

YouGov / Fabian Society Survey Results

Sample Size: 2116 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 27th - 29th April 2009

		Voting intention			Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region					Lost Labour Voters
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Unweighted Sample	2116	769	435	293	1021	1095	529	721	866	1243	873	316	695	439	475	191	332
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In general do you think public services in Britain are better or worse than in the rest of Western Europe?

Public services in Britain are generally better than in the rest of Western Europe	17	14	28	14	17	16	23	17	11	15	18	16	14	14	20	24	19
Public services in Britain are generally around the same standard	29	27	36	33	32	27	32	31	25	30	29	31	26	30	31	29	29
Public services in Britain are generally worse than in the rest of Western Europe	42	51	25	44	42	42	31	42	52	44	39	39	49	41	37	36	40
Don't know	12	9	11	9	9	15	15	10	13	11	14	13	12	14	12	11	13

When you personally have contact with public services such as schools the NHS and social services is it usually...?

For me	47	46	48	55	49	44	53	36	53	49	44	56	46	49	42	42	40
For my child(ren)	19	18	21	16	16	22	16	36	4	19	19	13	21	15	21	21	23
For someone else in my family	12	15	11	14	14	11	10	11	17	12	13	11	13	11	14	13	10
For a friend or someone for whom I am a carer	3	1	3	2	2	3	1	2	4	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	3
Not applicable - I have little or no contact with the main public services	16	17	15	11	15	17	16	13	20	15	18	13	14	18	18	21	17
Not sure	3	2	3	2	4	3	5	3	3	2	5	3	3	5	3	1	6

If you were to have a problem accessing the services you need, which of the following, if any, would you be most likely to turn to for advice? [Please tick up to three answers.]

A family member	40	42	41	42	38	42	60	34	31	40	41	40	38	41	43	39	41
Citizens advice	33	34	33	31	32	33	25	33	38	31	35	25	36	33	31	32	33
A friend	31	32	28	35	30	32	45	31	21	32	30	41	32	30	27	33	31
My local MP	16	15	19	17	17	14	9	15	21	18	13	17	18	14	12	18	15
My local councillor	14	14	17	16	15	13	7	14	21	15	13	13	13	14	15	22	11
A solicitor	6	8	5	5	7	5	5	7	6	8	4	6	6	7	5	5	5
Someone in my faith organization (e.g. church mosque synagogue)	3	3	4	2	3	3	3	2	4	3	3	5	4	1	2	2	1
Not sure	14	12	11	14	14	15	12	16	15	14	15	15	14	14	16	11	17

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Leaving aside which party if any you generally support which of the following Britain-wide political parties cares the most about the quality of public services?

Conservative	16	40	1	2	15	17	15	13	19	16	15	19	20	14	13	9	8
Labour	20	4	67	11	23	17	18	23	18	20	20	18	17	21	23	26	21
Liberal Democrats	14	9	7	48	16	12	16	14	13	17	11	15	15	14	14	10	12
All care about equally	14	16	11	13	15	13	11	15	16	15	12	14	14	15	13	15	10
None care at all	19	17	5	12	19	19	15	20	21	16	23	19	18	20	19	20	25
Don't know	17	14	10	15	12	22	25	16	13	16	19	15	17	17	19	20	24

And which of the following political parties do you think would run Britain's public services most efficiently?

Conservative	26	62	4	5	26	25	21	25	30	29	22	27	33	22	21	14	15
Labour	16	2	62	5	19	14	15	18	16	15	18	15	13	16	19	23	12
Liberal Democrats	11	4	6	44	12	9	12	12	9	12	9	12	10	10	10	13	11
All would be about equally efficient	8	6	9	8	8	7	8	7	9	8	7	7	9	8	7	7	8
None would be efficient	24	18	10	23	25	24	20	25	28	24	25	26	21	27	24	28	30
Don't know	16	8	10	15	10	21	25	13	10	13	18	13	14	16	19	15	24

If the Conservatives win at the next general election do you think the overall quality of public services in this country will...

Improve	22	52	3	6	22	22	23	20	24	23	21	27	27	20	18	14	13
Get worse	31	3	70	46	36	26	26	35	31	32	30	30	25	30	35	46	38
Stay about the same	36	38	22	37	37	35	36	36	36	35	37	35	38	37	35	33	38
Don't know	11	7	6	11	5	16	15	10	9	10	13	9	10	13	13	8	11

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Which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

Britain's public services should continue to be funded almost entirely by taxation, as now	46	39	61	54	47	45	42	48	46	46	45	44	42	44	50	52	46
Britain's public services should be funded mainly by taxation, but more should be contributed to directly by those who use those services when they can afford to do so	35	41	30	35	37	33	33	35	37	37	34	35	38	37	32	29	32
Both taxes and spending on public services should be reduced sharply, and the Government should transfer much of the financing and running of these services to the private sector with people paying for their own treatment through private medical insurance	8	13	3	5	9	8	8	8	9	10	7	9	10	7	8	8	7
Don't know	11	8	7	6	7	14	17	8	8	8	15	12	10	12	10	11	16