

BUDGET POLLS FOR DAILY TELEGRAPH - TRENDS

	2002 %	2003 %	2004 %	2005 %	2006 %	2007 %
Who do you think is doing a better job?						
Tony Blair as Prime Minister				17	22	24
Gordon Brown as Chancellor				52	37	30
Don't know				31	41	47
Which of the two would you prefer to see as Prime Minister?						
Tony Blair				30	30	35
Gordon Brown				40	31	25
Don't know				30	39	40
Do you think that Gordon Brown is an asset or a liability to the Labour Party?						
He is an asset				63	50	40
He is a liability				16	27	38
Don't know				21	23	22
Do you think that Gordon Brown is doing a good job or a bad job as Chancellor of the Exchequer?						
Good job	62	52	51	61	49	44
Bad job	15	19	31	19	30	36
Don't know	22	29	19	20	21	20

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Do you think this week's Budget is a fair one or not?						
Yes, is fair	62	52	45	44	37	34
No, is not	28	29	32	29	44	46
Don't know	10	19	23	27	19	20
Thinking first of the country as a whole, do you think the Budget will leave the country:						
Better off	44	24	21	26		21
Worse off	35	45	32	23		40
Not make much difference	19	27	38	38		32
Don't know	2	5	9	12		8
Thinking now of you and your family, do you think the Budget will leave you and your family:						
Better off	13	7	8	19		18
Worse off	60	63	45	29		48
Not make much difference	25	28	40	41		28
Don't know	2	3	8	11		7
Some people are saying that there is now, or soon will be, a 'black hole' in the public finances, so that the Chancellor will soon have drastically to cut spending, raise taxes or increase borrowing. From what you know, do you think there is, or soon will be, such a black hole?						
Yes, there is or soon will be			52	44	50	46
No, there is not			15	18	15	19
Don't know			11	38	35	35

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%	%	%	%	%	%

The Chancellor says the British economy is now reasonably strong and the public finances under control. As a result he seems confident that the Government will be able to go on increasing spending on public services over the next few years without having greatly to increase either taxes or government borrowing. From what you know, do you think the Chancellor is right, or wrong, to be as confident as he is?

His confidence is probably well placed	33	37	29
His confidence is probably not well placed	54	45	54
Don't know	13	18	18