

YouGov Survey Results

The Government and the Opposition

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Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with Tony Blair as Prime Minister?	
Satisfied	34
Dissatisfied	59
Don't know	7
Suppose a Conservative Government were formed under Iain Duncan Smith. Which of these statements comes closest to your own view?	
I would be delighted	11
I would be dismayed	55
I wouldn't mind	28
Don't know	7
Do you think that Mr. Duncan Smith is or is not proving a good leader of the Conservative Party?	
Yes, is	15
No, is not	65
Don't know	20
Is Mr. Duncan Smith at the moment providing the Conservative Party with...?	
Strong and effective leadership	3
Adequate leadership – but not more	35
Weak and ineffectual leadership	54
Don't know	7
In their own interests, do you think the Conservatives should continue with Mr Duncan Smith as their leader, or should they replace him with someone else?	
Should continue	26
Should replace him	58
Don't know	16
If the Conservatives do decide to replace Mr Duncan Smith, which of the following do you think would be the best person to succeed him?	
David Davis	5
Michael Portillo	13
Ann Widdecombe	13
Kenneth Clarke	27
Oliver Letwin	5
Michael Howard	3
Don't know	33
Do the Conservatives at the moment give you the impression of having a clear and consistent sense of direction, or do they give you the impression of being confused and lacking any clear sense of direction?	
Having clear sense of direction	9
Do not have	82
Don't know	9
Taking everything into account, has your opinion of the Blair Government gone up or down over the last two or three years or stayed much the same?	
Gone up	6
Gone down	64
Stayed much the same	29
Don't know	1

Here are some reasons people give for thinking less well of the Government than they did.
In influencing your own thinking, how would you rate each of these – as being very important, fairly important, not very important or not at all important?

a) The government has mismanaged the nation's economy

Very important	48
Fairly important	34
Not very important	12
Not at all important	6
Don't know	1

b) It has failed to deliver better public services

Very important	62
Fairly important	33
Not very important	4
Not at all important	1
Not at all important	0

c) It is pursuing the wrong policy towards Iraq

Very important	56
Fairly important	24
Not very important	10
Not at all important	7
Don't know	3

d) It has too often misled the public and told too many lies

Very important	64
Fairly important	26
Not very important	7
Not at all important	2
Don't know	1

e) It has put up taxes too much

Very important	39
Fairly important	30
Not very important	19
Not at all important	11
Don't know	1

f) It has been right-wing and 'Thatcherite'

Very important	20
Fairly important	27
Not very important	29
Not at all important	18
Don't know	6