

YouGov / The Sun Survey Results

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Headline Voting Intention

[Excluding Don't Know and Wouldn't Vote]

Con	36	100	0	0	88	3	14	35	38	32	36	31	44	41	30	42	48	38	25	18
Lab	42	0	100	0	4	94	33	43	41	38	42	46	38	38	48	41	26	46	57	53
Lib Dem	11	0	0	100	2	1	42	12	11	20	12	11	8	12	10	8	15	11	9	7
Other	11	0	0	0	6	2	11	11	10	10	10	12	10	10	12	8	11	5	10	22

Other Parties Voting Intention

UKIP	4	0	0	0	3	1	4	5	3	3	2	5	5	4	4	3	5	2	7	1
SNP / PCY	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	20
Green	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	2	4	2	2	1	2	1	3	3	1	1	1
BNP	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	1	1	2	0	2	2	1	0
Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0

Non Voters

Would Not Vote	8	0	0	0	3	1	6	7	9	8	12	8	4	6	10	9	8	7	8	6
Don't know	15	0	0	0	10	9	21	10	19	20	16	15	12	14	15	14	16	14	13	18

Do you approve or disapprove of the Government's record to date?

		17-18 Feb			20-21 Feb																
Approve	32	30	76	3	44	63	5	24	35	26	24	30	26	37	36	23	34	35	32	25	20
Disapprove	54	54	9	90	37	21	87	63	52	56	49	51	61	52	51	59	48	48	51	63	68
Don't know	14	16	15	6	19	16	8	13	13	18	26	19	13	11	14	18	18	17	17	12	11

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The Conservative-Liberal Democrat government are committed to holding a referendum on changing the electoral system from first-past-the-post (FPTP) to the Alternative Vote (AV)

At the moment, under first-past-the-post (FPTP), voters select ONE candidate, and the candidate with the most votes wins.

It has been suggested that this system should be replaced by the Alternative Vote (AV). Voters would RANK a number of candidates from a list. If a candidates wins more than half of the '1st' votes, a winner is declared. If not, the least popular candidates are eliminated from the contest, and their supporters' subsequent preferences counted and shared accordingly between the remaining candidates. This process continues until an outright winner is declared.

If a referendum were held tomorrow on whether to stick with first-past-the-post or switch to the Alternative Vote for electing MPs, how would you vote?

I would vote in favour of switching to the Alternative Vote	37	34	22	35	72	20	31	59	39	29	44	36	33	28	37	30	30	36	29	34	39
I would vote in favour of keeping first-past-the-post	38	41	64	44	13	63	48	18	44	39	21	31	44	55	42	40	44	39	45	40	38
I wouldn't vote	6	7	1	3	4	3	3	5	6	8	10	9	7	4	5	9	5	8	7	7	6
Don't know	18	18	13	17	11	14	19	18	11	25	26	24	16	13	16	21	20	17	19	18	17

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Do you think British troops are winning the war with the Taliban in Afghanistan, or not?

Yes, the British troops are winning	9	9	10	13	6	9	12	5	13	4	14	10	8	7	9	9	9	8	11	9	8
No, they are not winning yet, but victory is possible eventually	24	23	28	23	27	26	24	23	25	22	20	24	24	24	25	21	21	23	26	23	22
No, they are not winning, and victory is not possible	54	53	53	51	52	55	50	57	51	56	46	47	56	60	52	56	50	54	50	57	54
Don't know	13	14	10	12	15	11	14	14	11	18	19	19	13	10	14	15	20	15	13	12	16

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		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Should British troops be brought home from Afghanistan?																					
Yes - all troops should be withdrawn immediately	30	30	25	29	26	28	27	31	25	34	18	28	33	33	24	38	27	30	26	32	35
Yes - most troops should be withdrawn soon, and the rest within the next year or so	44	42	50	40	44	48	40	45	39	45	49	37	41	46	47	36	42	42	44	42	39
No - British troops should remain in Afghanistan as long as Afghanistan's government wants them there	19	19	20	23	17	19	25	15	28	10	20	22	18	16	20	17	21	18	21	18	17
Don't know	7	9	5	9	12	5	9	10	8	10	13	13	8	4	8	10	10	10	8	8	9
Thinking about the way the government is cutting spending to reduce the government's deficit, do you think this is...																					
Good or bad for the economy?																					
Good for the economy	33	34	71	8	45	64	10	28	37	30	34	30	30	41	38	28	38	37	34	30	24
Bad for the economy	52	51	15	84	35	22	82	56	50	52	50	50	57	46	49	54	48	44	51	59	61
Don't know	15	15	13	8	20	14	8	16	12	18	16	20	12	13	13	18	14	19	15	11	14
Being done fairly or unfairly?																					
Fairly	25	25	62	4	29	52	6	19	29	22	22	26	23	29	30	19	28	30	27	18	19
Unfairly	63	62	25	90	53	34	87	70	61	63	62	58	68	59	58	67	57	57	61	70	70
Don't know	12	13	14	6	18	14	7	10	11	15	16	17	10	12	12	14	14	13	13	12	11
Necessary or unnecessary?																					
Necessary	55	55	92	24	71	86	26	56	59	52	53	54	53	60	60	49	53	61	59	51	41
Unnecessary	34	33	4	63	18	10	60	32	34	31	29	32	38	29	29	37	32	26	30	39	44
Don't know	11	12	4	13	10	4	13	12	8	16	18	15	9	11	10	15	15	13	11	10	15
Too deep, too shallow or at about the right level?																					
Too deep	51	50	20	79	39	27	78	56	52	49	41	43	58	52	49	52	46	45	48	59	59
Too shallow	7	6	8	5	5	7	4	5	6	7	8	8	5	6	6	6	6	8	7	5	5
About the right level	25	27	61	6	37	54	6	23	32	22	29	25	23	32	31	22	29	29	31	23	18
Don't know	17	16	11	10	19	12	13	17	11	22	21	23	14	11	14	20	19	18	15	13	18

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Being done too quickly, too slowly, or at about the right pace?

Too quickly	58	58	23	89	50	31	87	66	58	59	55	54	64	57	57	60	52	52	58	66	70
Too slowly	5	5	9	2	6	8	2	4	6	4	5	7	5	4	5	5	7	7	4	4	2
About the right pace	27	26	61	3	30	54	5	20	28	24	23	23	23	33	29	22	29	29	28	21	19
Don't know	11	10	7	5	15	7	7	10	7	13	16	15	8	6	8	13	12	12	10	9	9

Having an impact on your own life, or not having an impact on your own life?

Having an impact on my life	71	67	60	77	59	63	77	65	67	67	54	69	71	66	66	68	60	65	71	68	71
Not having an impact on my life	20	22	31	17	29	27	16	26	25	20	28	18	21	25	25	19	25	23	20	24	19
Don't know	9	11	9	6	12	10	7	9	8	13	18	13	8	9	9	13	14	12	9	8	11

And who do you think is most to blame for the current spending cuts?

The Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition	25	25	3	58	10	5	55	24	27	23	27	23	27	23	24	27	25	19	24	29	37
The last Labour government	38	41	89	4	45	83	5	32	44	38	29	37	40	50	44	36	42	48	42	36	22
Both	26	24	6	25	34	9	25	35	21	27	27	27	24	20	23	25	22	25	23	22	26
Neither	6	5	1	9	8	1	10	7	6	5	7	5	5	5	6	5	6	4	5	7	8
Don't know	5	5	1	5	3	1	5	3	3	7	10	9	3	1	3	7	5	4	5	5	6

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Thinking about the next two or three years, how worried are you that people like you will...

not have enough money to live comfortably

Very worried	27	26	13	34	20	18	33	26	23	30	19	29	31	22	22	33	27	24	26	27	32
Fairly worried	45	44	44	46	43	43	45	46	42	46	46	42	45	44	44	44	39	44	50	45	36
TOTAL WORRIED	72	70	57	80	63	61	78	72	65	76	65	71	76	66	66	77	66	68	76	72	68
Not very worried	21	22	32	16	27	30	17	21	26	18	25	19	19	28	27	16	23	25	19	20	23
Not at all worried	5	5	9	3	7	7	3	5	7	3	5	5	5	6	6	4	6	5	4	6	5
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	26	27	41	19	34	37	20	26	33	21	30	24	24	34	33	20	29	30	23	26	28
Don't know	2	3	2	1	2	1	2	1	3	3	6	6	1	1	2	3	5	3	1	2	4

be victims of burglary, robbery or mugging

Very worried	14	12	7	15	9	11	14	10	10	14	6	12	13	13	9	16	17	10	11	12	13
Fairly worried	34	32	32	34	26	33	35	26	33	32	26	31	35	33	32	33	33	30	35	35	26
TOTAL WORRIED	48	44	39	49	35	44	49	36	43	46	32	43	48	46	41	49	50	40	46	47	39
Not very worried	40	42	46	40	51	44	39	51	44	41	51	41	42	41	46	38	36	46	44	39	43
Not at all worried	9	9	11	7	11	10	8	9	10	8	9	9	8	10	9	8	7	10	7	9	13
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	49	51	57	47	62	54	47	60	54	49	60	50	50	51	55	46	43	56	51	48	56
Don't know	3	4	3	3	3	2	4	3	4	5	9	7	2	3	4	5	7	4	3	4	6

suffer directly from cuts in spending on public services such as health, education and welfare

Very worried	32	30	11	47	24	16	44	35	26	33	21	28	35	30	27	34	30	25	29	34	37
Fairly worried	43	43	44	41	41	45	42	42	42	44	38	42	44	45	44	42	38	45	49	41	36
TOTAL WORRIED	75	73	55	88	65	61	86	77	68	77	59	70	79	75	71	76	68	70	78	75	73
Not very worried	19	20	36	10	28	32	10	19	23	17	30	19	18	20	24	16	23	23	18	19	18
Not at all worried	3	3	7	1	4	6	1	3	5	2	5	4	2	4	4	3	3	4	2	3	4
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	22	23	43	11	32	38	11	22	28	19	35	23	20	24	28	19	26	27	20	22	22
Don't know	3	3	2	1	3	2	3	2	3	4	6	7	1	1	2	4	5	3	2	3	5

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lose out because foreign factories and/or workers from abroad can do the same job more cheaply

Very worried	27	25	18	30	18	24	30	19	24	25	16	20	26	31	19	32	24	21	29	25	29
Fairly worried	32	33	33	33	32	32	34	31	32	33	28	30	34	35	31	34	26	32	36	34	28
TOTAL WORRIED	59	58	51	63	50	56	64	50	56	58	44	50	60	66	50	66	50	53	65	59	57
Not very worried	27	27	31	26	29	28	26	30	28	26	38	29	27	19	32	20	31	28	24	26	25
Not at all worried	10	11	15	8	17	13	7	15	12	10	11	13	10	11	14	8	12	13	9	11	10
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	37	38	46	34	46	41	33	45	40	36	49	42	37	30	46	28	43	41	33	37	35
Don't know	4	5	3	3	4	2	3	5	4	6	7	8	3	4	4	6	8	5	2	4	8

lose their job / have difficulty finding work

Very worried	32	28	15	38	20	20	38	27	26	30	31	27	30	25	24	33	30	24	28	29	34
Fairly worried	36	38	40	38	42	38	37	41	36	39	33	38	43	34	40	35	32	39	42	39	29
TOTAL WORRIED	68	66	55	76	62	58	75	68	62	69	64	65	73	59	64	68	62	63	70	68	63
Not very worried	18	20	28	15	23	27	16	18	24	17	25	22	19	19	23	17	22	22	20	17	20
Not at all worried	10	10	15	6	10	12	6	11	10	10	4	6	7	18	9	10	8	11	7	10	12
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	28	30	43	21	33	39	22	29	34	27	29	28	26	37	32	27	30	33	27	27	32
Don't know	4	4	2	3	5	2	4	4	4	5	6	7	1	5	4	5	7	4	2	4	4

lose their home

Very worried	19	17	8	23	17	12	24	15	14	21	15	14	20	18	14	22	18	15	14	21	20
Fairly worried	28	27	25	30	23	26	30	25	25	29	21	31	26	27	27	27	24	27	29	25	28
TOTAL WORRIED	47	44	33	53	40	38	54	40	39	50	36	45	46	45	41	49	42	42	43	46	48
Not very worried	32	34	41	27	39	38	27	37	36	32	46	35	34	28	38	28	33	35	37	33	26
Not at all worried	17	18	23	17	18	22	16	19	21	15	12	11	20	24	18	18	18	19	16	17	20
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	49	52	64	44	57	60	43	56	57	47	58	46	54	52	56	46	51	54	53	50	46
Don't know	4	4	2	2	3	2	3	3	4	4	6	9	1	2	3	6	6	4	3	4	6

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suffer discrimination or unfair treatment by employers or landlords or local councils or public authorities																					
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Fairly worried	25	24	21	29	24	22	27	23	25	23	21	23	25	26	24	25	26	26	28	19	20
TOTAL WORRIED	39	38	27	51	35	32	48	36	38	38	34	32	41	43	35	44	44	36	41	36	42
Not very worried	36	36	41	30	36	39	32	37	34	37	44	38	35	30	38	32	29	37	37	38	27
Not at all worried	20	20	29	16	24	25	16	21	22	18	15	21	20	22	23	17	18	21	17	23	23
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	56	56	70	46	60	64	48	58	56	55	59	59	55	52	61	49	47	58	54	61	50
Don't know	5	6	4	4	5	4	5	6	5	7	8	9	4	4	4	8	9	6	5	4	8
suffer ill-health																					
Very worried	17	16	7	23	15	10	24	16	12	20	7	10	20	22	12	22	15	12	17	19	23
Fairly worried	36	33	35	34	34	36	35	31	34	33	25	26	34	42	32	35	33	34	34	31	34
TOTAL WORRIED	53	49	42	57	49	46	59	47	46	53	32	36	54	64	44	57	48	46	51	50	57
Not very worried	34	37	41	33	39	40	31	39	38	35	42	44	37	26	41	31	36	40	38	35	26
Not at all worried	8	9	12	7	10	10	6	11	11	6	17	11	7	5	10	6	8	8	8	10	9
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	42	46	53	40	49	50	37	50	49	41	59	55	44	31	51	37	44	48	46	45	35
Don't know	5	5	4	3	2	4	4	3	5	6	9	9	3	4	5	6	8	5	4	4	9
If you had to choose, which would you prefer to see after the next election, a Conservative government led by David Cameron or a Labour government led by Ed Miliband?																					
Conservative government led by David Cameron	39	39	97	1	44	86	3	29	40	38	29	38	36	49	44	33	44	48	42	30	21
Labour government led by Ed Miliband	38	39	1	91	24	6	84	41	41	37	41	37	42	35	36	43	36	29	37	48	56
Don't know	22	22	2	8	32	8	12	30	19	25	31	25	21	16	20	25	20	23	21	22	23

YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and political party identification:

	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Age and Gender		
Male 18 to 24	56	146
Male 25 to 39	309	305
Male 40 to 54	435	398
Male 55 +	322	302
Female 18 to 24	135	141
Female 25 to 39	381	304
Female 40 to 54	431	409
Female 55 +	303	368
Region		
North England	518	579
Midlands	294	386
East England	221	226
London	437	301
South England	589	539
Wales	59	118
Scotland	234	205
Social Grade		
AB	915	666
C1	688	688
C2	350	496
DE	419	522
Newspaper Type		
Express / Mail	504	358
Sun / Star	303	507
Mirror / Record	169	366
Guardian / Independent	182	71
FT / Times / Telegraph	203	201
Other Paper	305	273
No Paper	706	597
Political Party Identification		
Labour	744	765
Conservative	664	676
Liberal Democrat	266	284
Others	149	72
None/ DK	549	574

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