

YouGov Survey Results

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Who do you think would make the better Prime Minister, Tony Blair or Michael Howard? %

Tony Blair	43
Michael Howard	31
Don't know	26

Which of the following statements do you most agree with?

"Michael Howard represents a throwback to the years of the failing John Major government"	40
"Michael Howard offers the Conservatives new hope to unite the party for the future"	37
Don't know	23

Do you think Michael Howard will or will not...

	%
Achieve unity within the Conservative Party?	40
Put forward policies that are good for Britain?	33
Put forward policies that would improve the lives of people like you?	24
Ever become Prime Minister?	21

From what you know, would you describe the relations between Tony Blair, the Prime Minister, and Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, as being...?

Cordial and harmonious in all respects	3
Friendly, though with serious disagreements on policy	39
Personally strained and with serious disagreements on policy	46
Don't know	13

Who is more to blame for any tensions between Mr Blair and Mr Brown?

Blair	29
Brown	6
Both equally	44
Don't know	21

Gordon Brown has openly questioned Tony Blair's decision to refuse Mr Brown a seat on the Labour Party's ruling body, the National Executive. Do you think Mr Blair's decision was...

Right	9
Wrong, but taken for defensible reasons	17
Wrong and petty	37
TOTAL WRONG	54
Don't know	37

From what you know, do you think Mr Brown is determined to replace Mr Blair as Prime Minister as soon as possible, or is he prepared to wait until Mr Blair chooses to step down?

Brown is determined to replace Blair as soon as possible	27
Brown is prepared to wait	46
Brown is not interested in becoming Prime Minister	6
Don't know	22

Assuming Labour remains in government, when, if ever, should Gordon Brown take over from Tony Blair as Britain's Prime Minister?

Before the next general election	23
Soon after the next general election	11
Eventually	21
Gordon Brown should never become Prime Minister	24
Don't know	20

Meanwhile, do you think Mr Blair should keep or sack Mr Brown as Chancellor of the Exchequer?

Blair should keep Brown as Chancellor	69
Blair should sack Brown	9
Don't know	22

This week Bank of England increased the benchmark interest rate from 3.5% to 3.75%. Taking everything into account, do you think this decision is good or bad for Britain's economy, or will it make little difference either way?

Good for economy	35
Bad for economy	13
Little difference either way	41
Don't know	10

Do you think the decision to raise interest rates will be good or bad for you and your family, or will it make little difference either way?

Good for me and my family	12
Bad for me and my family	30
Little difference either way	54
Don't know	4

The Cabinet has decided in principle to introduce identity cards, initially on a voluntary basis. It has announced that it will wait for some years before deciding whether or not to make identity cards compulsory. Do you think...

The Cabinet is too cautious: it should introduce compulsory identity cards as soon as possible	59
The Cabinet has got the balance about right	21
The Cabinet has gone too far; it should have ruled out identity cards on principle	14
Don't know	6