

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1491 GB Adults 584 US Adults
Fieldwork: 17th - 18th June 2010

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[Asked in Britain]

Generally speaking how favourable, if at all, are you towards the United States?

[Asked in the US]

Generally speaking how favourable, if at all, are you towards Britain?

Very favourable	15	10	33
Somewhat favourable	51	44	44
TOTAL FAVOURABLE	66	54	77
Not very favourable	25	31	6
Not at all favourable	5	9	2
TOTAL NOT FAVOURABLE	30	40	8
Don't know	3	6	15

Taking everything into account, which of the following countries do you believe is the strongest ally of the United States?

Britain	58	43
Israel	13	14
Canada	7	16
Japan	2	2
Mexico	1	2
China	1	2
Australia	1	3
Other	1	1
Don't know	17	16

Since Barack Obama was elected president of the United States, do you think the relationship between Britain and America has got better, worse or stayed the same?

Got a lot better	4	2	7
Got a little better	14	10	12
TOTAL GOT BETTER	18	12	19
Stayed the same	49	37	30
Got a little worse	22	38	23
Got a lot worse	3	7	16
TOTAL GOT WORSE	25	45	39
Don't know	8	6	12

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

[Asked in Britain]

The United States is Britain's most important ally

[Asked in the US]

Britain is the US's most important ally

Strongly agree	19	20	29
Tend to agree	43	37	33
TOTAL AGREE	62	57	62
Neither agree nor disagree	31	22	24
Tend to disagree	12	12	5
Strongly disagree	3	4	1
TOTAL DISAGREE	15	16	6
Don't know	3	5	8

It is important for the leaders of the US and Britain to have a close personal friendship

Strongly agree	19	37
Tend to agree	39	34
TOTAL AGREE	58	71
Neither agree nor disagree	22	19
Tend to disagree	11	4
Strongly disagree	4	1
TOTAL DISAGREE	15	5
Don't know	4	5

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Some people talk of a 'special relationship' between Britain and the US. How close do you think this relationship is?

Very close		4	21
Fairly close		51	50
TOTAL CLOSE		55	71
Not very close		32	12
Not at all close		7	2
TOTAL NOT CLOSE		39	14
Don't know		6	15

Do you think the current situation involving the BP oil spill, and President Obama's handling of this, has...?

Greatly strengthened the relationship between Britain and the US		1	2
Somewhat strengthened the relationship between Britain and the US		1	3
TOTAL STRENGTHENED		2	5
Had no affect on the relationship between Britain and the US		25	32
Somewhat weakened the relationship between Britain and the US		47	31
Greatly weakened the relationship between Britain and the US		17	16
TOTAL WEAKENED		64	47
Don't know		8	16

Generally speaking, do you think President Obama has been strong or weak in dealing with this crisis...?

He has been strong	40	33
He has been weak	36	52
Don't know	25	15

How well or badly do you think President Obama has handled the crisis?

Very well	5	11
Fairly well	29	20
TOTAL WELL	34	31
Neither well nor badly	21	16
Fairly badly	26	12
Very badly	10	33
TOTAL BADLY	36	45
Don't know	8	7

How well or badly do you think BP has handled the crisis?

Very well	2	2
Fairly well	12	10
TOTAL WELL	14	12
Neither well nor badly	17	14
Fairly badly	34	27
Very badly	29	41
TOTAL BADLY	63	68
Don't know	6	6

How well or badly do you think Prime Minister David Cameron has handled the crisis?

Very well	2	
Fairly well	16	
TOTAL WELL	18	
Neither well nor badly	45	
Fairly badly	12	
Very badly	8	
TOTAL BADLY	20	
Don't know	17	

Some people have accused president Obama of political posturing to secure votes at the upcoming mid-term elections whilst others argue that he is simply trying to do what's best for the country during the disaster. Do you think Obama's stance is mainly...?

Political posturing	23	37
Trying to do what's best for the country	27	33
A bit of both	38	23
Don't know	12	7

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David Cameron, the UK Prime Minister has defended BP and asked that they not be liable for an endless string of compensation claims. Do you think Mr Cameron was...?

Right to defend BP	52	26
Wrong to defend BP	27	49
Don't know	21	25

From the following, who do you blame most for severity of the oil spill in the Gulf?

BP	59	58
Barack Obama and the current US administration	4	19
George Bush and the previous US administration	13	12
Don't know	24	11

Who do you think takes greater care to comply with correct safety measures?

ExxonMobil	2	10
BP	5	4
Both equally	19	12
Neither of them	25	37
Don't know	48	38

Which of these comes closer to your view?

BP deliberately cut corners to save money and is responsible for the oil spill in the Gulf	26	57
BP took all the necessary measures and are unlucky the oil spill has happened to them	36	15
Other	6	7
Don't know	31	22

The US has ordered BP to make a \$20bn down payment into a special compensation fund for victims of the Gulf oil spill. Do you think this is...?

Right; BP must pay for any damage caused	58	74
Wrong; this was an accident and no-one is solely responsible	27	11
Don't know	14	15

Thinking about the \$20bn compensation fund, do you think the US has ordered BP to pay too much, too little or about the right amount of compensation?

Too much	28	11
About right	26	25
Too little	7	30
Don't know	39	35

Generally speaking, do you believe President Obama is 'Anti-British'?

Yes, he is 'Anti-British'	22	22
No, he is not 'Anti-British'	56	54
Don't know	22	25

The west is too reliant of fossil fuels and greater effort should be made to find alternative energy sources

Strongly agree	46	41
Tend to agree	36	25
TOTAL AGREE	82	66
Neither agree nor disagree	9	11
Tend to disagree	1	8
Strongly disagree	0	8
TOTAL DISAGREE	1	16
Don't know	7	7