

YouGov / Mail on Sunday Survey Results

YouGov questioned 1989 adults aged 18+ throughout Britain online between 3rd and 5th February 2005. The results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

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Please note that these tables have been republished after a slight error in the headings was discovered in the previous version.

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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 = 1596)*

Con	33	100	0	0	33	33	26	33	39	37	28	43	39	31	28	19
Lab	34	0	100	0	34	35	35	33	35	32	36	28	33	31	42	35
Lib Dem	23	0	0	100	22	23	27	22	19	23	23	22	21	26	23	20
Other	10	0	0	0	11	10	12	13	7	9	13	8	7	12	8	27
Would Not Vote	9	0	0	0	8	10	13	10	4	8	11	5	9	9	10	8
Don't know	12	0	0	0	9	15	15	13	9	10	15	11	10	14	13	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 (3%), UKIP(3%), BNP (1%), Green (2%) and Veritas (2%).

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Which three of the following political issues do you think are most important for this country? [Please tick up to three]

Immigration and asylum seekers	49	64	41	35	45	52	42	51	53	46	52	52	50	51	51	36
Law and order	43	51	44	40	44	41	28	46	53	44	41	39	42	45	45	40
Health	43	32	50	45	35	50	40	44	44	42	44	41	38	45	44	50
Education	29	19	34	38	26	32	36	34	18	30	29	29	27	30	32	28
The economy	26	25	32	28	30	21	26	26	25	30	21	25	26	26	23	31
The war on terrorism	22	18	27	21	19	24	26	17	23	19	25	17	24	21	24	23
Tax	17	24	11	13	20	14	23	16	12	17	17	18	18	15	15	22
The environment	16	8	16	28	16	16	18	16	14	17	15	15	16	15	16	18
The European Union's constitution	14	27	8	10	19	9	8	12	22	16	11	17	16	13	11	11
The decision on whether or not to replace the pound with the euro	13	17	11	9	14	11	11	11	16	13	13	13	11	13	14	11
Housing	11	5	12	13	10	11	15	11	6	9	12	12	11	8	10	13
Transport	8	4	9	11	10	6	10	7	6	9	7	14	7	7	7	6
Countryside and farming	3	4	1	1	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	2	4	3	2	2
Other	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2
Don't know	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	1	2

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And which matter most to you in your daily life?

[Please tick up to three]

Health	43	35	50	45	36	49	31	43	54	43	43	37	41	41	47	49
Law and order	41	49	45	33	44	38	26	41	55	42	39	40	39	41	45	37
Tax	27	38	21	22	31	24	33	28	20	29	25	32	28	26	26	24
The economy	25	26	31	25	32	19	24	25	26	29	21	25	26	24	25	29
Immigration and asylum seekers	23	34	19	12	23	23	16	23	30	22	24	29	25	22	23	14
Education	20	13	23	26	16	24	25	27	9	19	21	20	18	22	21	20
Transport	17	12	18	27	20	14	25	14	11	17	16	27	15	15	13	18
The environment	17	10	18	27	14	20	17	16	19	17	17	15	17	17	18	17
Housing	12	9	12	15	12	13	20	11	5	10	14	14	14	9	12	11
The war on terrorism	10	7	12	10	7	12	8	9	12	8	11	9	10	9	12	9
The decision on whether or not to replace the pound with the euro	7	10	5	6	9	6	7	6	9	8	7	7	8	9	6	6
The European Union's constitution	5	10	3	3	8	3	2	5	9	5	6	6	7	5	4	4
Countryside and farming	4	7	1	2	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	2	6	4	3	3
Other	2	2	0	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	4
Don't know	1	0	1	0	1	2	3	1	0	1	2	0	2	2	1	2

How do you rate the present Government's policies on immigration and people who seek asylum in Britain?

Too tough	4	1	2	9	4	3	4	3	3	4	3	6	3	2	3	7
Not tough enough	78	96	69	65	77	78	73	78	82	75	81	79	79	79	81	67
Has the balance about right	12	1	25	15	14	10	12	11	12	14	9	9	10	14	11	14
Don't know	7	1	4	11	5	9	11	7	3	6	8	6	7	6	5	11

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How do you think the Conservatives would handle the issue of immigration and people who seek asylum in Britain?

Would be too tough	23	5	38	37	27	19	27	21	21	28	17	22	21	20	21	40
Would be not tough enough	28	19	32	28	29	27	21	31	31	22	34	26	25	31	32	18
Would get the balance about right	26	68	8	15	29	23	23	23	33	31	21	33	30	25	22	21
Don't know	23	8	23	20	16	30	29	25	16	19	28	19	24	23	25	21

Some people say increased immigration is necessary because foreign workers are needed to perform jobs that Britons cannot or will not do. Do you agree or disagree?

Agree	21	13	29	33	26	17	25	17	22	26	16	27	19	20	16	33
Disagree	69	82	60	57	67	71	62	76	69	65	74	66	71	70	75	56
Don't know	10	6	11	10	7	12	13	7	9	10	10	6	10	10	9	11

How many immigrants do you think should be allowed into this country each year?

None	21	25	14	16	20	23	16	25	23	16	28	17	22	21	24	21
Up to 10,000	31	38	31	24	27	34	24	31	36	31	30	31	32	31	31	24
Up to 50,000	8	11	9	9	11	6	8	8	9	10	6	13	9	9	7	5
Up to 100,000	3	3	4	4	5	2	4	3	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	5
Up to 250,000	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1
Unlimited	4	1	6	7	7	3	7	5	1	6	3	5	5	3	3	8
Don't know	30	21	35	37	29	32	39	27	26	31	30	29	28	32	31	36

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Michael Howard has suggested the following changes to immigration law, if the Tories win the coming general election. In each case, do you support or oppose the proposal?

Withdraw from the 1951 UN Refugee Convention so the UK can legislate its own asylum laws

Support	60	87	45	42	60	60	49	64	67	57	63	64	61	60	63	46
Oppose	24	6	38	41	28	19	28	21	23	29	18	21	23	22	22	35
Don't know	16	8	16	17	11	21	23	16	10	14	19	15	16	18	15	19

All new asylum applicants to be immediately removed to processing centres abroad and dealt with there.

Support	50	71	39	36	54	46	40	53	55	47	52	52	50	54	47	42
Oppose	30	14	42	46	30	30	32	26	31	35	23	27	28	28	31	38
Don't know	21	15	19	18	16	25	28	21	14	17	25	21	22	19	21	21

Strict annual quotas on the numbers of refugees and economic migrants

Support	71	90	59	59	69	73	63	73	77	69	73	69	70	75	74	62
Oppose	18	4	30	32	22	15	21	18	16	22	14	17	19	15	18	27
Don't know	11	6	11	10	9	12	17	9	7	9	12	14	12	10	8	12

From what you know, do you think the following actions by a householder are generally legal or illegal under the present law?

Hit an intruder inside the home

Is currently legal	79	83	79	79	85	73	76	77	85	81	76	83	80	80	77	73
Is currently illegal	16	13	17	17	10	21	16	18	14	14	18	11	14	16	19	21
Don't know	5	4	3	4	5	5	8	5	2	5	6	5	5	4	4	5

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Continue to assault an incapacitated intruder

Is currently legal	2	2	1	2	3	2	4	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	4	2
Is currently illegal	94	94	96	95	95	93	89	96	95	95	92	91	95	94	93	95
Don't know	4	4	3	3	3	5	7	2	2	3	5	7	4	3	3	3

Set a trap to assault an intruder, without first informing the police

Is currently legal	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	3	6
Is currently illegal	89	90	91	88	90	87	86	90	90	90	87	87	91	88	89	90
Don't know	8	7	5	8	6	9	10	8	6	7	9	9	7	8	9	4

Chase and assault a retreating burglar to exact revenge

Is currently legal	3	3	3	1	3	2	4	2	3	2	3	3	3	2	3	3
Is currently illegal	92	93	94	94	94	91	90	93	95	95	90	91	92	94	93	94
Don't know	5	4	3	4	3	7	7	5	2	3	7	6	6	4	5	3

Hit an intruder inside the home

Should be legal	97	99	98	96	98	97	97	97	99	97	98	96	98	98	98	96
Should be illegal	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
Don't know	2	0	1	3	2	2	2	2	0	2	2	3	1	1	1	2

Continue to assault an incapacitated intruder

Should be legal	21	26	17	13	25	18	25	21	18	19	24	24	20	22	22	20
Should be illegal	71	68	78	80	70	73	65	72	77	75	67	68	72	72	72	73
Don't know	7	7	5	7	5	10	9	7	5	6	8	9	8	6	7	7

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Set a trap to assault an intruder, without first informing the police

Should be legal	50	59	42	42	54	46	51	51	48	48	52	49	51	51	49	46
Should be illegal	42	34	51	48	40	44	39	41	46	44	40	45	40	41	41	49
Don't know	8	7	7	10	6	10	10	9	6	8	8	6	9	8	9	5

Chase and assault a retreating burglar to exact revenge

Should be legal	33	38	30	26	37	30	34	34	32	31	36	35	33	31	35	32
Should be illegal	57	54	62	63	55	59	55	55	61	61	53	55	57	58	56	60
Don't know	10	9	8	11	8	11	11	11	7	8	11	10	10	10	9	8

The Conservatives have suggested a change to the law so that a householder can only be prosecuted when using 'grossly disproportionate force'. Which option do you favour?

Keep the present law which allows householders to use 'reasonable force'	25	9	37	35	22	27	26	22	26	28	20	24	23	23	25	30
Change the law to allow anything except 'grossly disproportionate force'	45	54	40	44	43	47	45	49	41	45	45	45	46	45	47	41
Give householders the right to attack an intruder in any manner - even if it leads to the death of the intruder	27	35	21	18	32	22	24	26	30	24	29	28	26	29	25	25
Don't know	4	2	2	3	3	5	5	4	2	2	6	3	5	3	3	4

Here are some posters that Labour has considered using in the coming election campaign. Some people said that they were anti-Semitic. As a result of the controversy, Labour has now said it will not use the posters.

Do you think this poster is...

Deliberately anti-Semitic	18	34	8	14	17	19	14	16	24	20	16	15	22	15	16	22
Accidentally anti-Semitic	16	21	11	21	16	15	14	16	17	18	13	18	18	13	14	16
Not anti-Semitic	44	28	64	49	52	37	42	44	46	48	40	48	40	49	44	42

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Don't know	22	17	16	17	15	29	30	24	13	14	31	19	20	22	26	20

If this poster were redesigned to avoid any allegation of anti-Semitism, do you think the point it makes about the Conservative leadership's policies is fair or unfair?

Fair	35	7	65	43	41	29	35	34	36	36	33	33	33	35	38	39
Unfair	32	75	9	21	34	30	23	32	41	36	28	39	35	32	29	24
Don't know	33	18	25	36	25	41	41	35	24	28	39	29	33	33	33	38

Does this poster make you more likely to vote Labour, less likely, or does it make no difference?

More likely	4	1	8	3	5	3	5	3	4	3	5	4	4	5	3	2
Less likely	13	26	3	10	14	12	12	13	14	15	11	17	14	13	11	14
No difference – I shall vote Labour anyway	24	1	86	4	25	24	21	24	28	25	24	20	25	23	29	24
No difference – I shall NOT vote Labour anyway	48	69	1	77	49	46	43	51	49	50	45	52	46	49	45	51
Don't know	11	3	3	6	7	15	18	10	5	7	15	8	11	11	13	8

Do you think this poster is...

Deliberately anti-Semitic	21	36	13	15	18	23	20	18	25	21	21	19	26	17	22	18
Accidentally anti-Semitic	13	19	11	17	15	11	10	13	16	16	10	19	14	10	11	14
Not anti-Semitic	50	35	64	57	56	44	49	50	50	54	45	50	46	55	49	52
Don't know	16	11	13	11	11	21	21	19	9	10	23	12	14	18	18	17

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Fair	39	8	72	45	45	33	38	39	39	41	37	34	35	38	45	49
Unfair	32	76	9	24	34	31	26	29	41	35	29	41	38	32	26	21
Don't know	29	16	19	30	21	36	36	32	19	24	34	25	28	30	29	30

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More likely	5	1	9	7	6	3	6	3	4	4	5	4	5	6	3	4
Less likely	12	24	1	9	13	11	11	12	12	14	10	13	14	11	10	12
No difference – I shall vote Labour anyway	24	1	85	2	25	23	22	23	28	24	24	20	25	22	29	22
No difference – I shall NOT vote Labour anyway	48	71	0	76	50	46	43	51	50	51	45	54	45	49	45	54
Don't know	12	4	4	6	7	16	18	11	6	7	16	9	12	12	13	8

There have been reports that, if Labour wins the coming general election, Tony Blair will want to appoint a new Chancellor of the Exchequer in place of Gordon Brown. Do you think Mr Blair should...

Keep Gordon Brown as Chancellor	56	43	75	63	59	54	51	56	62	58	54	46	56	56	59	71
Move Mr Brown to another major job, such as Foreign Secretary	14	16	15	12	13	16	14	12	17	15	13	17	18	11	13	12
Sack Mr Brown from the Cabinet altogether	11	20	3	11	15	7	9	14	10	11	10	13	10	13	9	7
Don't know	19	20	7	14	13	24	26	19	11	16	22	24	16	19	19	11

If Tony Blair offers Gordon Brown the job of Foreign Secretary, do you think Mr Brown should...

Accept the job of Foreign Secretary	38	27	59	40	37	39	37	34	43	40	36	36	40	36	41	35
Reject the offer, leave the Government and become a backbench MP	27	44	12	27	37	18	24	29	29	29	25	29	27	26	25	36
Don't know	35	29	29	33	27	42	40	37	28	31	39	35	33	38	34	29

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	885	848
Conservative	384	424
Liberal Democrat	216	202
Scottish / Welsh Nationalist	29	30
Other	68	15
Did not vote	407	520

Newspaper readership:	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Express / Mail	323	324
Sun / Star	357	444
Mirror / Record	292	324
Guardian/ Independent	140	90
Financial Times / Times / Telegraph	220	192
Other paper	179	254
No paper	478	412

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