

# YouGov Survey Results

## Conservative Members

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**Sample Size: 366**

**Fieldwork: 6th - 8th October 2003**

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<b>From what you know, would you describe morale among Conservative party members in your area as being...</b>	
Very high at the moment	<b>6</b>
Fairly high	<b>41</b>
Fairly low	<b>38</b>
Very low at the moment	<b>8</b>
Don't know	<b>7</b>

<b>In general are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Conservative Central Office is managing the party nationally?</b>	
Satisfied	<b>41</b>
Dissatisfied	<b>55</b>
Don't know	<b>4</b>

<b>In general do you think the Conservative front bench team in the House of Commons is or is not providing an effective opposition to the Blair Government?</b>	
Yes, is	<b>29</b>
No, is not	<b>68</b>
Don't know	<b>3</b>

<b>How good or bad a job do you think each of the following is doing as a member of the front bench team?</b>	
<b>Michael Ancram</b>	
Very good	<b>20</b>
Fairly good	<b>55</b>
Pretty bad	<b>15</b>
Very bad	<b>2</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>

<b>Iain Duncan Smith</b>	
Very good	<b>15</b>
Fairly good	<b>40</b>
Pretty bad	<b>31</b>
Very bad	<b>13</b>
Don't know	<b>1</b>

<b>Liam Fox</b>	
Very good	<b>31</b>
Fairly good	<b>51</b>
Pretty bad	<b>9</b>
Very bad	<b>2</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>

<b>Damian Green</b>	
Very good	<b>12</b>
Fairly good	<b>38</b>
Pretty bad	<b>17</b>
Very bad	<b>4</b>
Don't know	<b>29</b>

**Michael Howard**

Very good	38
Fairly good	44
Pretty bad	11
Very bad	3
Don't know	4

**Oliver Letwin**

Very good	42
Fairly good	39
Pretty bad	11
Very bad	2
Don't know	6

**David Willetts**

Very good	16
Fairly good	45
Pretty bad	15
Very bad	4
Don't know	20

**Tim Yeo**

Very good	9
Fairly good	34
Pretty bad	24
Very bad	9
Don't know	24

**Several prominent Conservatives are not members of the shadow cabinet at the moment.  
Please indicate whether you think each of the following should, or should not, be included  
in the shadow cabinet.**

**Kenneth Clarke**

Should be included	48
Should not	50
Don't know	2

**William Hague**

Should be included	86
Should not	12
Don't know	2

**Michael Portillo**

Should be included	51
Should not	44
Don't know	5

**As of now, do you reckon the Conservatives' chances of winning the next general election  
and forming the next Government are...**

Excellent	4
Fairly good	37
Not very good	47
Not at all good	12
Don't know	0

**Do you happen to remember how you voted in the Conservative leadership election two  
years ago?**

Yes, I voted for Kenneth Clarke	34
Yes, I voted for Iain Duncan Smith	54
No, I cannot remember	1
I did not vote	11

**Do you think Iain Duncan Smith at the moment is providing the Conservative Party with...**

Strong and effective leadership	<b>10</b>
Adequate leadership – but not more	<b>62</b>
Weak and ineffectual leadership	<b>28</b>
Don't know	<b>0</b>

**Looking back, do you think that the Conservative party did, or did not, make a mistake in electing Mr. Duncan Smith as its leader?**

Yes - made a mistake	<b>53</b>
No - did not make a mistake	<b>42</b>
Don't know	<b>5</b>

**Do you think Iain Duncan Smith should remain party leader until the next general election, or should the party choose a new leader before the next election?**

IDS should remain leader	<b>49</b>
Party should choose a new leader	<b>45</b>
Don't know	<b>6</b>

**If there were a new leadership election, which of the following would you most like to see emerge as leader?**

Michael Ancram	<b>3</b>
Kenneth Clarke	<b>14</b>
David Davis	<b>11</b>
Liam Fox	<b>4</b>
Damian Green	<b>0</b>
William Hague	<b>26</b>
Michael Howard	<b>8</b>
Bernard Jenkin	<b>1</b>
Oliver Letwin	<b>12</b>
Theresa May	<b>4</b>
Michael Portillo	<b>11</b>
David Willetts	<b>0</b>
Tim Yeo	<b>0</b>
Don't know	<b>5</b>

**As you probably know, if there were a new leadership election, party members would be asked to choose between two candidates chosen by the Conservative members of Parliament. How would you vote if the choice lay between each of the following pairs?**

Michael Howard	<b>54</b>
David Davis	<b>36</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>
Kenneth Clarke	<b>37</b>
Michael Portillo	<b>41</b>
Don't know	<b>21</b>
Oliver Letwin	<b>47</b>
Michael Howard	<b>45</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>
David Davis	<b>53</b>
Kenneth Clarke	<b>36</b>
Don't know	<b>11</b>
Michael Portillo	<b>31</b>
Oliver Letwin	<b>57</b>
Don't know	<b>12</b>

Michael Howard	<b>58</b>
Kenneth Clarke	<b>36</b>
Don't know	<b>6</b>
David Davis	<b>51</b>
Michael Portillo	<b>38</b>
Don't know	<b>11</b>
Oliver Letwin	<b>50</b>
David Davis	<b>36</b>
Don't know	<b>14</b>
Kenneth Clarke	<b>31</b>
Oliver Letwin	<b>60</b>
Don't know	<b>9</b>
Michael Portillo	<b>32</b>
Michael Howard	<b>59</b>
Don't know	<b>9</b>

**Here is a list of the Conservative party's leaders over the past 40 years. Please indicate which of them you think was the BEST leader during that period.**

Harold Macmillan	<b>4</b>
Sir Alec Douglas-Home	<b>0</b>
Edward Heath	<b>0</b>
Margaret Thatcher	<b>93</b>
John Major	<b>1</b>
William Hague	<b>1</b>
Iain Duncan Smith	<b>0</b>

**Please indicate which of them was the WORST leader during that period.**

Harold Macmillan	<b>1</b>
Sir Alec Douglas-Home	<b>11</b>
Edward Heath	<b>44</b>
Margaret Thatcher	<b>1</b>
John Major	<b>21</b>
William Hague	<b>4</b>
Iain Duncan Smith	<b>18</b>