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All voters

Main Parties Voting Intention

Con	39
Lab	31
Lib Dem	16
Other	14

Other Parties Voting Intention

SNP / PCY	4
Geen	2
UKIP	3
Veritas	0
BNP	3
Respect	0
Other	1

Non Voters

Would Not Vote	8
Don't know	14

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

Very well	4
Fairly well	31
Fairly badly	31
Very badly	30
Don't know	4

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

Very well	9
Fairly well	32
Fairly badly	27
Very badly	25
Don't know	7

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Do you think Gordon Brown would do well or badly if he became Prime Minister?

Very well	6
Fairly well	21
Fairly badly	23
Very badly	35
Don't know	15

Do you think David Cameron is doing well or badly as leader of the Conservative Party?

Very well	7
Fairly well	47
Fairly badly	21
Very badly	10
Don't know	15

Do you think David Cameron would do well or badly if he became Prime Minister?

Very well	6
Fairly well	32
Fairly badly	23
Very badly	19
Don't know	20

Do you think Sir Menzies Campbell is doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?

Very well	2
Fairly well	25
Fairly badly	27
Very badly	18
Don't know	28

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Who do you trust more to raise your, and your family's, standard of living?

A Labour government	28
A Conservative government	38
Don't know	34

The next general election could be up to three years away. How do you think you would vote if the leaders of the three main parties were Gordon Brown (Labour), David Cameron (Conservative) and Sir Menzies Campbell (Liberal Democrat)?

Conservative	32
Labour	24
Liberal Democrat	11
Scottish national Party/Plaid Cymru	3
Some other party	10
Don't know	14
Would not vote	6

Now suppose that Tony Blair were to remain Prime Minister and lead Labour into the next election, while David Cameron and Sir Menzies Campbell also remain leaders of their parties. How would you vote then?

Conservative	32
Labour	26
Liberal Democrat	12
Scottish national Party/Plaid Cymru	3
Some other party	9
Don't know	12
Would not vote	6

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The Scottish National Party has promised a referendum on independence if it wins next month's Scottish parliament election. This would mean a formal separation, with Scotland becoming a separate country outside the United Kingdom. Are you:

In favour of Scottish independence	32
Against Scottish independence	32
Neither	25
Don't know	11

Do you think Scotland would be better or worse off than it is now if it became independent?

Better off	19
Worse off	45
Neither better nor worse off	18
Don't know	17

Scottish MPs are currently entitled to vote on matters affecting only England. However, in cases where those matters have been devolved to the Scottish Parliament English MPs cannot vote on matters that affect only Scotland. Do you think this is fair or unfair?

Fair	10
Unfair	76
Don't know	14

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Thinking about the way England is governed in the light of devolution to Scotland and Wales, which of the following would be your preferred option:

A separate English parliament with similar powers to the Scottish Parliament	21
Stopping MPs from Scottish and Welsh seats from voting on matters that affect only England	51
Keeping the current arrangements as they are	12
None of the above	4
Don't know	12

Government spending per head in Scotland is currently about 20% higher than in England, due to a formula agreed in the 1970s to address poverty in Scotland, yet Scots pay the same tax rates as people in England. Do you think this is fair or unfair?

Fair	16
Unfair	68
Don't know	16

Which of the following would you most like to see happen?

Scottish public spending should be cut to English levels	30
Scottish taxes should go up to pay for their extra spending	39
Things should stay as they are	15
Don't know	16

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Do you think the Scots are grateful or ungrateful for the extra public spending they get?

Grateful	13
Ungrateful	50
Don't know	37

Wales has just scrapped NHS prescription charges. In both Wales and Scotland students benefit from lower university tuition fees. Do you think it is right or wrong that Scotland, Wales and England have different charges for these services?

Right	13
Wrong	78
Don't know	9

Some people have claimed that English taxpayers are subsidising Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Do you think this is true or false?

True	59
False	17
Don't know	25

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Documents have been published under the Freedom of Information Act showing that the Treasury warned Gordon Brown in 1997 that the changes he made to taxes on shares in his first budget would wipe £75 billion from the value of pension funds. Gordon Brown has said the change was necessary to ensure a strong economy. Do you think Gordon Brown was right or wrong to tax pension funds this way?

Right	7
Wrong	67
Neither	6
Don't know	19

Has the revelation that Brown acted in spite of the Treasury's advice altered your opinion of Gordon Brown?

Yes, it has given me a more positive opinion of him	3
Yes, it has given me a more negative opinion of him	33
No, I had a negative opinion of him before and I still do	38
No, I had a positive opinion of him before and I still do	12
Don't know	14

Do you think that Gordon Brown is fit or unfit to become Prime Minister?

Fit	27
Unfit	57
Don't know	17

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Do you think that Gordon Brown will make a better or a worse Prime Minister than Tony Blair, or will he be about the same?

Better	11
Worse	38
About the same	44
Don't know	8

Which of the following Labour politicians would you most like to see succeeding Tony Blair? Even if you do not particularly favour any of them, please give the one you would least object to.

Gordon Brown	22
Charles Clarke	7
John McDonnell	2
Michael Meacher	4
David Miliband	16
Don't know	49

City workers have had record bonuses this year, some stretching into millions of pounds. Which of the statements below do you most agree with?

The level of city bonuses is excessive	75
Large city bonuses are only received by those who have earned them and so are about right	11
Neither	7
Don't know	8

Would you agree or disagree with a higher tax rate for those who earn large bonuses and others who earn very high incomes, such as more than £500,000 a year?

Agree	83
Disagree	10
Don't know	6

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Who do you think are the MOST overpaid people in Britain?

City traders	8
Directors of large companies	12
Footballers	64
TV presenters	3
Politicians	7
Doctors	0
Lawyers	2
Other	0
I don't think any of these are overpaid	1
Don't know	4

How do you think the government has handled the seizure of 15 British navy personnel by Iran?

Well	21
Badly	25
It's still too early to say	47
Don't know	7

Would you have liked a tougher approach, including the threat of force, or do you think diplomacy was the right approach?

There should have been a tougher approach	20
Diplomacy was the right approach	72
Don't know	8

Some people have said that Britain has been humiliated by this episode. Do you agree or disagree?

Agree	31
Disagree	53
Don't know	16

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Thinking about recent British foreign policy, including Afghanistan and Iraq, do you think Tony Blair will leave office with Britain's position in the world stronger or weaker than when he took office in 1997?

Weaker	53
Stronger	13
It hasn't changed much	25
Don't know	8

If it was possible and there was no difference in price, would you be prepared to travel by train instead of plane to help the environment, even if it took much longer?

Yes, I would	58
No, I wouldn't	29
Don't know	12

Do you believe in God?

Yes, I do	45
No, I don't	33
Don't know	21

Would you say Britain is still mainly a Christian country?

Yes, it is	39
No, it isn't	51
Don't know	9

Good Friday and Easter Monday are Bank Holidays. Do you think Britain has too many or too few bank holidays, or is the current number about right?

Too many	3
Too few	53
It's about right	42
Don't know	2

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Large shops are currently banned from opening on Easter Sunday. Do you think this is right or wrong?

Right	57
Wrong	36
Don't know	8