

YouGov Survey Results

November Euro Tracker

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	Total
If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for?	
Labour	39%
Conservative	30%
Liberal Democrat	23%
Other	8%

Thinking now of the European Single Currency, which of the following statements would come closest to your own view?

Definitely join as soon as possible	15%
Join if and when the economic conditions are right	37%
Stay out for at least the next four or five years	21%
Rule out on principle	24%
Don't know	3%

How well do you think the present government has handled relations with the European Union?

Very well	5%
Fairly well	32%
Neither well nor badly	29%
Fairly badly	21%
Very badly	10%
Don't know	3%

How much do you trust the government to make the right decisions on euro entry?

Trust a lot	12%
Trust a little	24%
Neither trust nor distrust	10%
Don't trust much	23%
Don't trust at all	29%
Don't know	1%

If there were a referendum today on whether to join the euro, how would you vote?

In favour of joining	37%
Against joining	53%
Would not vote	3%
Don't know	8%

Which of the following countries do you think has the strongest economy at the moment?

Britain	62%
France	7%
Germany	10%
Italy	1%
Don't know	19%

And now, turning to higher education, which of the following best sums up your attitude to university education?

It's generally worth having	89%
It's generally a waste of time	9%
Don't know	2%

Many of Britain's universities say they are in financial crisis and want to charge students top-up fees above the current £1,100 per year tuition fees. Which of these views do you agree with most?

Universities should be allowed to charge higher fees to all students	13%
Universities should be allowed to charge higher fees to students from families whose overall income is more than £30 000 a year	36%
Universities should NOT be allowed to charge higher fees	49%
Don't know	2%

Some people favour an alternative to higher fees and student loans, which is that the universities would get extra income from a so-called 'graduate tax' on earnings above a certain level when the graduates are in work. Do you think this would be preferable?

Yes - it would be preferable	53%
No - it would not be preferable	36%
Don't know	12%

The Government has set a target of 50% of young people going to university. Do you think this target is right?

Too high	57%
About right	30%
Too low	7%
Don't know	6%

Would you like to see more or less emphasis on vocational (practical) degrees, or are you happy with the way things are?

More emphasis on vocational	62%
Less emphasis	13%
Happy as things are	20%
Don't know	5%

Do you think higher fees would deter significant numbers of potential students from going to university, or not?

Yes - would deter significant numbers	81%
No - would not deter significant numbers	16%
Don't know	3%

And now turning to the issue of terrorism, there were reports last weekend of a specific planned poison gas attack on the London Underground. The Government subsequently denied the reports. What is your view?

There was a plan to attack the Underground	41%
There was no such plan	22%
Don't know	37%

Do you think there will be a major terrorist attack on the UK over the next 6 months?

Yes - there will	49%
No - there will not	19%
Don't know	32%

Which of these views do you MOST agree with?

The Government should disclose everything it knows about possible terrorist threats - because the public has the right to be kept fully informed	35%
The Government should not disclose everything it knows - because to say too much would be likely to cause too much panic	52%
Neither	10%
Don't know	2%

When informing the public about possible terrorist threats, do you think the Government is...?

Telling the whole truth	1%
Telling the truth - but keeping some things hidden	72%
Misleading the public	24%
Don't know	3%

President George W Bush has recently appointed a head of homeland security for the United States. His job is to oversee all the government agencies involved in fighting terrorism. Do you think it would be a good idea for the Prime Minister to appoint

Good idea to create new Cabinet post	42%
Better to keep present system	47%
Don't know	12%

Thinking now about the fire dispute, would you describe yourself as being broadly on the firefighters' side or not on their side?

On firefighters' side	44%
Not on their side	52%
Don't know	4%

Latest reports suggest that the firefighters will be offered 16% in return for a commitment to 'meaningful discussions for change'. Do you think the firefighters should accept this offer?

Should	82%
Should not	11%
Don't know	8%

Do you think it is right or wrong that an offer of 16% should be made?

Right - but only with guarantees of change to work practices	42%
Right - it is the right offer as it stands	16%
Wrong - the firefighters should have been offered less than	24%
Wrong - the firefighters should have been offered more than	15%
Don't know	4%