

YUGOV /CHANNEL FOUR NEWS SURVEY OF LABOUR PARTY MEMBERS

YouGov questioned 518 Labour Party members between 6 and 8 September, 2006: all figures are percentages (* = more than 0%, less than 0.5%)

Where would you place on the following scale?	Self	Blair	Brown
Very left-wing	7	1	2
Fairly left-wing	40	3	14
Slightly left-of-centre	39	26	49
Centre	8	25	22
Slightly right-of-centre	3	23	6
Fairly right-wing	1	16	3
Very right-wing	0	4	*
Don't know	2	2	3
<i>Total left</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>65</i>
<i>Total right</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Total near centre (slightly left+centre+ slightly right)</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>77</i>

How active would you say you are as a Labour Party member?

Very active	19
Fairly active	19
Occasionally active	30
Inactive (happy just to be a member)	33

How would you rate Tony Blair's performance as Prime Minister over the past nine years?

How would you rate Gordon Brown's performance as Chancellor of the Exchequer over the past nine years?	Blair	Brown
Outstanding	24	51
Good	43	36
Fair	23	11
Poor	6	*
Bad	6	1
Don't know	*	*

The Prime Minister has said that he will not lead Labour into the next general election, and that he wishes for an orderly hand-over to his successor. When do you think that he should resign?

This autumn	37
Before next May's elections in Scotland, Wales and English local councils	23
Between next May and next year's party conference	22
Between next year's conference and the next general election	11
Don't know	7

Which of these statements comes closer to your view?

'It is important for Tony Blair to set out a clear timetable for standing down as Labour's leader, and put an end to all the current speculation'	49
'Tony Blair has said enough about his plans. Were he to set out a clear timetable he would become a lame duck leader and lose his authority'	45
Don't know	6

How angry would you be if Tony Blair was forced out of office earlier than he wanted?

Very angry	30
Fairly angry	25
Indifferent	14
Not at all angry	30
Don't know	1

If he is forced out, which of these do you think would be most responsible?

Backbench Labour MPs	37
Tony Blair himself	30
General circumstances – none of these in particular	20
Gordon Brown	11
Don't know	3

If these were the candidates for the leadership of the Labour Party when Mr Blair steps down, which would you vote for?

Gordon Brown	57
John Reid	10
Alan Johnson	8
David Miliband	7
John McDonnell	5
Don't know	12

If these were the candidates for the deputy leadership of the Labour Party when Mr Blair steps down, which would you vote for?

Hilary Benn	27
Alan Johnson	18
David Miliband	17
Harriet Harman	10
Hazel Blears	7
Don't know	22

The following Labour MPs have been Cabinet ministers in recent years. In each case, do you think it would be a good idea or a bad idea for the new leader of the Labour Party to bring them back into the Cabinet?

	Good idea	Bad idea	Don't know
Charles Clarke	48	40	12
Clare Short	40	53	7
Alan Milburn	38	47	15
David Blunkett	36	56	8
Stephen Byers	20	60	20

Do you think the United States and Britain were right or wrong to take military action against Iraq in 2003?

Right	43
Wrong	50
Don't know	7

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? 'Tony Blair is George Bush's poodle – he does almost anything the American President wants'

Agree	38
Disagree	58
Don't know	4

Which of these policies would you favour, regarding Britain's troops in Iraq?

All British troops should be brought home before the end of this year	27
Britain should keep troops in Iraq as long as Iraq's government wants	67
Don't know	5

Do you think Tony Blair's policies towards the Middle East have made Britain more of a target for terrorists?

Yes, they have made Britain more of a target	57
No, they have not	38
Don't know	5

Currently, people suspected of having committed terrorist offences may be held for up to 28 days without charge. It has been suggested that this time be extended to 90 days, provided that the police are able to convince a high court judge each week that enough evidence is likely to be obtained to charge each suspect. Which of these options do you favour most?

The time for holding terrorist suspects should be increased to 90 days	56
The time limit should be kept at 28 days	32
The time limit should be reduced to 14 days	9
Don't know	3

If the United States decides to take military action against Iran, Iraq's neighbour to the East, and asks for Britain to send troops to support the American action, how should Britain's government respond?

Britain should agree to send troops	13
Britain should refuse to send troops	75
Don't know	12

Which of these statements comes closer to your view?

'So much needs to be done to improve public services and reduce poverty that the overall tax burden needs to rise'	42
'There is a strong case for changing taxes so that the system is much fairer, and for different priorities in public spending, but not for increasing the overall burden of taxation'	54
Don't know	4

Which of the following policies would you favour most, regarding the replacement of Britain's Trident nuclear missile system, when it reaches the end of its useful life?

'Britain should replace Trident with an equally powerful nuclear missile system'	22
'Britain should retain a minimum nuclear system, but it should be less powerful and cost less than replacing Trident'	42
'Britain should give up nuclear weapons completely'	30
Don't know	4

Which of these statements comes closest to your views about what should be done when Britain's existing nuclear power stations reach the end of their life?

'They should be replaced because otherwise the country will run out of energy'	60
'They should not be replaced because nuclear power is too dangerous'	29
Don't know	11

Thinking about the Government's policy towards the National Health Service, which of these statements comes closest to your view?

'The process of reform must continue, to give people more choice'	33
'Most of the changes made so far have been sensible, but reform has now gone far enough'	31
'Many of the so-called reforms have failed to work, and radically different policies are now needed'	32
Don't know	5

Thinking about the Government's policy towards state schools, which of these statements comes closest to your view?

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Do you agree or disagree with this statement? 'In order for Labour to keep winning general elections, it's important to govern Britain from near the centre, and not to switch to more left-wing policies'

Agree	64
Disagree	29
Don't know	7