

YouGov / Granada / Channel Four Survey Results

YouGov questioned 2004 adults aged 18+ throughout Britain online between 18th and 20th January 2005. The results have been weighted to the profile of all adults

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Weighted base

Unweighted base

	Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region				
Total	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 50	Over 50	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands and Wales	North	Scotland
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%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

As you know, a tsunami hit a number of countries bordering the Indian Ocean on Boxing Day, killing up to 200,000 people. Our own government has promised to spend around £200 million on humanitarian aid and debt suspension for the affected countries and on tax exemptions for British charitable donations. Taking account of the various demands that are made on government spending, do you think the government is doing too much to help the victims of the tsunami, or too little, or has it got the balance about right?

Government is doing too much	16	17	16	20	16	15	15	18	13	17	17	19	10
Too little	13	13	12	14	11	14	13	12	10	12	13	12	17
About right	65	65	65	58	67	66	67	62	71	65	63	62	67
Don't know	6	5	8	8	6	6	6	7	6	6	6	8	5

What percentage of Britain's national income do you think the Government currently gives in overseas aid to the world's poorer countries?

0%	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
0.1% to 0.5%	14	19	8	14	15	12	15	11	16	12	15	14	12
0.51% to 1%	15	17	13	10	16	17	17	12	18	14	14	14	18
1.1% to 2%	14	16	12	17	13	13	15	13	19	12	13	13	17
2.1% to 5%	26	26	25	27	26	24	25	26	25	27	27	26	20
More than 5%	31	21	41	30	30	33	28	36	23	35	30	32	33
Median	3	2	5	4	3	4	3	5	2	5	3	5	3

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In fact the British Government spends about 0.34% of national income on overseas aid. Taking account of the various demands that are made on government spending, do you think the Government is giving too much in overseas aid, or too little, or has it got the balance about right?

Government is giving too much	18	18	15	16	21	15	22	16	19	17	21	11
Too little	36	37	40	38	33	42	29	42	33	35	34	45
About right	37	40	34	36	39	36	38	31	40	39	36	34
Don't know	9	5	12	10	7	7	11	11	7	9	9	10

Do you think a Labour Government led by Gordon Brown would spend more than the Government currently plans to spend on overseas aid, or less, or about the same?

Brown government would spend more	27	33	21	21	25	31	30	24	31	25	26	24	38
Less	9	9	8	9	8	9	8	9	7	10	7	10	7
About the same	47	47	46	42	50	46	46	47	43	49	47	46	43
Don't know	18	11	24	27	18	13	16	20	19	15	20	21	11

The United States Government is currently spending eight times as much in Iraq than on overseas aid. Which of these statements comes closest to your view?

'The US Government has its priorities wrong – it should spend less on Iraq and more on overseas aid'	33	30	37	32	36	32	38	28	47	29	32	32	34
'It's important for the US to stay in Iraq for the time being, but at the same time it should spend more on overseas aid'	33	36	30	39	31	31	32	34	27	34	32	33	37
'The US should mind its own business, and both withdraw from Iraq and spend less on overseas aid'	12	10	15	8	11	16	12	13	9	10	13	16	13
'The US Government has its priorities about right, regarding both Iraq and overseas aid'	12	17	7	8	12	13	12	11	11	17	11	9	5
Don't know	10	9	11	12	10	9	7	14	6	11	12	9	10

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The British Government is currently spending almost eight times as much on defence as on overseas aid. Which of these statements comes closest to your view?

'The British Government has its priorities wrong – it should spend less on defence and more on overseas aid'	15	16	15	17	16	14	20	11	17	13	17	14	22
'It's important for Britain to keep up its defence spending, but at the same time it should spend more on overseas aid'	33	31	34	32	35	31	34	32	38	33	32	32	29
'Britain should spend less on both defence and overseas aid, and then cut taxes'	14	11	17	11	12	17	13	16	10	15	13	16	15
'The British Government has its priorities about right, regarding both defence and overseas aid'	27	33	21	28	26	27	25	29	25	28	27	28	25
Don't know	11	9	13	13	10	10	9	13	10	11	12	10	10

'I would be prepared to pay higher taxes to fund increases in overseas aid'?

Agree	16	16	15	14	14	18	17	14	17	16	15	15	16
Disagree	72	75	70	71	73	72	73	71	72	71	71	76	68
Don't know	12	10	15	15	13	10	10	15	11	13	14	9	16

'One of the biggest obstacles to tackling world poverty is the attitude of the US Government under President George Bush'?

Agree	53	55	51	52	53	53	56	49	54	48	56	51	63
Disagree	24	29	19	24	23	24	23	24	30	25	23	22	18
Don't know	24	16	30	24	25	23	20	27	16	28	22	26	19

Has the tsunami made you more interested in helping poorer parts of the world over the longer-term?

Yes it has	36	30	41	44	31	36	35	37	33	35	38	35	43
No it has not	54	62	46	44	57	57	57	51	58	55	53	54	48
Don't know	10	8	12	12	12	8	8	12	9	10	9	11	9

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Around 3 million children in poor countries die each year of malaria. According to some estimates it would cost £7 billion a year to save the vast majority of them. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'The British Government should raise taxes (for example by raising the standard rate of income tax by 2p in the pound) to pay for this treatment'.

Agree strongly	4	4	5	6	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	3	6
Agree	16	15	18	19	13	18	15	18	18	15	19	15	16
Disagree	44	44	44	39	44	46	47	41	45	42	43	49	38
Disagree strongly	26	31	21	20	29	26	27	25	26	27	24	26	24
Don't know	10	6	13	16	10	6	8	12	6	11	9	7	17

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	987	849
Conservative	551	424
Liberal Democrat	175	201
Scottish / Welsh Nationalist	22	31
Other	49	10
Did not vote	188	413

Newspaper readership:	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Express / Mail	339	324
Sun / Star	390	444
Mirror / Record	311	321
Guardian/ Independent	236	80
Financial Times / Times / Telegraph	352	191
Other paper	140	251
No paper	236	404

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