

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2250

Fieldwork: 6th - 10th September 2007

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**Do you think the gap between what rich and poor people
EARN each year in Britain is...**

Much too large	44
Too large	42
About right	9
Too small	1
Much too small	0
Don't know	4

**Since Labour came to power ten years ago, do you think the
gap in EARNINGS between rich and poor people has...**

Grown wider	64
Stayed about the same	20
Narrowed	6
Don't know	11

**Since Labour came to power ten years ago, do you think the
gap between what rich and poor people own in terms of
WEALTH and PROPERTY has...**

Grown wider	72
Stayed about the same	14
Narrowed	5
Don't know	9

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement: 'What really
matters is the gap between the poorest and the middle, not
the richest people'?**

Agree	36
Disagree	45
No opinion	19

**Do you think the gap between what rich and poor people
OWN in terms of wealth and property in Britain is...**

Much too large	40
Too large	41
About right	9
Too small	1
Much too small	0
Don't know	9

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Do you believe that millionaires and people who earn over £2,000 a week (or £100,000 a year) pay their fair share of tax?

Yes, they do pay their fair share	32
No, they do not	57
Don't know	11

Do you agree or disagree with this statement: 'Gordon Brown should now make the richest people in Britain pay more tax'?

Agree	64
Disagree	25
No opinion	12

Some executives in private equity firms pay a tax rate of 10p in the £ on most of the money they make from investing in companies they buy. Do you think this is...

Too high	3
Too low	66
About right	15
Don't know	16

The Chief Executives of Britain's top 100 companies earned nearly £3m each on average last year, almost 100 times the average income of their employees. Do you think the Chief Executives' earnings are...

Too high	84
Too low	1
About right	9
Don't know	6

If you had to describe the Chief Executives' earnings in one word or phrase, what would you say?

[verbatim responses]

From what you know, do you think that bonuses paid to people who work in financial services in the City of London are generally...

Too high	72
Too low	1
About right	10
Don't know	17

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People who settle in this country from abroad, even if they are British Citizens, can choose to pay no British taxes on income or capital gains they earn abroad if they do not bring them into Britain. They are called “non-domiciles” for tax purposes, and are taxed only on income and capital gains they earn in Britain.

Do you think Britain should...

Make 'non-domiciles' pay full British taxes after they have lived here for 1 year	48
Make 'non-domiciles' pay full British taxes, including income and capital gains they earn abroad, after they have lived here for 20 years	20
Leave the tax treatment of these 'non-domiciles' as it is	16
Not sure	16

Some “non-domiciles” say that they would leave if the rules were changed so they had to pay full British taxes.

Do you think that would be...

A serious problem	8
A shame but necessary to make taxes fair	39
No problem - I am happy that they should leave	40
Don't know	13

“Non-domiciles” can live in Britain for many years but their estates are not liable for inheritance tax when they die.

Do you think this is...

Fair	7
Unfair	81
Not sure	12

Before Labour came to power ten years ago, Gordon Brown promised to tighten the rules so 'non-domiciles' pay more tax. He has not done so. Do you think this is mainly because...

He now believes it would hurt the British economy if 'non-domiciles' paid full British taxes	16
The Labour Party receives millions of pounds in donations from non-domiciles	53
Don't know	31

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Do you think people who are non-domiciled in Britain should be allowed to be members of the House of Lords or House of Commons and vote on British laws?

Yes, they should, as long as they live mainly in Britain	6
Yes – but only if most of their income and capital gains are earned in Britain and they pay taxes on these	19
No, they should not	67
Don't know	8

Lord Laidlaw became a Conservative member of the House of Lords three years ago but he is still a resident of Monaco, not Britain, for tax purposes. The Conservative Party owes him over £3 million and still receives large donations from him.

Do you think the Conservative Party should accept donations and loans from people like this who are not resident in Britain for tax purposes?

Yes, there is no reason to turn down such support	17
No, such donations should not be accepted	70
Don't know	13

Do you think people who are non-residents in Britain for tax purposes should be allowed to be members of the House of Lords or House of Commons and vote on British laws?

Yes, they should be able to be peers or MPs	3
No, they should not	89
Don't know	8

In general, do you think rich men give large sums of money to political parties mainly because...

They believe in what the party stands for	6
They want something out of the party	84
Not sure	10

Do you agree or disagree with this statement: 'Rich donors to political parties generally have too much influence over their party'

Agree	77
Disagree	6
Don't know	17