

YouGov / Mail on Sunday survey

YouGov questioned a representative sample of 1,704 electors throughout Great Britain online on September 10-11, 2004

Do you think Tony Blair is doing well or badly as Prime Minister?

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| Very well | 5% |
| Fairly well | 36% |
| Fairly badly | 32% |
| Very badly | 25% |
| Don't know | 3% |

Do you think Michael Howard is doing well or badly as leader of the Conservative Party?

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| Very well | 3% |
| Fairly well | 35% |
| Fairly badly | 32% |
| Very badly | 15% |
| Don't know | 16% |

Do you think Charles Kennedy is doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?

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| Very well | 6% |
| Fairly well | 47% |
| Fairly badly | 20% |
| Very badly | 10% |
| Don't know | 17% |

Do you think Gordon Brown is doing well or badly as Chancellor of the Exchequer?

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| Very well | 17% |
| Fairly well | 40% |
| Fairly badly | 22% |
| Very badly | 11% |
| Don't know | 10% |

Do you think the United States and Britain were right or wrong to take military action against Iraq?

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| Right | 39% |
| Wrong | 49% |
| Don't know | 12% |

Thinking back to the war, do you think that at the time, Tony Blair genuinely believed what he told the public about Saddam's 'weapons of mass destruction', or did he deliberately distort the evidence in order to exaggerate the threat posed by Iraq?

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| Genuinely believed what he said | 42% |
| Distorted the evidence | 49% |
| Don't know | 8% |

As of now, do you reckon the Conservatives' chances of winning the next general election and forming the next Government are...

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| Excellent | 3% |
| Fairly good | 32% |
| Not very good | 38% |
| Not at all good | 21% |
| Don't know | 6% |

Last year Michael Howard replaced Iain Duncan Smith as Conservative Party leader. Do you think this was the right thing for the party?

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| Yes – Michael Howard is the right leader for the Conservatives | 32% |
| No – The Tories should have replaced Iain Duncan Smith with a different successor | 31% |
| No – The Tories should have kept Iain Duncan Smith as leader | 10% |
| Don't know | 27% |

Do you think the Labour Party is united or divided these days?

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| United | 18% |
| Divided | 68% |
| Don't know | 14% |

Do you think the Conservative Party is united or divided these days?

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| United | 30% |
| Divided | 44% |
| Don't know | 26% |

This week Tony Blair reshuffled Labour's ministerial team. From what you know, how well do you think he handled the reshuffle?

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| Well | 20% |
| Badly | 37% |
| Don't know | 43% |

As part of the reshuffle, Alan Milburn, the former Health Secretary who left the Government last year, has returned to the Cabinet to plan Labour's policies for the next general election. Do you think Mr Blair was right or wrong to give Mr Milburn this job?

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| Right | 23% |
| Wrong | 40% |
| Don't know | 37% |

This week Michael Howard reshuffled the Conservative shadow cabinet. From what you know, how well do you think he handled the reshuffle?

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| Well | 21% |
| Badly | 13% |
| Don't know | 66% |

As part of the reshuffle, John Redwood, the former Conservative cabinet minister who challenged John Major for the leadership of the party in 1995, has returned to his party's front bench as 'Shadow Secretary of State for Deregulation'. Do you think Mr Howard was right or wrong to give Mr Redwood this job?

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| Right | 32% |
| Wrong | 25% |
| Don't know | 43% |

When would you like Tony Blair to resign as leader of the Labour Party?

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| Before the next general election | 39% |
| Soon after the next general election | 12% |
| Two or three years after the next general election | 7% |
| Mr Blair should remain party leader throughout the next Parliament | 28% |
| Don't know | 13% |

The Government has announced that MPs are to vote on whether to ban fox-hunting, but the ban will not come into force until two years after the bill becomes law. Do you think that hunting with dogs should be...

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| Banned immediately | 54% |
| Banned after two years | 11% |
| Not banned at all | 30% |
| Don't know | 6% |

Which of these views do you most agree with?

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| 'The Government promised to ban fox-hunting. It's important that it does what it promised' | 57% |
| 'Irrespective of what it promised, the Government should concentrate on other issues and not waste time on fox-hunting' | 38% |
| Don't know | 4% |

Do you think the recent series of increases in interest rates, announced by the Bank of England, have been good or bad for Britain's economy?

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| Good | 38% |
| Bad | 26% |
| Made no difference | 21% |
| Don't know | 15% |

Has the recent series of increases in interest rates affected how much you and your family spend?

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| Yes – it has allowed my/our spending to increase | 3% |
| Yes – it has forced me/us to cut back a little | 29% |
| Yes – it has forced us to cut back a lot | 11% |
| No – it has made no difference | 57% |

(to home-owners) How do you think the value of your home has changed over the past 12 months?

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| Risen by more than 20% | 21% |
| Risen by 10 to 20% | 41% |
| Risen by less than 10% | 21% |
| Stayed about the same value | 8% |
| Fallen by less than 10% | 1% |
| Fallen by 10 to 20% | 0% |
| Fallen by more than 20% | 0% |
| Don't know | 9% |

What do you expect to happen to the value of your home over the next 12 months?

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| Rise by more than 20% | 1% |
| Rise by 10 to 20% | 12% |
| Rise by less than 10% | 26% |
| Stay about the same value | 38% |
| Fall by less than 10% | 10% |
| Fall by 10 to 20% | 3% |
| Fall by more than 20% | 0% |
| Don't know | 9% |

Suppose the value of your home fell by 10-15% over the next 12 months. How big a problem would this be for you?

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| A very big problem | 3% |
| A fairly big problem | 11% |
| A fairly small problem | 22% |
| No problem at all | 60% |
| Don't know | 4% |

Suppose the value of homes fell generally by 10-15% over the next 12 months. Leaving aside how this might affect you and your family, do you think such a fall would be good or bad for Britain generally?

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| Good | 46% |
| Bad | 25% |
| Make no difference | 19% |
| Don't know | 10% |