

## YouGov / Sky News Survey on Britain, Europe and the G8

YouGov questioned a representative sample of 2,021 electors online throughout Great Britain on June 20-21, 2005. The raw data were weighted to the profile of all electors

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<b>Which of these views do you agree with most?</b>	
'Britain has benefited significantly from being a member of the European Union'	11
'Membership of the EU has done more good than harm'	24
'Membership of the EU has done more harm than good'	30
'Britain has been damaged significantly from being a member of the EU'	15
Don't know	20
<b>A few days ago, the leaders of the European Union held a 'summit' meeting. It ended without agreement on the future budget of the EU. Who do you blame most for this failure?</b>	
Tony Blair	4
President Jacques Chirac of France	45
All the leaders	40
Don't know	11
<b>Has your attitude to the European Union changed in recent weeks?</b>	
My attitude is now more favourable	1
My attitude is now less favourable	23
No change – I remain a supporter of the EU	17
No change – I remain a critic of the EU	46
Don't know	12
<b>Which of these statements is closest to your view?</b>	
'The UK should pull out of the EU.'	24
'The UK should be part of the EU but only if it is a trading bloc that enables goods, services and workers to move freely between member states, and gives up its other functions, such as promoting EU-wide policies on such issues as immigration, the environment, working hours, terrorism and foreign policy'	35
'The UK should remain part of the EU broadly as it is now, but use its power of veto to block any moves towards greater political union'	21
'The UK should work for closer political union within the EU.'	10
Don't know	10

*(To those who want the EU to be a trading block)*

**In order to reduce the EU’s powers, a new treaty will be needed. Other countries might well use their veto to block such a change. Suppose Britain then had to decide whether to pull out of the EU altogether or to remain a member of the EU as it is, which option would you support?**

The UK should pull out of the EU	<b>59</b>
The UK should remain a member of the EU	<b>31</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>

*(To all)*

**Britain currently receives a ‘rebate’ from the EU – that is, it gets back a proportion of its annual ‘subscription’ to the EU. This was originally agreed more than 20 years ago, because Britain has a much smaller agricultural sector than countries such as France, and so receives less money for its farmers. The EU is now much larger than it was then. A smaller, but still large, share of the EU’s budget is now spent on agriculture.**

**Do you think Britain should...**

Insist on keeping the rebate in its current form	<b>31</b>
Agree to negotiate about the future size of the rebate, if this is part of a wider negotiation about the future of Europe's subsidies to farmers	<b>57</b>
Give up the rebate now	<b>2</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>

**The EU currently has 25 members, following the admission of ten new members recently, mainly from central and Eastern Europe. Do you think...**

It was wrong to admit the new members – the EU should have remained a union of 15 states, mainly from Western Europe	<b>31</b>
It was right to admit the new members, but there should be no further expansion.	<b>11</b>
As long as care is taken over which countries should join the EU, the EU should consider admitting more members over the years ahead.	<b>44</b>
Don't know	<b>14</b>

**A number of people from new EU member states such as Poland have come to work in Britain – for example as plumbers and building workers. Some people welcome this, because Britain needs more workers with these skills. Others oppose it as unfair competition with British workers. On balance do you welcome or oppose people from new EU member states coming to work in Britain?**

Welcome	<b>44</b>
Oppose	<b>39</b>
Don't know	<b>17</b>

**Would you support or oppose each of the following becoming members of the EU over the next ten years or so, if they wish to join?**

**Romania**

Support **27**  
 Oppose **43**  
 Don't know **30**

**Norway**

Support **72**  
 Oppose **10**  
 Don't know **18**

**Serbia**

Support **20**  
 Oppose **49**  
 Don't know **31**

**Albania**

Support **18**  
 Oppose **51**  
 Don't know **31**

**Ukraine**

Support **25**  
 Oppose **45**  
 Don't know **30**

**Russia**

Support **24**  
 Oppose **49**  
 Don't know **27**

**Turkey**

Support **25**  
 Oppose **47**  
 Don't know **28**

**Which of these do you think has the best vision for the future of Europe?**

Tony Blair	<b>28</b>
Michael Howard	<b>16</b>
Charles Kennedy	<b>11</b>
President Jacques Chirac	<b>1</b>
Don't know	<b>44</b>

**Should Britain seek to have a stronger relationship with the European Union or with the United States?**

Europe	<b>22</b>
United States	<b>15</b>
Both equally	<b>48</b>
Neither	<b>11</b>
Don't know	<b>4</b>

**Tony Blair will shortly chair a meeting of the 'G8' countries – that is, the world's biggest economies. He has said that his two priorities are combating climate change, and helping to reduce poverty in Africa. If you had to choose two top priorities from the following list, which would you choose?**

Combating climate change	<b>48</b>
Reducing the numbers of immigrants and asylum-seekers entering G8 countries such as Britain	<b>44</b>
Helping Africa	<b>34</b>
Combating international terrorism	<b>31</b>
Increasing jobs and prosperity within the G8 countries	<b>26</b>
Don't know	<b>5</b>

**Which of these do you think could make a significant difference, directly or indirectly, to levels of poverty in Africa?**

Decisions taken by governments in Africa	<b>71</b>
Major international companies investing in Africa	<b>54</b>
Decisions taken by the G8 countries	<b>48</b>
The 'Live 8' Concerts in London and other cities round the world	<b>16</b>
Demonstrations in Edinburgh at the time of the G8 summit	<b>6</b>
Don't know	<b>7</b>

**Tony Blair has said he will step down as Prime Minister before the next election. Suppose that he is succeeded by Gordon Brown. Which would be best for Britain?**

Tony Blair stepping down this year	<b>30</b>
Tony Blair stepping down next year	<b>16</b>
Tony Blair stepping down nearer the next election	<b>19</b>
Tony Blair changing his mind and staying on to fight the next election as Prime Minister	<b>15</b>
Don't know	<b>19</b>