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Sample: 2,024; fieldwork: June 19-20, 2003

If there were a general election tomorrow, how would you vote?

	Gen elec	Jan 2002	3-4 Jan 2003	16-17 Jan 2003	10-11 April 2003	19-20 June 2003
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Labour	42	42	38	36	41	37
Conservative	33	30	31	30	33	36
Liberal Democrat	19	21	23	26	18	20
Others	6	7	8	8	8	7
Labour lead	9	12	7	6	8	1

In fact the next general election may not be held for two or three years. How likely do you think you will be then to vote (name of party)?	Likelihood of voting Lab		Likelihood of voting Con		Likelihood of voting Lib Dem	
	All	Current Lab supporters	All	Current Con supporters	All	Current Lib Dem supporters
Certain to vote for that party	11	35	13	44	3	17
Likely to vote for that party	21	58	20	53	20	79
Likely not to vote for that party	22	2	21	1	29	1
Certain not to vote that party	36	0	37	0	35	0
Don't know	10	5	9	2	13	3

Do you think [name of leader] is doing well or badly doing as [PM; leader of Conservatives/Liberal Democrats]?

	Blair		IDS		Kennedy	
	Well	Badly	Well	Badly	Well	Badly
	%	%	%	%	%	%
June 7-8 2002	49	48	36	54	53	31
Oct 11-12	57	41	31	65	60	30
Jan 3-4 2003	48	51	19	75	62	26
Jan 16-17	42	57	20	72	59	28
April 3-4	57	42	32	57	48	39
April 10-11	62	36	32	61	50	38
June 19-20	44	55	31	62	54	31

How would you describe the party leaders?

Tony Blair	Jan 2002	Now		Jan 2002	Now
In touch with the lives of people like you	34	23	Arrogant	61	63
Out of touch	60	70	Modest	30	24
Don't know	6	7	Don't know	9	13

Iain Duncan Smith	Jan 2002	Now		Jan 2002	Now
In touch with the lives of people like you	20	21	Arrogant	31	35
Out of touch	61	63	Modest	42	43
Don't know	19	16	Don't know	27	22

Charles Kennedy	Jan 2002	Now		Jan 2002	Now
In touch with the lives of people like you	55	39	Arrogant	15	18
Out of touch	29	35	Modest	67	54
Don't know	16	26	Don't know	18	28

Do you think ... can be trusted to tell the truth?	Blair	IDS	Kennedy
Can be trusted to tell the truth	26	30	41
Cannot be trusted	62	40	33
Don't know	12	30	36

Leaving aside your own political preferences, do you think the Government has a clear sense of purpose or is it running out of steam?	All	Lab supporters	Con supporters	Lib Dem supporters
Clear sense of purpose	23	57	4	15
Running out of steam	71	35	94	81
Don't know	6	7	2	4

There has recently been a government reshuffle. From what you know, would you say that the Prime Minister handled the reshuffle well or badly?	All	Lab supporters	Con supporters	Lib Dem supporters
Well	15	34	5	8
Badly	64	43	81	72
Don't know	21	23	14	20

As part of the reshuffle, Alan Milburn resigned as Health Secretary, saying his only reason was that he wanted to spend more time with his partner and children. Do you believe his explanation, or do you think there were other reasons for his resignation?	All	Lab supporters	Con supporters	Lib Dem supporters
I believe what Milburn said	30	46	22	31
There were other reasons	61	44	70	61
Don't know	10	10	8	9

Tony Blair wants to abolish the position of Lord Chancellor. The job of appointing judges would be transferred to an independent group; and the House of Lords would have an independent "speaker" to chair its debates, like the House of Commons. In principle do you support or oppose this reform?	All	Lab supporters	Con supporters	Lib Dem supporters
Support reform	57	81	36	62
Oppose reform	26	8	48	22
Don't know	27	11	16	16

Leaving aside whether it is a good or bad idea to abolish the position of Lord Chancellor, do you think the proposal was carefully thought out, or "scribbled on the back of an envelope"?	All	Lab supporters	Con supporters	Lib Dem supporters
Carefully thought out	36	53	12	18
"Scribbled on the back of an envelope"	56	28	78	61
Don't know	18	19	10	21

Some people have said Tony Blair has insulted the Queen for announcing this reform without fully consulting her beforehand. Do you think Tony Blair has or has not insulted the Queen on this matter?	All	Lab supporters	Con supporters	Lib Dem supporters
Has insulted Queen	48	19	75	47
Has not insulted Queen	37	66	16	35
Don't know	15	15	9	18

For the time being, until the post is abolished, Lord Falconer will serve as Lord Chancellor. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "It is outrageous for the Prime Minister to give this position to a former flatmate who has never been elected. The minister in charge of reforming Britain's legal system should be a member of the House of Commons"	All	Lab supporters	Con supporters	Lib Dem supporters
Agree	59	37	75	64
Disagree	10	17	8	8
Neither agree nor disagree	25	39	13	25
Don't know	6	7	4	4

Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Now that a Scottish Parliament and Welsh Assembly have been set up, the Prime Minister has decided that Scotland and Wales no longer each need a full-time Secretary of State in the Cabinet."	All	Lab supporters	Con supporters	Lib Dem supporters	Scots
Agree	41	48	42	39	44
Disagree	27	20	30	30	35
Neither agree nor disagree	21	21	18	22	17
Don't know	11	11	10	10	4

The Prime Minister says he now wants to turn his attention to the reform of public services such as schools, hospitals and public transport. Do you think that overall, Britain's public services have improved, stayed about the same or got worse since Labour came to power in 1997?	All	Lab supporters	Con supporters	Lib Dem supporters
Improved	14	39	1	8
Stayed the same	30	44	14	37
Got worse	54	14	85	53
Don't know	2	3	1	2

Ministers say the Government is starting to spend much more on our public services, and that they will be reformed and run more efficiently. What do you expect to happen to Britain's public services over the next few years?	All	Lab supporters	Con supporters	Lib Dem supporters
Will improve	22	56	3	16
Stay the same	32	30	26	42
Get worse	41	10	69	41
Don't know	5	4	3	2

Two former Cabinet ministers, Clare Short and Robin Cook, say that Tony Blair misled them about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction while they were still in the Cabinet. Do you think Mr Blair did or did not mislead the Cabinet before the recent war?	All	Lab supporters	Con supporters	Lib Dem supporters
Tony Blair misled cabinet deliberately	38	8	53	52
Tony Blair misled cabinet, but not deliberately	38	50	29	36
Did not mislead cabinet	15	31	10	6
Don't know	9	11	8	7

The Government is proposing to hold referendums in the north of England on whether to set up regional assemblies. The Government is NOT proposing to hold a referendum on the new constitution which is currently being drafted for the European Union. If you had to choose between them, which would you opt for?	All	Lab supporters	Con supporters	Lib Dem supporters	North of England
Referendums on regional assemblies	15	24	7	20	20
A referendum on a new constitution for the EU	61	43	80	60	56
Neither – I am against holding referendums on either issue	11	17	6	12	12
Don't know	13	16	7	8	12