

YouGov / Channel 4 Survey - Interim Results

Sample: 2144 electors in 60 seats where Labour's majority (on the new boundaries) was 6-14% over the Conservatives. For detailed results, [click here](#)

	%	2005 result
Headline Voting Intention		
<i>[Excluding Don't Knows and Woudn't Vote]</i>		
Con	45	33
Lab	32	44
Lib Dem	13	17
Other	10	6
Non Voters		
Would Not Vote	7	
Don't know	13	

Do you think the Labour / Conservative Party is united or divided at the present time?	Lab	Con
United	9	53
Divided	79	22
Don't know	12	25

How would you rate Gordon Brown's overall performance as Prime Minister? How would you rate David Cameron's overall performance as leader of the Conservative Party?	Brown	Cameron
Excellent	1	4
Good	9	34
Fair	26	33
TOTAL excellent / good / fair	37	71
Poor	25	9
Bad	8	2
Dreadful	27	4
TOTAL poor / bad / dreadful	59	16
Not sure	4	13

Why do you have a low opinion of Gordon Brown? [Please tick all that apply]

[Excluding those who have a good opinion of Brown]

He's out of touch	66
He is indecisive	60
He is incompetent	52
He's gloomy	50
He has been around too long and run out of fresh ideas	38
He is dishonest	25
He plotted to get rid of Tony Blair	23
He is a Scot who doesn't understand the rest of Britain	21
None of these	3
Don't know	2

%

Which, if any, of the following might encourage you to have a higher opinion of Gordon Brown? [Please tick all that apply]

[Excluding those who have a good opinion of Brown]

Take more radical steps to protect people from the current economic crisis	44
Be more frank and honest when he speaks and answers questions	37
Set out a clearer vision of his ideas for Britain's future	37
Show he's in touch with ordinary families	34
Sack Alistair Darling, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and reshuffle his Cabinet	21
None of these would lead me to have a higher opinion of him	33
Don't know	3

Do you think David Cameron is...

A heavyweight politician	22
A lightweight politician	55
Don't know	24

Under David Cameron do you think...

The Conservative Party has changed a lot - it's far more competent to run the economy than it was	28
The Conservative Party has changed a lot - it's far less competent to run the economy than it was	5
The Conservative Party has NOT changed much - it still isn't competent to run the economy	34
The Conservative Party has NOT changed much - it has always been competent	12
Don't know	21

Thinking about the current economic problems, which of the following statements comes CLOSER to your view?

It's important to have experienced people to run the economy at the moment	59
It's more important to have fresh thinking rather than past experience	31
Don't know	10

Which one of these do you blame most for Britain's current economic problems?

General international conditions in the food and energy markets	26
Banks in America and elsewhere lending irresponsibly	36
The British government's policies on tax and spending	29
Don't know	9

Do you think the decisions taken, and currently being considered, by Gordon Brown's government...

Are likely to steer Britain's economy through these difficult times without too much hardship	12
Are likely to make matters worse	24
Are not likely to make much difference either way	52
Don't know	12

%

**Here are some things that have been said about the Government's response to Britain's current economic problems. In each case, do you agree or disagree?
Government ministers don't understand the problems faced by ordinary people**

Agree	75
Disagree	16
Don't know	9

The Government's recent announcement on housing policy will help a significant number of first-time home buyers and people having difficulty paying their mortgages'

Agree	24
Disagree	50
Don't know	25

The Government should introduce a one-off windfall tax on energy companies, and use the money to help low-paid families this winter with their fuel bills'

Agree	55
Disagree	30
Don't know	15

The best way to help poorer families in the long-run is to help them with the costs of a) insulating their homes, and b) taking steps to use energy more efficiently'

Agree	54
Disagree	31
Don't know	15

Over the next 12 months do you expect the value of your home to rise, fall or stay about the same?

{Excluding those that do not own their home}

Rise	2
Stay about the same	21
Fall slightly - less than 10%	45
Fall a lot - more than 10%	28
Don't know	4

Former Home Secretary Charles Clarke has said Gordon Brown should consider resigning. What do you think Gordon Brown should do?

Step down as Prime Minister as soon as possible and let Labour choose another leader	33
Remain Prime Minister until the next general election	53
Don't know	14

%

If, for any reason, Gordon Brown were to stand down as Labour leader and Prime Minister BEFORE the next general election, which of these Labour MPs would you most prefer to succeed him?

Jack Straw	14
David Miliband	12
Alan Johnson	5
Harriet Harman	3
Charles Clarke	3
Ed Balls	3
Jacqui Smith	2
James Purnell	1
Alan Milburn	1
Don't know	58

Putting aside your party preference for the moment, which of these would make the better Prime Minister?

David Cameron	40
Gordon Brown	22
Neither	26
Don't know	12

Again, putting aside your party preference for the moment, which of these would make the better Prime Minister?

David Cameron	39
David Miliband	16
Neither	25
Don't know	19

Under Labour's rules, if Gordon Brown does resign, there would be an election for the party's new leader that, if contested, could take around six weeks. If Mr Brown does resign do you think...

There should be proper election, with rival candidates, even if this does take six weeks	71
It would be better for there to be only one candidate, and a new party leader and Prime Minister to take over more quickly	17
Don't know	12

If Gordon Brown stepped down as Prime Minister and were replaced by another figure, when do you think there should be a General Election?

Immediately	38
Within 6 months	21
Within a year	11
Parliament should run its course until May 2010	22
Don't know	8

%

If Gordon Brown were replaced by someone else as Labour Party leader and Prime Minister, do you think that would improve Labour's chances of winning the next election, worsen Labour's chances of winning the next election or not make much difference?

Improve Labour's chances	27
Not make much difference	53
Worsen Labour's chances	8
Don't know	13

In general, do you think the Labour / Conservative Party these days is more interested in helping people generally, or more interested in helping its own supporters?

	Lab	Con
Helping people generally	23	30
Helping its own supporters	40	42
Neither	24	12
Don't know	13	16

Overall is it fair or unfair to describe the Labour / Conservative Party these days as a 'nasty party'?

	Lab	Con
Fair	21	17
Unfair	53	50
Neither	18	22
Don't know	8	11

Have you been contacted by the Labour / Conservative Party in the past three months or so in any of the following ways? [Please tick all that apply]

I/we have received one or more leaflets/letters from the Party through the door	19	19
I/we have received a phone call from the Party	2	1
Someone from the Party has called at my/our door	3	3
I/we have been approached by someone from the Party in the street (e.g. in a shopping centre)	1	1
I/we have not been personally approached by the Party in any way	68	66
Not sure	11	12

At the next general election, how would you vote if you were convinced that the only two parties with a realistic chance of winning in your constituency were Labour or the Conservatives?

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

Conservative	47
Labour	37
Liberal Democrat	8
Some other party	8

%

If you had to choose, which matters more to you - keeping Labour in office, or stopping the Conservatives from coming to power?

[Labour voters at previous question]

Keeping Labour in office	42
Stopping the Conservatives from coming to power	53
Don't know	5

If you had to choose which matters more to you - removing Labour from office or bringing the Conservatives to power?

[Conservative voters at previous question]

Removing Labour from office	59
Bringing the Conservatives to power	34
Don't know	8