

# YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

Sample Size: 2270

Fieldwork: 27th - 29th September 2004



	%
<b>Voting Intention</b>	
Con	<b>32</b>
Lab	<b>35</b>
Lib Dem	<b>23</b>
Other	<b>10</b>
SNP / PCY	<b>2</b>
Green	<b>1</b>
UKIP	<b>6</b>
BNP	<b>1</b>
<i>Would Not Vote</i>	<b>4</b>
<i>Don't know</i>	<b>11</b>

**Have you definitely made up your mind what you will do at the next election, or will you wait until nearer the time before deciding?**

Will definitely vote, and know which party I shall support	<b>55</b>
Will definitely vote, but will wait until nearer the time to decide which party to support	<b>27</b>
May or may not vote, but know which party I shall support if I do vote	<b>7</b>
May or may not vote, and am not yet certain which party I shall support if I do vote	<b>7</b>
Will definitely not vote	<b>4</b>

**Do you think Michael Howard is providing the Conservative Party with...**

Strong and effective leadership	<b>11</b>
Adequate leadership – but not more	<b>52</b>
Weak and ineffectual leadership	<b>27</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>

**If Labour wins the next general election, how likely is it in your view that...**

**Taxes will rise sharply**

Very likely	<b>22</b>
Fairly likely	<b>38</b>
Fairly unlikely	<b>24</b>
Very unlikely	<b>7</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>

**There will be a reduction in violent crime**

Very likely	<b>1</b>
Fairly likely	<b>11</b>
Fairly unlikely	<b>42</b>
Very unlikely	<b>39</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>

**Waiting times for hospital operations will get longer**

Very likely	<b>13</b>
Fairly likely	<b>35</b>
Fairly unlikely	<b>34</b>
Very unlikely	<b>10</b>
Don't know	<b>9</b>

**The economy will remain strong**

Very likely	<b>10</b>
Fairly likely	<b>47</b>
Fairly unlikely	<b>23</b>
Very unlikely	<b>9</b>
Don't know	<b>11</b>

**Public transport will get worse**

Very likely	<b>14</b>
Fairly likely	<b>39</b>
Fairly unlikely	<b>32</b>
Very unlikely	<b>7</b>
Don't know	<b>9</b>

**The quality of education in state schools will improve**

Very likely	<b>3</b>
Fairly likely	<b>29</b>
Fairly unlikely	<b>39</b>
Very unlikely	<b>20</b>
Don't know	<b>9</b>

**More decisions affecting Britain will be made in Brussels rather than London**

Very likely	<b>29</b>
Fairly likely	<b>30</b>
Fairly unlikely	<b>20</b>
Very unlikely	<b>6</b>
Don't know	<b>14</b>

**Most pensioners will be better off**

Very likely	<b>3</b>
Fairly likely	<b>18</b>
Fairly unlikely	<b>35</b>
Very unlikely	<b>35</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>

**The number of immigrants entering Britain each year will fall**

Very likely	<b>3</b>
Fairly likely	<b>16</b>
Fairly unlikely	<b>30</b>
Very unlikely	<b>41</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>

**The gap between rich and poor will widen**

Very likely	<b>23</b>
Fairly likely	<b>38</b>
Fairly unlikely	<b>22</b>
Very unlikely	<b>7</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>

**The Government will provide families with more help with childcare**

Very likely	<b>7</b>
Fairly likely	<b>43</b>
Fairly unlikely	<b>24</b>
Very unlikely	<b>13</b>
Don't know	<b>13</b>

**Britain will be involved in another war**

Very likely	<b>11</b>
Fairly likely	<b>27</b>
Fairly unlikely	<b>27</b>
Very unlikely	<b>13</b>
Don't know	<b>22</b>

**If Labour wins the next election under Tony Blair, do you think...**

Tony Blair will remain Prime Minister for all or most of the next four or five years	<b>39</b>
Tony Blair will resign within a year or two and be replaced by Gordon Brown	<b>25</b>
Tony Blair will resign within a year or two and be replaced by some other Labour MP	<b>21</b>
Don't know	<b>14</b>

**Which of the following statements comes closer to your view?**

The Conservatives are ready for power and look like 'a Government in waiting'	<b>19</b>
The Conservatives are not ready for power and need more time to prepare themselves	<b>65</b>
Don't know	<b>16</b>

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Fairly likely	<b>40</b>
Fairly unlikely	<b>28</b>
Very unlikely	<b>13</b>
Don't know	<b>12</b>

**Public transport will get worse**

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Fairly likely	<b>40</b>
Fairly unlikely	<b>29</b>
Very unlikely	<b>5</b>
Don't know	<b>12</b>

**The quality of education in state schools will improve**

Very likely	<b>4</b>
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Don't know	<b>12</b>

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**Here are some reasons people give for wanting to vote Conservative at the moment. Please indicate for each of them whether you sympathise with it or not...**

**Michael Howard provides his party with strong leadership...**

Do sympathise with this view	<b>26</b>
Do not sympathise	<b>56</b>
Don't know	<b>18</b>

**The Conservatives know how to run a successful, low tax economy**

Do sympathise with this view	<b>34</b>
Do not sympathise	<b>51</b>
Don't know	<b>15</b>

**The Conservatives nowadays are sensible and moderate**

Do sympathise with this view	<b>34</b>
Do not sympathise	<b>52</b>
Don't know	<b>14</b>

**There is not a great deal to be said for the Conservatives but they are at least better than the Labour Party**

Do sympathise with this view	<b>33</b>
Do not sympathise	<b>55</b>
Don't know	<b>12</b>

**The Conservatives have struck the right balance in its policy towards the European Union – 'in Europe but not run by Europe'**

Do sympathise with this view	<b>44</b>
Do not sympathise	<b>40</b>
Don't know	<b>16</b>

Here are some reasons people give for NOT voting Conservative at the moment. Please indicate for each of them whether you sympathise with it or not...

The Conservatives are not really interested in public services such as education and the health service

Do sympathise with this view	<b>43</b>
Do not sympathise	<b>43</b>
Don't know	<b>14</b>

It is hard to know what the Conservatives stand for at the moment

Do sympathise with this view	<b>68</b>
Do not sympathise	<b>22</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>

They did not do a good job of governing the country when John Major was Prime Minister

Do sympathise with this view	<b>59</b>
Do not sympathise	<b>30</b>
Don't know	<b>11</b>

The Conservatives are irrelevant: they just seem 'out of it'

Do sympathise with this view	<b>50</b>
Do not sympathise	<b>38</b>
Don't know	<b>13</b>

They are not providing the Blair Government with a strong opposition

Do sympathise with this view	<b>69</b>
Do not sympathise	<b>19</b>
Don't know	<b>12</b>

Which four or five of the following policies or actions would make you most likely to vote Conservative at the next general election – or would you NOT vote Conservative whatever they promised? [Please tick up to five options]:

A promise to curb the number of immigrants coming into the UK	<b>49</b>
A promise to cut Whitehall waste and use the money to fund tax cuts.	<b>35</b>
A promise to link increases in the state pension to the rise in earnings rather than inflation, as now.	<b>35</b>
A promise to put 40,000 more policemen on the beat	<b>33</b>
A firm and unambiguous promise to cut taxes.	<b>26</b>
A pledge to abolish inheritance tax (death duties) on any estate worth less than £1 million.	<b>23</b>
More tax breaks for the family and marriage.	<b>22</b>
British withdrawal from the European Union	<b>22</b>
A promise to restore tax relief for pension funds	<b>21</b>
The abolition of university tuition fees, and their replacement with a loan-based system charging interest at commercial rates	<b>12</b>
A reduction in the use of speed cameras	<b>11</b>
A promise to build more prisons.	<b>8</b>
A promise to continue to allow fox-hunting	<b>6</b>
More money to be spent on defence	<b>6</b>
Would NOT vote for the Conservatives whatever they promised	<b>33</b>
Don't know	<b>2</b>