

YouGov / New Statesman Survey Results

Sample Size: 1115 people entitled to vote in Labour's coming leadership and deputy leadership elections

Fieldwork: 1st - 4th March 2007

Membership Type	
Party Members	TU Levy Payers
589	662
%	%

How do you rate Tony Blair's performance as Prime Minister?

Outstanding	19	5
Good	37	21
Fair	28	27
Poor	11	23
Bad	7	23
Don't know	0	1

How do you rate Gordon Brown's performance as Chancellor of the Exchequer?

Outstanding	41	15
Good	39	35
Fair	14	28
Poor	4	11
Bad	2	11
Don't know	1	1

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Compared with ten years ago, when Labour came to power, do you think Britain is a fairer society, or less fair, or has there been little change?

Fairer	67	36
Less fair	13	36
Little change	19	26
Don't know	1	2

Do you agree or disagree with this statement: 'Tony Blair has been George W Bush's poodle'?

Agree	41	64
Disagree	52	30
Don't know	8	6

How much influence do you think trade unions have on the current government?

A great deal of influence	3	3
Some influence	43	33
Not much influence	47	54
No influence	4	8
Not sure	3	3

And how much influence do you think trade unions SHOULD have on the government?

A great deal of influence	11	15
Some influence	63	61
Not much influence	20	16
No influence	4	5
Not sure	2	3

Membership Type	
Party Members	TU Levy Payers
%	%

How much influence do you think the people who run large companies have on the current government?

A great deal of influence	35	50
Some influence	48	34
Not much influence	12	10
No influence	3	4
Not sure	3	3

And how much influence do you think the people who run large companies SHOULD have on the government?

A great deal of influence	2	2
Some influence	40	34
Not much influence	40	39
No influence	17	23
Not sure	2	2

Turning to policy issues, which of these statements comes closest to your view?

'So much needs to be done to improve public services and reduce poverty that the overall tax burden needs to rise'	56	45
'It's important to encourage enterprise, and it would do more harm than good to increase the overall tax burden'	34	45
Don't know	10	10

Membership Type	
Party Members	TU Levy Payers
%	%

Do you think the current tax system is broadly fair, or should it be made more 'redistributive' – that is, with better-off people paying higher taxes, and less well-off people paying lower taxes?

Current system is broadly fair	20	17
System should be made a little more redistributive	49	44
System should be made much more redistributive	29	34
Don't know	3	5

Are you in favour of, or opposed to, the introduction of a system of identity cards in Britain?

In favour	50	41
Opposed	38	49
Don't know	12	10

Which of these statements comes closer to your view?

'Green taxes, for example on petrol and airline flights, should rise significantly in order to cut carbon emissions and pollution'	61	43
'Taxes on private motoring and air travel are high enough already'	30	50
Don't know	9	7

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Which of the following policies would you favour most, regarding the replacement of Britain's Trident nuclear missile system, when it reaches the end of its useful life?

Britain should replace Trident with an equally powerful nuclear missile system	21	24
Britain should retain a minimum nuclear system, but it should be less powerful and cost less than replacing Trident	42	39
Britain should give up nuclear weapons completely	31	31
Don't know	7	5

Which of these policies would you favour most, regarding Britain's troops in Iraq?

All British troops should all be brought home immediately	14	25
All British troops should be brought home before the end of this year	34	38
Britain should keep troops in Iraq as long as Iraq's government wants	45	31
Don't know	7	6

If the US were to launch a military attack on Iran, in order to prevent Iran acquiring nuclear weapons, do you think Britain's government should...?

Send British troops to support the American attack	6	7
Not send troops, but not condemn the attack either	33	35
Publicly condemn the American attack	52	51
Not sure	9	7

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The United States is planning a new missile-defence system, to provide early warning of missile launches by 'rogue' states and other possible enemies. A number of special radar systems will need to be installed in different countries. Would you support or oppose such a station being located in Britain?

Support	37	40
Oppose	47	47
Don't know	16	13

	Membership Type		All %	General public		
	Party Members	TU Levy Payers		Con	Lab	Lib Dem
	%	%		%	%	%
Here are some proposals that have been made for action by the Government over the next two or three years. Among these proposals, which three or four should be the top priorities for Labour's new leader?						
Seek tougher international action to reduce climate change	56	47	38	30	45	51
Increase taxes on people earning more than £100,000 a year	51	53	34	24	44	44
Make the House of Lords more democratic	39	23	11	8	18	13
Increase aid to Africa, and work to lower trade barriers faced by Africa countries	36	24	12	7	16	23
Increase benefits paid to pensioners, lone parents and unemployed people	35	29	29	24	36	29
Bring British troops home from Iraq	25	37	53	57	43	58
Reform schools and hospitals further to give parents and patients more choice	23	16	32	31	31	27
Reduce immigration	20	43	65	80	53	45
Commit Britain to a new generation of nuclear power stations	20	20	15	25	13	11
Abolish the special status given to City Academy schools and Foundation Hospitals	17	17	8	8	8	13
Build more prisons	16	28	35	46	31	21
Restore to the trade unions the rights and powers they had before 1979	14	20	7	4	9	12
Not sure	3	3	4	1	3	4