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Conservative Supporters Survey

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Fieldwork: 5th - 7th November 2002

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| In last year's election for the leadership of the Conservative Party, who did you want to see win in the contest between Iain Duncan Smith and Kenneth Clarke? | |
| Iain Duncan Smith | 41 |
| Kenneth Clarke | 35 |
| Neither | 20 |
| Don't know | 4 |
| In retrospect, do you believe the Conservative Party's members were right or wrong to choose Iain Duncan Smith as party leader? | |
| Right | 37 |
| Wrong | 50 |
| Don't know | 13 |
| Do you think Mr Duncan Smith has gone too far or not far enough to change the Conservative Party, or has he got the balance about right? | |
| Gone too far | 9 |
| Not gone far enough | 64 |
| Got the balance about right | 20 |
| Don't know | 8 |
| Was it a good idea or a bad idea for Mr Duncan Smith to portray himself as a 'quiet but determined man' at last month's Conservative Party conference? | |
| Good idea | 46 |
| Bad idea | 42 |
| Don't know | 11 |
| Whose side are you on at the moment – Iain Duncan Smith, or his critics and the rebels in the Conservative Party? | |
| On the side of Iain Duncan Smith | 52 |
| On the side of critics and rebels | 35 |
| Don't know | 14 |
| On Monday, one in four Conservative MPs decided not to back the party's official policy on the law concerning adoption. In general, do you believe that those MPs were taking a moral stand or that they were deliberately trying to destabilise Mr Duncan Smith? | |
| Taking a moral stand | 37 |
| Deliberately trying to destabilise Mr Duncan Smith | 53 |
| Don't know | 10 |
| Do you think Mr Duncan Smith was right to impose a 'three-line whip' on the abortion bill, asking all Conservative MPs to vote in line with party policy, or should he have allowed a 'free vote', under which all MPs would have voted according to their conscience? | |
| Right to impose 'three-line whip' | 14 |
| Should have allowed 'free vote' | 81 |
| Don't know | 5 |

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| Do you think Kenneth Clarke is seeking to change the party leadership? | |
| Is seeking to become party leader | 56 |
| Wants a new leader but not necessarily himself | 37 |
| Is not seeking to change the party leadership | 7 |
| Do you think Michael Portillo is seeking to change the party leadership? | |
| Is seeking to become party leader | 57 |
| Wants a new leader but not necessarily himself | 36 |
| Is not seeking to change the party leadership | 8 |
| What should Mr Duncan Smith's critics among Conservative MPs do now? | |
| Unite behind Mr Duncan Smith | 39 |
| Call for a new leadership election | 35 |
| Leave the Conservative Party | 6 |
| Accept Mr Duncan Smith as leader but retain their right to criticise him | 18 |
| Don't know | 3 |
| Mr Duncan Smith has said the Conservative Party must unite or die. Do you believe the Tory party will die if IDS is forced out? | |
| Very likely to die | 4 |
| Fairly likely to die | 11 |
| Fairly unlikely to die | 36 |
| Very unlikely to die | 44 |
| Don't know | 4 |
| Do you think a new election for the leadership of the Conservative Party would be...? | |
| Very good for the Party | 16 |
| Fairly good for the Party | 20 |
| Fairly bad for the Party | 32 |
| Disastrous for the Party | 20 |
| Make no difference | 11 |
| Don't know | 1 |
| If it were purely a matter of your own preferences, which of these would you most like to see as leader of the Conservative Party? | |
| Kenneth Clarke | 24 |
| David Davis | 9 |
| Oliver Letwin | 4 |
| Francis Maude | 1 |
| Theresa May | 10 |
| Michael Portillo | 18 |
| None of them | 23 |
| Don't know | 10 |
| Leaving aside your personal preferences, which of these do you think would stand the best chance of improving the Conservative Party's performance at the next general election? | |
| Kenneth Clarke | 35 |
| David Davis | 7 |
| Liam Fox | 4 |
| Oliver Letwin | 2 |
| Francis Maude | 1 |
| Theresa May | 7 |
| Michael Portillo | 18 |
| None of them | 14 |
| Don't know | 12 |

a) If there were an election for Conservative leader and you had the vote, which of these would you support?

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| Kenneth Clarke | 28 |
| David Davis | 10 |
| Liam Fox | 4 |
| Oliver Letwin | 5 |
| Francis Maude | 1 |
| Theresa May | 10 |
| Michael Portillo | 20 |
| None of them | 14 |
| Don't know | 9 |

b) And who would be your SECOND choice?

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| Kenneth Clarke | 14 |
| David Davis | 10 |
| Liam Fox | 8 |
| Oliver Letwin | 7 |
| Francis Maude | 4 |
| Theresa May | 9 |
| Michael Portillo | 15 |
| None of them | 17 |
| Don't know | 16 |

c) And your THIRD choice?

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| Kenneth Clarke | 4 |
| David Davis | 9 |
| Liam Fox | 9 |
| Oliver Letwin | 7 |
| Francis Maude | 7 |
| Theresa May | 10 |
| Michael Portillo | 6 |
| None of them | 25 |
| Don't know | 24 |

Do you agree or disagree with the statement: 'Conservative MPs are failing to listen to the views of ordinary party members'

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| Agree | 53 |
| Disagree | 27 |
| Don't know | 20 |

Do you agree or disagree with this statement: 'Conservative Party members elected Mr Duncan Smith by a clear majority last year, and MPs should not try now to overturn that decision'

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| Agree | 61 |
| Disagree | 32 |
| Don't know | 8 |

Which do you think is the most suitable environment to bring up a child?

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| In the home of a married couple | 71 |
| In the home of an unmarried couple | 0 |
| By a single mother | 0 |
| By a single father | 0 |
| By two homosexual men | 0 |
| By two lesbian women | 0 |
| It doesn't matter as long as the adult(s) bringing up the children are loving and caring | 29 |
| Don't know | 0 |

The Adoption Bill now going through Parliament will enable unmarried men and women to adopt children. Which of these options do you favour most:

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| Unmarried couples should be given equal adoption rights with married couples | 35 |
| Unmarried couples should be selected if and when the Social Services are unable to place the child with a married couple | 47 |
| Unmarried couples should never be allowed to adopt children | 17 |
| Don't know | 1 |

The Adoption Bill now going through Parliament will enable homosexual couples to adopt children. Which of these options do you favour most:

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| Homosexual couples should be given equal adoption rights with married couples | 15 |
| Homosexual couples should be selected if and when the Social Services are unable to place the child with a married couple | 20 |
| Homosexual couples should never be allowed to adopt children | 62 |
| Don't know | 4 |

Should same sex couples be allowed a legal ceremony equivalent to marriage, and giving them the same legal rights as married couples?

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| Should be allowed a legal ceremony | 36 |
| Should not be allowed a legal ceremony | 57 |
| Don't know | 7 |

a) Thinking about Michael Portillo – do you think at the moment he is helping or hurting the Conservative Party?

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| Helping | 10 |
| Hurting | 47 |
| Neither | 33 |
| Don't know | 10 |

b) Would you like to see Michael Portillo continue to 'speak his mind' on issues like this, or should he stay quiet on these issues?

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| Should continue to 'speak his mind' on these issues | 55 |
| Should stay quiet on these issues | 37 |
| Don't know | 9 |

c) Should Michael Portillo have the 'whip removed' (that means being suspended from the party for a period of time), or not?

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| Should have the whip removed | 18 |
| Should NOT have the whip removed | 68 |
| Don't know | 14 |

d) On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means 'I dislike a lot' and 10 means 'I like a lot', how do you rate Michael Portillo?

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| 0 | 12 |
| 1 | 5 |
| 2 | 9 |
| 3 | 9 |
| 4 | 8 |
| 5 | 18 |
| 6 | 11 |
| 7 | 12 |
| 8 | 10 |
| 9 | 3 |
| 10 | 2 |
| Don't know | 3 |

25. a) Thinking about Ken Clarke – do you think at the moment he is helping or hurting the Conservative Party?

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| Helping | 13 |
| Hurting | 43 |
| Neither | 35 |
| Don't know | 9 |

25. b) Should Ken Clarke have the 'whip removed' (that means being suspended from the party for a period of time), or not?

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| Should have the whip removed | 16 |
| Should NOT have the whip removed | 73 |
| Don't know | 11 |

26. c) On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means 'I dislike a lot' and 10 means 'I like a lot', how do you rate Ken Clarke?

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| 0 | 9 |
| 1 | 5 |
| 2 | 7 |
| 3 | 9 |
| 4 | 8 |
| 5 | 14 |
| 6 | 10 |
| 7 | 13 |
| 8 | 11 |
| 9 | 5 |
| 10 | 4 |
| Don't know | 3 |