

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

YouGov questioned 2044 adults aged 18+ throughout Britain online between 23rd - 25th November 2004. The results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

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		Party support			Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region				
Total		Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 to 34	35-54	Over 55	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
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Turning to a different topic, do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'The Conservatives these days give the impression of being very sleazy and disreputable'.

Agree	34	4	51	48	36	32	34	35	33	31	37	25	35	30	37	47
Disagree	44	90	25	38	49	40	38	45	48	51	36	57	47	44	37	39
Don't know	22	6	24	13	15	28	28	20	19	18	27	18	17	26	26	15

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'Labour these days gives the impression of being very sleazy and disreputable'.

Agree	44	75	6	56	47	41	36	47	48	44	44	45	47	41	42	46
Disagree	39	19	78	35	41	36	40	38	39	42	35	38	39	40	37	37
Don't know	17	6	16	9	12	23	24	16	13	14	21	17	13	19	21	17

Is it your impression that the ethical and moral standards of British politicians have been improving in recent years, or have they been declining?

Improving	9	5	18	10	11	6	13	7	7	10	7	9	8	12	8	6
Declining	47	65	24	52	45	48	38	50	52	45	49	43	47	46	50	48
Stayed much the same	39	30	54	35	40	39	39	39	40	43	35	41	42	36	37	43
Don't know	5	0	3	2	3	6	11	5	1	2	9	7	3	6	5	3

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Several Members of Parliament have recently been accused of accepting money and gifts when they should not have done so. From what you know, do you think a majority of MPs are engaged in doubtful financial practices of this kind, or is it only a minority who behave in this way?

A majority are engaged in doubtful financial practices	36	41	26	36	36	35	27	42	36	34	37	29	35	35	40	36
Only a minority are engaged in such practices	48	48	62	47	50	46	46	44	53	53	42	55	49	47	43	49
Don't know	17	12	12	17	14	20	26	14	11	13	21	16	16	19	17	14

From what you know, is your own Member of Parliament engaged, or not engaged, in doubtful financial practices?

Yes, is engaged in such practices	6	5	6	5	9	3	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	7	11
No, is not	28	31	40	30	30	27	22	26	36	33	24	30	31	30	21	33
Don't know	65	63	55	65	60	70	72	68	58	61	70	64	64	65	72	56

Please indicate for each of the following statements whether you tend to agree or disagree with it.

To win elections, most parliamentary candidates make promises they have no intention of keeping

Tend to agree	78	85	62	86	76	79	77	81	75	77	78	78	76	77	80	78
Tend to disagree	16	15	28	12	19	13	13	14	21	19	13	17	20	14	13	17
Do not have an opinion	6	1	9	2	5	8	10	5	4	4	9	5	4	9	8	5

Most Members of Parliament care deeply about the problems of ordinary citizens

Tend to agree	23	22	42	18	25	20	19	20	28	27	17	28	24	23	19	20
Tend to disagree	70	72	48	78	69	71	69	74	67	66	74	62	70	69	74	75
Do not have an opinion	7	5	10	4	6	9	12	6	5	6	9	10	7	9	7	5

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Most Members of Parliament will tell lies if they think the truth will hurt them politically

Tend to agree	85	93	73	89	86	84	81	88	85	87	83	86	85	83	83	93
Tend to disagree	7	5	16	5	8	6	7	6	9	8	6	6	8	7	8	5
Do not have an opinion	8	3	10	6	5	10	13	6	6	5	11	7	7	10	9	2

Most Members of Parliament have a high personal moral code

Tend to agree	17	18	31	12	18	16	16	12	23	20	14	20	19	16	16	13
Tend to disagree	65	70	49	77	67	63	59	72	63	62	68	64	68	59	66	71
Do not have an opinion	18	12	21	11	15	21	25	16	14	18	18	16	14	24	18	16

Most Members of Parliament care more about keeping power than they do about the best interests of the nation

Tend to agree	82	91	68	89	84	80	77	83	84	81	83	76	83	82	81	86
Tend to disagree	11	6	23	8	11	10	11	9	12	13	8	16	11	9	10	8
Do not have an opinion	7	3	9	3	5	9	12	8	4	7	8	8	6	9	8	6

Most Members of Parliament make a lot of money by using public office improperly

Tend to agree	59	67	47	57	58	61	57	63	58	54	65	55	59	59	60	65
Tend to disagree	24	22	37	30	30	19	20	21	31	30	17	30	26	24	22	18
Do not have an opinion	16	11	16	13	12	20	23	16	11	15	17	15	14	17	18	17

Most Members of Parliament care more about special interests than about people like you

Tend to agree	71	83	52	76	72	70	63	75	74	70	72	69	71	71	73	70
Tend to disagree	15	9	31	13	17	14	15	15	16	19	11	18	18	14	12	17
Do not have an opinion	14	8	17	12	11	16	22	10	11	11	17	13	11	15	15	13

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Governments nowadays set individuals and organisations in schools, hospitals and other parts of the public sector large numbers of 'targets'. Rewards and penalties are often attached to reaching them or failing to reach them. From what you know, is it your impression that in order to achieve their targets public sector employees...?

Frequently fiddle the figures	37	54	22	38	43	31	26	40	42	38	36	35	37	34	38	40
Sometimes fiddle the figures	43	36	53	49	41	46	41	43	46	46	40	49	46	43	41	37
Seldom figure the figures	4	2	9	2	5	4	6	4	3	6	2	5	5	5	3	4
Almost never fiddle the figures	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	1
Don't know	14	7	14	10	10	18	26	12	7	8	21	9	11	17	17	18

Exactly ten years ago, the previous Government established a Committee on Standards of Conduct in Public Life. During the ten years since then, do you think standards of conduct in public life have...?

Improved a lot	1	0	4	1	3	0	3	0	2	2	1	1	3	1	1	2
Improved a little	15	10	28	17	17	14	20	13	14	19	12	14	16	16	17	10
Stayed about the same	35	32	40	37	35	35	31	35	38	36	34	34	37	35	32	38
Got a little worse	20	25	14	22	22	19	11	26	22	19	21	18	19	21	20	26
Got a lot worse	17	26	5	16	17	16	11	18	20	17	16	20	18	12	18	16
Don't know	11	7	8	8	7	16	24	8	4	7	16	13	8	15	12	8

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At the moment MPs' ethical conduct is monitored by an independent Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, although ultimately the disciplining of individual MPs remains in the hands of the House of Commons as a whole. Do you think...?

The present arrangements may not be perfect, but they provide both MPs and the public with adequate safeguards	21	19	38	21	26	17	23	17	24	25	18	25	22	20	20	25
The present arrangements are not satisfactory and the disciplining of individual MPs should be removed from the House of Commons and placed in the hands of a wholly independent individual or body	56	67	47	62	60	52	41	61	63	61	50	51	61	52	57	56
Don't know	23	14	15	17	13	31	36	22	12	15	32	24	17	29	23	19

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	973	851
Conservative	465	426
Liberal Democrat	183	203
Scottish / Welsh Nationalist	27	30
Other	42	10
Did not vote	354	507

Newspaper readership:	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Express / Mail	408	332
Sun / Star	330	422
Mirror / Record	217	331
Guardian/ Independent	133	82
Financial Times / Times / Telegraph	296	195
Other paper	206	252
No paper	454	413

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