

YouGov / New Statesman Survey Results

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Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat, Scottish National, Plaid Cymru, or don't you usually think of yourself as any of these?

Conservative	27	84	1	5	74	3	7	100	0	0	0	37	40	39	100	100	100	0	0	0
Labour	30	4	80	4	5	78	23	0	100	0	0	47	44	39	0	0	0	100	100	100
Liberal Democrat	8	1	3	64	0	2	31	0	0	100	0	4	8	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scottish National	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plaid Cymru	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other party	2	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't usually think of myself as any of these	24	9	12	21	16	13	32	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	6	1	3	3	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Would you call yourself a very strong, fairly strong or not very strong supporter of that party?

[Excluding those who Don't think of themselves as any party or Don't know]

Very strong	15	16	19	7	15	20	7	14	17	5	0	100	0	0	100	0	0	100	0	0
Fairly strong	46	49	49	41	49	51	36	47	47	33	0	0	100	0	0	100	0	0	100	0
Not very strong	38	34	30	49	36	27	55	38	34	60	0	0	0	100	0	0	100	0	0	100

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Conservative	20	30	25	20	22	26	37	29	26	26	33	31	22	18
Labour	21	33	28	18	27	36	32	28	33	38	21	29	42	24
Liberal Democrat	10	8	9	8	6	9	9	10	6	8	10	9	7	6
Scottish National	1	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	1	0	0	19
Plaid Cymru	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Other party	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	3	3	1	1	1
Don't usually think of myself as any of these	47	21	27	28	34	22	15	23	25	19	27	24	21	26
Don't know	0	3	8	21	7	3	1	4	7	5	6	5	6	6

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Very strong	0	16	14	19	11	14	18	15	15	21	13	13	14	22
Fairly strong	0	49	42	52	43	47	45	46	46	50	48	44	42	50
Not very strong	100	33	43	25	44	37	37	39	36	29	37	41	43	27

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Here are some groups of statements about political issues.
For each group, please say which comes closest to your view.

Firstly, which of these statements come closest to your own view?

'It is vital that the Government increases its overall spending, and if necessary increases taxes to pay for it'	8	2	18	4	1	17	8	2	17	8	4	19	10	5	6	2	0	32	18	9
'It is vital that the Government reduces its overall spending, and reduces taxes.'	24	33	17	28	34	18	17	34	18	20	20	31	26	24	47	36	27	15	18	19
'The current balance between spending and taxes is about right'	4	9	2	5	4	2	5	8	2	7	3	2	5	6	6	7	8	0	2	4
'What matters most is not the overall level of spending and taxes, but whether the Government of the day taxes fairly and spends efficiently'	54	52	53	57	56	53	61	54	55	60	60	42	53	62	37	52	61	44	53	65
Don't know	11	4	10	5	4	9	8	3	8	5	13	5	6	3	3	2	4	8	10	3

And which of these statements come closest to your own view?

'Britain should have closer relations with the rest of the European Union'	10	2	17	17	3	16	13	3	17	16	8	23	11	7	4	2	4	36	15	11
'Britain should insist that the EU gives back more powers to this country'	46	67	35	26	69	37	33	71	38	27	38	55	51	49	86	73	62	31	36	45
'The current balance of national and EU powers is about right'	6	4	9	13	3	7	9	4	7	13	3	3	6	9	2	3	7	6	6	10
'What matters most is not the balance of national and EU powers, but the way those powers are used'	27	22	29	37	20	29	35	18	30	37	34	17	26	29	6	20	21	24	32	30
Don't know	12	4	11	7	5	11	9	4	8	9	16	3	6	5	1	3	6	3	11	4

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'It is vital that the Government reduces its overall spending, and reduces taxes.'	22	26	22	26	29	21	20	25	22	16	25	20	27	27
'The current balance between spending and taxes is about right'	4	5	3	8	3	3	5	4	4	7	4	5	2	2
'What matters most is not the overall level of spending and taxes, but whether the Government of the day taxes fairly and spends efficiently'	61	51	58	30	50	59	63	54	54	54	56	56	52	49
Don't know	8	8	13	29	13	7	4	8	14	14	9	10	11	11

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'Britain should have closer relations with the rest of the European Union'	8	14	6	15	11	9	8	11	8	12	9	9	9	11
'Britain should insist that the EU gives back more powers to this country'	44	47	45	29	39	46	59	45	48	34	50	45	49	45
'The current balance of national and EU powers is about right'	6	6	5	10	8	5	3	7	4	11	5	4	4	8
'What matters most is not the balance of national and EU powers, but the way those powers are used'	31	25	28	11	25	32	28	28	24	31	24	32	24	23
Don't know	11	8	16	35	17	9	2	9	16	12	12	10	13	13

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'The Government must get tougher with criminals, insisting on longer prison sentences and reducing the number of criminals who are found guilty but not sent to prison at all'	42	55	37	33	55	40	30	59	40	28	34	54	48	41	67	61	53	50	40	38
'More and longer prison sentences are not the answer. The Government should tackle the social causes of crime, and do more to use alternatives to prison for convicted criminals'	24	18	29	39	18	28	35	17	29	37	25	27	27	24	15	18	17	31	30	26
'The present policies on prisons and alternatives to prison are about right'	2	3	3	1	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	4	2	1	4	0	2	3
'I don't mind whether more or fewer people are sent to prison, as long as the Government, courts and prisons take practical measures to keep crime to a minimum'	23	21	22	23	23	22	28	20	23	31	29	17	19	29	14	19	24	16	20	30
Don't know	9	3	8	3	3	8	6	1	6	3	11	2	4	3	1	1	2	3	8	3

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'The Government should do far more to help the poor, and tax everyone else more to pay for this help'	13	4	24	10	5	22	14	5	26	11	9	28	14	12	4	4	7	46	25	19
'The poor should take far more responsibility for their own circumstances; the Government should hand out less money in benefits, and reduce taxes'	29	51	14	27	45	16	24	51	15	22	29	35	28	33	64	48	49	14	10	23
'The current balance between taxes and help for the poor is about right'	6	7	6	13	8	4	6	5	5	12	4	4	8	7	5	7	4	0	7	6
'What matters is not whether taxes and benefits go up or down, but whether the Government distributes welfare benefits fairly and sensibly'	43	34	48	46	38	48	50	36	48	53	48	30	45	46	26	36	39	36	52	48
Don't know	9	3	8	4	5	9	5	3	6	3	11	3	5	2	0	5	1	5	6	3

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'I don't mind whether more or fewer people are sent to prison, as long as the Government, courts and prisons take practical measures to keep crime to a minimum'	29	23	23	11	19	23	31	25	21	21	26	20	24	19
Don't know	6	7	11	28	11	6	2	7	12	11	8	10	8	10

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'The Government should do far more to help the poor, and tax everyone else more to pay for this help'	10	17	10	11	13	15	11	11	15	14	9	12	16	20
'The poor should take far more responsibility for their own circumstances; the Government should hand out less money in benefits, and reduce taxes'	31	30	27	29	31	26	29	33	23	27	32	29	26	23
'The current balance between taxes and help for the poor is about right'	6	8	5	7	8	5	5	7	5	9	8	5	4	3
'What matters is not whether taxes and benefits go up or down, but whether the Government distributes welfare benefits fairly and sensibly'	47	38	48	26	34	48	53	43	44	41	41	44	45	45
Don't know	6	8	11	27	13	6	2	6	13	9	9	10	9	11

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'The railways should be run completely by private companies'	6	12	4	2	11	3	3	11	3	2	4	10	7	5	16	13	9	6	2	4
'The railways should be returned to public ownership'	38	28	51	32	30	51	38	28	53	35	35	51	44	35	29	30	27	64	56	46
'The current mix of public and private ownership and regulation is about right'	8	9	8	13	7	9	8	7	8	7	8	9	9	8	10	6	7	5	10	7
'I don't mind who owns or run the railways, only that they are run efficiently'	39	47	29	48	46	28	45	48	29	51	44	28	34	47	42	46	53	21	24	39
Don't know	10	5	8	4	5	9	5	5	6	5	9	3	6	5	2	5	5	3	8	4

And which of these statements come closest to your own view?

It would be good for Britain if many more immigrants enter Britain in the next few years	1	1	1	4	1	2	2	1	1	3	0	6	2	0	2	1	0	1	1	0
The current level of immigration is about right	6	3	10	18	4	9	9	3	10	17	2	6	10	6	0	4	4	8	14	6
Immigration should be sharply reduced or stopped altogether	54	62	45	31	68	46	42	67	48	30	57	54	52	57	69	66	69	54	42	56
What matters most is not the number of immigrants entering this country, but whether the Government has a policy that is good for Britain's economy and society	33	29	39	43	23	39	44	26	36	47	38	31	34	33	25	26	26	35	40	32
Don't know	5	5	4	3	4	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	1	2	3	6

And which of these statements comes closest to your view?

It is vital that more NHS services are provided by private companies, if they are to provide better, more efficient health care in years to come	7	7	8	8	10	7	4	8	7	8	5	11	7	6	15	8	5	5	7	7
Private sector involvement in the NHS should be ended - all NHS health care should be provided purely as public services, answerable to Parliament	28	11	43	23	15	44	34	13	42	26	27	32	30	28	7	10	18	51	45	36
The current mix of public and private provision of NHS services is about right	10	11	10	13	10	10	9	12	11	12	10	9	9	14	20	9	12	5	8	18
I don't mind what the mix of private and public provision is, providing that the people who run NHS services act in the interests of patients and the general public	47	64	35	52	59	35	45	63	36	49	49	45	49	48	54	65	62	34	36	37
Don't know	8	8	5	5	6	5	8	5	4	5	9	3	5	4	3	7	3	4	4	3

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'The railways should be returned to public ownership'	35	43	34	27	34	40	44	38	39	39	33	35	43	49
'The current mix of public and private ownership and regulation is about right'	8	10	6	19	7	7	4	8	7	11	8	10	5	5
'I don't mind who owns or run the railways, only that they are run efficiently'	46	33	44	20	36	41	46	42	34	38	41	41	37	28
Don't know	7	7	13	28	14	7	2	7	14	8	10	9	9	13

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It would be good for Britain if many more immigrants enter Britain in the next few years	0	2	1	4	2	1	0	2	1	5	1	1	0	1
The current level of immigration is about right	5	7	6	14	9	4	5	8	4	8	6	6	6	8
Immigration should be sharply reduced or stopped altogether	57	53	55	27	49	59	63	46	64	51	51	58	57	48
What matters most is not the number of immigrants entering this country, but whether the Government has a policy that is good for Britain's economy and society	35	35	31	39	34	33	31	39	25	32	37	30	30	38
Don't know	3	3	7	17	6	3	2	5	6	4	5	5	7	5

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The current mix of public and private provision of NHS services is about right	12	11	9	17	13	9	6	10	10	10	9	13	10	8
I don't mind what the mix of private and public provision is, providing that the people who run NHS services act in the interests of patients and the general public	48	45	49	29	42	48	58	48	45	45	49	46	46	46
Don't know	6	6	11	25	11	5	3	8	9	11	8	8	9	5