

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

YouGov questioned 2044 adults aged 18+ throughout Britain online between 23rd - 25th November 2004. 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 = 1662)*

Conservative	32	100	0	0	32	32	27	32	35	36	27	47	34	28	27	27
Labour	35	0	100	0	36	34	39	31	36	34	36	24	33	39	39	36
Liberal Democrats	23	0	0	100	20	26	24	25	20	23	23	22	23	24	25	15
Other	10	0	0	0	13	8	10	12	9	7	14	7	9	10	9	22

Figures excluded from voting intention above

Would Not Vote	10	0	0	0	8	11	15	10	4	8	12	11	6	11	11	8
Don't know	15	0	0	0	11	19	18	16	11	12	18	10	13	18	16	17

*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(5%), BNP (1%) and Green (2%).

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Labour	26	0	100	0	29	24	26	22	31	27	25	19	27	27	29	27
Liberal Democrat	17	0	0	100	16	18	16	19	17	18	16	17	19	17	18	11
Scottish Nationalist / Plaid Cymru	2	0	0	0	3	1	2	2	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	15
Some other party	6	0	0	0	8	5	5	7	7	5	8	6	7	6	7	5
Would not vote	10	0	0	0	8	11	15	10	4	7	12	11	6	11	11	8
Don't know	14	0	0	0	10	18	18	16	10	12	17	10	13	17	16	14

Which of these parties would you vote for?

Green	18	0	0	0	18	17	28	25	4	17	18	30	11	12	22	32
United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)	58	0	0	0	57	60	43	54	72	55	61	59	76	65	42	10
British National Party (BNP)	15	0	0	0	19	11	24	17	9	17	14	4	6	16	33	6
Some other party	7	0	0	0	5	10	3	5	11	10	5	4	7	7	1	35
Don't know	2	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	4	1	3	2	0	0	3	17

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

Approve	29	3	79	17	33	25	29	27	30	31	27	20	26	31	32	36
Disapprove	57	90	7	74	58	56	47	61	61	57	57	65	59	53	54	55
Don't know	14	7	14	9	9	19	23	12	9	13	16	15	15	16	14	9

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Who would make the best Prime Minister?

Tony Blair	31	3	88	12	36	27	30	31	33	33	29	25	29	33	35	32
Michael Howard	19	72	0	2	22	17	12	19	26	24	14	33	21	17	16	12
Charles Kennedy	16	3	5	63	13	18	13	18	16	17	14	13	16	15	16	17
Don't know	34	22	6	22	28	39	45	33	25	26	43	29	34	36	33	39

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

Yes – honest and trustworthy	24	4	68	11	27	22	23	24	26	25	23	22	23	25	24	29
No – not honest and trustworthy	65	95	17	83	65	65	61	66	68	66	64	72	66	62	65	65
Don't know	11	0	15	5	8	13	16	11	6	9	13	6	12	13	11	7

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

Yes – honest and trustworthy	20	61	8	6	25	16	15	19	26	26	14	30	24	17	16	16
No – not honest and trustworthy	56	15	73	81	58	54	56	56	56	53	60	51	55	57	59	58
Don't know	24	24	19	13	16	30	29	25	18	21	27	19	21	27	25	26

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

Get a lot better	3	1	6	2	4	2	6	2	1	2	3	3	3	2	3	1
Get a little better	18	9	31	18	20	15	27	16	11	19	15	16	17	15	20	19
Stay the same	36	34	44	37	34	37	30	34	42	37	34	34	32	39	36	40
Get a little worse	29	38	13	32	26	32	22	33	32	30	29	36	30	27	26	36
Get a lot worse	10	16	3	10	12	9	6	13	11	10	11	8	15	9	10	4
Don't know	5	2	2	2	4	5	9	3	3	2	8	3	3	8	6	0

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

Conservatives	28	83	2	16	33	24	19	30	34	32	24	40	31	24	24	25
Labour	32	2	81	27	36	28	30	29	36	35	28	22	28	36	35	38
Neither	24	7	8	45	21	27	24	25	24	21	29	24	24	23	25	26
Don't know	16	8	8	11	10	21	27	16	6	12	19	14	16	17	16	11

As you probably know the government is recommending the introduction in a few years' time of a ban on smoking at places of work and also in cafes, restaurants and pubs that prepare and serve food. How would you describe your own reaction to the possible introduction of such a ban. Are you...?

Strongly in favour of a ban	47	46	56	47	52	43	50	45	48	48	47	50	48	48	48	37
On balance in favour of a ban	29	32	24	32	27	31	28	29	29	30	27	31	30	26	27	35
On balance opposed to a ban	12	16	9	9	12	12	8	13	14	13	11	13	11	13	12	13
Strongly opposed to a ban	9	5	10	10	8	11	9	11	8	7	12	6	8	9	10	16
Don't know	2	1	2	1	1	3	5	1	1	1	3	1	2	3	3	0

Michael Howard, the Conservative leader, recently sacked Boris Johnson, the shadow arts minister, on the grounds that Mr Johnson lied in denying that he had a long-standing affair that had led to an abortion. Do you think Michael Howard was right or wrong to sack Boris Johnson?

He was right	42	58	43	42	48	38	31	43	51	43	41	40	47	40	42	40
He was wrong	40	32	42	45	38	42	42	39	39	42	38	47	39	39	40	37
Don't know	18	10	16	13	14	20	27	18	10	15	21	13	14	22	18	23

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As you probably know, Parliament has voted to make fox hunting with dogs a criminal offence. Do you believe fox-hunting with dogs should or should not be a criminal offence?

Yes, it should be a criminal offence	60	31	77	73	58	62	66	61	54	56	65	54	56	60	64	68
No, it should not be	32	62	16	21	35	28	22	30	40	38	24	39	36	31	26	25
Don't know	9	7	8	6	7	10	12	9	6	6	12	7	9	9	10	7

Some of those involved in fox hunting say the new law constitutes 'an assault on human rights' because it restricts the freedom of those who hunt and endangers the livelihoods of those who earn their living from hunting. Do you believe the new law does, or does not, constitute an assault on human rights?

Yes, it does constitute an assault on human rights	26	54	13	15	30	23	16	26	35	31	21	30	31	26	22	19
No, it does not	64	39	80	78	62	65	69	65	59	63	65	64	61	60	68	74
Don't know	10	7	7	6	8	12	16	9	6	7	14	6	8	14	10	7

Some of those involved in fox hunting say they intend to continue hunting – that is, to defy the new law when

Should obey the new law	73	52	88	89	73	73	73	76	70	72	74	71	70	70	79	79
Would be justified in disobeying it	18	36	5	8	21	15	14	16	22	20	15	20	20	18	14	16
Don't know	9	11	6	3	7	12	12	7	8	8	10	9	10	12	7	6

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If people do defy the law by continuing to hunt, what should happen to them?

They should be sent to prison	32	17	40	38	33	30	35	32	28	30	34	24	27	31	41	31
They should be fined but not sent to prison	41	33	49	49	39	43	42	43	38	41	41	46	45	38	35	48
They should be cautioned but not fined or sent to prison	11	26	4	7	11	11	7	11	15	14	8	11	14	12	8	8
Nothing: their offence should simply be ignored	10	20	2	4	12	7	7	8	14	10	10	12	10	9	8	10
Don't know	6	4	5	3	5	8	9	5	5	5	8	7	4	9	8	3

Detecting crime and arresting criminals is, of course, the job of the police. Which of the following statements comes closest to your own view?

If people continue to hunt foxes with dogs, the police should immediately arrest and charge them in the usual way	44	26	50	50	44	44	46	45	42	40	48	40	38	43	51	50
After a few months the police should enforce the law in the usual way, but initially they should adopt a 'softly, softly approach and just warn people	19	12	29	23	20	18	22	19	16	19	18	17	21	20	16	20
The police should treat fox-hunting with dogs as only a minor offence and should devote their scarce time and resources to dealing with more serious crimes	27	46	18	23	25	29	21	29	31	32	22	32	32	24	25	21
If people continue to hunt foxes with dogs, the police should simply turn a blind eye	6	14	1	3	8	4	4	5	9	6	5	6	7	6	4	7
Don't know	4	2	3	1	3	5	7	3	3	3	6	4	2	7	4	2

In general, which of the two main political parties' politicians more closely reflect your own views on fox-hunting, Conservative politicians or Labour politicians?

Conservative	20	60	4	6	24	15	11	18	28	25	14	27	24	17	15	17
Labour	35	11	67	45	38	32	33	34	38	37	33	30	34	33	39	41
Neither	18	9	8	29	20	16	17	18	18	17	18	18	20	18	16	17
Don't know	28	20	20	21	18	36	38	31	16	21	35	26	22	33	30	26

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	973	851
Conservative	465	426
Liberal Democrat	183	203
Scottish / Welsh Nationalist	27	30
Other	42	10
Did not vote	354	507

Newspaper readership:	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Express / Mail	408	332
Sun / Star	330	422
Mirror / Record	217	331
Guardian/ Independent	133	82
Financial Times / Times / Telegraph	296	195
Other paper	206	252
No paper	454	413

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