

# YouGov Survey Results Blair and the Hutton Inquiry

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**The next election may not be held until next year or the year after. Will you definitely vote for the party you have just named, or will you wait until nearer the election before finally making up your mind?**

Definitely vote for chosen party	<b>58</b>
Will make up mind nearer election	<b>37</b>
Don't know	<b>4</b>

**Which of these statements applies to you?**

I normally voted Labour before 1997	<b>37</b>
I occasionally voted Labour before 1997	<b>16</b>
I never voted Labour before 1997	<b>35</b>
I was too young to vote before 1997	<b>12</b>

**Do you think Tony Blair is doing well or badly as Prime Minister?**

Very well	<b>6</b>
Fairly well	<b>35</b>
Fairly badly	<b>32</b>
Very badly	<b>23</b>
Don't know	<b>4</b>

**Who would make the best Prime Minister?**

Tony Blair	<b>3</b>
Michael Howard	<b>25</b>
Charles Kennedy	<b>8</b>
Don't know	<b>37</b>

**A few days ago, Tony Blair said of Ken Livingstone, the Mayor of London: 'My prediction that he would be a disaster has turned out to be wrong, and when that happens in politics you should just be open about it.' How has that statement affected your view of Mr Blair?**

Gone up	<b>18</b>
Gone down	<b>7</b>
Stayed the same – it remains high	<b>17</b>
Stayed the same – it remains low	<b>46</b>
Don't know	<b>12</b>

**Do you think Tony Blair is in touch or out of touch with the lives of people like you?**

In touch	<b>23</b>
Out of touch	<b>7</b>
Don't know	<b>7</b>

**Which of these statements do you most agree with?**

Tony Blair always tells the truth	2
Tony Blair generally tells the truth and never deliberately lies	28
Tony Blair sometimes tells lies	38
Tony Blair often tells lies	23
Don't know	9

**Generally speaking, do you think Tony Blair is more honest or less honest than the average British politician?**

Tony Blair is generally more honest	19
Tony Blair is generally less honest	25
Tony Blair is generally about as honest as the average British politician	51
Don't know	5

**Which of these statements do you most agree with?**

I thought Tony Blair was generally honest when he first became Prime Minister, and I still trust him to be generally honest	29
I thought Tony Blair was generally honest when he first became Prime Minister, but feel he has betrayed my trust	39
I did NOT think Tony Blair was generally honest when he first became Prime Minister, but now think he IS generally honest	1
I did NOT think Tony Blair was generally honest when he first became Prime Minister, and still have a low opinion of his honesty	19
Don't know	12

**Do you think Tony Blair has a clear sense of direction or is he running out of steam?**

He has a clear sense of direction, which I broadly support	23
He has a clear sense of direction, but it is NOT one I support	21
He is running out of steam	5
Don't know	6

**How concerned do you think Tony Blair is to do the right things for Britain's future?**

Very concerned	31
Fairly concerned	37
Not very concerned	2
Not at all concerned	12

**How concerned do you think Tony Blair is to protect his reputation?**

Very concerned	61
Fairly concerned	32
Not very concerned	6
Not at all concerned	1

**How concerned do you think Tony Blair is to act in the best interests of the Labour Party?**

Very concerned	2
Fairly concerned	5
Not very concerned	24
Not at all concerned	5

**How concerned do you think Tony Blair is to secure a favourable place in history?**

Very concerned	52
Fairly concerned	27
Not very concerned	18
Not at all concerned	3

**Do you think Tony Blair is...?**

Caring	39
Uncaring	32
Don't know	29
Competent	44
Incompetent	34
Don't know	22
Likeable as a person	46
Not likeable as a person	4
Don't know	14
Firmly in charge	44
Not really in charge	43
Don't know	12
Physically fit	39
Frail and tired	34
Don't know	27
Decisive	63
Indecisive	24
Don't know	13
Principled	46
Unprincipled	34
Don't know	2

**Do you think that Tony Blair should keep or change his style as Prime Minister?**

Keep his present style	33
Change his style	54
Don't know	13

**How do you think Tony Blair should change his style? (base: those who think Blair should change his style)**

Be more honest and truthful	85
Listen more to the views of the public	85
Concentrate more on domestic matters	74
Collaborate more with his Cabinet colleagues	49
Listen more to backbench Labour MPs	47
Do more to uphold Labour's traditional values	37
Be tougher and more decisive	25
Abandon his left-wing policies	21
None of these	
Don't know	4

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Tony Blair has run out of steam and should hand over as Prime Minister to another Labour MP before the next general election"**

Agree	39
Disagree	43
Don't know	17

**What effect would it have on your vote at the next general election if Gordon Brown were leader of the Labour Party instead of Tony Blair?**

It would make no difference – I would definitely vote Labour	15
It would make no difference – I would definitely NOT vote Labour	36
I would be more likely to vote Labour if Gordon Brown were party leader	16
I would be less likely to vote Labour	15
Don't know	17

**Do you think the United States and Britain were right or wrong to take military action against Iraq?**

Right	48
Wrong	42
Don't know	1

**Do you think that the war in Iraq has enhanced, damaged or made no difference to Tony Blair's standing?**

Enhanced	1
Damaged	68
Made no difference	22

**How much do you blame Tony Blair for acting wrongly in the days and weeks leading up to Dr Kelly's death?**

Blame a great deal	18
Blame a fair amount	28
Blame just a little	2
Do not blame at all	17
Don't know	18

**From what you have seen or heard of the Hutton inquiry, has your opinion of Tony Blair gone up or gone down?**

Gone up	1
Gone down	25
Stayed the same – it remains high	24
Stayed the same – it remains low	33
Don't know	18

**Questioned about the Hutton inquiry last week, Mr Blair said he stands by his statement that he did not authorise the leaking of Dr Kelly's name. If the inquiry concludes the he DID authorise the leak, what should Mr Blair do?**

Ignore such criticism	2
Challenge such criticism	18
Apologise but remain as Prime Minister	12
Resign as Prime Minister	57
Don't know	11