

YOUNGOV / DAILY TELEGRAPH SURVEY ON LABOUR LEADERSHIP

YouGov questioned 589 members of the Labour Party and 662 levy-paying members of trade unions affiliated to the Labour Party. These figures include 136 people in both groups (who will therefore be able to vote twice in Labour's leadership and deputy leadership contests). Fieldwork took place online between March 1 and 4, 2007

	Lab members %	TU members %
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Where would you place yourself on the following scale?

Very left-wing	7	6
Fairly left-wing	38	29
Slightly left-of-centre	39	29
Centre	8	13
Slightly right-of-centre	3	8
Fairly right-wing	1	5
Very right-wing	*	2
Not sure	4	9

* = less than 0.5%

Tony Blair has said he will stand down as Labour's leader before this September's party conference. When do you think he should stand down?

Immediately	26	40
After May's elections for the Scottish Parliament, the Welsh Assembly and local councils in England	44	31
Not until just before this year's party conference	13	12
He should change his plans and lead Labour into the next general election	11	10
Don't know	6	7

In the coming contest for the leadership of the Labour Party, for whom would you vote if the following candidates are nominated?

(excluding not sure, would not vote)

Gordon Brown	69	63
David Miliband	20	15
John McDonnell	8	10
Michael Meacher	3	13
<i>(Not sure)</i>	<i>(12)</i>	<i>(23)</i>
<i>(Would not vote)</i>	<i>(1)</i>	<i>(7)</i>

David Miliband has said he will not stand for the leadership, but Charles Clarke and Alan Milburn have taken steps to launch a public debate on the future of the Labour Party post-Blair. Why do you think Mr Clarke and Mr Milburn have acted as they have?

They genuinely want to start a debate about the party's future	16	13
They want to persuade someone else – ideally David Miliband – to stand against Gordon Brown	27	31
They want both of these things	32	29
They don't want either: they are just attracting publicity to themselves	13	16
Not sure	11	11

Would you yourself like to see David Miliband stand for the leadership against Gordon Brown?

Yes, I would like to see Miliband stand	38	40
No, I wouldn't	42	31
Not sure	19	29

If Mr Miliband did stand and there were a straight contest between him and Mr Brown, for whom would you vote? (excluding don't know, would not vote)

Gordon Brown	70	64
David Miliband	30	36
(Would not vote)	(2)	(9)
(Don't know)	(12)	(19)

Leaving aside your personal preferences, which of the two men do you think would do more to boost Labour's chances of winning the next general election?

Gordon Brown	47	37
David Miliband	25	23
It would make little difference	18	29
Don't know	10	11

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

'In order to go on winning general elections, Labour needs to govern Britain from near the centre, not to adopt more left-wing policies'

Agree	61	51
Disagree	30	38
Not sure	9	11

'Gordon Brown is too much of a control-freak'

Agree	26	41
Disagree	57	39
Not sure	17	20

'David Miliband is too young and inexperienced to be Prime Minister just yet'

Agree	41	35
Disagree	36	37
Not sure	23	28

'John McDonnell is too left-wing to be Prime Minister'

Agree	53	33
Disagree	22	29
Not sure	26	38

'If Gordon Brown became Prime Minister, Labour would lose support among England's middle-class voters'

Agree	20	35
Disagree	56	47
Not sure	24	18

'David Miliband is too close to Tony Blair to be a good Labour party leader'

Agree	19	24
Disagree	58	37
Not sure	23	39

Do you think it would be better for the Labour Party if there were a contest for Labour's leadership, or should Gordon Brown be the only candidate and be elected unopposed?

Better for there to be a contest	69	75
Better for Brown to be elected unopposed	11	11
I don't mind either way	18	11
Not sure	2	2

If Gordon Brown is the only candidate, what should then happen?

Brown should be declared Labour's new leader as soon as nominations close	44	31
There should be an 'affirmative ballot', so that MPs, local party members and trade union members who pay the political levy could vote on whether to endorse or reject Brown	46	57
Don't mind	10	12

If there is an 'affirmative ballot', how would you vote? (excluding would not vote, not sure)

To endorse Brown as leader	89	64
To reject Brown as leader	11	36
<i>(Not sure)</i>	<i>(9)</i>	<i>(13)</i>
<i>(Would not vote)</i>	<i>(2)</i>	<i>(7)</i>

Turning now to the coming contest for the deputy leadership of the Labour Party, for whom would you vote if the following candidates are nominated? (excluding not sure, would not vote)

Hilary Benn	36	34
Alan Johnson	22	20
Harriet Harman	13	18
Peter Hain	12	12
John Cruddas	9	9
Hazel Blears	7	7
<i>(Not sure)</i>	<i>(17)</i>	<i>(27)</i>
<i>(Would not vote)</i>	<i>(3)</i>	<i>(10)</i>

Irrespective of whom you would personally support, how important is it that at least one of the candidates for Labour's leadership or deputy leadership should be a women?

It is vital to have at least one woman candidate	19	17
It would be a good idea, but is not vital	54	48
I don't mind if there are no women candidates	25	33
Don't know	2	2

Labour's current deputy leader, John Prescott, is also Deputy Prime Minister. Do you think Labour's new deputy leader should also be the new Deputy Prime Minister?

Should	29	21
Should not	18	22
It should be up to Labour's new leader to decide	47	49
Not sure	7	9

If you had to choose, which of these should be the more important role for Labour's new deputy leader?

To be a leading Cabinet minister	29	27
To be a 'voice of the party'	60	59
Not sure	11	13