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The next few questions are about Tony Blair and his time as Prime Minister. Do you happen to know how long he has been Prime Minister?

	%
More than 20 years	0
20 years	1
15 years	11
10 years	79
5 years	3
Less than 5 years	0
Don't know	5

Here are 8 pairs of words and phrases. For each pair, please indicate which word and phrase you think more applies to Mr Blair now.

Concerned for the country as a whole	34
Concerned only for himself and his party	57
Don't know	9

Caring	39
Uncaring	42
Don't know	19

Effective	29
Ineffective	60
Don't know	11

Can be trusted	22
Cannot be trusted	63
Don't know	15

Competent	39
Incompetent	47
Don't know	15

Likeable as a person	51
Not likeable as a person	36
Don't know	13

Able to unite the nation	16
Not able to unite the nation	72
Don't know	12

Sticks to principles	31
Does not stick to principles	52
Don't know	17

Here are some things people sometimes say about Tony Blair.
Please indicate for each whether you personally agree or disagree
with it.

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
	%	%	%
He has lost touch with ordinary people	66	25	10
He has too often played fast and loose with the truth	66	18	16
He has been too fond of the trappings of power	60	27	14
He has proved a disappointment as Prime Minister	54	34	12
He has proved more glamorous than successful	40	41	20
He has stood head and shoulders above the leaders of most other countries	29	55	16
He has always cared about the poor and disadvantaged	27	55	19
Mr Blair has proved to be an outstanding Prime Minister	23	64	13
He has raised Britain's standing in the world	23	59	17
He has given the country and the world a strong moral lead	21	63	16

Some people say Mr Blair is a deeply moral person whereas others say he is really a hypocrite. Which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

	%
He genuinely believes that almost everything he says and does is morally justified	24
He sometimes convinces himself that what he has decided to do on other grounds is morally justified	35
In seeking to persuade people that what he intends to do is morally justified, he sometimes says things that he knows are not true	32
Don't know	9

Some people say that Mr Blair as Prime Minister has been too influenced by the rich and powerful. Is that a view you personally share or not?

Yes, he has been too influenced by the rich and powerful	59
No, he hasn't	20
Don't know	21

When Tony Blair's Government was first elected, its theme song was 'Things Can Only Get Better'. Do you personally think that under Mr Blair things have got better, got worse or stayed about the same?

Things have got better	26
Things have got worse	48
Things have stayed about the same	19
Don't know	7

When Tony Blair was first elected, he promised that he and his Government would 'clean up politics'. Do you think Mr Blair and his Government have cleaned up politics' or not?

Yes, they have	9
No, they haven't	78
Don't know	12

Which THREE of the following would you judge to have been the greatest successes of Mr Blair's time as Prime Minister? %

Introducing the minimum wage	54
Bringing peace to Northern Ireland	42
Providing Britain with steady economic growth, nearly full employment and low inflation	36
Devolving power to Scotland and Wales	13
Bringing the Olympic Games to London	13
Toppling Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq	12
Leading the world in the fight against climate change	11
Improving the quality of public services such as education and the NHS	10
Reducing the overall levels of crime	6
None of these	17
Don't know	8

And which THREE of the following would you judge to have been the greatest failures of Mr Blair's time as Prime Minister?

Allowing immigration to rise to unacceptable levels	58
Taking part in the US-led invasion of Iraq	55
Not carrying out his promise to be 'tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime'	39
Allowing Britain's foreign policy to be dictated, in effect, by the United States	36
Raising taxes but without the country having much to show for it	31
Bringing political life into disrepute as a result of 'spin' and episodes like 'cash for honours'	30
Failing to tackle climate change with sufficient vigour	7
Failing to take Britain into the euro (the single European currency)	6
None of these	2
Don't know	6

Taking everything into account, how would you personally rate the performance of Tony Blair as Prime Minister?

Excellent	4
Good	20
Fair	26
Poor	26
Very poor	19
Don't know	4

Many years from now, how do you think history will rate Mr Blair as Prime Minister? Will he be thought in the future to have been...?

A very great Prime Minister	4
A pretty good Prime Minister	28
A mediocre Prime Minister	32
A pretty bad Prime Minister	17
A disastrously bad Prime Minister	13
Don't know	6

When Mr Blair finally stands down, how do you think you will you feel?

I will be sad to see him go	20
I will be happy to see him go	39
I will not care one way or the other	34
Don't know	7

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

Right	26
Wrong	60
Don't know	14