

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

YouGov questioned 1965 adults aged 18+ throughout Britain online between 25th and 27th January 2005. The results have been weighted to the profile of all adults. For further information about YouGov's methodology, [click here](#)

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Voting Intention

Con	34	100	0	0	33	34	32	31	38	42	40	32	29	21	36	31
Lab	35	0	100	0	35	35	33	39	34	27	31	36	41	41	31	40
Lib Dem	22	0	0	100	22	22	27	19	20	21	20	24	23	17	23	20
Other	9	0	0	0	10	9	9	12	8	10	9	9	7	20	9	10
SNP / PCY	2	0	0	0	2	2	2	3	2	0	0	2	0	18	2	3
Geen	2	0	0	0	2	3	3	3	1	4	3	2	3	0	2	2
UKIP	4	0	0	0	4	4	2	4	4	2	6	4	2	2	4	3
BNP	2	0	0	0	2	1	2	2	1	4	1	1	3	0	1	2
<i>Would Not Vote</i>	9	0	0	0	7	10	13	10	2	10	11	7	8	3	7	10
<i>Don't know</i>	14	0	0	0	10	17	16	15	10	10	13	15	13	17	12	15

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

Approve	30	6	80	18	33	27	31	28	31	23	30	30	33	37	28	32
Disapprove	57	90	9	69	58	57	47	61	64	62	58	59	53	54	61	53
Don't know	13	4	11	13	9	16	21	11	6	15	12	11	14	9	11	15

Who would make the best Prime Minister?

Tony Blair	32	5	87	14	37	28	31	33	32	28	30	34	35	38	31	34
Michael Howard	21	69	0	3	22	19	14	18	30	23	22	22	18	16	23	18
Charles Kennedy	14	4	3	57	15	14	15	13	15	12	13	13	16	18	16	13
Don't know	33	22	10	26	26	39	40	36	23	37	35	31	31	28	30	35

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Do you think the Government has, on balance, been honest and trustworthy or not?

Yes – honest and trustworthy	24	4	69	12	27	22	24	24	25	19	24	27	24	34	23	26
No – not honest and trustworthy	66	94	20	81	66	67	63	68	68	71	67	66	65	58	69	63
Don't know	9	2	11	8	7	11	13	8	7	10	9	8	11	7	11	

Do you think that if a Conservative government were elected it would, on balance, be honest and trustworthy or not?

Yes – honest and trustworthy	22	63	10	7	23	22	18	18	30	26	27	23	18	14	25	19
No – not honest and trustworthy	58	16	76	83	62	54	56	64	54	56	51	60	61	65	57	59
Don't know	20	22	14	9	15	24	27	18	16	19	22	17	21	21	18	22

How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months?

Get a lot better	3	2	5	3	4	2	6	3	1	4	2	5	2	3	3	4
Get a little better	21	15	34	18	24	19	32	20	12	20	21	20	22	26	22	21
Stay the same	35	29	44	35	33	36	29	33	41	24	35	40	34	35	35	34
Get a little worse	30	39	14	34	29	30	21	32	36	35	31	27	29	27	31	28
Get a lot worse	8	12	3	8	7	9	7	9	8	10	9	7	7	7	8	9
Don't know	3	3	1	3	2	4	5	3	2	6	3	2	5	2	2	5

If Britain were in economic difficulties, which party do you think could handle the problem best – the Conservatives or Labour?

Conservative	28	81	2	15	31	26	23	27	35	34	34	26	23	25	33	23
Labour	33	3	82	29	39	28	30	32	37	29	30	34	36	41	34	32
Neither	26	8	8	48	22	29	27	29	22	24	24	27	28	22	24	28
Don't know	13	8	7	8	8	17	20	12	6	13	12	13	13	11	10	16

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If the Labour Government is returned to power at the next election, do you think taxes will...?

Go up a lot	35	69	3	27	35	34	26	36	42	40	37	36	31	24	36	33
Go up a little	41	27	48	56	43	39	45	39	39	41	40	41	42	43	42	40
Not go up very much	15	2	37	11	16	15	15	15	14	10	14	16	17	19	14	16
Not go up at all	3	0	6	2	3	3	3	3	2	1	3	2	2	4	2	3
Go down	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Don't know	7	1	5	4	4	9	11	6	3	9	6	4	7	8	5	8

If the Conservatives are returned to power at the next election, do you think taxes will...?

Go up a lot	26	3	44	29	22	29	18	32	28	19	25	24	29	33	20	33
Go up a little	29	20	29	38	29	28	30	28	28	28	29	30	29	21	31	25
Not go up very much	17	29	11	15	19	15	19	14	19	17	17	16	18	16	19	15
Not go up at all	10	19	7	5	11	8	8	9	11	13	10	9	7	11	11	7
Go down	11	25	4	6	14	8	11	11	10	13	10	14	7	11	12	9
Don't know	9	4	5	6	5	12	14	7	5	10	9	7	9	8	7	11

The shadow chancellor, Oliver Letwin, has pledged the Conservative Party to cut taxes immediately if and when the Conservatives are returned to power. Do you believe taxes should be cut, or should any money available for tax cuts be used to increase spending on public services such as health and education?

Taxes should be cut	36	70	12	22	38	34	39	34	35	40	37	37	31	34	36	35
More should be spent on public services	57	27	82	72	56	57	50	60	60	51	55	56	61	61	57	56
Don't know	8	3	6	7	7	9	12	6	6	9	8	7	8	5	6	9

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Do you believe that, if the Conservatives are returned to power, they will act on their pledge and actually will cut taxes?

Yes, they definitely will	16	49	5	5	20	13	12	14	22	17	18	18	13	12	20	12
Maybe they will, maybe they won't	55	47	48	66	51	58	58	54	53	56	59	53	53	54	56	54
No, they definitely won't	24	3	45	26	26	22	22	28	22	20	19	25	28	27	21	28
Don't know	5	2	2	3	3	6	8	5	2	7	4	4	5	7	3	7

Which party do you think is more likely to keep Britain's economy strong – the Conservatives or Labour?

Conservative	27	79	1	11	29	24	21	27	32	35	28	27	23	22	29	23
Labour	39	2	90	42	45	34	35	38	43	33	36	42	41	45	40	38
Neither	18	9	4	33	14	21	18	20	16	17	19	15	20	18	17	19
Don't know	17	10	5	14	12	21	25	15	9	14	17	17	16	16	14	20

As you probably know, a law is due to come into force later this year giving local authorities a discretionary power to allow bars and pubs to open earlier and stay open later than they can do now. Which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

The new law should come into force as planned because more flexible hours will reduce the amount of binge drinking, and because local authorities will anyway have the power to refuse to grant new licenses to premises where excessive drinking could prove a problem	42	30	53	45	49	36	50	47	30	44	41	45	41	39	42	42
The new law may be a good idea in principle but it should not come into force until such time as binge drinking has ceased to be a serious social and public-order problem	16	18	15	20	17	16	17	14	18	14	14	19	17	16	17	16
The new law is not a good idea and should not come into force at all because any extension of licensing hours runs a serious risk of encouraging excessive drinking and making existing social problems worse	37	50	28	30	30	44	26	35	50	34	42	32	38	38	37	37
Don't know	5	2	3	4	5	5	7	4	2	8	3	4	4	7	4	6

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The Conservative leader, Michael Howard, has pledged that, if the Conservatives are returned to power, they will impose a strict annual limit on the number of all immigrants entering this country, for whatever reason, and will immediately announce their intention to withdraw from the 1951 United Nations Convention on refugees, which requires Britain to admit anyone fleeing from persecution. From what you know, are you...

Strongly in favour of Mr Howard's proposal	42	74	20	26	44	41	32	43	51	41	45	42	44	35	41	43
Somewhat in favour of it	24	19	26	26	23	25	27	26	19	23	25	24	23	27	23	25
Somewhat opposed to it	13	4	22	18	11	14	12	11	14	9	12	14	13	12	14	11
Strongly opposed to it	15	1	26	27	18	11	17	13	13	16	13	13	14	20	18	11
Don't know	7	2	6	3	4	9	12	6	3	11	5	7	7	6	5	9

In your view, what is Mr Howard's main reason for making this pledge?

He genuinely believes immigration should be limited	36	81	10	21	35	36	33	31	43	37	40	36	32	32	36	35
He desperately wants to win votes for his party at the next election	58	16	87	75	61	56	57	64	55	53	55	58	62	63	60	57
Don't know	6	3	4	4	4	8	10	6	2	10	5	6	6	6	4	8

The Government is considering the introduction of a voluntary scheme under which young people on reaching the age of 18 would be encouraged to attend a citizenship ceremony to celebrate their transition to legal adulthood. Such a formal 'rite of passage' is said to have proved successful in Australia. From what you know, would you be in favour or opposed to the introduction of such a scheme in Britain?

In favour	40	35	48	39	40	40	37	36	46	42	43	40	38	36	41	39
Opposed	34	44	24	38	37	31	34	36	31	35	33	32	33	36	36	30
Don't know	26	21	28	23	23	30	29	27	23	23	24	28	29	28	22	31

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 past vote:

Recalled vote in 2001:	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Labour	872	843
Conservative	410	421
Liberal Democrat	219	201
Scottish / Welsh Nationalist	35	30
Other	69	14
Did not vote	360	511

Newspaper readership:	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Express / Mail	307	319
Sun / Star	350	436
Mirror / Record	291	326
Guardian/ Independent	143	89
Financial Times / Times / Telegraph	197	188
Other paper	190	251
No paper	487	411

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