

## YouGov / The Sun Survey Results

**Sample Size: 1996 GB Adults**  
**Fieldwork: 27th - 28th August 2009**  
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### Headline Voting Intention

*[Excluding Don't Knows and Wouldn't Votes]*

Con	<b>42</b>
Lab	<b>28</b>
Lib Dem	<b>17</b>
Other	<b>14</b>

### Other Parties Voting Intention

*[Excluding Don't Knows and Wouldn't Votes]*

UKIP	<b>5</b>
SNP / PCY	<b>3</b>
BNP	<b>3</b>
Green	<b>2</b>
Respect	<b>0</b>
Other	<b>1</b>

### Non Voters

<i>Would Not Vote</i>	<b>8</b>
<i>Don't know</i>	<b>14</b>

### Is Gordon Brown doing well or badly as Prime Minister?

Very well	<b>2</b>
Fairly well	<b>14</b>
Neither well nor badly	<b>21</b>
Fairly badly	<b>30</b>
Very badly	<b>31</b>
Don't know	<b>3</b>

### Is David Cameron doing well or badly as Conservative leader?

Very well	<b>6</b>
Fairly well	<b>36</b>
Neither well nor badly	<b>29</b>
Fairly badly	<b>15</b>
Very badly	<b>8</b>
Don't know	<b>7</b>

### Is Nick Clegg doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?

Very well	<b>2</b>
Fairly well	<b>22</b>
Neither well nor badly	<b>36</b>
Fairly badly	<b>13</b>
Very badly	<b>6</b>
Don't know	<b>21</b>

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**Is Bob Ainsworth doing well or badly as Defence Secretary?**

Very well	1
Fairly well	8
Neither well nor badly	20
Fairly badly	23
Very badly	22
Don't know	28

**Which of these would make the best Prime Minister?**

Gordon Brown	19
David Cameron	38
Nick Clegg	10
Don't know	33

**Do you agree or disagree that David Cameron has the right TEAM around him to be prime minister?**

Strongly agree	3
Tend to agree	31
Tend to disagree	27
Strongly disagree	15
Don't know	25

**And do you agree or disagree that David Cameron has the right POLICIES to be prime minister?**

Strongly agree	5
Tend to agree	36
Tend to disagree	23
Strongly disagree	18
Don't know	18

**Do you think the Government is doing a good or bad job at supporting our troops in Afghanistan?**

Very good	3
Fairly good	21
Fairly bad	33
Very bad	35
Don't know	8

**Which of these do you think would do the best job as head of the British armed forces?**

Gordon Brown	14
David Cameron	29
Nick Clegg	7
Don't know	50

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<b>From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?</b>	
<b>Troops in Afghanistan are making our lives safer here in Britain</b>	
Strongly agree	11
Tend to agree	29
Tend to disagree	27
Strongly disagree	19
Don't know	14
<b>The quality of equipment our troops are provided with in Afghanistan is good enough to get the job done</b>	
Strongly agree	5
Tend to agree	14
Tend to disagree	29
Strongly disagree	39
Don't know	13
<b>British soldiers are paid enough for the job they do</b>	
Strongly agree	4
Tend to agree	20
Tend to disagree	29
Strongly disagree	32
Don't know	15
<b>Injured soldiers are not given the treatment they deserve by the British government</b>	
Strongly agree	41
Tend to agree	31
Tend to disagree	11
Strongly disagree	6
Don't know	10
<b>The campaign in Afghanistan is worthwhile to defeat terrorism both in the region and at home</b>	
Strongly agree	10
Tend to agree	29
Tend to disagree	26
Strongly disagree	24
Don't know	12
<b>Soldiers should be paid more than their usual salary when they are serving in places like Afghanistan</b>	
Strongly agree	39
Tend to agree	34
Tend to disagree	14
Strongly disagree	7
Don't know	6

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**We have the highest quality soldiers fighting in Afghanistan that we can**

Strongly agree	<b>33</b>
Tend to agree	<b>42</b>
Tend to disagree	<b>8</b>
Strongly disagree	<b>3</b>
Don't know	<b>14</b>

**Thinking about Britain's troops in Afghanistan do you feel...?**

Proud of them: they are fighting a war that must be won	<b>24</b>
Proud of them even though they are fighting a war that can't be won	<b>66</b>
Not proud of them	<b>5</b>
Don't know	<b>6</b>

**Thinking about the economy...**

**Compared to three months ago are you generally feeling more confident about the state of the economy less confident or about the same as you were then?**

Much more confident	<b>3</b>
A little more confident	<b>31</b>
About the same	<b>44</b>
A little less confident	<b>12</b>
Much less confident	<b>8</b>
Don't know	<b>2</b>

**Do you think the economy is likely to get better or worse in the next 12 months?**

Much better	<b>5</b>
A little better	<b>43</b>
Neither better nor worse	<b>22</b>
A little worse	<b>19</b>
Much worse	<b>8</b>
Don't know	<b>4</b>

**Thinking about your financial situation would you say the last 12 months have been...?**

Excellent	<b>1</b>
Pretty good	<b>26</b>
Not great	<b>50</b>
Miserable	<b>20</b>
Don't know	<b>2</b>

**And do you anticipate the next 12 months being...?**

Excellent	<b>2</b>
Pretty good	<b>31</b>
Not great	<b>51</b>
Miserable	<b>12</b>
Don't know	<b>5</b>

**Now thinking about the National Health Service...**

**Broadly speaking, do you think the NHS as a British institution is something to be proud of or ashamed of?**

Something to be proud of	<b>79</b>
Something to be ashamed of	<b>13</b>
Don't know	<b>9</b>

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

**Britain should replace the NHS with an American-style health system based mainly on private insurance**

Strongly agree	<b>3</b>
Tend to agree	<b>5</b>
Tend to disagree	<b>17</b>
Strongly disagree	<b>69</b>
Don't know	<b>6</b>

**Whatever the Conservatives say their party is NOT really committed to preserving and improving the NHS**

Strongly agree	<b>20</b>
Tend to agree	<b>28</b>
Tend to disagree	<b>21</b>
Strongly disagree	<b>11</b>
Don't know	<b>20</b>

**Despite its flaws, the NHS provides a valuable service to people all over the country**

Strongly agree	<b>55</b>
Tend to agree	<b>35</b>
Tend to disagree	<b>4</b>
Strongly disagree	<b>2</b>
Don't know	<b>4</b>

**Whatever Labour says, most of the extra money that this government has spent on the NHS has been wasted rather than used to improve services to patients**

Strongly agree	29
Tend to agree	37
Tend to disagree	18
Strongly disagree	5
Don't know	12

**Which of the following statements comes closer to your view?**

We would be right to invest more money in the NHS and we should do so as soon as possible	22
We would be right to invest more money in the NHS but we shouldn't do so until we have reformed the system to improve efficiency	69
We would be wrong to invest more money in the NHS; we should be thinking about investing elsewhere	4
Don't know	5

**Moving on...**

**Abdelbasset Ali al-Megrahi was convicted for the 1988 Lockerbie bombings. He was sentenced to a life sentence of at least 27 years following his 2001 conviction for the bombing.**

**It was announced last week that Abdelbasset Ali al-Megrahi would be released on compassionate grounds, in view of his diagnosis of advanced prostate cancer. He was subsequently flown back to his home country of Libya.**

**Which of the following statements comes closer to your view?**

He should have been kept in jail	52
He should have been sent to a Scottish hospital or hospice where his relatives could have been with him	25
He was rightly returned to Libya	18
Don't know	6

**Which ONE of the following people do you believe had MOST influence with the decision to release al-Megrahi?**

Gordon Brown the British Prime Minister	22
Alex Salmond the Scottish First Minister	17
Kenny MacAskill the Scottish Justice Minister	36
Don't know	25

**Do you think Gordon Brown should have...?**

Actively SUPPORTED Scotland's decision to release al-Megrahi	9
Actively OPPOSED Scotland's decision to release al-Megrahi	51
Not offered a view either way prior to the decision	30
Don't know	9

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

**The release of the Lockerbie bomber is likely to benefit the UK in the long run with improved trade deals**

Strongly agree	<b>4</b>
Tend to agree	<b>21</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	<b>25</b>
Tend to disagree	<b>18</b>
Strongly disagree	<b>18</b>
Don't know	<b>14</b>

**The release of the Lockerbie bomber was worthwhile if it allows the UK to set up trade deals with Libya**

Strongly agree	<b>2</b>
Tend to agree	<b>9</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	<b>22</b>
Tend to disagree	<b>23</b>
Strongly disagree	<b>34</b>
Don't know	<b>9</b>

**And finally looking ahead to Christmas...**

**Thinking about Christmas shopping and the amount of money you're likely to spend do you think you will...?**

Spend money without thinking about how much you're spending	<b>3</b>
Spend money but generally keep on top of how much you're spending	<b>33</b>
Spend money but keep a very tight rein on your budget	<b>40</b>
Try not to spend much money at all	<b>19</b>
Not applicable - I don't celebrate Christmas	<b>3</b>
Don't know	<b>2</b>