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Sample Size: Reinterviews with 665 Conservative Party members, originally questioned on September 7-9

Fieldwork: 18 - 19 October 2005

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The Conservative Party, as you know, has decided to leave the final choice of the party leader to the rank-and-file members.

When the time comes, how likely is it that you will vote in the leadership election?

0 – very unlikely	3	3	3	2	2	3	1	3	2	4	4
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
3	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
4	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
5	2	3	0	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	4
6	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	4
7	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	0
8	3	3	3	3	3	4	2	4	2	6	8
9	4	3	1	4	3	4	10	2	2	2	4
10 – very likely	85	88	84	87	85	84	85	82	92	82	75
Don't know	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0

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As you may already have heard, the Conservative parliamentary party has narrowed down the choice to be offered to the party's members to three candidates: Kenneth Clarke, David Davis and David Cameron. If you as a party member were able to choose among all three, which of them would you vote for?

Liam Fox	18	100	0	0	8	27	10	13	19	57	29
David Davis	15	0	100	0	7	24	2	8	40	2	8
David Cameron	59	0	0	100	80	41	88	69	37	37	54
Don't know	7	0	0	0	6	8	0	9	4	4	8

Which of them do you think should definitely NOT be elected party leader? [Tick all that apply]

Liam Fox	31	0	36	40	39	24	24	41	29	6	29
David Davis	35	38	1	47	46	25	54	46	11	43	42
David Cameron	11	26	41	0	4	19	1	7	26	16	8
None of these - all should be considered	28	39	24	24	22	33	29	18	35	39	21
Don't know	4	2	3	3	3	4	0	6	4	2	8

Which of the three do you think would be most likely to attract new members to the Conservative Party?

Liam Fox	12	59	3	0	5	19	6	10	11	27	21
David Davis	9	0	55	0	4	15	2	3	23	0	13
David Cameron	70	31	26	95	86	53	90	76	55	61	58
Don't know	10	10	16	4	5	13	2	11	10	12	8

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Which of the three do you think would be best placed to lead a united Conservative Party?

Liam Fox	15	73	5	2	7	23	8	13	15	39	25
David Davis	19	8	80	7	11	27	6	8	43	12	13
David Cameron	55	14	8	86	75	37	82	66	32	37	54
Don't know	11	6	8	6	7	13	4	13	10	12	8

Which of the three do you think would mount the most formidable challenge to Tony Blair and Gordon Brown in the House of Commons?

Liam Fox	16	73	3	4	8	23	10	11	17	45	25
David Davis	20	6	87	7	12	27	8	10	45	8	17
David Cameron	52	14	7	80	69	37	79	62	31	33	50
Don't know	12	8	3	9	11	13	4	18	7	14	8

Which of the three candidates do you think would make the best Prime Minister if the Conservatives were to win the next election?

Liam Fox	19	89	3	3	9	28	12	14	18	55	33
David Davis	17	5	88	3	8	26	3	9	44	4	8
David Cameron	56	4	6	91	77	38	85	69	31	33	50
Don't know	8	2	3	4	7	8	1	9	6	8	8

Which of the three do you think would come over best on television and radio?

Liam Fox	17	68	12	3	9	25	13	14	15	45	21
David Davis	8	2	42	2	5	10	2	4	19	2	4
David Cameron	70	28	40	93	83	58	86	77	60	49	71
Don't know	5	3	7	3	3	7	0	6	5	4	4

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Which of the three do you think would do most to boost the Conservatives' chances of winning the next general election?

Liam Fox	15	77	4	0	7	22	8	11	14	41	29
David Davis	13	1	77	1	6	20	1	5	34	2	8
David Cameron	63	17	13	96	82	46	91	72	46	47	54
Don't know	9	6	7	3	5	12	0	12	6	10	8

As you probably know, the party's MPs are due to vote again on Thursday to whittle down the choice of candidates to two. Which TWO of the three present candidates would you prefer to see go forward. [Please tick two]

Liam Fox	58	99	46	52	54	63	64	58	52	88	63
David Davis	51	36	94	45	46	56	37	46	73	33	42
David Cameron	82	64	50	98	93	72	96	90	69	73	75
Don't know	4	0	3	2	3	4	2	3	3	2	8

If the final choice turned out to be between Liam Fox and David Davis which of them would you vote for?

Liam Fox	48	99	5	46	45	51	65	46	32	84	54
David Davis	39	1	93	37	37	42	23	37	63	14	25
Don't know	13	0	2	17	18	8	12	17	4	2	21

If the final choice turned out to be between David Davis and David Cameron which of them would you vote for?

David Davis	22	35	92	1	8	35	4	11	48	22	17
David Cameron	72	58	5	99	88	57	95	83	46	73	71
Don't know	6	7	3	1	4	8	2	6	5	4	13

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If the final choice turned out to be between Liam Fox and David Cameron which of them would you vote for?

Liam Fox	27	96	53	1	10	43	11	18	44	57	33
David Cameron	67	2	39	97	85	50	88	76	50	39	58
Don't know	6	3	8	2	5	7	1	6	6	4	8

Which of these statements comes closer to your view?

'The Conservative Party should move more towards the political Centre, with more moderate 'one nation' policies'	45	19	20	60	100	0	51	63	24	31	50
'The Conservative Party should remain firmly on the Right of politics and put clear blue water between the Conservatives and the Labour Party'	48	73	76	33	0	100	42	33	70	61	42
Don't know	7	8	4	7	0	0	7	4	6	8	8

And how would you describe Liam Fox?

He is a moderate 'one nation' Tory	9	13	11	9	8	11	10	9	12	8	8
He is a 'clear blue water' Tory	53	63	45	55	56	52	59	50	54	65	46
I don't think of him as either	31	25	37	30	31	30	29	33	31	22	42
Don't know	6	0	8	6	5	6	3	7	3	4	4

And how would you describe David Davis?

He is a moderate 'one nation' Tory	20	31	25	15	14	26	16	14	30	16	33
He is a 'clear blue water' Tory	45	33	57	47	52	40	49	50	47	33	29
I don't think of him as either	28	33	16	30	30	26	30	29	21	39	33
Don't know	7	3	2	8	5	8	4	7	3	12	4

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And how would you describe David Cameron?

He is a moderate 'one nation' Tory	57	50	46	65	79	39	63	58	55	55	50
He is a 'clear blue water' Tory	15	12	9	19	5	25	18	15	14	14	17
I don't think of him as either	21	33	34	13	14	25	16	19	26	22	25
Don't know	7	6	12	4	2	11	3	7	5	8	8

Conservatives these days tend to be described as being either 'pro-European' or 'Euro-sceptic'. If you had to choose, how would you describe yourself?

I am a pro-European	7	0	7	8	12	3	4	13	3	0	4
I am a Euro-sceptic	80	93	87	74	67	91	84	69	90	86	88
I don't think of myself as either	13	6	5	16	21	5	13	19	6	14	8
Don't know	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0

And how would you describe Liam Fox?

He is pro-European	2	2	4	2	2	3	2	2	4	2	4
He is Euro-sceptic	72	84	68	72	78	67	76	70	79	73	58
I don't think of him as either	14	14	15	13	14	14	11	14	9	16	25
Don't know	12	0	14	12	7	16	12	13	8	8	13

And how would you describe David Davis?

He is pro-European	3	6	0	4	4	3	4	3	2	10	0
He is Euro-sceptic	65	59	76	67	70	61	70	65	79	47	50
I don't think of him as either	19	25	17	17	18	20	13	19	15	27	38
Don't know	13	10	7	12	8	15	13	14	5	16	13

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And how would you describe David Cameron?

He is pro-European	9	16	16	5	7	11	4	8	14	6	17
He is Euro-sceptic	40	28	28	49	43	38	52	37	43	31	33
I don't think of him as either	36	42	35	35	41	32	37	38	32	43	33
Don't know	15	15	21	10	9	19	7	17	11	20	17

In your view, is David Cameron, for all his virtues, still too young to lead the party?

Yes, he is	26	53	67	7	16	35	4	25	44	22	29
No, he isn't	69	40	23	90	80	58	95	68	52	73	67
Don't know	6	8	10	3	4	7	1	7	5	4	4

Mr. Cameron has consistently refused to say whether or not he took drugs when he was a student. How, if at all, will his stand on the issue affect the way you vote in the election?

It makes me more inclined to vote for him	13	6	1	19	18	8	16	16	10	4	13
It makes me less inclined to vote for him	13	26	37	2	7	19	4	11	21	14	17
It makes no difference either way	74	68	60	79	74	72	79	72	69	82	71
Don't know	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0

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If the eventual winner turned out to be Liam Fox, how do you think you would feel? *(to non-Fox supporters)*

I would not be bothered at all: he would make a good leader	22	0	30	18	14	32	21	14	27	52	12
I would be somewhat disappointed but wouldn't mind all that much	39	0	42	40	39	39	47	36	46	29	35
I would be seriously disappointed but would remain in the party	30	0	21	34	37	23	28	40	22	10	41
I would be utterly dismayed and would seriously consider leaving the party	6	0	3	7	9	3	5	9	3	10	6
Don't know	3	0	4	2	1	3	0	1	3	0	6

If the eventual winner turned out to be David Davis, how do you think you would feel? *(to non-Davis supporters)*

I would not be bothered at all: he would make a good leader	18	25	0	13	11	25	12	9	43	19	5
I would be somewhat disappointed but wouldn't mind all that much	35	45	0	33	30	41	31	37	41	27	36
I would be seriously disappointed but would remain in the party	34	23	0	39	41	26	45	39	12	40	32
I would be utterly dismayed and would seriously consider leaving the party	11	6	0	12	16	7	12	14	3	13	23
Don't know	2	1	0	2	1	2	0	1	2	2	5

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If the eventual winner turned out to be David Cameron, how do you think you would feel? *(to non-Cameron supporters)*

I would not be bothered at all: he would make a good leader	31	32	19	0	33	29	46	33	24	39	27
I would be somewhat disappointed but wouldn't mind all that much	33	37	35	0	36	33	38	33	31	26	36
I would be seriously disappointed but would remain in the party	24	21	33	0	21	25	15	20	31	26	27
I would be utterly dismayed and would seriously consider leaving the party	8	9	9	0	7	9	0	11	11	6	0
Don't know	4	2	4	0	3	3	0	3	3	3	9

In your view, is it appropriate or inappropriate for politicians to be asked whether they used illegal drugs while they were at school or university?

Yes, it is appropriate	27	41	43	18	23	31	20	26	30	31	29
No, it isn't	70	54	54	80	75	66	79	69	67	63	71
Don't know	3	5	3	3	2	3	2	4	3	6	0

If politicians are asked questions about whether they have used drugs while at school or university, do you think they have, or do not have, the right to refuse to answer?

Yes, they do have the right to refuse to answer	91	85	80	96	95	88	96	93	90	80	92
No, they don't	8	13	19	4	5	11	4	6	10	18	8
Don't know	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	0

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In your view, is it appropriate or inappropriate for politicians to be asked whether they are NOW using illegal drugs?

Yes, it is appropriate	88	88	85	87	89	87	81	90	87	94	96
No, it isn't	11	10	15	12	11	12	16	9	13	4	4
Don't know	1	2	0	2	0	1	3	1	1	2	0

If politicians are asked questions about their current use of drugs, do you think they have, or do not have, the right to refuse to answer?

Yes, they do have the right to refuse to answer	34	36	25	36	36	30	29	39	30	24	33
No, they don't	65	63	74	62	62	68	68	60	70	71	67
Don't know	2	2	1	2	1	1	3	1	0	4	0

It is said that someone or some group has been organising a 'smear campaign' against David Cameron on the matter of drugs. Is it your impression that there has, or has not, been such a smear campaign?

Yes, there has	63	52	31	78	74	55	75	66	52	71	75
No, there has not	19	23	46	11	13	26	13	17	30	14	13
Don't know	17	25	23	11	13	20	13	17	18	14	13

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Some people claim that David Davis and his supporters either organised such a campaign or at least condoned it. Others, including Mr. Davis, deny any involvement on the part of either himself or his supporters. From what you have seen and read, what is your impression?

There was such a campaign and it is likely that Mr. Davis and/ or his supporters were involved in it	20	14	5	27	28	14	32	22	8	31	21
Mr. Davis and his supporters did not themselves organise such a campaign but Mr. Davis did not try very hard to distance himself from it	36	29	22	43	42	32	41	39	30	41	46
Neither Mr. Davis nor any of his supporters had anything to do with such a campaign and Mr. Davis did seek to distance himself from it	14	20	25	10	11	16	10	10	27	8	4
There never was any such campaign	11	15	26	6	7	15	5	10	18	8	0
Don't know	18	22	21	14	12	23	12	19	18	12	29

Whether or not there was a campaign intended to damage Mr. Cameron, a lot of people believe there was. Whose standing do you think has been more damaged by the whole episode, Mr. Cameron's or Mr. Davis's?

Mr. Cameron's	12	20	30	5	8	17	6	11	16	10	25
Mr. Davis's	50	39	20	65	63	40	64	55	36	65	38
Neither of them	33	36	43	28	27	37	28	31	40	20	29
Don't know	5	5	7	3	2	7	2	4	7	4	8

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Finally, how do you feel now that Kenneth Clarke is no longer a candidate?

I am delighted	27	40	43	20	14	39	33	3	50	43	21
I am quite pleased	21	25	18	22	19	22	28	8	28	37	8
I am not bothered one way or the other	12	7	13	13	13	11	19	7	8	8	29
I am quite disappointed	22	12	18	26	30	16	18	38	11	12	29
I am very disappointed	17	17	8	18	23	12	3	45	3	0	8
Don't know	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	4