

# YouGov Survey Results

## The Kelly Affair and Britishness

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Sample Size: 2006

Fieldwork: 4th - 5th September 2003

	%
<b>Voting Intention</b>	
Con	<b>37</b>
Lab	<b>36</b>
Lib Dem	<b>18</b>
Other	<b>9</b>
SNP / PCY	<b>3</b>
Geen	<b>1</b>
UKIP	<b>1</b>
BNP	<b>3</b>
Would Not Vote	<b>6</b>
Don't know	<b>14</b>

**Looking back, do you the United States and Britain were right or wrong to take military action against Iraq?**

Right	<b>49</b>
Wrong	<b>41</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>

**Do you think that Iraq did or did not have weapons of mass destruction at the beginning of the war?**

Did have	<b>37</b>
Did not have	<b>41</b>
Don't know	<b>22</b>

**It has been suggested that more troops are needed in Iraq in order to maintain peace in the country and help it return to normality. Do you think Britain should. . . ?**

Send more troops to Iraq	<b>25</b>
Keep the same number of troops in Iraq	<b>30</b>
Reduce the number of British troops in Iraq	<b>12</b>
Bring all British troops home from Iraq	<b>25</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>

**An inquiry, led by Lord Hutton, is currently being held into the death of Dr David Kelly, a Government scientist working for the Ministry of Defence on the issue of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. From what you know or have heard about this inquiry. . .**

**Which of these, if any, do you think have come out WELL from the inquiry so far? (Please tick as many as you wish)**

Tony Blair, the Prime Minister	<b>13</b>
Geoff Hoon, the Defence Secretary	<b>3</b>
Alastair Campbell, Mr Blair's director of communications	<b>5</b>
Sir John Scarlett, the head of the Joint Intelligence Committee	<b>7</b>
Andrew Gilligan, the BBC journalist whose reports launched the sequence of events that led to the Hutton inquiry	<b>5</b>
The Government as a whole	<b>4</b>
The intelligence services as a whole	<b>9</b>
The BBC as a whole	<b>12</b>
None of these	<b>57</b>
Don't know	<b>15</b>

**And which of these, if any, do you think have come out BADLY from the inquiry so far?**  
**(Again, please tick as many as apply)**

Tony Blair, the Prime Minister	<b>56</b>
Geoff Hoon, the Defence Secretary	<b>61</b>
Alastair Campbell, Mr Blair's director of communications	<b>59</b>
Sir John Scarlett, the head of the Joint Intelligence Committee	<b>30</b>
Andrew Gilligan, the BBC journalist whose reports launched the sequence of events that led to the Hutton inquiry	<b>47</b>
The Government as a whole	<b>54</b>
The intelligence services as a whole	<b>34</b>
The BBC as a whole	<b>38</b>
None of these	<b>1</b>
Don't know	<b>13</b>

**How much do you blame each of the following for acting wrongly in the days and weeks leading up to Dr Kelly's death?**

**Tony Blair and his colleagues inside 10 Downing Street**

Blame a great deal	<b>35</b>
Blame a fair amount	<b>27</b>
Blame just a little	<b>17</b>
Do not blame at all	<b>12</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>

**Geoff Hoon and his colleagues inside the Ministry of Defence**

Blame a great deal	<b>38</b>
Blame a fair amount	<b>31</b>
Blame just a little	<b>13</b>
Do not blame at all	<b>6</b>
Don't know	<b>12</b>

**The MPs on the House of Commons Foreign Affairs committee who questioned Dr Kelly shortly before his death**

Blame a great deal	<b>28</b>
Blame a fair amount	<b>29</b>
Blame just a little	<b>19</b>
Do not blame at all	<b>13</b>
Don't know	<b>11</b>

**The BBC**

Blame a great deal	<b>17</b>
Blame a fair amount	<b>28</b>
Blame just a little	<b>29</b>
Do not blame at all	<b>14</b>
Don't know	<b>11</b>

**Dr Kelly himself**

Blame a great deal	<b>9</b>
Blame a fair amount	<b>14</b>
Blame just a little	<b>24</b>
Do not blame at all	<b>39</b>
Don't know	<b>14</b>

**Taking everything into account, which of these best explains Dr Kelly's death:**

He was murdered	<b>11</b>
He did nothing wrong himself, but was driven by impossible pressure from others to commit suicide	<b>51</b>
He committed suicide because he felt guilty about some things he had done wrong	<b>24</b>
Don't know	<b>14</b>

**Do you think Geoff Hoon should continue as Defence Secretary, or should he resign as a result of the Dr Kelly affair?**

Should stay	<b>14</b>
Should resign	<b>62</b>
Don't know	<b>24</b>

**Do you think Tony Blair should stay in office as Prime Minister, or should he resign as a result of the Dr Kelly affair?**

Should stay	<b>42</b>
Should resign	<b>43</b>
Don't know	<b>15</b>

**Who do you think would be the better Prime Minister, Tony Blair or Gordon Brown?**

Tony Blair	<b>35</b>
Gordon Brown	<b>29</b>
Don't know	<b>36</b>

**Turning to another subject, David Blunkett, the Home Secretary, has announced that people arriving in Britain wanting to become British subjects, should be required to take a short written test to establish whether they know enough English and know enough**

Favour	<b>81</b>
Oppose	<b>14</b>
Don't know	<b>5</b>

**If such a test is introduced, do you think it should be very tough, so that only a few people pass it, or fairly tough, or fairly easy, or very easy, so that anyone who can handle the basics of living in Britain can get by?**

Very tough	<b>30</b>
Fairly tough	<b>41</b>
Fairly easy	<b>21</b>
Very easy	<b>5</b>
Don't know	<b>4</b>

**Here are a number of things that different people say are characteristics of the British. Which do you think are important features of anyone who wishes to be considered truly British? (Please tick as many as you think apply)**

Speak English reasonably well	<b>87</b>
Stand in queues without complaining	<b>23</b>
Be loyal to the Queen	<b>40</b>
Enjoy drinking warm beer	<b>4</b>
Enjoy complaining about the weather	<b>15</b>
Regard Britain's democracy as the best in the world	<b>30</b>
Be proud of Shakespeare, Darwin and Dickens	<b>22</b>
Be able to read and write English	<b>85</b>
Prefer miles and gallons to kilometres and litres	<b>23</b>
Support English/British teams in international sports contests	<b>27</b>
Regard British people as superior to continental Europeans	<b>8</b>
Believe strongly in free speech	<b>62</b>
None of these	<b>3</b>
Don't know	<b>1</b>