

YouGov / Daily Telegraph survey of Conservative Party members

YouGov questioned 615 Conservative Party members online between 28 and 30 September, 2005

Which of the following would you like to see succeed Michael Howard as leader of the Conservative Party? %

Kenneth Clarke	30
David Davis	30
David Cameron	16
Liam Fox	13
Sir Malcolm Rifkind	4
Don't know	6

Which of the following do you think should definitely NOT be elected as leader of the Conservative party?
[Tick all that apply]

Sir Malcolm Rifkind	55
Kenneth Clarke	36
Liam Fox	28
David Cameron	23
David Davis	16
Don't know	10

As of this minute, how do you personally rate the Conservatives' chances of winning the next general election, in the sense of having an overall majority in the House of Commons? I rate the Conservatives' chances as . . .

Excellent	4
Good	26
Fair	45
Poor	20
Very poor	4
Don't know	1

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

David Cameron	10
Kenneth Clarke	43
David Davis	27
Liam Fox	7
Sir Malcolm Rifkind	3
Don't know	10

How much does it matter to you personally which of the probable candidates is elected party leader?

It matters a great deal	54
It matters a certain amount	40
It doesn't matter much	5
It doesn't matter at all	1
Don't know	0

In the end, party members will have to choose between the two candidates put forward by the Conservative parliamentary party. If the two candidates turn out to be Kenneth Clarke and David Davis, which of those two would you vote for?

Kenneth Clarke	44
David Davis	48
Don't know	8

Which of the two do you think would be more likely to attract new members to the Conservative Party?	%
Kenneth Clarke	45
David Davis	40
Don't know	15

Which of the two men do you think would be better placed to lead a united Conservative Party?	
Kenneth Clarke	34
David Davis	53
Don't know	12

Which of the two men do you think would mount a more formidable challenge to Tony Blair and Gordon Brown in the House of Commons?	
Kenneth Clarke	62
David Davis	31
Don't know	7

Which of the two do you think would come over better on television and radio?	
Kenneth Clarke	55
David Davis	34
Don't know	11

Which of the two do you think would do most to boost the Conservatives' chances of winning the next general election?	
Kenneth Clarke	48
David Davis	39
Don't know	13

(To Clarke supporters) **If the choice were between Kenneth Clarke and David Davis, you said earlier that you would probably vote for Kenneth Clarke. If, however, David Davis were to win, how do you think you would feel?**

I would not be bothered at all: either man would make a good leader	22
I would be somewhat disappointed but wouldn't mind all that much	40
I would be seriously disappointed but would remain in the party	32
I would be utterly dismayed and would seriously consider leaving the party	6
Don't know	1

(To Davis supporters) **If the choice were between Kenneth Clarke and David Davis, you said earlier that you would probably vote for David Davis. If, however, Kenneth Clarke were to win, how do you think you would feel?**

I would not be bothered at all: either man would make a good leader	7
I would be somewhat disappointed but wouldn't mind all that much	24
I would be seriously disappointed but would remain in the party	42
I would be utterly dismayed and would seriously consider leaving the party	25
Don't know	1