

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 530 Conservative Party members

Fieldwork: 17th - 18th October 2022

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Do you think that Liz Truss is doing well or badly as Leader of the Conservative Party?

Very well	3	5	0	2	2	4	3	2	5	1
Fairly well	12	14	10	11	11	13	6	15	20	2
TOTAL WELL	15	19	10	13	13	17	9	17	25	3
Fairly badly	28	27	31	28	28	29	21	32	38	17
Very badly	55	52	58	56	57	52	69	48	34	78
TOTAL BADLY	83	79	89	84	85	81	90	80	72	95
Don't know	2	3	1	3	2	2	1	3	3	1

And do you think that Liz Truss is doing better or worse than you expected as Leader of the Conservative Party, or about how you expected?

Better than I expected	6	11	3	3	5	7	6	6	10	2
Worse than I expected	64	59	66	69	69	59	56	70	70	56
About how I expected	28	26	30	29	25	32	37	23	19	42
Don't know	2	4	1	0	1	2	1	2	1	1

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Do you think Jeremy Hunt is doing well or badly as Chancellor of the Exchequer?

Very well	18	13	23	21	17	19	30	12	9	28
Fairly well	40	39	44	37	43	35	48	35	32	51
TOTAL WELL	58	52	67	58	60	54	78	47	41	79
Fairly badly	11	16	7	8	11	10	9	11	13	7
Very badly	13	10	16	13	12	13	4	18	22	1
TOTAL BADLY	24	26	23	21	23	23	13	29	35	8
Don't know	19	22	10	21	16	22	9	24	23	13

Thinking back to the Conservative leadership election between Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak, if you were able to vote again now, who would you vote for?

Rishi Sunak	55	54	59	53	54	55	77	42	24	96
Liz Truss	25	28	29	21	24	26	10	33	50	0
Would not vote	15	14	11	19	19	11	10	19	22	2
Don't know	5	4	0	8	3	7	3	6	5	1

Do you think Liz Truss should or should not resign as party leader and Prime Minister at this time?

Should resign	55	52	60	55	57	53	63	50	39	72
Should not resign	38	37	34	41	38	38	27	45	57	17
Don't know	7	10	6	4	5	9	10	5	4	11

Do you think the Prime Minister was right or wrong to sack Kwasi Kwarteng as Chancellor of the Exchequer?

Right	46	49	47	43	51	40	51	43	40	48
Wrong	42	42	41	41	37	47	35	45	49	41
Don't know	12	9	12	16	12	13	14	12	11	11

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Imagine that Liz Truss stood down as party leader over the next few weeks. Thinking about how a new leader should be elected in these circumstances, would you support or oppose the following?

MPs agreeing on one single unity candidate, so the new leader is appointed without an election

Strongly support	37	30	43	41	36	39	51	30	21	59
Tend to support	23	23	21	22	24	20	27	20	19	29
TOTAL SUPPORT	60	53	64	63	60	59	78	50	40	88
Tend to oppose	9	13	5	8	9	10	7	10	10	5
Strongly oppose	28	27	31	27	29	25	11	37	47	4
TOTAL OPPOSE	37	40	36	35	38	35	18	47	57	9
Don't know	3	7	0	1	3	4	3	3	2	3

MPs electing the final two candidates, and then the second-placed candidate dropping out to avoid a vote

Strongly support	11	10	15	8	11	10	12	10	6	17
Tend to support	29	28	21	36	27	33	35	26	21	40
TOTAL SUPPORT	40	38	36	44	38	43	47	36	27	57
Tend to oppose	22	22	25	21	21	24	25	21	24	20
Strongly oppose	30	31	34	26	34	24	18	36	43	19
TOTAL OPPOSE	52	53	59	47	55	48	43	57	67	39
Don't know	8	8	5	9	7	9	9	7	7	4

MPs electing the final two candidates and then party members having a vote on which should become leader

Strongly support	29	28	34	25	31	26	14	38	45	9
Tend to support	16	19	13	16	17	15	12	17	19	13
TOTAL SUPPORT	45	47	47	41	48	41	26	55	64	22
Tend to oppose	18	19	13	21	16	21	21	17	13	25
Strongly oppose	32	26	39	33	30	33	47	22	16	49
TOTAL OPPOSE	50	45	52	54	46	54	68	39	29	74
Don't know	5	8	1	5	6	5	6	5	6	3

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Imagine again that Liz Truss resigned in the next few weeks. Do you think each of the following would be a good or bad replacement at the present time?
Boris Johnson

Very good	42	34	42	51	39	47	25	54	55	26
Fairly good	21	25	21	16	23	17	20	20	21	17
TOTAL GOOD	63	59	63	67	62	64	45	74	76	43
Fairly bad	18	21	22	13	16	21	25	13	13	31
Very bad	17	18	14	18	19	14	25	12	10	24
TOTAL BAD	35	39	36	31	35	35	50	25	23	55
Don't know	2	3	1	2	2	2	4	1	2	3

Rishi Sunak

Very good	29	30	33	25	30	27	42	20	6	60
Fairly good	31	34	28	31	30	33	35	28	29	35
TOTAL GOOD	60	64	61	56	60	60	77	48	35	95
Fairly bad	13	11	12	15	15	10	8	16	19	0
Very bad	23	21	27	23	22	25	11	31	43	2
TOTAL BAD	36	32	39	38	37	35	19	47	62	2
Don't know	4	5	1	6	3	5	4	5	4	2

Jeremy Hunt

Very good	14	12	22	11	15	12	21	10	6	23
Fairly good	33	35	27	35	36	30	44	27	20	48
TOTAL GOOD	47	47	49	46	51	42	65	37	26	71
Fairly bad	17	17	20	16	17	17	11	20	25	12
Very bad	27	28	25	26	26	27	14	34	41	7
TOTAL BAD	44	45	45	42	43	44	25	54	66	19
Don't know	9	9	6	11	6	14	10	9	8	10

Nadhim Zahawi

Very good	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	4	3	6
Fairly good	25	24	28	25	27	24	29	24	27	29
TOTAL GOOD	28	27	33	28	30	27	32	28	30	35
Fairly bad	33	34	34	30	33	32	33	32	29	31
Very bad	17	22	16	14	19	16	14	18	23	10
TOTAL BAD	50	56	50	44	52	48	47	50	52	41
Don't know	21	17	17	29	19	25	21	23	17	24

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Tom Tugendhat

Very good	6	8	6	5	8	4	4	6	7	8
Fairly good	28	28	32	26	32	24	41	22	23	30
TOTAL GOOD	34	36	38	31	40	28	45	28	30	38
Fairly bad	25	25	24	26	24	26	24	26	27	24
Very bad	20	20	25	18	20	20	11	26	29	13
TOTAL BAD	45	45	49	44	44	46	35	52	56	37
Don't know	20	18	13	26	16	25	19	21	13	25

Penny Mordaunt

Very good	20	26	14	17	26	11	17	20	24	17
Fairly good	34	32	37	35	36	33	40	30	32	36
TOTAL GOOD	54	58	51	52	62	44	57	50	56	53
Fairly bad	17	13	24	18	13	23	13	20	19	18
Very bad	17	16	19	17	17	16	16	18	19	14
TOTAL BAD	34	29	43	35	30	39	29	38	38	32
Don't know	12	14	6	14	8	16	14	12	7	15

Suella Braverman

Very good	13	9	13	16	13	13	6	16	20	9
Fairly good	23	19	23	26	27	17	12	30	35	10
TOTAL GOOD	36	28	36	42	40	30	18	46	55	19
Fairly bad	21	23	26	15	21	19	21	20	21	23
Very bad	22	29	19	16	23	20	34	14	12	33
TOTAL BAD	43	52	45	31	44	39	55	34	33	56
Don't know	22	20	18	27	16	30	27	20	12	25

Kemi Badenoch

Very good	17	22	17	13	20	14	7	23	25	10
Fairly good	24	22	23	28	29	19	24	25	29	20
TOTAL GOOD	41	44	40	41	49	33	31	48	54	30
Fairly bad	21	22	25	17	21	21	26	18	18	29
Very bad	12	17	12	8	12	13	16	10	11	13
TOTAL BAD	33	39	37	25	33	34	42	28	29	42
Don't know	25	18	23	34	18	34	27	24	17	28

Ben Wallace

Very good	32	30	26	39	37	26	31	34	39	30
Fairly good	30	28	35	29	33	27	30	30	26	33
TOTAL GOOD	62	58	61	68	70	53	61	64	65	63
Fairly bad	14	14	20	10	10	18	13	13	13	16
Very bad	7	9	11	4	8	7	9	6	10	5

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Grant Shapps

Very good	5	5	5	5	5	4	7	4	4	8
Fairly good	17	18	18	16	19	15	20	16	14	23
TOTAL GOOD	22	23	23	21	24	19	27	20	18	31
Fairly bad	30	29	30	32	33	27	30	29	32	30
Very bad	29	29	32	26	29	28	22	33	39	19
TOTAL BAD	59	58	62	58	62	55	52	62	71	49
Don't know	19	19	15	21	13	26	22	18	11	20

Michael Gove

Very good	8	11	6	6	10	6	13	5	4	13
Fairly good	21	18	23	23	24	17	26	19	16	33
TOTAL GOOD	29	29	29	29	34	23	39	24	20	46
Fairly bad	20	17	26	19	17	23	23	18	19	16
Very bad	42	40	43	42	44	39	28	50	57	28
TOTAL BAD	62	57	69	61	61	62	51	68	76	44
Don't know	9	13	1	11	5	15	11	8	4	11

And if you had to choose from the same list,
who would you most like to take over if Liz
Truss resigned in the next few weeks?

Boris Johnson	32	27	29	38	29	35	16	42	44	13
Rishi Sunak	23	24	27	20	21	25	36	16	4	49
Ben Wallace	10	9	10	11	11	9	10	11	14	7
Penny Mordaunt	9	13	4	8	13	5	10	7	11	7
Kemi Badenoch	8	11	8	4	9	6	5	10	12	3
Jeremy Hunt	7	5	13	5	7	7	13	4	3	13
Suella Braverman	3	1	3	5	2	4	0	5	6	0
Nadhim Zahawi	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Tom Tugendhat	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2
Michael Gove	1	3	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	1
Grant Shapps	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Someone else	2	1	1	3	1	3	2	2	3	1
Don't know	2	2	1	3	2	2	3	1	2	1

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Looking forward, how do you think the Conservative party should elect leaders in the future?

MPs alone should elect the leader	25	18	28	31	25	26	39	18	12	41
Party members alone should elect the leader	31	37	23	29	29	33	20	38	44	14
MPs should pick their top two candidates, and party members should have the final choice	25	23	30	24	27	22	21	28	33	23
Some other system	14	14	15	13	16	11	17	11	8	17
Don't know	5	8	4	2	3	8	4	5	3	6