

# YouGov Survey Results

## Conservative Leadership / Burrell Trial

*Prepared for Mail on Sunday*

**Sample Size: 1639**

**Fieldwork: 7th - 9th November 2002**

	%
<b>If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for?</b>	
Labour	<b>39</b>
Conservative	<b>31</b>
Lib Dem	<b>22</b>
Other	<b>8</b>

<b>Do you think that Conservative leader Iain Duncan Smith was right or wrong to use the phrase 'unite or die' when challenging his critics within the party this week?</b>	
Was right	<b>52</b>
Was wrong	<b>37</b>
Don't know	<b>11</b>

<b>Do you think that Iain Duncan Smith will ever become Prime Minister?</b>	
Will become Prime Minister	<b>6</b>
Will NOT become Prime Minister	<b>83</b>
Don't know	<b>12</b>

<b>Do you think that Iain Duncan Smith should resign as leader of the Conservative Party?</b>	
Yes – he should resign	<b>32</b>
No – he should not resign	<b>53</b>
Don't know	<b>15</b>

<b>Do you think that Iain Duncan Smith is a better or worse party leader than the following... a)</b>	
<b>John Major (Conservative Prime Minister 1990-1997)</b>	
IDS is better leader	<b>16</b>
IDS is worse leader	<b>46</b>
About the same	<b>33</b>
Don't know	<b>5</b>

<b>b) William Hague (Conservative leader 1997-2001)</b>	
IDS is better leader	<b>25</b>
IDS is worse leader	<b>35</b>
About the same	<b>37</b>
Don't know	<b>3</b>

<b>c) Margaret Thatcher (Conservative Prime Minister 1979-1990)</b>	
IDS is better leader	<b>13</b>
IDS is worse leader	<b>77</b>
About the same	<b>7</b>
Don't know	<b>3</b>

<b>d) Tony Blair (Labour Prime Minister 1997 to date)</b>	
IDS is better leader	<b>16</b>
IDS is worse leader	<b>68</b>
About the same	<b>13</b>
Don't know	<b>4</b>

**e) Michael Foot (Labour leader 1980-1983)**

IDS is better leader	<b>37</b>
IDS is worse leader	<b>27</b>
About the same	<b>20</b>
Don't know	<b>17</b>

**f) Neil Kinnock (Labour leader 1983-1992)**

IDS is better leader	<b>30</b>
IDS is worse leader	<b>45</b>
About the same	<b>16</b>
Don't know	<b>9</b>

**This week, MPs voted on whether to allow unmarried couples, gay or heterosexual, to apply to adopt children. The official Conservative policy was to oppose this. Do you think Mr Duncan Smith was right to impose a 'three-line whip' on this measure, asking all Conservative MPs to vote in line with party policy, or should he have allowed a 'free vote', under which all MPs would have voted according to their conscience?**

Right to impose 'three-line whip'	<b>14</b>
Should have allowed 'free vote'	<b>84</b>
Don't know	<b>2</b>

**How would you vote at the next general election if... a) Kenneth Clarke were leader of the Conservatives?**

Labour	<b>38</b>
Conservative	<b>32</b>
Lib Dem	<b>20</b>
Other	<b>10</b>

**b) Michael Portillo were leader of the Conservatives?**

Labour	<b>39</b>
Conservative	<b>30</b>
Lib Dem	<b>21</b>
Other	<b>10</b>

**c) What if Kenneth Clarke were leader AND Michael Portillo were deputy leader?**

Labour	<b>39</b>
Conservative	<b>31</b>
Lib Dem	<b>20</b>
Other	<b>10</b>

**And now, thinking about the recent trial of Princess Diana's former butler, do you think the police were right or wrong to prosecute Paul Burrell?**

Were RIGHT to prosecute	<b>20</b>
Were WRONG to prosecute	<b>68</b>
Don't know	<b>13</b>

**The Queen had information which cleared Paul Burrell. Do you think she should have brought this information to the prosecution's attention sooner than she did?**

Yes – she should	<b>79</b>
No – she should not	<b>11</b>
Don't know	<b>11</b>

**Which of the following statements do you MOST agree with?**

'The Queen and Prince Charles intervened in the trial to help Paul Burrell'	<b>15</b>
'The Queen and Prince Charles intervened in the trial to prevent embarrassing revelations being made in the witness box'	<b>67</b>
Neither	<b>11</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>

**Paul Burrell had 415 items of Diana's property in his possession. Do you think that he was justified in doing so?**

He was justified	<b>26</b>
He was NOT justified	<b>39</b>
Don't know	<b>34</b>

**Do you think that Paul Burrell was right or wrong to sell his story to a newspaper?**

He was right	<b>32</b>
He was wrong	<b>60</b>
Don't know	<b>9</b>

**From what you have read of Paul Burrell's account of his conversation with the Queen, do you think he is telling the truth or not?**

Is telling the truth	<b>38</b>
Is NOT telling the truth	<b>21</b>
Don't know	<b>41</b>

**Taking everything into account, do you think the police and Crown Prosecution Service made a good or bad job of presenting the case?**

Good job	<b>6</b>
Bad job	<b>85</b>
Don't know	<b>9</b>

**In newspaper interviews since his trial, Paul Burrell has been highly critical of the Spencer family's attitude to Diana and to him. Do you think his criticisms are justified or not?**

Criticisms are justified	<b>58</b>
Criticisms are NOT justified	<b>12</b>
Don't know	<b>31</b>

**From what you have read and seen about the trial, do you think the following people have emerged with credit or without credit...? a) Paul Burrell**

Has emerged with credit	<b>50</b>
Has NOT emerged with credit	<b>42</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>

**b) The Queen**

Has emerged with credit	<b>28</b>
Has NOT emerged with credit	<b>61</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>

**c) Prince Charles**

Has emerged with credit	<b>34</b>
Has NOT emerged with credit	<b>48</b>
Don't know	<b>19</b>

**d) The Police**

Have emerged with credit	<b>6</b>
Have NOT emerged with credit	<b>86</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>

**e) The Spencer family**

Has emerged with credit	<b>3</b>
Has NOT emerged with credit	<b>87</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>

**f) The Judge Mrs Justice Rafferty, the trial judge**

Has emerged with credit	<b>51</b>
Has NOT emerged with credit	<b>22</b>
Don't know	<b>27</b>

**The cost of the trial has been estimated at £1.6 million. From the following, who do you think should pay the bill?**

The taxpayer	<b>18</b>
The Royal Family	<b>41</b>
The Spencer Family	<b>24</b>
Don't know	<b>18</b>