

YouGov Survey Results

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Imagine a Conservative MP leaves the Conservative party and joins the Labour party. Would you have a more positive or negative view of this MP, or would it make no difference?

[Asked to a random half of respondents; n=862]

Much more positive	5	1	12	8	10	1	5	5	8	6	3	4	7	3	3	5	4	8	6
A little more positive	22	7	41	46	35	8	21	23	28	25	20	14	25	18	26	20	23	21	21
A little more negative	9	16	3	3	7	13	7	10	3	7	12	11	8	9	4	10	9	8	9
Much more negative	18	42	3	2	7	37	20	17	1	10	25	38	19	18	10	22	19	20	10
No difference – I had and would still have a positive view	5	9	3	6	5	7	6	5	1	6	7	5	5	6	4	6	6	5	6
No difference – I had and would still have a negative view	16	8	19	8	15	14	20	13	22	17	15	13	15	18	19	16	15	15	23
Don't know	24	17	20	27	21	20	21	28	36	30	17	14	22	28	35	22	24	23	24

Imagine a Labour MP leaves the Labour party and joins the Conservative party. Would you have a more positive or negative view of this MP, or would it make no difference?

[Asked to a random half of respondents; n=862]

Much more positive	2	3	1	1	2	2	1	2	0	1	4	1	2	2	3	2	1	1	0
A little more positive	11	24	2	2	6	16	11	10	10	7	11	15	10	12	6	14	12	8	11
A little more negative	10	10	11	21	10	11	9	11	9	10	11	10	12	8	7	11	8	11	10
Much more negative	26	9	54	38	43	15	29	24	12	31	33	19	32	18	30	23	25	28	32
No difference – I had and would still have a positive view	6	11	3	5	6	8	6	6	2	3	6	11	7	5	3	9	6	5	2
No difference – I had and would still have a negative view	19	18	18	12	15	24	19	19	9	18	18	27	15	26	14	18	20	21	24
Don't know	26	25	12	20	19	23	25	28	58	30	17	17	24	30	37	23	28	26	21

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Do you think each of the following is a good or bad reason for an MP to defect from one political party to another?

If the MP is dissatisfied with the party leader

Very good reason	10	6	15	10	13	8	10	9	12	11	7	10	9	11	12	9	9	10	12
Fairly good reason	31	27	38	42	35	28	28	34	34	32	29	31	34	27	28	32	31	31	32
TOTAL GOOD REASON	41	33	53	52	48	36	38	43	46	43	36	41	43	38	40	41	40	41	44
Fairly bad reason	27	36	23	28	29	30	28	26	14	25	35	28	28	25	20	27	28	28	29
Very bad reason	11	17	9	7	11	16	14	9	0	8	18	17	13	10	8	12	11	11	14
TOTAL BAD REASON	38	53	32	35	40	46	42	35	14	33	53	45	41	35	28	39	39	39	43
Don't know	21	14	14	13	13	18	19	22	39	25	12	14	17	27	31	19	22	20	12

If the MP is dissatisfied with the party as a whole

Very good reason	24	20	31	35	27	22	22	25	27	23	26	22	24	24	19	22	28	24	25
Fairly good reason	41	45	44	49	49	41	40	42	26	42	44	45	45	36	36	46	37	39	46
TOTAL GOOD REASON	65	65	75	84	76	63	62	67	53	65	70	67	69	60	55	68	65	63	71
Fairly bad reason	11	14	8	4	9	13	12	9	10	9	11	14	11	11	11	9	11	12	12
Very bad reason	6	9	4	3	4	9	7	4	2	4	8	8	5	6	6	7	6	5	6
TOTAL BAD REASON	17	23	12	7	13	22	19	13	12	13	19	22	16	17	17	16	17	17	18
Don't know	18	12	12	9	11	15	18	19	36	22	11	12	15	23	28	17	18	20	11

If the party that the MP defects from does badly in an election

Very good reason	2	1	3	3	2	2	3	1	3	2	1	1	2	2	4	2	1	2	0
Fairly good reason	5	4	3	2	3	6	6	5	5	7	3	5	3	8	5	5	4	6	8
TOTAL GOOD REASON	7	5	6	5	5	8	9	6	8	9	4	6	5	10	9	7	5	8	8
Fairly bad reason	27	31	30	29	29	29	25	30	25	26	24	34	28	27	19	30	27	28	30
Very bad reason	45	50	50	57	53	46	47	43	27	41	60	45	50	37	44	44	47	43	49
TOTAL BAD REASON	72	81	80	86	82	75	72	73	52	67	84	79	78	64	63	74	74	71	79
Don't know	21	13	15	9	13	17	20	21	40	24	12	16	17	26	28	20	21	21	13

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If the MP doesn't agree with the party's stance on a particular issue

Very good reason	11	9	15	16	13	10	11	11	14	13	11	8	12	10	9	11	14	11	11
Fairly good reason	39	37	47	48	46	37	36	42	38	40	40	35	41	36	38	41	36	37	42
TOTAL GOOD REASON	50	46	62	64	59	47	47	53	52	53	51	43	53	46	47	52	50	48	53
Fairly bad reason	21	28	17	17	21	24	23	18	7	16	26	29	22	19	16	20	19	22	27
Very bad reason	7	11	5	5	6	10	10	5	1	5	11	11	8	7	6	8	8	7	6
TOTAL BAD REASON	28	39	22	22	27	34	33	23	8	21	37	40	30	26	22	28	27	29	33
Don't know	22	16	15	14	14	18	20	23	40	25	12	16	17	27	30	20	22	22	14

If the MP has a better chance of winning their position/ seat with another party

Very good reason	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	0	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	0
Fairly good reason	6	7	6	5	6	7	8	5	4	7	6	6	6	6	10	5	5	7	6
TOTAL GOOD REASON	8	8	7	6	7	8	10	6	6	9	6	7	7	8	12	7	6	9	6
Fairly bad reason	22	25	21	19	21	24	19	25	22	19	22	26	21	23	18	22	23	21	25
Very bad reason	51	54	59	63	60	50	52	50	32	49	61	53	56	43	42	52	52	51	55
TOTAL BAD REASON	73	79	80	82	81	74	71	75	54	68	83	79	77	66	60	74	75	72	80
Don't know	20	13	13	12	12	17	20	20	40	23	10	14	16	25	28	19	20	20	15

If the party that the MP defects from is viewed negatively in the news/ media

Very good reason	2	1	3	1	2	2	3	1	0	3	3	1	2	2	3	2	2	3	0
Fairly good reason	10	9	9	10	9	10	10	9	11	11	6	10	9	11	9	9	8	10	13
TOTAL GOOD REASON	12	10	12	11	11	12	13	10	11	14	9	11	11	13	12	11	10	13	13
Fairly bad reason	32	35	35	34	36	31	30	34	28	33	31	32	34	29	30	34	30	29	39
Very bad reason	33	40	35	39	37	37	34	32	20	26	46	39	38	27	29	33	36	34	34
TOTAL BAD REASON	65	75	70	73	73	68	64	66	48	59	77	71	72	56	59	67	66	63	73
Don't know	23	15	18	15	16	20	23	24	41	27	13	18	18	30	28	23	24	24	14

If the party that the MP defects from is expected to do badly in an election

Very good reason	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1
Fairly good reason	4	5	3	2	3	6	5	3	2	6	3	3	4	4	6	3	3	6	4
TOTAL GOOD REASON	5	6	5	3	5	7	7	4	3	8	4	5	5	6	8	5	4	7	5
Fairly bad reason	27	29	29	28	28	27	24	29	32	24	24	32	25	29	20	29	26	27	28
Very bad reason	48	54	53	60	57	49	50	47	27	45	62	49	54	40	43	49	50	46	55
TOTAL BAD REASON	75	83	82	88	85	76	74	76	59	69	86	81	79	69	63	78	76	73	83
Don't know	20	12	13	9	12	17	20	19	38	23	10	14	16	25	29	18	20	19	13

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If the party the MP defects from has changed their views significantly resulting in many core policies shifting to a different position

Very good reason	28	23	35	49	38	22	28	29	31	31	27	23	32	24	24	27	31	28	36
Fairly good reason	39	48	43	35	42	46	39	40	22	36	47	45	42	36	36	42	38	37	44
TOTAL GOOD REASON	67	71	78	84	80	68	67	69	53	67	74	68	74	60	60	69	69	65	80
Fairly bad reason	7	9	4	3	5	9	7	7	4	5	8	10	7	7	7	7	7	8	4
Very bad reason	4	5	4	2	3	5	6	3	6	3	6	4	4	5	3	5	3	5	4
TOTAL BAD REASON	11	14	8	5	8	14	13	10	10	8	14	14	11	12	10	12	10	13	8
Don't know	21	14	14	11	12	18	20	22	38	25	11	16	16	28	30	19	21	22	13

If the MP genuinely changes their mind

Very good reason	25	21	33	37	32	20	24	26	30	26	27	20	28	22	27	25	24	25	28
Fairly good reason	37	42	40	45	43	40	36	38	21	37	37	46	40	33	30	41	36	35	44
TOTAL GOOD REASON	62	63	73	82	75	60	60	64	51	63	64	66	68	55	57	66	60	60	72
Fairly bad reason	10	13	8	5	8	12	11	10	9	7	14	13	9	11	10	9	11	11	10
Very bad reason	6	9	4	3	4	9	8	4	3	4	10	7	6	6	4	6	7	7	4
TOTAL BAD REASON	16	22	12	8	12	21	19	14	12	11	24	20	15	17	14	15	18	18	14
Don't know	21	16	14	11	13	19	21	22	38	26	13	15	17	27	30	19	22	22	14