

## YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

YouGov questioned 1907 adults aged 18+ throughout Britain online between 26th and 28th January 2005. The results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

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If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for? (excluding don't knows, won't votes; base = 1527)\*

Con	<b>33</b>	100	0	0	34	32	30	34	35	36	30	39	40	34	26	22
Lab	<b>35</b>	0	100	0	34	36	30	37	38	35	36	33	29	35	45	35
Lib Dem	<b>23</b>	0	0	100	22	23	29	21	19	22	23	20	25	21	23	21
Other	<b>9</b>	0	0	0	9	8	10	8	8	8	10	8	6	11	5	22
SNP / PCY	<b>2</b>	0	0	0	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	17
Geen	<b>2</b>	0	0	0	1	2	3	2	1	1	2	2	2	3	1	1
UKIP	<b>4</b>	0	0	0	4	3	3	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	3
BNP	<b>1</b>	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
Would Not Vote	<b>8</b>	0	0	0	7	9	13	8	4	6	11	10	7	10	7	8
Don't know	<b>13</b>	0	0	0	9	17	15	15	10	12	15	11	14	13	16	14

\*Note that this question is asked in two stages. At the first stage, respondents are given the following answer options: Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat, Scottish Nationalist/Plaid cymru, some other party, would not vote, don't know. Those who respond "some other party" are then asked: "Which of these parties would you vote for?" and given the following answer options: Green, United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP), British National Party (BNP), some other party, don't know. The above table shows the combined figures from both parts of the question. "Other" included SNP/Plaid Cymru (2%), UKIP(4%), BNP (1%) and Green (2%).

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**Which of these issues do you think are the most important facing this country? [Please tick up to four]**

Crime / law and order / police	<b>52</b>	62	50	45	56	48	41	54	59	52	51	51	49	52	56	50
Health / NHS / hospital	<b>52</b>	50	55	50	47	56	49	52	54	54	49	50	50	56	52	48
Immigration / asylum	<b>48</b>	69	40	33	49	48	40	51	53	45	52	47	50	48	51	38
Pensions / social security / minimum wage / poverty in Britain	<b>44</b>	36	44	51	43	44	30	44	55	43	44	37	43	41	46	54
The environment / pollution / global warming	<b>26</b>	14	30	41	24	27	26	24	27	27	24	29	29	24	22	29
Housing / house prices / interest rates	<b>25</b>	18	25	30	23	27	35	26	15	25	25	26	29	25	22	23
Income tax / VAT / National insurance / Council Tax	<b>23</b>	34	15	19	25	22	26	23	20	23	24	20	22	23	24	28
Iraq / war on terrorism	<b>23</b>	22	23	27	24	21	21	22	25	23	23	25	22	21	23	25
Europe / EU constitution / the euro	<b>20</b>	33	15	14	25	15	14	18	26	21	19	23	17	19	21	22
Prices / inflation / cost of living	<b>18</b>	14	19	15	16	20	24	19	13	18	18	16	20	19	18	13
Child care / nurseries / schools / universities	<b>14</b>	9	16	15	11	17	19	16	8	13	16	17	15	13	15	12
Economic growth / jobs / unemployment	<b>14</b>	9	23	12	15	13	15	16	11	15	12	12	12	15	15	18
Transport / bus and train fares / roads	<b>13</b>	9	14	17	15	11	14	13	11	14	10	18	10	11	13	13
International development / poverty	<b>6</b>	2	8	12	6	6	8	3	7	7	5	6	6	6	4	8
Countryside / farming / GM crops / fox-hunting	<b>4</b>	6	2	3	4	4	5	2	5	4	4	5	3	6	2	2
Northern Ireland	<b>1</b>	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
Don't know	<b>1</b>	1	1	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	1

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Which of four of these problems matter most to you and your family? [Please tick up to four]

Health / NHS / hospital	<b>53</b>	52	57	45	51	54	44	51	63	53	52	49	48	59	54	51
Crime / law and order / police	<b>43</b>	52	43	38	47	39	31	46	51	42	44	43	40	44	47	40
Pensions / social security / minimum wage / poverty in Britain	<b>43</b>	40	48	44	40	45	25	39	62	43	42	36	42	42	47	44
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Immigration / asylum	<b>26</b>	42	20	15	28	23	15	28	33	25	27	24	28	26	27	14
The environment / pollution / global warming	<b>21</b>	14	24	30	20	22	18	20	24	22	19	22	23	21	19	17
Child care / nurseries / schools / universities	<b>20</b>	13	19	22	15	23	28	23	8	17	22	21	22	17	19	18
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Economic growth / jobs / unemployment	<b>11</b>	10	13	12	15	8	14	14	7	12	11	14	10	11	12	14
Countryside / farming / GM crops / fox-hunting	<b>4</b>	6	1	5	3	5	4	3	6	4	4	4	5	6	3	1
International development / poverty	<b>4</b>	1	4	8	4	4	4	3	4	5	2	4	6	3	3	2
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As you probably know, the Government intends at some time in the future to hold a referendum on the proposed European constitution. The actual question to be asked has now been published and reads: 'Should the United Kingdom approve the treaty establishing a constitution for the European Union?'

If the referendum were held tomorrow, would you vote Yes or No in response to that question or would you not bother to vote?

Would vote Yes	<b>24</b>	7	40	40	28	20	23	19	29	28	19	25	19	26	24	26
Would vote No	<b>45</b>	78	29	31	51	40	34	46	54	46	45	42	47	46	45	44
Would not bother to vote	<b>7</b>	2	3	2	5	8	12	7	1	5	8	8	6	8	5	5
Don't know	<b>25</b>	12	29	27	17	32	31	28	15	21	29	25	27	20	26	24

Have you definitely made up your mind how you will vote when the referendum comes, or will you decide nearer the time whether to vote and/or how to vote?

I have definitely made up my mind	<b>51</b>	70	48	48	59	43	35	49	67	54	47	50	52	52	48	52
I will decide nearer the time whether to vote and/ or how to vote	<b>38</b>	25	42	46	35	41	46	38	29	39	37	37	36	36	43	38
I will not vote in any case	<b>4</b>	0	2	1	3	6	8	5	0	3	6	5	4	5	3	2
Don't know	<b>7</b>	5	8	5	4	10	11	8	3	4	10	8	7	6	6	8

Which of the three main political parties – the Conservatives, Labour and the Liberal Democrats – best

Conservatives	<b>24</b>	71	4	7	29	19	20	24	28	26	21	30	28	22	19	21
Labour	<b>20</b>	1	57	8	22	17	17	18	24	20	19	17	15	20	25	21
Liberal Democrats	<b>12</b>	2	6	47	14	10	13	11	12	13	11	11	10	14	12	13
None of them	<b>22</b>	13	16	14	21	23	18	23	25	20	25	20	21	25	20	23
Don't know	<b>22</b>	13	17	25	14	30	32	25	11	21	24	21	26	19	24	22

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**People hold different views about how they would like to see the European Union develop. Which of these alternatives comes closest to your own view?**

A fully integrated Europe with all major decisions taken by a European government	<b>5</b>	2	6	9	5	4	5	4	5	4	5	5	5	7	3	2
No European government, but a more integrated European Union than now, with a single currency and no border controls	<b>22</b>	9	31	36	25	19	22	19	24	25	18	21	21	20	22	26
The situation more or less as it is now	<b>16</b>	11	24	15	16	15	22	15	10	15	17	20	15	14	17	16
A less integrated Europe than now, with the European Union amounting to little more than a free trade area	<b>31</b>	51	21	24	33	29	24	31	38	35	27	31	32	31	30	31
Complete British withdrawal from the European Union	<b>16</b>	23	8	9	15	16	9	19	19	13	19	13	16	16	17	14
Don't know	<b>11</b>	4	9	7	5	17	18	12	4	8	15	10	11	13	10	11

**Do you feel that the people of this country have or have not been consulted sufficiently about how they wish to see Britain's relations with the European Union develop?**

Yes, they have been consulted sufficiently	<b>10</b>	3	21	12	13	7	9	8	12	12	7	12	10	7	10	13
No, they have not	<b>79</b>	94	64	82	81	78	73	81	83	80	79	77	80	81	80	74
Don't know	<b>11</b>	2	15	6	6	15	18	10	4	8	14	11	11	11	10	13

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'Successive governments have frequently misled the public about how Britain's relationship with the European Union was in fact developing'?**

Agree	<b>67</b>	83	51	69	70	65	55	71	75	66	69	58	67	72	69	66
Disagree	<b>13</b>	5	26	15	17	10	13	11	15	16	10	17	12	10	13	18
Don't know	<b>19</b>	12	24	16	13	25	31	17	10	18	21	26	20	18	18	16

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From what you know, does Britain currently retain control over its policy towards immigration into Britain from OUTSIDE the European Union, or has it already ceded effective control of immigration policy to the European Union?

Britain still retains full control	<b>31</b>	19	46	40	36	26	32	30	31	34	27	32	27	33	32	29
The European Union is now in effective control	<b>41</b>	63	28	32	45	38	29	43	51	41	42	41	44	40	42	37
Don't know	<b>28</b>	18	26	29	19	36	39	27	17	25	31	27	29	26	26	34

Does it worry you or not that the EU, in your view, is now in effective control of Britain's immigration policy?

Worries me a lot	<b>70</b>	86	59	47	72	69	59	70	77	72	68	70	71	70	71	68
Worries a me a little	<b>22</b>	12	22	33	19	24	30	23	16	20	23	22	23	18	23	23
Does not worry me much	<b>5</b>	2	11	10	5	5	8	3	5	5	5	6	4	7	3	8
Does not worry me at all	<b>3</b>	0	6	9	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	3	2	2
Don't know	<b>1</b>	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0

From what you know, can Britain currently determine its own policy towards the number of asylum seekers it admits into this country, or has it ceded effective control over asylum policy to the European Union?

Britain still determines its own policy	<b>40</b>	26	58	47	42	39	42	40	39	44	36	39	36	43	41	41
The European Union is now in effective control	<b>37</b>	59	22	30	40	34	26	38	46	38	36	37	39	37	37	35
Don't know	<b>22</b>	16	20	23	17	27	32	21	14	18	28	24	25	20	21	24

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Does it worry you or not that the EU, in your view, is now in effective control of Britain's policy as regards asylum seekers?

Worries me a lot	<b>74</b>	86	64	52	74	73	61	74	80	73	75	76	72	78	72	66
Worries a me a little	<b>19</b>	12	21	27	18	21	26	21	15	19	20	18	21	16	21	23
Does not worry me much	<b>3</b>	1	10	5	4	3	7	2	3	4	3	4	4	3	3	5
Does not worry me at all	<b>3</b>	1	4	15	5	2	7	2	2	4	2	2	3	2	4	6
Don't know	<b>0</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

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	<b>36</b>	68	18	18	39	34	28	39	41	35	37	34	39	37	37	30
Somewhat in favour of it	<b>29</b>	24	30	31	25	33	30	31	26	28	30	27	30	29	30	27
Somewhat opposed to it	<b>13</b>	3	19	21	14	12	14	11	13	14	12	16	12	13	11	17
Strongly opposed to it	<b>15</b>	2	26	28	19	12	17	13	16	18	12	17	13	15	15	19
Don't know	<b>7</b>	2	8	2	4	9	11	6	4	5	9	7	6	6	7	8

The Conservative leader, Michael Howard, has been both praised and criticised for raising the whole issue of immigration in the way he has done. On balance, do you believe he was right or wrong to raise the issue?

He was right	<b>71</b>	96	53	63	72	71	67	74	73	70	73	66	75	71	74	61
He was wrong	<b>18</b>	2	35	28	21	16	16	17	22	22	14	23	15	19	16	25
Don't know	<b>10</b>	3	12	9	7	14	17	10	5	8	14	11	10	10	10	15

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Some people believe it was 'racist' of Mr Howard to raise the immigration issue. Do you believe that, in raising the issue in the way he did, he was or was not behaving in a racist manner?

Yes, he was behaving in a racist manner	<b>12</b>	1	26	18	14	11	9	12	16	15	9	13	12	13	10	16
No, he was not	<b>79</b>	97	64	73	80	78	76	80	80	77	80	76	79	79	82	72
Don't know	<b>9</b>	2	11	9	6	12	15	8	5	8	11	10	9	8	8	12

Does the Conservative Party's current focus on the issue of immigration make you more likely to vote Conservative at the next election, or less likely, or does it not make any difference?

More likely	<b>27</b>	51	11	15	28	27	31	26	26	26	29	26	30	28	28	18
Less likely	<b>7</b>	2	11	13	9	6	9	7	7	8	6	10	7	8	6	7
No difference – I shall vote Conservative anyway	<b>12</b>	44	0	1	13	11	8	13	14	15	8	16	14	11	9	11
No difference – I shall NOT vote Conservative anyway	<b>42</b>	0	71	66	43	42	35	43	48	43	41	37	37	42	45	56
Don't know	<b>11</b>	2	7	5	7	15	17	12	5	8	15	11	13	10	11	8

## 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	<b>876</b>	<b>815</b>
Conservative	<b>359</b>	<b>405</b>
Liberal Democrat	<b>216</b>	<b>191</b>
Scottish / Welsh Nationalist	<b>45</b>	<b>30</b>
Other	<b>58</b>	<b>11</b>
Did not vote	<b>353</b>	<b>492</b>

Newspaper readership:	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Express / Mail	<b>371</b>	<b>312</b>
Sun / Star	<b>337</b>	<b>426</b>
Mirror / Record	<b>263</b>	<b>308</b>
Guardian/ Independent	<b>154</b>	<b>83</b>
Financial Times / Times / Telegraph	<b>191</b>	<b>182</b>
Other paper	<b>181</b>	<b>241</b>
No paper	<b>410</b>	<b>392</b>

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