

# YouGov Survey Results

## Europe and the Euro

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**If there were a referendum tomorrow on whether Britain should join Europe's single currency, the euro, how would you vote?**

Definitely vote to join	15
Probably vote to join	19
Probably vote against joining	17
Definitely vote against joining	43
Would not vote	2
Don't know	5

**Which of these policies do you think the Government should pursue towards the euro:**

Persuade the public to join the euro as soon as possible	18
Not join the euro just yet, but keep open the option of join	31
Rule out joining the euro before the next general election	19
Rule out joining the euro on principle	28
Don't know	3

**Suppose a referendum were held next year or the year after, and Tony Blair and a wide range of business leaders were to argue strongly that it would be good for jobs and investment for Britain to join the euro, and very risky for Britain to stay out for much longer. How do you think you would then vote?**

Definitely vote to join	21
Probably vote to join	26
Probably vote against joining	17
Definitely vote against joining	28
Would not vote	2
Don't know	6

**Suppose a referendum were held next year or the year after, and Tony Blair and a wide range of business leaders, but NOT Gordon Brown, were to argue strongly that it would be good for jobs and investment for Britain to join the euro, and very risky for Britain to stay out for much longer. How do you think you would then vote?**

Definitely vote to join	13
Probably vote to join	27
Probably vote against joining	19
Definitely vote against joining	32
Would not vote	1
Don't know	8

**Leaving aside whether or not you think Britain SHOULD join the euro, do you think that Britain WILL join the euro...**

Within the next five years	49
In 5-10 years' time	26
Eventually, but not within the next ten years	11
Never	8
Don't know	5

**How do you think Britain's economy would be affected if we did join the euro within the next few years?**

Membership of the euro would strengthen Britain's economy	22
Membership would weaken Britain's economy	49
Membership would not make much difference either way	16
Don't know	13

**Thinking about the European Union more generally, do you agree or disagree with this statement? 'Britain should be an enthusiastic and fully committed member of the EU'...**

Agree	41
Disagree	46
Don't know	13

**Who do you trust more to act in Britain's interests – other members of the European Union, or the United States?**

Other members of the EU	22
The US	25
Don't trust either	48
Don't know	6

**If Britain joined the euro, what effect would this have on Britain's national identity?**

We would lose a great deal of our national identity	37
We would lose a fair amount of our national identity	21
We would lose a little of our national identity	21
We would lose none of our national identity	18
Don't know	2

**At the moment, euro notes are broadly the same, but each country is allowed to have a national symbol on one side of the notes. If Britain joined the euro, which of these symbols would you MOST like to see on them?**

The Queen	45
William Shakespeare	5
Britannia holding a spear	25
David Beckham	1
The Beatles	3
Houses of Parliament	13
Nelson's Column	1
The new Wembley Stadium	1
Don't know	6

**Which other symbols would you consider acceptable? (Please tick all that apply)**

The Queen	24
William Shakespeare	37
Britannia holding a spear	47
David Beckham	2
The Beatles	4
Houses of Parliament	51
Nelson's Column	34
The new Wembley Stadium	4
Don't know	3

**How much do you trust each of the following to make the right judgements about Britain's relations with the rest of the European Union?**  
**Tony Blair, the Prime Minister...**

Trust a great deal	13
Trust a fair amount	32
Do not trust very much	29
Do not trust at all	25
Don't know	2

**Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the Exchequer...**

Trust a great deal	11
Trust a fair amount	39
Do not trust very much	29
Do not trust at all	17
Don't know	4

**Jack Straw, the Foreign Secretary...**

Trust a great deal	4
Trust a fair amount	27
Do not trust very much	33
Do not trust at all	28
Don't know	8

**Iain Duncan Smith, the leader of the Conservative Party...**

Trust a great deal	5
Trust a fair amount	27
Do not trust very much	34
Do not trust at all	27
Don't know	7

**Kenneth Clarke, the former Conservative Chancellor...**

Trust a great deal	4
Trust a fair amount	26
Do not trust very much	32
Do not trust at all	28
Don't know	10

**Charles Kennedy, the leader of the Liberal Democrats...**

Trust a great deal	6
Trust a fair amount	31
Do not trust very much	26
Do not trust at all	28
Don't know	10

**Sir Richard Branson, the head of Virgin...**

Trust a great deal	14
Trust a fair amount	42
Do not trust very much	19
Do not trust at all	14
Don't know	11

**Ken Livingstone, the Mayor of London...**

Trust a great deal	3
Trust a fair amount	16
Do not trust very much	27
Do not trust at all	45
Don't know	10

**The people who run large companies...**

Trust a great deal	1
Trust a fair amount	22
Do not trust very much	39
Do not trust at all	31
Don't know	7

**The people who run large trade unions...**

Trust a great deal	2
Trust a fair amount	18
Do not trust very much	34
Do not trust at all	39
Don't know	7

**My daily newspaper...**

Trust a fair amount	4
Trust a fair amount	30
Do not trust very much	27
Do not trust at all	17
Do not read a daily newspaper	15
Don't know	7