

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

Sample Size: 2112

Fieldwork: 18th - 20th March 2008

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Do you think Alistair Darling is doing a good job or a bad job as Chancellor of the Exchequer?

He is doing a good job	12	17
He is doing a bad job	43	54
Don't know	45	30

Do you think Mervyn King is doing a good job or a bad job as Governor of the Bank of England?

He is doing a good job	37
He is doing a bad job	20
Don't know	44

Compared with this time last year, are your...

Savings higher lower or about the same?

Higher	19
Lower	41
About the same	35
Not sure/ not applicable	5

Personal debts higher lower or about the same?

Higher	31
Lower	18
About the same	37
Not sure/ not applicable	13

Still comparing your situation with this time last year...

Are you finding it easier or harder to make ends meet or is it about the same?

Easier	8
Harder	56
About the same	34
Not sure/ not applicable	2

Do you think your job is safer less safe or about the same?

Safer	7
Less safe	21
About the same	37
Not sure / not applicable	34

How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months?

Get better	19
Stay the same	21
Get worse	55
Don't know	5

A lot of people at present are worried that there may be an economic downturn - possibly even a recession - during the next year or two, possibly during the next few months.

How worried would you say you are?

Very worried	11	16
Somewhat worried	49	54
TOTAL WORRIED	60	70
Not very worried	30	24
Not at all worried	5	3
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	35	27
Don't know	6	3

Compared with the past 12 months how much do you expect your household to spend in total in the next 12 months on major purchases for the home – items such as carpets, curtains, furniture, double-glazing, cooker, fridge, washing machine, television, computer, video/ DVD recorder.

More than the past 12 months	25	23
About the same amount	33	26
Less than the past 12 months	36	45
Don't know	3	5

To what extent, if at all, do you blame any of the following for the current problems in the financial markets?

American banks and financial companies

Blame a lot	41
Blame a fair amount	37
Do not blame much	7
Do not blame at all	2
Don't know	13

British banks and financial companies

Blame a lot	28
Blame a fair amount	49
Do not blame much	13
Do not blame at all	2
Don't know	8

Greedy traders working for banks and financial companies

Blame a lot	38
Blame a fair amount	36
Do not blame much	12
Do not blame at all	3
Don't know	11

People in America borrowing too much

Blame a lot	28
Blame a fair amount	35
Do not blame much	18
Do not blame at all	5
Don't know	14

People in Britain borrowing too much

Blame a lot	24
Blame a fair amount	43
Do not blame much	21
Do not blame at all	4
Don't know	8

The American government

Blame a lot	30
Blame a fair amount	38
Do not blame much	15
Do not blame at all	4
Don't know	13

The British government

Blame a lot	32
Blame a fair amount	38
Do not blame much	19
Do not blame at all	4
Don't know	8

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Britain's economy has been more stable than that of most other developed countries and is therefore better able to ride out the current problems in the financial markets

Agree	43
Disagree	32
Don't know	25

The Government was right to nationalise the troubled bank Northern Rock

Agree	32
Disagree	44
Don't know	25

The large bonuses paid to bankers and market traders encourage them to take irresponsible risks with other people's money

Agree	78
Disagree	11
Don't know	12

Prices overall are rising much faster than the official inflation figure of around 3% per year

Agree	81
Disagree	5
Don't know	14