

YOUNGOV / SUNDAY TIMES SURVEY OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY MEMBERS

TRENDS

Preferred successor to Michael Howard	Sept 7-9	Sept 28-30	Oct 6-8
	%	%	%
David Cameron	17	16	39
Kenneth Clarke	33	30	26
David Davis	27	30	14
Liam Fox	8	13	13
Sir Malcolm Rifkind	4	4	1
Candidate(s) that party members DON'T want as party leader			
Sir Malcolm Rifkind	54	55	63
Kenneth Clarke	37	36	40
Liam Fox	34	28	30
David Cameron	20	23	12
David Davis	16	26	33
Perceived chances of Conservatives winning next general election			
Excellent		4	7
Good		26	38
Fair		45	42
Poor		20	11
Very poor		4	1
Don't know		1	*
			* = less than 0.5%
Candidate most likely to boost Tory chances at next general election			
David Cameron		10	38
Kenneth Clarke		43	34
David Davis		27	11
Liam Fox		7	8
Sir Malcolm Rifkind		3	1
Don't know		10	8
Trial heat: Clarke v Davis			
Kenneth Clarke	45	44	49
David Davis	48	48	44
Don't know	7	8	7
Trial heat: Cameron v Davis			
David Davis	53		27
David Cameron	36		66
Don't know	7		7

FULL RESULTS

YouGov reinterviewed 746 Conservative Party members online between October 6 and 8. The same members had originally been polled in early September

From what you saw at the Conservative conference in Blackpool this week, which of the following would you like to succeed Michael Howard as leader of the Conservative party?

	All %	"One nation" Tories %	"Blue water" Tories %	Changed mind %
David Cameron	39	49	32	63
Kenneth Clarke	26	34	18	11
David Davis	14	7	20	2
Liam Fox	13	4	20	17
Sir Malcolm Rifkind	1	1	2	2
Don't know	7	3	10	5

Leaving aside your personal preferences as to who the new leader of the Conservative Party should be, how well do you think each of the following performed at this week's Conservative Party conference?

David Cameron

Very well	68	79	59	77
Fairly well	23	17	29	18
Fairly badly	2	1	3	1
Very badly	1	0	1	1
Don't know	6	3	9	2

Kenneth Clarke

Very well	43	52	34	38
Fairly well	44	42	48	53
Fairly badly	5	3	8	5
Very badly	2	1	2	2
Don't know	6	3	8	3

David Davis

Very well	4	2	4	3
Fairly well	25	16	33	21
Fairly badly	43	47	40	52
Very badly	22	31	15	20
Don't know	6	3	9	3

Liam Fox

Very well	31	25	36	38
Fairly well	46	51	41	43
Fairly badly	10	14	7	8
Very badly	3	3	2	2
Don't know	11	7	14	9

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Sir Malcolm Rifkind				
Very well	16	18	12	19
Fairly well	41	44	38	40
Fairly badly	18	18	19	17
Very badly	8	6	9	8
Don't know	18	13	22	16
Has your view on who should be party leader changed in the last few days?				
Yes, it has changed	44	44	43	100
No, it has not changed	53	54	53	0
Don't know	3	2	4	0
Which of the following do you think should definitely NOT be elected as leader of the Conservative party? [Please tick all that apply]				
Sir Malcolm Rifkind	63	65	63	69
Kenneth Clarke	40	26	54	47
Liam Fox	30	43	20	28
David Cameron	12	7	17	7
David Davis	33	49	20	34
Don't know	6	5	5	4
Each of the leadership candidates is widely regarded as having his strong points. However, each is also regarded by some as having his weaknesses. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?				
David Davis is unlikely to inspire voters				
Agree	63	77	52	73
Disagree	25	16	33	17
Don't know	12	7	15	10
Kenneth Clarke is too old to lead the party				
Agree	46	38	53	53
Disagree	48	57	40	39
Don't know	6	5	6	7
David Cameron is too young and inexperienced				
Agree	31	23	38	17
Disagree	59	69	53	74
Don't know	10	8	9	9
Liam Fox is not strong enough to lead the party				
Agree	45	53	37	37
Disagree	41	36	46	48
Don't know	14	10	17	15

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How do you personally rate the Conservatives' chances of winning the next general election, in the sense of having an overall majority in the House of Commons?				
I rate the Conservatives' chances as...				
Excellent	7	6	7	8
Good	38	33	44	40
Fair	42	49	36	40
Poor	11	11	12	10
Very poor	1	1	1	1
Don't know	0	1	0	0

	All %	"One nation" Tories %	"Blue water" Tories %	Changed mind %
Which of the following do you think would do most to boost the Conservatives' chances of winning the next election?				
David Cameron	38	45	32	58
Kenneth Clarke	34	41	27	21
David Davis	11	6	17	2
Liam Fox	8	3	13	10
Sir Malcolm Rifkind	1	1	1	1
Don't know	8	4	11	7

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In the end, party members will have to choose between the two candidates put forward by the Conservative parliamentary party. Which two would you like the choice to be between?				
David Cameron	71	82	62	82
Kenneth Clarke	48	63	34	42
David Davis	37	24	49	33
Liam Fox	30	20	39	34
Sir Malcolm Rifkind	7	7	7	7
Don't know	3	1	4	1

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If the two candidates turn out to be Kenneth Clarke and David Davis, which of those two would you vote for?				
Kenneth Clarke	49	68	31	46
David Davis	44	25	60	47
Don't know	7	7	8	8

	All %	"One nation" Tories %	"Blue water" Tories %	Changed mind %
How would you vote if the final choice were David Davis or David Cameron?				
David Davis	27	13	41	16
David Cameron	66	83	51	79
Don't know	7	5	8	5

	All %	"One nation" Tories %	"Blue water" Tories %	Changed mind %
And how would you vote if the final choice were David Davis or Liam Fox?				
David Davis	44	43	47	38
Liam Fox	41	42	40	48
Don't know	15	16	13	14

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And finally how would you vote if the final choice were Kenneth Clarke or David Cameron?				
Kenneth Clarke	33	39	28	19
David Cameron	60	56	64	77
Don't know	6	4	8	4
Which of these statements comes closer to your view?				
'The Conservative Party should move more towards the political centre, with more moderate 'one nation' policies'	43	100	0	44
'The Conservative Party should remain firmly on the Right of politics and put clear blue water between the Conservatives and the Labour Party'	50	0	100	50
Don't know	6	0	0	6