

YouGov / The Times Survey Results

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Here is a list of problems facing the country.
Could you say for each of them which political party you think would handle the problem best?

National Health Service

Conservative	12	29	1	1	5	22	12	11	4	6	12	23	11	12	12	10	7	10	15	9	13
Labour	39	16	74	53	57	23	42	36	49	44	38	27	44	32	40	40	33	42	40	45	35
Liberal Democrat	4	3	3	15	7	3	5	4	4	5	4	4	5	3	4	3	6	3	3	7	5
Other	6	7	4	3	5	8	8	4	4	6	7	6	6	6	5	6	16	6	3	4	6
Don't know	22	19	11	16	16	20	16	27	24	25	17	20	18	27	22	26	17	21	20	22	24
None	17	26	6	11	11	23	17	17	14	14	21	20	15	21	17	15	21	18	18	14	17

Asylum and immigration

Conservative	16	35	4	5	9	26	16	15	11	11	14	27	16	15	16	12	13	14	21	12	17
Labour	22	4	52	23	33	11	24	20	23	26	21	14	26	17	22	21	16	24	19	27	21
Liberal Democrat	6	2	7	22	11	3	6	6	5	7	8	4	8	5	6	4	7	6	5	10	6
Other	10	12	8	4	7	14	14	7	11	10	11	7	11	9	9	16	15	10	8	10	9
Don't know	26	20	21	28	25	21	20	32	29	29	23	24	22	32	26	33	20	25	27	25	28
None	20	27	8	18	15	25	21	19	20	16	22	25	18	22	19	13	29	20	21	16	19

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Law and order																						
Conservative	20	45	4	11	13	33	21	19	12	12	19	38	22	18	21	19	14	18	23	16	24	
Labour	24	6	56	30	40	12	26	22	23	28	27	14	27	20	24	25	21	28	24	27	21	
Liberal Democrat	5	2	5	17	8	3	5	4	5	5	5	4	6	3	5	4	6	3	4	8	6	
Other	8	10	6	4	5	11	11	5	9	8	9	7	9	7	8	14	10	8	4	9	8	
Don't know	28	19	22	26	24	22	21	35	36	34	22	20	23	34	28	30	27	27	30	27	28	
None	15	18	7	12	9	18	15	15	15	13	18	16	13	18	15	9	22	16	16	14	14	
Education and schools																						
Conservative	15	36	2	3	6	28	14	15	8	8	13	32	15	15	15	13	9	13	17	12	17	
Labour	35	13	68	43	52	18	37	32	41	40	34	22	40	27	36	33	26	40	34	40	31	
Liberal Democrat	7	4	6	24	11	5	7	7	6	6	8	8	7	7	7	4	8	5	6	9	8	
Other	7	9	6	2	5	10	10	5	5	7	8	6	8	6	6	10	15	6	4	7	6	
Don't know	23	21	13	21	18	22	18	28	28	25	21	20	19	28	23	31	19	22	25	19	25	
None	14	17	5	6	8	17	15	12	12	14	15	13	11	17	13	10	22	14	14	13	12	
Taxation																						
Conservative	19	41	3	12	11	32	20	19	11	13	20	33	20	17	20	16	14	16	26	16	21	
Labour	27	7	61	31	42	13	28	26	33	32	26	17	30	23	27	27	23	32	24	31	25	
Liberal Democrat	6	3	5	26	11	3	8	5	4	7	7	6	8	4	6	5	7	4	6	9	7	
Other	7	9	5	4	5	10	10	5	7	7	9	6	8	6	7	10	13	7	4	6	8	
Don't know	25	21	18	20	21	23	19	31	29	28	21	23	21	31	25	31	24	24	24	23	26	
None	15	19	7	8	10	19	16	15	16	14	17	16	13	18	15	10	20	17	16	14	14	
Unemployment																						
Conservative	15	37	3	2	8	27	16	15	8	10	16	27	16	15	16	14	10	14	19	11	18	
Labour	31	12	64	41	48	18	34	28	34	35	31	24	35	26	32	31	20	37	30	38	28	
Liberal Democrat	5	2	4	17	7	3	5	4	5	5	5	3	6	3	5	2	6	2	4	7	6	
Other	7	8	5	3	4	9	9	5	8	6	8	6	7	6	6	10	13	6	4	6	6	
Don't know	26	23	18	27	23	24	20	33	29	29	23	24	23	30	26	33	26	24	26	24	28	
None	16	18	6	9	10	19	16	15	17	15	16	16	13	19	15	11	24	17	16	13	14	

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The economy in general																						
Conservative	21	47	4	7	11	36	21	20	11	13	21	38	21	20	21	19	13	17	27	17	23	
Labour	25	5	62	32	41	13	28	23	29	30	25	16	29	21	26	29	17	32	23	28	23	
Liberal Democrat	5	2	4	21	9	2	6	4	3	5	6	4	6	3	5	2	7	2	4	8	7	
Other	7	9	5	3	5	10	9	6	7	7	9	6	8	7	7	9	14	7	6	5	7	
Don't know	27	20	18	26	23	22	21	32	36	30	21	21	23	31	26	33	26	25	25	29	27	
None	15	17	8	11	11	17	16	15	15	14	17	15	13	17	15	9	22	16	16	13	14	
Housing																						
Conservative	10	23	2	0	4	17	10	9	7	6	9	18	9	10	10	6	7	10	13	9	10	
Labour	33	16	64	40	47	22	37	29	35	34	34	28	37	27	33	33	26	37	31	37	31	
Liberal Democrat	5	2	5	21	9	3	6	5	5	6	5	4	7	3	6	2	5	4	4	9	6	
Other	7	9	5	3	5	10	10	5	6	7	10	6	8	6	7	10	13	6	6	7	7	
Don't know	28	27	17	25	23	27	21	35	33	32	24	25	25	33	28	37	27	26	28	23	31	
None	17	22	7	10	11	21	17	17	13	15	18	20	14	20	16	13	22	17	18	15	15	
Britain's exit from the EU																						
Conservative	17	43	2	3	7	33	17	18	9	10	17	33	17	17	18	19	10	15	22	13	19	
Labour	19	4	45	16	27	10	21	16	24	22	18	11	21	16	19	23	15	23	19	19	16	
Liberal Democrat	7	2	11	29	14	3	8	6	7	7	8	6	9	5	8	2	5	6	5	13	9	
Other	9	14	6	2	6	14	13	6	6	10	12	8	10	9	9	15	14	9	8	6	10	
Don't know	27	19	20	26	24	22	19	33	30	31	23	22	23	31	27	30	22	24	29	30	28	
None	21	19	16	24	22	17	21	20	24	20	21	20	19	23	20	12	35	24	18	19	19	
Defence and security																						
Conservative	24	50	7	18	17	38	27	22	19	16	23	43	25	23	25	21	18	22	28	21	28	
Labour	19	4	49	22	32	11	23	16	15	23	22	12	21	16	20	17	14	23	18	23	18	
Liberal Democrat	4	1	4	14	6	2	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	2	4	2	5	2	3	6	4	
Other	7	9	5	3	5	10	10	5	8	7	9	5	8	7	7	11	14	8	6	5	7	
Don't know	31	20	28	32	29	24	24	38	43	35	25	25	28	35	31	42	30	29	31	33	30	
None	14	16	7	11	10	16	14	15	11	15	17	12	13	16	14	7	19	15	15	13	13	

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How confident are you that the UK economy would recover if...

The Conservative Party won the next election

Very confident	4	9	1	1	2	7	4	4	2	2	5	8	4	4	4	4	3	3	5	5	5
Fairly confident	18	39	4	11	12	29	17	19	15	11	18	31	18	18	19	19	11	16	20	14	22
TOTAL CONFIDENT	22	48	5	12	14	36	21	23	17	13	23	39	22	22	23	23	14	19	25	19	27
Not very confident	26	25	28	33	27	27	26	26	29	29	24	23	27	25	26	29	29	28	23	24	26
Not confident at all	38	18	62	47	50	28	41	35	33	41	44	28	39	36	37	33	45	41	37	41	34
TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT	64	43	90	80	77	55	67	61	62	70	68	51	66	61	63	62	74	69	60	65	60
Don't know	13	9	5	8	8	8	11	16	20	17	8	9	10	18	13	15	11	12	14	16	13

The Labour Party won the next election

Very confident	4	1	10	4	7	3	5	3	2	5	5	2	5	3	4	3	3	5	4	5	4
Fairly confident	25	9	51	40	38	14	27	23	31	30	21	16	29	20	25	28	22	29	22	29	22
TOTAL CONFIDENT	29	10	61	44	45	17	32	26	33	35	26	18	34	23	29	31	25	34	26	34	26
Not very confident	29	30	25	33	29	29	29	29	34	29	28	28	30	28	29	31	34	25	34	30	28
Not confident at all	27	52	4	18	15	46	26	27	7	17	35	44	24	30	27	23	26	26	24	19	32
TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT	56	82	29	51	44	75	55	56	41	46	63	72	54	58	56	54	60	51	58	49	60
Don't know	15	8	9	6	10	8	12	18	26	19	11	9	13	19	15	15	15	15	16	16	15

If the government had additional money, which of the following would you prefer it to spend it on?

Reducing Government debt	15	22	7	17	13	20	16	13	14	11	15	22	16	13	14	13	21	11	15	16	15
Cutting taxes	29	35	21	15	19	36	31	27	26	36	26	22	28	31	29	34	25	32	32	30	25
Increasing public spending	44	34	62	62	60	33	43	44	43	41	47	45	48	39	44	39	43	42	38	48	47
Don't know	12	9	10	6	8	11	9	15	18	13	12	10	9	17	12	14	12	14	15	6	12

Thinking about the current economic situation, do you think it is or is not realistic for the Government to reduce taxes?

Is realistic for the Government to reduce taxes	25	29	23	11	19	33	27	23	15	29	24	25	25	25	26	25	21	28	23	31	23
Is not realistic for the Government to reduce taxes	54	55	60	73	67	48	57	51	59	48	56	60	60	46	54	42	60	48	56	52	58
Don't know	21	16	16	16	14	19	16	26	27	23	20	16	15	28	20	32	19	24	21	17	18

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If the Government were to cut taxes, which of the following would you MOST like to see decreased? Please tick up to three

Basic rate of income tax	46	46	55	45	50	47	51	41	42	46	48	46	50	40	46	47	44	50	46	41	45
Council tax	44	42	45	39	44	46	41	47	35	48	43	42	42	47	44	48	46	47	43	44	41
VAT	33	33	31	40	32	36	38	28	26	28	36	41	33	33	32	38	33	36	30	28	33
Fuel duty	32	43	26	32	31	42	32	32	10	25	38	48	29	36	32	34	32	39	35	16	31
National Insurance	21	18	25	18	23	18	21	21	30	28	19	7	25	16	21	25	20	25	22	19	19
Inheritance tax	17	25	12	20	15	22	15	18	11	14	17	22	18	15	18	8	9	10	20	20	22
Stamp duty	10	12	11	15	13	11	8	13	11	9	10	13	11	9	11	3	6	6	11	17	13
Higher rate of income tax	6	6	4	8	6	4	7	5	9	9	4	2	7	4	5	6	11	4	3	9	6
Corporation tax	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	2	4	3	4	4	5	2	4	1	4	2	4	5	4
Capital gains tax	3	4	2	1	2	4	4	3	2	3	4	4	4	3	3	2	7	2	4	3	4
Top rate of income tax	2	3	2	4	2	2	3	2	2	4	1	2	3	2	3	3	1	3	2	5	2
Not sure	10	5	9	5	8	5	9	11	24	11	6	7	7	14	10	12	12	10	11	10	9

Thinking about the level of benefits, do you think they are too high, too low, or is the balance about right?

Benefit payments are too high	23	38	10	14	15	36	25	21	10	23	25	26	25	21	23	20	22	22	25	20	24
Benefit payments are too low	28	13	43	29	35	19	29	27	31	32	28	21	26	31	28	26	34	31	25	32	25
The balance is about right	25	29	25	25	27	26	25	24	24	22	24	30	26	23	25	26	22	24	23	27	25
Don't know	24	20	22	31	24	20	21	28	34	24	23	23	24	25	25	27	22	23	27	20	25

*Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.