

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

Sample Size: 1979

Fieldwork: 26th - 28th July 2004

Do you think the policies of the two main parties at the moment are much of a muchness or are they very different?

Parties' policies are much of a muchness	55
Parties' policies are very different	32
Don't know	13

How much do you think it matters nowadays which of the two main parties – the Conservatives or Labour – is in power?

It matters a great deal	28
It matters quite a lot	30
It does not matter very much	30
It does not matter at all	8
Don't know	4

Here are some pairs of phrases. Please indicate for each whether you think it is, or is not, a fair description of the CONSERVATIVE Party...

A party with an impressive team of leaders	13
A party lacking an impressive team of leaders	75
Don't know	12
A party that seems able to look to the future	29
A party that seems stuck in the past	56
Don't know	15
A party with a clear sense of direction	22
A party lacking a clear sense of direction	64
Don't know	14
A party whose values are broadly similar to mine	33
A party whose values broadly differ from mine	50
Don't know	17
A party that can be counted to govern competently	29
A party that cannot be counted on to govern competently	49
Don't know	22
A party in touch with modern Britain	24
A party out of touch with modern Britain	57
Don't know	20

Here are some pairs of phrases. Please indicate for each whether you think it is, or is not, a fair description of the LABOUR Party...

A party with an impressive team of leaders	34
A party lacking an impressive team of leaders	56
Don't know	10
A party that seems able to look to the future	50
A party that seems stuck in the past	31
Don't know	19
A party with a clear sense of direction	30
A party lacking a clear sense of direction	59
Don't know	10
A party whose values are broadly similar to mine	36
A party whose values broadly differ from mine	49
Don't know	15
A party that can be counted to govern competently	31
A party that cannot be counted on to govern competently	54
Don't know	15
A party in touch with modern Britain	32
A party out of touch with modern Britain	53
Don't know	14

Here are some proposals that the Government has recently made. In each case, please say whether you broadly support it or broadly oppose it.

Changing priorities in the defence budget, so that more is spent on the most modern weapons and technology even if this means reducing civilian and military manpower

Support	30
Oppose	53
Don't know	18

Giving the police the power to fine children aged 10-15 for anti-social behaviour, such as minor theft, vandalism and disorderly behaviour

Support	81
Oppose	14
Don't know	5

Changing the way drivers are taxed, so that vehicle excise duty ('the tax disc') and petrol duty are reduced, and motorists are instead charged by the mile to drive on busy roads

Support	42
Oppose	43
Don't know	15

Replacing the current system of comprehensive schools with a new system in which state secondary schools operate more independently of local councils and are encouraged to specialise in particular subjects

Support	40
Oppose	36
Don't know	24

Paying for NHS patients to be treated by private hospitals, where the cost for this is as low as, or lower than, the cost of treatment in NHS hospitals

Support	76
Oppose	16
Don't know	8