

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

Sample Size: 2104 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 24th - 26th March 2009
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Headline Voting Intention %
[Excluding Don't Knows and Wouldn't Vote]

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| Con | 41 |
| Lab | 31 |
| Lib Dem | 17 |
| Other | 11 |

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

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| Approve | 21 |
| Disapprove | 63 |
| Don't know | 16 |

Which of these would make the best Prime Minister?

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|---------------|-----------|
| David Cameron | 35 |
| Gordon Brown | 24 |
| Nick Clegg | 7 |
| Don't know | 34 |

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with Gordon Brown as Prime Minister?

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|--------------|-----------|
| Satisfied | 23 |
| Dissatisfied | 65 |
| Don't know | 12 |

Do you think that David Cameron is or is not proving a good leader of the Conservative Party?

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|------------------------------|-----------|
| Is proving a good leader | 49 |
| Is not proving a good leader | 28 |
| Don't know | 24 |

If you had to choose, which would you prefer to see after the next election, a Conservative government led by David Cameron or a Labour government led by Gordon Brown?

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| Conservative government led by David Cameron | 46 |
| Labour government led by Gordon Brown | 33 |
| Don't know | 21 |

Which party do you think is more likely to run Britain's economy well – the Conservatives or the Labour Party?

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|--------------|-----------|
| Conservative | 35 |
| Labour | 25 |
| Neither | 29 |
| Don't know | 12 |

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

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Get a lot better | 2 |
| Get a little better | 12 |
| Stay the same | 30 |
| Get a little worse | 36 |
| Get a lot worse | 18 |
| Don't know | 4 |

Overall, do you think the Government's measures for tackling Britain's recession...

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|--|----|
| Have started to work | 2 |
| Will start to work in the near future | 13 |
| Will start to work but not for some time | 28 |
| Will make little or no difference to the economy | 24 |
| Will end up making things worse | 24 |
| Don't know | 9 |

The recession means that the Government's tax revenues are down and borrowing is up. From what you know of the state of the public finances, do you think the Government should...?

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| Increase spending on public services to support the economy, even if borrowing rises | 6 |
| Keep spending on public services at about its present level | 9 |
| Cut spending on administration, but make sure spending on all front-line services such as health, education and the police is maintained | 59 |
| Cut spending significantly, and hand over the financing and running of some public services to the private sector | 9 |
| Other | 2 |
| Don't know | 16 |

Below is a list of problems facing the country. Could you say for each of them which political party you personally think would handle each problem best?

The National Health Service

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| Conservatives | 29 |
| Labour | 30 |
| Liberal Democrats | 11 |
| Some other party | 3 |
| None of these | 11 |
| Don't know | 18 |

Asylum and immigration

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|-------------------|----|
| Conservatives | 38 |
| Labour | 14 |
| Liberal Democrats | 10 |
| Some other party | 9 |
| None of these | 12 |
| Don't know | 17 |

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Law and order

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|-------------------|-----------|
| Conservatives | 41 |
| Labour | 21 |
| Liberal Democrats | 8 |
| Some other party | 4 |
| None of these | 10 |
| Don't know | 17 |

Education and schools

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|-------------------|-----------|
| Conservatives | 33 |
| Labour | 26 |
| Liberal Democrats | 13 |
| Some other party | 3 |
| None of these | 10 |
| Don't know | 16 |

Taxation

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|-------------------|-----------|
| Conservatives | 33 |
| Labour | 23 |
| Liberal Democrats | 13 |
| Some other party | 3 |
| None of these | 11 |
| Don't know | 17 |

Unemployment

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|-------------------|-----------|
| Conservatives | 30 |
| Labour | 26 |
| Liberal Democrats | 10 |
| Some other party | 3 |
| None of these | 12 |
| Don't know | 19 |

The environment; global warming

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|-------------------|-----------|
| Conservatives | 18 |
| Labour | 17 |
| Liberal Democrats | 22 |
| Some other party | 12 |
| None of these | 12 |
| Don't know | 20 |

The economy overall

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Conservatives | 33 |
| Labour | 25 |
| Liberal Democrats | 9 |
| Some other party | 3 |
| None of these | 11 |
| Don't know | 20 |

Thinking about if the Conservatives win the next election...

Do you think that during the next parliament...?

| | |
|--|-----------|
| The basic rate of income tax will go up above today's level | 46 |
| The basic rate of income tax will remain at 20p in the £ | 32 |
| The basic rate of income tax will go down below 20p in the £ | 4 |
| Don't know | 19 |

And under a Conservative government do you think that...

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Spending taxes such as VAT will go up | 50 |
| Spending taxes will remain about the same | 29 |
| Spending taxes will go down | 4 |
| Don't know | 17 |

Under a Conservative government do you think you would be...

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Better off than you are now | 19 |
| Worse off than you are now | 36 |
| Neither better nor worse off | 32 |
| Don't know | 14 |

In 2007, the Conservatives promised to abolish inheritance tax on people whose total assets are worth less than £1 million when they die. They have recently repeated this promise, despite the problems for government finances caused by the recession.

Do you think the Conservatives are right or wrong to confirm this commitment?

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| Right, they should keep their promise on inheritance tax if they win the next election | 51 |
| Wrong, it's a good idea but should not be a priority if government borrowing remains high | 27 |
| Wrong, they should scrap this policy altogether | 11 |
| Don't know | 11 |

The Government is proposing a 45p top rate of tax on incomes of over £150,000 from 2011. The Conservatives have indicated they, too, will implement the tax rise if they win power.

Do you think the rate of income tax on incomes above £150,000 a year should be...?

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|------------------------|-----------|
| More than 45p in the £ | 30 |
| 45p as proposed | 43 |
| 40p as now | 13 |
| Less than 40p in the £ | 5 |
| Don't know | 10 |

The annual salary of an MP is £63,291. MPs can also claim allowances for running their offices at Westminster and in their constituencies.

Overall do you think these arrangements are...

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|--|-----------|
| Too generous | 68 |
| About right | 23 |
| Not sufficient for an MP to work effectively | 4 |
| Don't know | 6 |

Some MPs are allowed to claim an allowance of up to £24,000 a year for living in London away from their constituencies.

Do you think this allowance is...

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|--|----|
| Too low, the allowance should be higher | 1 |
| About right | 15 |
| Too high, the allowance should be reduced | 32 |
| Wrong in principle and should be scrapped altogether | 46 |
| Don't know | 6 |

It has been reported some MPs have been accused of abusing the system of allowances and expenses.

If you had to guess, roughly how many of the UK's 646 MPs, if any, do you think grossly abuse the system?

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| More than 600 | 13 |
| Between 400 and 600 | 19 |
| Between 200 and 399 | 23 |
| TOTAL SAYING 200+ | 55 |
| Between 100 and 199 | 16 |
| Between 50 and 99 | 10 |
| Between 10 and 49 | 8 |
| Fewer than 10 | 2 |
| TOTAL SAYING FEWER THAN 100 | 20 |
| Don't know | 9 |

Do you think the typical MP is more or less honest about the money he/ she claim than the typical business executive with an expense account?

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| The typical MP is MORE honest than the typical business executive | 9 |
| The typical MP is LESS honest than the typical business executive | 37 |
| About the same both are reasonably honest about the money they claim | 14 |
| About the same neither is honest about the money they claim | 32 |
| Don't know | 8 |

It has been proposed that MPs should lose their second-home allowance and instead receive a higher salary.

Leaving aside the issue of the size of the overall package, do you think this should be divided differently from the way it is today so that MPs receive a higher proportion of that package in the form of salary and a lower proportion in the form of allowances?

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| Yes, it would be better and more honest to pay more of the overall package in the form of salary, and less in the form of allowances | 33 |
| No, the proportion that is paid in salary should NOT rise; instead more should be done to check that money for allowances is actually spent on necessary outgoings | 56 |
| Don't know | 12 |

Has the controversy over MPs' expenses and allowances...

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|--|----|
| Made me trust MPs MORE | 1 |
| Made no difference to my opinion about MPs | 32 |
| Made me trust MPs LESS than I did before | 61 |
| Don't know | 6 |