>45</b>
It won't make much difference either way	<b>25</b>
Don't know	<b>6</b>

**b) Creating jobs for British workers**

Joining the euro within the next two or three years	<b>32</b>
Keeping the pound for the foreseeable future	<b>33</b>
It won't make much difference either way	<b>29</b>
Don't know	<b>7</b>

**c) Keeping mortgage rates as low as possible**

Joining the euro within the next two or three years	<b>19</b>
Keeping the pound for the foreseeable future	<b>38</b>
It won't make much difference either way	<b>30</b>
Don't know	<b>13</b>

**d) keeping taxes as low as possible**

Joining the euro within the next two or three years	<b>12</b>
Keeping the pound for the foreseeable future	<b>44</b>
It won't make much difference either way	<b>33</b>
Don't know	<b>11</b>

**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	<b>20</b>
It will be a political decision and the tests don't really matter	<b>75</b>
Don't know	<b>5</b>

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

Tony Blair	<b>10</b>
Gordon Brown	<b>35</b>
Neither	<b>49</b>
Don't know	<b>6</b>