

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

YouGov questioned 1,409 electors online throughout Great Britain between 13 and 14 July 2006; 350 respondents said they would vote Labour if an election were held tomorrow

	Total %	Lab voters %
Do you think the Labour Government has, on balance, been honest and trustworthy or not?		
Yes – honest and trustworthy	19	61
No – not honest and trustworthy	68	21
Don't know	13	18
Do you think a Conservative Government would, on balance, be honest and trustworthy or not?		
Yes – honest and trustworthy	21	11
No – not honest and trustworthy	51	74
Don't know	28	14
When the present Government first came to power in 1997, the Labour manifesto said 'We will clean up politics' and 'reform party funding to end sleaze'. In your view, has the Blair Government cleaned up politics or not?		
Yes, has cleaned up politics	8	28
No, has not	82	56
Don't know	10	16
Has the Blair Government reformed party funding so as to end sleaze?		
Yes, it has	6	20
No, has not	78	55
Don't know	16	26
Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.		
'The Conservatives these days give the impression of being very sleazy and disreputable'		
Agree	29	53
Disagree	46	22
Don't know	25	25

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'Labour these days gives the impression of being very sleazy and disreputable'

Agree	69	33
Disagree	18	49
Don't know	13	17

'Tony Blair and those around him give the impression of being very sleazy and disreputable'

Agree	66	27
Disagree	21	58
Don't know	14	15

Some people are saying at the moment that the present scandals relating to the funding of political parties are giving all politicians, and not just Labour politicians, a bad name. Do you think there is something in that or not?

Yes, I think there is something in that claim	80	74
No, I don't	8	14
Don't know	12	12

You have probably heard that the Metropolitan Police in London are conducting a criminal investigation into whether or not people connected with the Labour Party raised loans from party well-wishers in return for promises – or at least suggestions – that, if they loaned money to the party, they might be recommended for a seat in the House of Lords. Do you think the Metropolitan Police should, or should not, be conducting such an investigation?

Yes, the Met should be conducting such an investigation	81	68
No, it should not	10	20
Don't know	10	11

Obviously, until the police have completed their investigation, and possibly until there has been a court case, no one will know for sure whether the Labour Party offered 'peerages for loans', but do you suspect that the Labour Party did raise money in this way?

Yes, I do	65	34
No, I don't	9	32
Don't know	25	34

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If the Labour Party did raise money in this way, do you suspect that Tony Blair himself knew, or had a pretty good idea, of what was going on?

Yes, I do	65	40
No, I don't	13	33
Don't know	22	26

If Labour did raise money in this way, do you think that, even if Tony Blair did not know what was going on, other people close to him at Number 10 did know?

Yes, I do	78	60
No, I don't	7	15
Don't know	15	25

A separate controversy – one that has little to do with possible 'peerages for loans' – concerns whether or not people who make large loans to any political party, for whatever reason, should have to declare them to the Electoral Commission (in the same way that they declare outright donations). Do you think large loans to parties should, or should not, have to be declared to the Electoral Commission?

Yes, they should be declared	87	83
No, they should not	3	7
Don't know	10	10

All the political parties are having great difficulty raising the money they need to support their activities. Do you think it would help to clean up politics if the government helped to support the various parties financially to a greater extent than it does now?

Yes, I think it would help to clean up politics and I favour such a move	25	37
Yes, I think it would help to clean up politics but nevertheless I do not favour such a move	22	18
No, I do not think it would help to clean up politics	37	30
Don't know	17	15

Do you think that a law should be passed further limiting the amount that political parties can spend on advertising and campaigning, in an effort to reduce the parties' need for large donations?

Yes, I think such a law should be passed further limiting the amount parties can spend	77	74
No, I do not think this would help	12	15
Don't know	11	11