

YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

YouGov questioned 1981 adults aged 18+ throughout Britain online between 16th and 18th December 2004. The results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

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If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for? (excluding don't knows, won't votes; base = 1593)*

Con	32	100	0	0	33	31	25	33	36	33	31	33	43	27	28	20
Lab	35	0	100	0	37	32	34	38	33	33	37	34	26	41	40	34
Lib Dem	23	0	0	100	20	26	30	22	19	24	22	24	23	22	24	18
Other	10	0	0	0	10	11	12	7	11	10	10	9	7	10	8	28
Would Not Vote	9	0	0	0	9	10	16	10	2	7	12	12	6	9	10	13
Don't know	13	0	0	0	8	18	15	14	10	12	15	11	16	13	11	15

*Note that this question is asked in two stages. At the first stage, respondents are given the following answer options: Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat, Scottish Nationalist/Plaid cymru, some other party, would not vote, don't know. Those who respond "some other party" are then asked: "Which of these parties would you vote for?" and given the following answer options: Green, United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP), British National Party (BNP), some other party, don't know. The above table shows the combined figures from both parts of the question. "Other" included SNP/Plaid Cymru (2%), UKIP (4%), BNP (2%) and Green (2%).

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David Blunkett resigned this week as Home Secretary, following controversies that followed the end of his affair with Kimberly Quinn. Do you think David Blunkett was right or wrong to resign?

Right to resign	61	82	48	63	67	56	49	62	70	65	57	64	65	56	60	63
Wrong to resign	29	14	43	30	28	31	35	28	25	29	30	26	23	36	30	30
Don't know	10	4	9	7	6	13	16	10	5	7	13	10	12	8	10	8

Overall, do you think Mr Blunkett did a good job or bad job as Home Secretary?

Good job	43	28	74	40	45	42	45	41	45	45	42	36	40	49	47	41
Bad job	17	24	5	22	21	13	15	18	17	19	14	20	17	17	13	22
Neither good nor bad	33	44	19	34	31	36	28	36	36	32	35	38	34	29	34	33
Don't know	6	4	1	3	3	9	13	5	2	4	8	7	9	5	5	4

As Home Secretary, how do you rate Mr Blunkett's record on the following issues?

Asylum and immigration:

Good	11	4	24	9	10	12	7	9	16	13	9	10	10	10	14	10
Fair	31	23	44	29	33	29	32	30	30	31	30	24	26	35	33	37
Poor – he was too tough and undermined civil liberties	11	8	7	24	14	9	11	10	13	14	8	13	9	10	12	18
Poor – he was not tough enough	38	61	22	29	40	36	35	41	37	36	40	44	43	37	33	31
Don't know	9	4	3	9	4	14	15	10	4	7	12	10	13	7	8	4

Violent crime

Good	17	6	35	16	18	16	16	13	22	17	16	14	16	17	19	17
Fair	45	42	53	52	46	44	41	49	44	48	42	50	40	47	46	47
Poor	27	46	7	22	31	22	21	28	30	25	28	25	29	26	25	29
Don't know	11	7	5	10	5	17	22	10	4	9	14	11	15	10	10	6

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Dealing with anti-social behaviour

Good	27	14	49	26	27	27	25	24	31	28	25	25	25	28	31	24
Fair	39	44	41	41	42	36	36	41	39	41	37	40	38	39	41	36
Poor	25	36	7	25	26	23	20	26	27	23	25	23	25	26	19	35
Don't know	10	5	3	8	4	14	19	8	3	7	12	13	12	8	9	5

Charles Clarke, who has been Education Secretary for the past two years, has been appointed Home Secretary to replace Mr Blunkett. Do you think Mr Clarke will be...

A better Home Secretary than Mr Blunkett	5	5	7	7	6	4	6	5	6	6	5	6	7	6	3	4
A worse Home Secretary than Mr Blunkett	21	29	22	21	27	17	21	20	23	25	18	18	21	23	22	21
About the same – he will be a good Home Secretary	20	12	40	16	21	20	18	20	23	21	19	19	17	21	22	23
About the same – he will be a poor Home Secretary	17	28	3	20	20	14	12	15	22	16	17	17	18	14	16	20
Don't know	36	27	28	37	26	46	44	40	27	33	41	40	37	35	37	31

Mr Blunkett says he is an honest politician. Do you agree or disagree that he is an honest politician?

Agree	48	33	74	48	51	45	41	49	52	51	44	39	44	54	52	41
Disagree	35	54	15	39	36	35	37	35	34	35	36	42	40	32	29	38
Don't know	17	13	11	13	13	20	22	16	14	14	20	19	15	14	19	20

Do you think Tony Blair has been damaged by Mr Blunkett's resignation or not?

Yes, damaged a lot	16	30	6	16	18	15	10	12	25	18	14	16	20	13	14	20
Damaged a little	52	53	53	57	55	49	50	54	51	54	49	50	51	51	55	50
No, not damaged at all	25	13	37	23	23	27	27	28	21	25	26	25	22	30	23	27
Don't know	7	3	4	4	5	9	13	6	3	3	11	9	7	6	8	3

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Do the events and controversies surrounding Mr Blunkett's resignation make you more likely or less likely to vote Labour at the next general election, or do they make no difference?

More likely to vote Labour	2	0	7	0	3	2	1	3	3	2	2	3	1	4	2	3
Less likely	11	13	3	17	12	9	9	11	11	12	10	13	11	9	11	11
No difference – I would have voted Labour anyway	27	4	85	6	30	24	23	28	29	26	27	24	21	28	32	30
No difference – I would NOT have voted Labour anyway	48	81	1	72	48	49	47	47	50	51	45	48	53	47	45	44
Don't know	12	1	4	5	7	16	20	11	6	9	16	12	14	11	11	12

Assuming that Labour wins the coming general election, do you think Mr Blunkett should...

Return to the Cabinet immediately after the election	21	8	35	24	21	20	21	18	23	20	21	18	18	24	21	20
Return to the Cabinet a year or two after the election	25	19	36	24	26	24	19	27	26	28	21	24	23	27	24	23
Not return to the Cabinet at all	39	59	17	41	40	38	36	39	41	39	38	43	43	35	34	44
Don't know	16	13	12	12	13	18	24	15	10	13	20	15	16	13	20	13

Do you think Mr Blunkett was right or wrong to take legal action to seek access to a child he believes to be his?

Right	75	63	87	77	74	76	83	78	66	74	76	71	69	81	76	81
Wrong	12	25	5	9	14	11	6	9	21	14	10	14	13	11	13	9
Don't know	13	13	8	14	13	13	11	13	14	12	14	15	18	8	11	10

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Thinking about his resignation, which of the following best sums up your view?

Mr Blunkett has only himself to blame for his predicament	31	48	14	34	39	24	27	31	35	32	30	38	34	27	28	34
Kimberly Quinn, his former lover, should be blamed for deliberately bringing him down	20	11	34	16	20	19	17	21	21	20	20	16	18	22	21	21
They were both equally to blame	41	38	44	43	34	49	43	40	41	42	41	37	41	43	43	42
Don't know	8	3	8	7	7	8	13	8	2	6	10	9	8	8	8	3

In general, do you think Mrs Quinn has behaved...

Reasonably	10	14	7	8	11	8	9	9	11	9	10	12	9	10	8	11
Vindictively	63	61	72	67	62	64	57	61	70	64	62	56	64	62	68	58
Don't know	27	25	21	24	27	28	34	30	19	27	28	32	26	28	24	31

Mr Blunkett clearly finds himself in a difficult and embarrassing situation. Do you personally...?

Sympathise with him a lot	14	4	29	15	16	13	13	14	17	16	13	13	16	14	16	10
Sympathise with him a little	39	33	46	41	39	39	43	37	38	37	41	35	34	43	41	42
Not sympathise with him much	20	27	16	20	19	21	20	21	20	22	18	19	24	19	19	17
Not sympathise with him at all	20	33	5	21	21	19	15	21	24	22	18	27	19	18	17	25
Don't know	7	2	4	3	6	8	10	8	2	4	9	7	7	6	7	6

And how much do you sympathise with Mrs Quinn?

Sympathise with her a lot	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
Sympathise with her a little	13	14	12	13	15	11	13	14	11	15	11	13	13	13	13	13
Not sympathise with her much	29	25	32	34	27	31	29	31	29	29	30	29	26	33	26	42
Not sympathise with her at all	47	52	49	44	46	48	41	45	55	49	45	46	51	44	51	34
Don't know	9	7	7	8	11	9	16	10	4	6	13	11	9	9	9	10

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Thinking about terrorism, which of the following statements comes closer to your view?

The Government has been right to take tough measures in the face of the terrorist threat	70	68	86	56	70	69	67	71	70	69	70	63	68	70	75	66
The Government has gone too far, and used terrorism as an excuse to reduce civil liberties	28	30	13	43	29	27	29	25	29	28	27	33	30	27	21	32
Don't know	3	2	2	1	1	4	4	4	1	3	3	4	2	3	4	1

Which of these views about the possible introduction of Identity Cards comes closest to your own?

Identity Cards should be introduced, and it should be compulsory for all British citizens to own one	58	62	70	48	59	57	50	58	65	59	57	50	60	58	62	54
Identity Cards are a good idea, but only if British citizens have the right to decide whether to own one or not	22	21	18	24	19	24	25	22	19	20	24	23	17	22	24	29
Identity Cards are a bad idea and should not be introduced	15	12	8	24	19	11	17	14	14	17	12	20	17	14	10	15
Don't know	5	4	4	4	3	7	8	6	3	4	7	6	6	6	5	2

Mr Blunkett has criticised many of his cabinet colleagues in a new biography. Thinking about leading members of the Cabinet, do you think the following have done a good job or a bad job in the past few years?

Tony Blair as Prime Minister

Good job	32	7	78	21	34	29	29	33	33	33	30	29	25	35	38	30
Bad job	38	69	3	44	41	35	34	38	42	40	36	42	43	36	33	40
Neither good nor bad	26	23	17	34	23	28	28	26	24	24	27	25	27	27	23	24
Don't know	5	1	2	0	2	7	10	3	2	3	7	3	6	2	6	6

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John Prescott as Deputy Prime Minister

Good job	17	3	42	14	17	17	17	16	19	17	17	16	14	21	19	14
Bad job	39	69	9	39	48	31	34	38	45	40	38	40	43	39	34	38
Neither good nor bad	34	23	43	43	29	38	32	37	32	34	33	33	33	33	36	37
Don't know	10	5	5	5	5	14	17	9	4	8	12	12	10	7	10	11

Gordon Brown as Chancellor of the Exchequer

Good job	52	36	83	55	59	45	46	51	58	57	46	49	48	52	54	60
Bad job	16	28	2	16	16	16	17	16	14	15	17	18	18	16	12	15
Neither good nor bad	25	33	13	24	21	28	23	27	25	23	27	23	25	28	24	22
Don't know	7	2	3	5	4	11	15	6	3	5	10	10	9	3	10	4

Jack Straw as Foreign Secretary

Good job	21	10	47	15	22	20	19	21	23	22	19	20	20	22	22	17
Bad job	27	41	8	32	34	20	25	28	28	28	26	32	29	25	22	32
Neither good nor bad	39	42	37	43	36	42	35	41	41	40	39	34	38	41	41	41
Don't know	13	6	8	10	8	18	21	11	8	10	16	14	13	11	15	10

Turning to another issue, Turkey, which is a mainly Muslim country, has applied to join the European Union. Would you support or oppose Turkey joining the European Union?

Support	30	24	45	34	33	27	29	26	35	31	29	31	26	33	28	39
Oppose	42	55	31	36	47	37	36	42	46	43	40	41	42	41	44	35
Don't know	28	21	24	30	20	36	35	32	19	26	31	28	31	26	28	26

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As you probably know, the 25 member states of the European Union have negotiated a new constitution for the EU and Tony Blair has promised to hold a referendum on the issue. If a referendum were held now, how would you vote, in favour or against a new EU constitution?

Would definitely vote in favour	8	2	14	13	10	6	7	5	11	10	5	4	7	11	6	9
Would probably vote in favour	14	6	27	20	16	13	11	15	17	17	12	14	12	17	15	14
Would probably vote against	12	14	12	12	14	10	15	10	10	11	12	15	10	12	11	13
Would definitely vote against	25	53	8	14	30	20	16	26	33	26	24	23	28	24	26	23
Would not decide until nearer the time	23	18	24	28	18	28	25	23	22	24	23	28	23	21	23	25
Would not vote	5	2	3	2	5	5	8	6	2	4	7	4	6	5	5	7
Don't know	13	6	12	11	7	18	18	15	5	8	18	13	14	11	14	9

On a different topic...Thinking about Christmas spending (presents, food, entertainment etc) do you expect you and your immediate family to spend more online, by telephone and/or mail order than last year, or less, or about the same?

Much more	12	12	13	11	12	11	15	12	9	12	11	10	16	12	8	11
A little more	31	28	32	33	33	28	35	31	26	30	31	34	24	31	35	36
About the same	38	44	38	39	37	40	33	38	43	40	37	34	40	43	35	35
A little less	8	7	10	10	8	9	9	10	7	10	7	11	10	5	10	9
A lot less	8	7	5	7	7	9	5	7	11	7	9	7	7	8	9	8
Don't know	3	2	2	1	2	3	4	2	3	1	5	4	4	1	3	2

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And do you expect you and your immediate family to spend more in shops, supermarkets and department stores than last year, or less, or about the same?

Much more	2	2	3	2	3	2	4	3	1	1	4	1	2	2	3	4
A little more	21	20	23	19	22	20	23	24	17	21	21	22	16	25	22	24
About the same	48	49	52	47	47	49	41	47	55	48	48	47	47	45	51	49
A little less	18	19	15	22	17	18	20	17	16	20	16	18	23	16	15	18
A lot less	9	10	6	9	9	10	8	8	11	10	9	9	10	10	8	5
Don't know	2	0	2	0	2	1	3	1	0	1	3	3	2	1	1	0

Overall, do you expect you and your immediate family to spend more or less in total on Christmas, or about the same?

Much more	4	3	5	4	4	4	8	4	2	4	5	3	5	5	4	5
A little more	28	26	33	24	31	26	27	31	26	27	29	26	22	31	30	33
About the same	47	48	45	48	44	49	44	46	51	49	44	48	50	42	47	50
A little less	14	16	14	16	15	14	15	13	15	14	15	18	16	14	13	10
A lot less	6	6	3	9	5	7	6	6	7	6	7	5	7	8	5	2
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

What do you expect to happen to house prices in your area over the next 12 months?

Rise a lot	5	4	4	5	5	5	4	7	3	4	5	5	3	4	5	11
Rise a little	35	31	38	43	38	33	36	36	35	34	37	30	33	34	39	44
Stay about the same	31	34	28	30	28	33	29	29	34	33	28	32	33	29	32	22
Fall a little	24	27	26	20	26	22	24	24	23	25	23	27	26	27	20	16
Fall a lot	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
Don't know	4	2	3	1	3	5	6	3	3	2	5	4	4	4	2	6

YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and past vote:

Recalled vote in 2001:	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Labour	889	838
Conservative	388	418
Liberal Democrat	229	199
Scottish / Welsh Nationalist	38	30
Other	55	10
Did not vote	382	501

Newspaper readership:	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Express / Mail	367	320
Sun / Star	356	440
Mirror / Record	288	319
Guardian/ Independent	130	80
Financial Times / Times / Telegraph	202	190
Other paper	224	249
No paper	414	397

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