

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

Sample Size: 2199 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 25th - 27th August 2009

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Weighted Sample	2199	714	448	305	1055	1144	650	778	770	1209	990	281	714	470	541	192
Unweighted Sample	2199	737	426	288	1042	1157	579	670	950	1347	852	335	707	437	490	230
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Generally speaking, do you think that Britain's membership of the European Union is a good thing a bad thing or neither good nor bad?

Good	30	19	45	54	36	24	37	27	26	34	24	38	29	28	25	34
Bad	38	50	21	21	36	40	23	41	47	35	41	34	38	39	42	28
Neither good nor bad	25	26	28	23	23	27	28	25	23	26	25	23	25	26	24	30
Don't know	7	4	6	3	5	9	11	8	4	5	10	6	7	6	8	9

People hold different views about how they would like to see the European Union develop. Which of these statements comes closest to your view?

A fully integrated Europe with all major decisions taken by a European Government	3	1	5	6	5	2	4	3	3	4	3	5	3	3	3	3
No European Government but a more integrated European Union than now, with a single currency and no frontier controls	16	10	23	30	20	13	18	14	16	18	14	19	15	14	16	20
The situation more or less as it is now	18	14	28	24	17	19	27	17	12	20	16	20	16	19	18	21
A less integrated Europe than now with the European Union amounting to little more than a free trade area	32	46	23	26	35	30	25	31	40	36	27	28	35	36	29	28
Complete British withdrawal from the European Union	21	23	13	9	19	23	13	24	25	16	27	19	20	19	25	17
Don't know	10	6	8	5	5	14	15	11	5	7	14	9	11	9	9	11

Which of the following do you think have been ADVANTAGES of joining the European Union? [Please tick all that apply.]

Greater ease of travel within Europe	52	53	57	70	59	46	55	53	49	58	45	60	53	48	50	55
Increased trade between member states	46	43	58	61	52	40	51	42	46	51	39	52	47	46	39	48
Easier for British people to work and retire elsewhere in Europe	43	43	50	58	48	39	47	40	44	49	36	50	47	41	35	46
Peace in Europe	39	35	51	50	44	33	38	34	43	43	33	43	38	39	34	43
Easier to catch criminal across European borders	29	24	39	41	29	29	34	25	28	32	25	27	30	25	30	34
Economic prosperity	19	14	32	29	25	14	26	16	16	22	15	24	18	18	18	19
A sufficiency of food	17	12	25	27	20	13	18	15	17	17	17	19	14	18	17	18
None of these	15	18	7	9	12	18	8	18	19	12	19	15	16	14	18	9
Don't know	10	7	7	4	7	13	14	10	6	7	14	7	10	8	12	13

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Which of the following do you think have been
DISADVANTAGES of joining the European Union? [Please
tick all that apply.]

Too much immigration	61	75	48	46	61	61	51	61	69	58	64	55	61	66	62	54
Too many laws	59	73	48	56	64	53	41	60	72	62	54	54	63	59	56	54
Too many people from the rest of the EU coming to work in Britain	58	70	47	43	55	60	47	59	66	54	62	52	57	62	63	44
British Parliament having less power	55	71	42	45	57	54	45	54	65	56	55	54	57	57	56	48
Dearest food because of Europe's Common Agricultural Policy	46	57	35	43	48	45	29	46	62	49	44	44	47	48	46	46
Too many imports into Britain from the rest of Europe	27	32	20	17	23	31	20	26	34	26	28	20	27	30	28	25
None of these	5	1	7	8	5	5	7	5	3	5	4	9	5	4	4	5
Don't know	8	4	7	6	5	10	14	8	3	6	10	5	8	7	8	11

Thinking about the Treaty of Lisbon...

From what you know, if a UK referendum were held on
whether or not to ratify this Treaty how would you vote?

I would vote FOR the Treaty	13	6	27	23	18	9	12	13	14	15	11	17	14	11	13	13
I would vote AGAINST the Treaty	36	52	23	24	45	28	19	36	51	37	35	38	38	35	35	33
I would not vote	12	8	10	8	10	14	14	13	9	10	14	11	12	11	15	7
Don't know	39	34	40	46	27	50	55	38	27	38	40	35	37	43	37	48

Any treaty has to be agreed by all member states, so if any
country blocks it the Treaty of Lisbon falls.

Ireland is about to hold a referendum on whether or not to
ratify the Treaty of Lisbon. If Ireland votes 'yes', it is likely
that all 27 member states will ratify the Treaty and it will
come in force before the next UK general election. If Ireland
votes 'no' the Treaty is likely to fail.

Would you prefer the Irish to vote IN FAVOUR OF or
AGAINST the Treaty of Lisbon?

In favour of	15	8	28	25	20	10	16	14	15	17	13	20	14	14	14	17
Against	42	59	29	31	49	35	22	42	57	42	41	43	42	43	41	37
Don't know	44	32	44	44	31	55	62	44	28	41	47	38	44	43	45	46

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If Britain wanted to amend or repeal the Treaty once it had been ratified, it would need to seek agreement from all other EU member states.

Assuming unanimous opposition to the Treaty would be difficult to achieve, Britain may be left with two choices.

Firstly, to accept the Lisbon Treaty as it is, and secondly to leave the EU altogether.

With that in mind, do you think a Conservative government should or should not offer a referendum on the Treaty to UK voters once it is ratified?

Yes they should offer a referendum	57	74	44	54	62	52	43	59	67	60	53	56	56	61	57	49
No they should not	15	8	26	22	20	11	14	14	17	16	14	17	16	14	14	17
Don't know	28	18	30	23	18	37	43	27	16	24	34	27	28	25	29	34

If it were to come down to a choice between accepting the Lisbon Treaty as it is or leaving the EU altogether, which would you prefer?

Accepting the Lisbon Treaty	26	18	42	44	33	20	29	24	26	30	22	32	25	24	24	33
Leaving the EU altogether	43	59	27	27	45	42	28	46	54	40	47	42	43	46	46	34
Don't know	31	23	32	29	22	38	43	30	20	30	31	27	32	30	31	32