

YouGov / Sun poll

YouGov questioned a representative sample of 2,462 electors throughout Britain online between 15 and 17 April, 2004

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Are you registered to vote?

Yes **95%**

No **3%**

Don't know **2%**

How much difference do you think it makes to the lives of you and your family which party governs Britain?

Big difference **26%**

Some difference **42%**

Not much difference **26%**

No difference **5%**

Don't know **1%**

How much difference do you think it makes to the lives of you and your family which party runs your local council?

Big difference **23%**

Some difference **42%**

Not much difference **26%**

No difference **6%**

Don't know **2%**

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How much difference do you think it makes to the lives of you and your family which party does best in elections to the European Parliament?

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| Big difference | 11% |
| Some difference | 24% |
| Not much difference | 41% |
| No difference | 20% |
| Don't know | 4% |

Thinking back to the General Election in June 2001, do you remember if you voted - or perhaps you didn't vote?

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| Too young to vote | 3% |
| Did not vote | 24% |
| Did vote | 70% |
| Can't remember | 3% |

Do you happen to know the name of your local MP?

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| Yes, do know the name | 64% |
| No, do not know the name | 28% |
| Not sure | 8% |

Did you vote in the most recent local election in your area?

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| Too young to vote | 1% |
| Did not vote | 39% |
| Did vote | 56% |
| Can't remember | 4% |

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Do you happen to know the name of any of the councillors who represent your locality?

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| Yes, I know the name of at least one of my local councillors | 54% |
| No, I do not know the name of any of my local councillors | 39% |
| Not sure | 7% |

Have you ever voted for a Member of the European Parliament (MEP)?

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| Yes, have voted at least once for an MEP | 36% |
| No, have never voted for an MEP | 56% |
| Not sure | 9% |

Do you happen to know the names of any MEPs for your area?

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| Yes, do know the name of at least one of my MEPs | 16% |
| No, do not know the names of any of my MEPs | 75% |
| Not sure | 9% |

Have you ever voted on any TV show (such as Big Brother, Pop Idol, Fame Academy or I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here)?

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| Yes, I have voted in at least one TV show | 43% |
| No, I have not | 56% |
| Not sure | 1% |

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Have you ever voted to evict a Big Brother contestant?

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| Yes, I have voted to evict a Big Brother contestant | 23% |
| No, I have not | 76% |
| Not sure | 1% |

Have you ever voted on a Sun - You The Jury poll?

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| Yes, I have voted on a Sun – You the Jury Poll | 5% |
| No, I have not | 94% |
| Not sure | 1% |

Have you ever voted on an internet website other than YouGov?

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| Yes, I have voted on an Internet website | 59% |
| No, I have not | 36% |
| Not sure | 4% |

How likely are you to vote in the next General Election?

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| Absolutely certain to vote | 50% |
| Very likely to vote | 20% |
| Fairly likely to vote | 13% |
| Fairly likely not to vote | 5% |
| Very likely not to vote | 5% |
| Absolutely certain not to vote | 4% |
| Don't know | 2% |

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How likely are you to vote in the next local elections in your area?

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| Absolutely certain to vote | 38% |
| Very likely to vote | 21% |
| Fairly likely to vote | 16% |
| Fairly likely not to vote | 9% |
| Very likely not to vote | 8% |
| Absolutely certain not to vote | 5% |
| Don't know | 3% |

Do you happen to know when the next elections to the European Parliament are to be held?

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| Yes – this year | 23% |
| Yes – in 2005 | 2% |
| Yes – in 2006 | 0% |
| Yes – in 2007 | 0% |
| Yes – in 2008 | 0% |
| No, I am not sure when they are due | 75% |

How likely are you to vote in the next elections to the European Parliament?

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| Absolutely certain to vote | 19% |
| Very likely to vote | 14% |
| Fairly likely to vote | 16% |
| Fairly likely not to vote | 13% |
| Very likely not to vote | 16% |
| Absolutely certain not to vote | 10% |
| Don't know | 12% |

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Suppose it was made easy to vote in general, local, European and other elections by post, telephone, text or online, would you be more likely or less likely to vote than you do now?

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| More likely to vote | 55% |
| Less likely to vote | 2% |
| Make no difference – I always vote anyway | 32% |
| Make no difference – I never vote | 5% |
| Don't know | 6% |

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Do you think your vote can make a difference to decisions about the way your local council runs your area?

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| Yes, my vote can make a difference | 57% |
| No, my vote cannot make a difference | 33% |
| Don't know | 10% |

Do you think it matters whether you vote or not in general elections?

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| Yes, it matters a lot | 48% |
| Yes, it matters to some extent | 31% |
| No, it does not matter very much | 13% |
| No, it does not matter at all | 5% |
| Don't know | 2% |

At present, people can vote once they are 18 years old. Which of these options do you favour most?

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| Keeping the voting age at 18 | 64% |
| Lowering the voting age to 16 | 15% |
| Raising the voting age to 21 | 20% |
| Don't know | 2% |

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