

YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 2080

Fieldwork: 13th - 14th November 2008

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Headline Voting Intention

[Excluding Don't know and Wouldn't vote]

Con	41
Lab	36
Lib Dem	14
Other	10

Other Parties Voting Intention

SNP / PCY	3
BNP	3
UKIP	2
Green	1
Respect	0
Other	1

Non Voters

<i>Would Not Vote</i>	7
<i>Don't know</i>	12

Do you think Gordon Brown is doing well or badly as prime minister?

Very well	5
Fairly well	36
Fairly badly	31
Very badly	23
Don't know	6

Do you think David Cameron is doing well or badly as Conservative leader?

Very well	8
Fairly well	46
Fairly badly	24
Very badly	10
Don't know	12

Do you think Nick Clegg is doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?

Very well	3
Fairly well	28
Fairly badly	21
Very badly	11
Don't know	37

Who would you trust more to raise you and your family's standard of living?

Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling	28
David Cameron and George Osborne	32
Neither	28
Don't know	12

In your opinion how good or bad is the state of Britain's economy at the moment?

Very good	0
Quite good	2
Neither good nor bad	9
Quite bad	44
Very bad	43
Don't know	2

Over the next 12 months do you think Britain's economy will...

Grow at a faster rate than over the past 12 months	1
Grow at about the same rate	3
Grow more slowly	15
Not grow at all	21
Go into recession	56
Don't know	4

Do you think house prices in your area will rise or fall over the next 12 months?

Rise by more than 10%	1
Rise by less than 10%	3
Stay about the same	14
Fall by less than 10%	38
Fall by more than 10%	38
Don't know	6

Do you fear that you or a close member of your family will lose their job as a result of the current financial crisis?

Yes I do fear this	38
No I don't	32
Not sure	24
Not applicable - neither I nor any close member of my family is currently working	6

From what you have seen do you think Gordon Brown is handling the financial crisis well or badly?

Well	33
Badly	33
Neither	26
Don't know	7

Who would you trust most to handle this crisis?

Gordon Brown & Alistair Darling	36
David Cameron & George Osborne	25
Neither	26
Don't know	14

The Bank of England has cut interest rates to a 55-year low of 3%. What will be the effect on you and your family?

It will help our finances, but we shall save more rather than spend more	16
It will help and it will encourage us to spend more	6
It won't make any difference	51
It will hurt us because we rely on income from savings	19
Don't know	9

Gordon Brown made the Bank of England independent when he became chancellor in 1997 giving it the power to set interest rates. With hindsight was he right or wrong to do so?

Right	47
Wrong	20
Don't know	32

Do you think the Bank of England is doing a good job or a bad job setting interest rates?

Good job	44
Bad job	22
Don't know	34

Do you intend to spend more or less this Christmas compared with last year?

More	3
Less	53
About the same	41
Don't know	3

The government is considering tax cuts and additional public spending in its pre-budget report on November 24. What would you like to see?

Tax cuts but no extra spending	34
Extra spending but no tax cuts	6
Both tax cuts and higher public spending	19
Neither - the government is already borrowing enough	31
Don't know	11

If the government announces help in the pre-budget report which one of the following groups should receive the most help?

State pensioners and other people on low incomes	43
Ordinary families	36
Small firms	12
None of these	3
Don't know	7

Thinking about last week's elections in America...

Do you think following Barack Obama's victory in the United States Britain will have a black prime minister:

Within the next 20 years?	27
In 20-40 years time?	17
Not for the foreseeable future	36
Not sure	21

Who do you think is closer to Mr Obama and his policies in Britain?

Gordon Brown and Labour	34
David Cameron and the Conservatives	18
Don't know	48

Mr Obama is said to favour more troops in Afghanistan. Do you think Britain should provide more troops?

Yes, as soon as possible	3
Yes, but only when more British troops have been withdrawn from Iraq and other Nato countries have first put in extra troops to Afghanistan	39
Not under any circumstances	46
Don't know	12

Turning to another subject: Following recent controversies would you support or oppose a general ban on swear words even milder ones on TV?

Support a ban on all swear words	39
Oppose a ban on all swear words	49
Don't know	13

Should the F-word be banned on TV?

Yes, it should be banned entirely	30
Yes, but banned only before 11pm	23
Yes, but banned only before 9pm	41
No, it should be allowed at any time	3
Don't know	3

Should the C-word be banned?

Yes, it should be banned entirely	55
Yes, but banned only before 11pm	19
Yes, but banned only before 9pm	21
No, it should be allowed at any time	3
Don't know	3

Which of the following best reflects your general view?

The BBC should set standards of behaviour and language for the rest of the country to follow, even if this means it does not fully reflect the reality of everyday life	41
The BBC should reflect standards of behaviour and language as they are in the country, even if this means showing things that offend some people	42
Neither	10
Don't know	7

And which of the following best reflects your general view?

The BBC should concentrate MORE on public service broadcasting such as news, documentaries and dramas, and LESS on general entertainment	28
The BBC should offer a full range of programmes, including as much general entertainment as it shows now	66
Don't know	6

As you may be aware Prince Charles is 60 this week. Do you think he will make a good king?

Yes, he will	44
No, he will not	32
Don't know	25

As Prince of Wales, Prince Charles has regularly made his views known on issues of the day such as climate change, GM food and architecture. By convention the monarch does not do that.

Should he be allowed to continue to speak out when he becomes king?

Yes, he should	65
No, he should not	26
Don't know	9

Would it benefit the country to have a monarch with a voice on current political controversies particularly in times of national difficulty or do you think this should be left to politicians?

Yes, it would benefit the country	49
No, it should be left to politicians	38
Don't know	13

There has been talk of changing the law of succession, so that a future monarch could marry somebody not from the Church of England, notably the Catholic faith, and still assume the throne.

Would you support or oppose such a change?

Support such a change	62
Oppose such a change	19
Don't know	20

More widely do you think people in Britain prefer a plucky loser or a ruthless winner?

Plucky loser	70
Ruthless winner	15
Don't know	16

Which of the following British sporting stars do you most admire?

Lewis Hamilton (racing driver)	25
Rebecca Adlington (Olympic swimmer)	23
Chris Hoy (Olympic cyclist)	20
Andy Murray (tennis player)	7
None of these	18
Don't know	8

A new series of I'm a Celebrity - Get me Out of Here is about to be broadcast. Among politicians which of these would you most like to see getting humiliating treatment in the jungle?

Peter Mandelson	20
John Prescott	17
Gordon Brown	15
David Cameron	13
George Osborne	4
Alistair Darling	3
Nick Clegg	1
None of these	18
Don't know	10