

YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

YouGov questioned 1907 adults aged 18+ throughout Britain online between 17th and 19th March 2005. The results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

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Weighted N
Unweighted N

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If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for? (excluding don't knows, won't votes; base = 1530)*

Con	32	100	0	0	32	32	26	34	35	44	39	27	26	24	36	27
Lab	37	0	100	0	37	37	37	36	38	27	31	40	45	38	34	41
Lib Dem	23	0	0	100	23	23	30	23	19	24	24	26	22	17	24	23
Other	8	0	0	0	8	7	7	8	9	5	6	7	8	21	6	10
SNP / PCY	3	0	0	0	3	2	3	2	3	0	0	3	1	19	2	4
Geen	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	2	2	1
UKIP	2	0	0	0	2	3	1	2	4	1	3	2	3	1	2	3
Veritas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
BNP	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1
Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Would Not Vote	8	0	0	0	6	10	11	9	5	9	7	9	9	3	6	10
Don't know	13	0	0	0	8	17	16	13	10	14	13	13	12	12	10	15

*Note that this question is asked in two stages. At the first stage, respondents are given the following answer options: Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat, Scottish Nationalist/Plaid cymru, some other party, would not vote, don't know. Those who resp

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Thinking about the National Health Service, have you personally been inside an NHS hospital in the past two years? [Tick all that apply]

Yes – as an in patient	22	21	22	20	21	23	23	19	24	20	21	23	22	26	21	23
Yes – as an outpatient	43	46	45	40	43	44	34	41	53	44	43	43	44	41	44	42
Yes – taken a relative or close friend to hospital for treatment	37	37	39	36	36	39	33	46	33	32	39	35	39	41	38	37
Yes – visited a relative or close friend	36	36	36	34	34	37	33	36	37	29	34	36	38	41	35	37
Yes – as an NHS employee	4	3	4	4	3	5	6	4	2	1	4	4	4	6	5	3
Yes – in some other capacity	6	6	4	6	6	5	6	4	7	6	5	5	7	4	6	5
No	14	14	14	14	17	12	19	14	10	18	16	14	12	9	13	16

When did you personally last receive treatment, as an inpatient or an outpatient, in an NHS hospital?

Within the past two years	50	50	51	48	47	52	44	46	59	49	48	49	52	51	51	49
Since 1997, but more than two years ago	23	24	21	22	23	23	25	27	18	26	20	25	24	22	23	24
Before 1997	20	20	20	23	21	19	16	23	20	16	25	18	18	18	21	18
Never	5	4	5	5	6	3	9	3	2	5	4	5	3	6	4	6
Not sure	3	2	3	2	3	2	5	2	1	3	2	2	3	2	2	3

Do you think the National Health Service has improved, stayed about the same or got worse since Labour came to power in 1997?

Improved a great deal	10	1	24	7	12	7	5	9	13	8	8	9	12	10	10	9
Improved a little	29	15	45	33	33	25	31	26	30	26	29	30	30	25	30	27
Stayed about the same	23	23	17	23	22	23	24	24	20	23	25	21	20	26	23	23
Got worse	31	56	9	29	25	36	23	35	33	31	31	32	29	33	31	31
Don't know	8	4	6	8	8	9	17	6	3	11	7	7	9	7	6	10

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Who do you trust most to take the right decisions about the NHS?

Tony Blair, the Prime Minister	30	2	78	13	34	26	26	30	33	23	25	32	35	32	28	32
Michael Howard, the leader of the Conservative Party	20	70	1	3	22	18	14	19	26	25	24	18	17	16	24	16
Charles Kennedy, the leader of the Liberal Democrats	16	4	5	57	17	14	16	16	15	16	15	17	14	16	17	14
Don't know	34	24	16	26	26	42	44	35	26	36	36	32	34	36	31	39

Spending on the NHS is currently running at record levels, and planned to increase further. Over the next five years, would you like spending on the NHS to...

Increase even faster, even if this means tax rises	24	16	32	26	24	24	18	27	27	18	21	29	26	26	24	24
Increase at the rate planned	51	42	59	56	50	52	51	52	51	52	53	49	53	48	52	51
Increase more slowly, and use the money saved to cut taxes	15	34	6	12	20	11	16	13	17	19	19	11	13	14	18	12
Don't know	9	7	3	7	6	13	16	8	6	11	8	10	8	12	6	13

If Labour wins the coming election, do you think the NHS will...

Improve a great deal	8	0	23	2	10	6	6	8	9	7	5	8	11	6	7	8
Improve a little	32	9	57	33	36	29	31	31	35	29	31	34	31	40	32	33
Stay about the same	32	39	16	41	29	35	34	31	30	31	35	31	32	25	35	28
Get worse	22	49	1	19	21	23	15	26	23	23	23	22	19	22	22	21
Don't know	6	2	2	5	4	8	14	4	2	10	6	5	7	6	3	10

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If the Conservatives win the coming election, do you think the NHS will...

Improve a great deal	3	12	0	0	4	3	3	3	4	3	4	4	2	4	3	3
Improve a little	23	61	7	14	24	22	18	21	28	27	26	23	19	18	26	19
Stay about the same	26	21	23	31	25	27	29	25	24	23	29	24	26	27	25	27
Get worse	38	3	63	48	41	34	29	43	39	32	31	41	42	44	39	36
Don't know	11	4	6	8	6	15	20	8	6	15	11	8	11	8	7	15

If Labour wins the coming election, do you think it will give the private sector...

A much bigger role than now in the NHS	18	22	9	23	20	16	14	19	19	17	17	19	18	15	18	17
A slightly bigger role	40	33	51	46	44	36	33	40	47	39	39	39	41	49	44	36
A smaller role	6	9	7	4	6	6	6	4	7	4	6	6	8	2	6	6
The same role that it has now	17	20	18	15	18	16	17	17	17	17	19	16	15	15	16	18
Don't know	20	16	15	12	12	27	30	20	10	23	19	20	18	19	15	24

If the Conservatives win the coming election, do you think they will give the private sector...

A much bigger role than now in the NHS	42	26	59	48	49	35	26	44	53	34	37	43	45	54	46	36
A slightly bigger role	23	44	9	22	24	21	18	24	25	27	25	23	19	18	24	21
A smaller role	6	6	6	7	6	5	7	5	5	4	6	6	6	5	5	6
The same role that it has now	7	8	6	7	7	7	9	8	4	8	8	6	7	4	7	7
Don't know	23	16	19	17	14	32	40	20	13	27	24	22	23	19	18	29

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Would you personally like the private sector to have...

A bigger role in the NHS than now	19	36	13	16	23	16	17	17	23	24	22	18	15	18	23	15
About the same role that is has now	27	26	31	28	28	26	24	28	28	27	30	26	26	22	29	24
A smaller role	18	14	21	21	18	18	18	19	17	16	15	22	19	16	18	19
No role at all	20	12	21	25	23	17	14	20	24	15	17	18	23	30	19	20
Don't know	16	11	14	10	8	23	26	15	8	19	15	16	17	14	11	22

The NHS provides free medical care at the point of access. How much does it matter to you that this principle is maintained?

It matters a lot	82	77	87	84	81	82	69	85	88	75	81	84	82	85	81	82
It matters a little	10	16	8	8	12	9	15	9	7	15	10	9	9	9	12	8
It does not matter at all	3	6	2	3	4	2	5	2	3	5	4	2	3	2	4	3
Don't know	5	2	4	5	3	6	10	4	2	5	5	5	6	4	3	7

If you were asked to pay, say £10, for a GP appointment at a time of your choosing, would you...

Object strongly	74	69	76	74	71	77	63	81	77	65	74	72	81	75	72	77
Agree that this is a reasonable way to help finance the NHS	18	25	17	17	21	15	22	13	18	23	19	18	12	18	21	14
Don't know	8	6	8	8	8	9	15	6	5	12	7	10	7	7	7	10

Over the past decade, do you think people in Britain have generally become more healthy, less healthy, or has the state of the nation's health not changed much either way?

More healthy	20	13	31	17	23	17	13	19	27	18	20	19	21	22	21	18
Less healthy	54	58	45	58	49	58	60	54	48	49	56	57	50	53	53	54
Little change	22	27	19	20	24	20	18	24	22	24	21	19	24	21	22	22
Don't know	5	2	4	4	4	6	9	4	3	9	4	4	5	4	4	6

YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and past vote:

Recalled vote in 2001:	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Labour	857	811
Conservative	377	406
Liberal Democrat	195	193
Scottish / Welsh Nationalist	28	29
Other	60	10
Did not vote	390	489

Newspaper readership:	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Express / Mail	354	311
Sun / Star	358	422
Mirror / Record	252	308
Guardian/ Independent	138	78
Financial Times / Times / Telegraph	209	186
Other paper	175	241
No paper	421	389

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