

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

YouGov questioned 1997 adults aged 18+ throughout Britain online between 22nd and 24th February 2005. The results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

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If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for? (excluding don't knows, won't votes; base = 1622)*

Con	32	100	0	0	30	34	27	29	39	41	38	29	29	20	36	28
Lab	38	0	100	0	39	37	39	38	37	32	36	40	43	37	34	43
Lib Dem	21	0	0	100	20	22	26	22	17	20	21	23	21	20	22	20
Other	9	0	0	0	10	7	8	11	7	7	6	9	8	23	8	9
Would Not Vote	9	0	0	0	8	9	13	9	4	9	7	8	11	7	6	12
Don't know	11	0	0	0	9	14	12	13	9	12	10	12	11	15	11	12

*Note that this question is asked in two stages. At the first stage, respondents are given the following answer options: Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat, Scottish Nationalist/Plaid cymru, some other party, would not vote, don't know. Those who respond "some other party" are then asked: "Which of these parties would you vote for?" and given the following answer options: Green, United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP), Veritas, British National Party (BNP), Respect, Some other party, Don't know. The above table shows the combined figures from both parts of the question. "Other" included SNP/Plaid Cymru (2%), Green (2%), UKIP(3%), Veritas (<1%), BNP (2%) and Respect (<1%).

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Do you approve or disapprove of the Government's record to date?

Approve	30	2	78	17	34	27	31	27	32	29	28	32	30	34	30	30
Disapprove	57	93	11	72	57	57	50	61	61	60	56	56	58	52	60	53
Don't know	13	4	11	12	9	17	20	13	7	11	16	12	12	13	10	16

Who would make the best Prime Minister?

Tony Blair	35	3	89	13	39	31	38	31	35	30	34	35	38	36	33	37
Michael Howard	20	71	1	2	22	19	14	19	29	24	23	20	19	14	24	17
Charles Kennedy	14	4	3	58	15	13	16	14	12	15	12	15	14	20	15	13
Don't know	31	22	8	26	24	36	33	36	24	31	32	30	29	31	28	34

Do you think the Government has, on balance, been honest and trustworthy or not?

Yes – honest and trustworthy	27	4	70	12	29	25	26	27	28	22	27	28	28	29	27	27
No – not honest and trustworthy	64	94	19	81	65	64	60	66	67	69	65	64	62	60	66	62
Don't know	9	2	11	7	6	11	14	8	5	9	8	9	10	10	8	10

Do you think that if a Conservative government were elected it would, on balance, be honest and trustworthy or not?

Yes – honest and trustworthy	21	57	10	7	23	19	18	16	29	24	23	20	19	16	25	15
No – not honest and trustworthy	57	15	77	77	60	54	56	63	52	54	50	60	60	67	55	59
Don't know	22	28	13	16	17	27	27	21	19	22	27	19	21	17	20	25

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

Get a lot better	2	3	3	2	2	2	5	2	1	3	2	2	2	1	2	2
Get a little better	21	13	33	20	23	19	27	21	15	21	18	23	21	25	21	21
Stay the same	35	28	44	35	33	38	36	32	38	35	35	35	37	32	36	35
Get a little worse	29	39	14	32	30	28	20	30	35	26	32	26	28	33	29	28
Get a lot worse	8	14	3	8	8	9	5	10	10	9	8	9	8	7	9	8
Don't know	4	3	3	2	4	4	7	5	1	5	5	4	4	2	3	6

If Britain were in economic difficulties, which party do you think could handle the problem best – the Conservatives or Labour?

Conservative	27	82	1	13	27	26	20	24	35	31	30	25	25	21	31	22
Labour	37	3	86	34	42	32	38	34	39	33	35	40	38	38	35	39
Neither	22	9	6	41	20	24	20	28	18	21	20	22	24	25	20	24
Don't know	14	6	7	11	11	17	22	14	7	15	15	13	14	15	14	15

If you had to choose, which would you prefer to see after the next election, a Conservative Government led by Michael Howard or a Labour Government led by Tony Blair?

Conservative Government	36	96	1	31	34	37	29	36	42	37	39	36	33	28	38	32
Labour Government	46	2	96	51	50	43	48	46	45	45	43	47	49	51	46	47
Don't know	18	2	3	17	15	20	23	19	12	18	18	17	18	20	16	20

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Suppose a Conservative Government were formed under Mr Howard. Which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

I would be delighted	16	58	0	1	16	15	11	12	23	21	18	16	12	9	18	12
I would be dismayed	44	1	81	58	48	40	38	46	48	43	38	46	45	54	43	45
I wouldn't mind	28	40	11	31	28	28	32	29	24	26	30	26	30	24	28	28
Don't know	13	2	8	10	9	16	20	13	5	10	14	11	13	13	11	15

Here is a list of problems facing the country. Could you say for each of them which political party you personally think would handle the problem best?

NHS

Conservative	22	70	2	6	22	22	16	20	30	29	25	22	19	13	24	20
Labour	33	5	81	15	38	28	29	32	38	28	32	32	36	35	32	34
Liberal Democrat	16	5	6	60	17	15	18	17	13	19	17	15	16	14	18	14
Other	2	0	0	0	2	3	2	3	2	1	2	1	2	8	2	3
None of them	15	13	6	10	14	16	15	20	12	14	13	17	16	19	14	17
Don't know	12	7	5	8	7	16	21	9	6	9	12	12	11	11	10	13

Pensions

Conservative	28	79	7	10	28	28	21	25	38	36	32	26	25	17	30	25
Labour	22	2	61	6	22	23	20	21	26	21	20	22	25	27	22	23
Liberal Democrat	16	4	8	61	20	13	16	17	15	15	17	18	15	16	18	14
Other	2	0	0	0	2	3	2	3	2	1	1	2	2	7	2	3
None of them	16	9	12	12	18	15	16	21	11	15	13	17	19	17	14	18
Don't know	15	6	12	11	11	19	25	13	7	12	17	15	13	17	14	17

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Law and order

Conservative	36	87	13	21	39	33	30	34	44	42	39	35	35	28	40	32
Labour	26	2	68	14	29	24	27	25	28	22	26	28	27	28	26	27
Liberal Democrat	9	1	2	42	10	9	10	10	9	11	10	10	9	9	10	9
Other	3	0	0	1	2	4	2	4	2	1	3	3	2	5	2	3
None of them	12	5	8	11	12	13	10	16	11	12	10	12	16	13	11	14
Don't know	13	4	8	12	8	17	21	11	6	12	12	12	11	18	11	14

Education and schools

Conservative	25	75	3	8	24	26	17	23	34	33	29	23	21	16	28	21
Labour	32	5	79	12	34	29	31	30	33	26	30	33	34	34	30	34
Liberal Democrat	17	5	8	65	20	14	19	19	14	19	16	19	17	15	18	16
Other	2	0	0	0	2	3	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	7	2	3
None of them	12	8	4	8	12	12	10	16	10	10	10	13	15	14	11	13
Don't know	12	8	6	7	8	16	20	9	7	12	13	12	11	14	11	13

Housing

Conservative	18	56	3	4	18	17	16	16	22	25	21	17	16	10	20	16
Labour	30	9	71	15	33	28	27	29	35	27	26	31	34	32	29	31
Liberal Democrat	15	5	6	56	16	13	15	16	14	14	17	14	13	15	16	14
Other	3	0	1	0	2	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	2	7	3	3
None of them	16	15	7	10	16	16	15	19	14	13	15	15	18	19	16	16
Don't know	18	15	11	15	14	22	25	16	13	18	19	20	17	16	17	20

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Taxation

Conservative	30	82	8	11	32	28	24	26	39	40	33	28	27	18	34	24
Labour	24	2	64	11	26	23	21	25	27	22	22	24	27	29	23	26
Liberal Democrat	15	2	8	56	16	13	14	15	15	12	14	17	14	17	15	15
Other	3	0	0	1	2	3	3	3	2	1	2	2	2	8	2	3
None of them	15	8	8	11	15	16	15	20	11	14	12	17	19	16	13	18
Don't know	13	6	10	10	9	18	22	12	6	11	16	13	12	11	13	14

Britain's relations with Europe

Conservative	24	66	6	8	23	24	18	22	31	28	29	19	23	17	27	20
Labour	32	8	74	16	36	28	31	31	33	27	27	35	33	36	30	33
Liberal Democrat	15	6	6	54	19	11	15	15	14	16	14	16	13	16	16	13
Other	4	2	0	1	3	4	4	4	3	4	3	3	4	5	3	4
None of them	11	9	4	8	10	12	10	14	10	12	11	12	12	9	10	12
Don't know	15	8	9	14	9	20	21	14	10	13	16	14	15	17	14	16

Immigration and asylum

Conservative	39	87	20	22	41	37	32	38	46	42	44	37	36	31	41	36
Labour	18	1	50	6	19	17	17	16	21	15	15	19	21	22	18	18
Liberal Democrat	12	2	5	47	14	10	13	13	10	14	13	11	10	13	14	9
Other	5	2	1	2	4	5	5	6	3	5	4	5	4	6	4	6
None of them	14	5	11	12	13	14	14	17	11	15	10	15	17	14	11	16
Don't know	13	4	12	11	9	16	19	11	9	11	14	13	12	15	12	14

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The economy overall

Conservative	25	79	2	10	26	24	19	22	34	30	30	23	24	17	29	21
Labour	37	6	86	25	44	31	36	35	39	37	33	38	40	38	36	37
Liberal Democrat	7	1	0	39	7	8	7	8	7	5	9	8	7	8	7	8
Other	2	0	0	1	2	3	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	7	2	3
None of them	11	4	3	9	10	11	10	15	7	11	8	13	12	11	9	12
Don't know	17	10	9	17	11	23	25	17	10	17	19	17	16	19	17	18

The environment, global warming

Conservative	12	38	1	3	11	13	10	10	16	16	13	12	11	8	13	11
Labour	24	7	60	6	26	22	21	22	29	18	20	26	29	26	22	26
Liberal Democrat	21	12	12	62	26	17	23	20	20	27	22	19	19	18	23	18
Other	8	5	5	6	8	7	8	10	5	8	7	9	7	10	8	7
None of them	16	17	8	10	16	15	13	20	13	13	14	15	18	17	15	16
Don't know	20	20	13	13	13	26	25	18	17	18	24	19	17	21	19	21

Council tax

Conservative	22	64	6	6	22	21	17	17	31	27	26	22	19	11	25	17
Labour	18	2	49	6	19	18	16	18	20	17	15	18	22	21	15	22
Liberal Democrat	21	8	16	64	26	17	19	21	23	19	21	24	18	24	23	18
Other	3	1	1	1	3	3	3	4	3	2	2	2	4	8	3	4
None of them	18	14	13	12	19	17	17	25	13	18	15	18	21	20	16	21
Don't know	18	11	16	12	12	24	27	16	11	17	20	17	16	16	17	19

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As you may know, at midnight last Thursday fox hunting with dogs became a criminal offence. Do you believe fox hunting with dogs should or should not be a criminal offence?

Yes, it should be	60	32	80	70	57	64	64	64	54	57	61	57	64	65	58	63
No, it should not	32	63	15	25	36	29	27	28	42	36	32	35	30	26	35	29
Don't know	7	5	4	6	7	7	9	8	4	8	7	8	6	9	7	7

YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and past vote:

Recalled vote in 2001:	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Labour	894	854
Conservative	396	425
Liberal Democrat	229	203
Scottish / Welsh Nationalist	26	30
Other	54	12
Did not vote	398	517

Newspaper readership:	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Express / Mail	327	328
Sun / Star	366	442
Mirror / Record	315	328
Guardian/ Independent	135	86
Financial Times / Times / Telegraph	172	194
Other paper	224	256
No paper	458	408

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