

YouGov Survey Results

The Labour Conference

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Here is a list of issues facing the country. Could you indicate for each of them which political party you think would handle it best? a) The National Health Service	
Conservative	24
Labour	33
Liberal Democrat	21
An other party	2
None of them	15
Don't know	6
b) Education and schools	
Conservative	30
Labour	30
Liberal Democrat	23
An other party	2
None of them	11
Don't know	5
c) The countryside	
Conservative	39
Labour	18
Liberal Democrat	18
An other party	7
None of them	11
Don't know	7
d) Europe	
Conservative	28
Labour	29
Liberal Democrat	18
An other party	4
None of them	12
Don't know	9
e) Public transport - the railways, buses etc	
Conservative	19
Labour	26
Liberal Democrat	20
An other party	4
None of them	22
Don't know	8
f) Law and Order	
Conservative	36
Labour	26
Liberal Democrat	13
An other party	3
None of them	14
Don't know	7

g) Inflation

Conservative	26
Labour	46
Liberal Democrat	7
An other party	2
None of them	10
Don't know	10

h) Unemployment

Conservative	20
Labour	46
Liberal Democrat	11
An other party	3
None of them	11
Don't know	9

i) The economy overall

Conservative	29
Labour	43
Liberal Democrat	9
An other party	2
None of them	9
Don't know	9

j) Britain's defence

Conservative	38
Labour	26
Liberal Democrat	11
An other party	3
None of them	11
Don't know	11

k) Taxation

Conservative	32
Labour	29
Liberal Democrat	18
An other party	3
None of them	11
Don't know	7

l) Asylum seekers

Conservative	33
Labour	15
Liberal Democrat	15
An other party	6
None of them	21
Don't know	10

m) The Iraq crisis

Conservative	22
Labour	25
Liberal Democrat	18
An other party	3
None of them	17
Don't know	14

How would you describe your feelings about Tony Blair and the present Labour Government? Would you describe them as being...?

Very Enthusiastic	3
Reasonably well satisfied	32
Somewhat dissatisfied	32
Very unhappy	31
Don't know	2

Since the Blair Government first came to power five years ago, do you think Britain's standing in the world has...?

Gone up	32
Gone down	29
Stayed about the same	37
Don't know	2

Since the Blair Government came to power, do you think Britain's relationship with the United States has become...?

Closer	59
More distant	4
Stayed about the same	36
Don't know	2

Since the Blair Government came to power, do you think Britain's relationship with Europe has become...?

Closer	30
More distant	27
Stayed about the same	40
Don't know	3

Since the Blair Government came to power, do you think Britain's economy as a whole has become...?

Stronger	42
Weaker	26
Stayed about the same	29
Don't know	3

Since the Blair Government came to power, do you think Britain's public services- things like the National Health Service, education and public transport have...?

Got better	17
Got worse	51
Stayed about the same	30
Don't know	1

People often see political parties as being close to, or not close to, various sections of society. Thinking of the Labour party, could you please indicate how close you see Labour as being to each of these kinds of people? a) Women

Very close	6
Fairly close	46
Not very close	32
Not at all close	8
Don't know	8

b) The Rich

Very close	14
Fairly close	38
Not very close	31
Not at all close	14
Don't know	4

c) Gay people

Very close	19
Fairly close	43
Not very close	22
Not at all close	5
Don't know	11

d) Working-class people

Very close	7
Fairly close	39
Not very close	39
Not at all close	13
Don't know	3

e) The poor

Very close	5
Fairly close	31
Not very close	40
Not at all close	21
Don't know	3

f) People who live in the country

Very close	1
Fairly close	16
Not very close	39
Not at all close	39
Don't know	5

g) Middle-class people

Very close	11
Fairly close	47
Not very close	26
Not at all close	13
Don't know	3

h) Members of trade unions

Very close	6
Fairly close	42
Not very close	39
Not at all close	9
Don't know	5

i) City-dwellers

Very close	18
Fairly close	56
Not very close	17
Not at all close	3
Don't know	6

j) Members of ethnic minorities

Very close	20
Fairly close	44
Not very close	24
Not at all close	5
Don't know	7

Some trade unions at the moment are showing signs of “flexing their muscles”. How worried are you personally that during the next year or so Britain could return to an era of trade union militancy, with frequent strikes and disruption to public services?

Very worried	19
A little worried	40
Not really worried	28
Not at all worried	12
Don't know	2

People have different views about whether it is more important to reduce taxes or keep up Government spending. Which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

Taxes should be cut - even if it means some reduction in government services such as health education and welfare	14
Things should be left as they are	25
Government services such as health education and welfare should be extended even if it means some increase in taxes	57
Don't know	4

There is a lot of talk at the moment about whether the present Government is or is not “delivering”. From what you know, do you think the Government is or is not delivering on each of the following? a) Getting people back to work

Is delivering	54
Is not delivering	35
Don't know	11

b) Improving the National Health Service

Is delivering	27
Is not delivering	67
don't know	6

c) Improving the quality of education in schools

Is delivering	27
Is not delivering	63
Don't know	11

d) Putting an end to the old stop-and-go, boom-and-bust economic cycle

Is delivering	51
Is not delivering	31
Don't know	18

e) Improving the quality of public transport

Is delivering	9
Is not delivering	85
Don't know	6

f) Being tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime

Is delivering	20
Is not delivering	73
Don't know	7

Tony Blair said recently that he wanted to “redistribute power, wealth and opportunity to the many not the few”. What is your own view about the desirability of redistributing wealth and income from the better off to the less well off?

Strongly in favour	27
Somewhat in favour	39
somewhat opposed	18
strongly opposed	11
Don't know	4

Which of the following pairs of words and phrases applies more to Tony Blair? a) ‘Concerned for country as a whole’ or ‘Concerned only for himself and his party’

Concerned for country as a whole	38
Concerned only for himself and his party	56
Don't know	6

b) ‘Caring’ or ‘Uncaring’

Caring	45
Uncaring	42
Don't know	13

c) ‘Tough’ or ‘Not tough’

Tough	38
Not tough	52
Don't know	11

d) ‘Effective’ or ‘Ineffective’

Effective	37
Ineffective	53
Don't know	10

e) ‘Can be trusted’ or ‘Cannot be trusted’

Can be trusted	31
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	Cannot be trusted	56
	Don't know	13
f) 'Competent' or 'Incompetent'		
	Competent	52
	Incompetent	36
	Don't know	13
g) A winner or A loser		
	A winner	50
	A loser	30
	Don't know	20
h) 'Firmly in charge' or 'Not really in charge'		
	Firmly in charge	51
	Not really in charge	41
	Don't know	9
i) 'Decisive' or 'Indecisive'		
	Decisive	53
	Indecisive	37
	Don't know	10
j) 'Likeable as a person' or 'Not likeable as a person'		
	Likeable as a person	51
	Not likeable as a person	37
	Don't know	12
k) 'Listens to reason' or 'Does not listen to reason'		
	Listens to reason	35
	Does not listen to reason	48
	Don't know	17
l) 'Able to unite the nation' or 'Not able to unite the nation'		
	Able to unite the nation	28
	Not able to unite the nation	60
	Don't know	13
Who do you think is doing the better job at the moment?		
	Tony Blair as Prime Minister	24
	Gordon Brown as Chancellor	53
	Don't know	23
Which of the two would you prefer to see as Prime Minister?		
	Tony Blair	42
	Gordon Brown	34
	Don't know	24