

YouGov / The Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 1533 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 25th - 26th March 2010

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Headline Voting Intention																
<i>[Excluding Don't Know and Wouldn't Vote]</i>																
Con	37	100	0	0	36	38	36	35	39	39	34	40	47	39	28	16
Lab	32	0	100	0	32	31	30	35	29	30	33	30	21	32	41	48
Lib Dem	19	0	0	100	18	20	22	21	14	20	17	18	23	17	19	11
Other	13	0	0	0	14	11	12	9	17	11	16	13	10	13	12	26
Other Parties Voting Intention																
UKIP	4	0	0	0	5	3	1	3	7	3	5	4	4	3	6	1
BNP	3	0	0	0	4	2	3	2	4	2	5	1	2	6	4	1
SNP / PCY	2	0	0	0	3	2	1	1	5	2	2	0	0	3	0	20
Green	2	0	0	0	2	2	4	1	1	2	2	3	3	1	1	2
Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Other	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	4	0	0	1	2
Non Voters																
Would Not Vote	7	0	0	0	6	9	11	6	5	5	10	7	7	8	6	8
Don't know	12	0	0	0	9	14	13	13	9	10	13	12	11	15	12	6

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		11 - 12 Mar	25-26 Mar															
Who would you trust more to raise you and your family's standard of living?																		
	Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling	25	24	1	76	15	28	20	21	26	24	25	22	24	16	21	30	42
	David Cameron and George Osborne	29	30	82	1	14	31	29	29	28	33	33	26	30	39	30	23	15
	Neither	39	38	15	18	65	36	40	37	37	39	34	42	39	37	37	40	36
	Don't know	7	8	3	5	6	6	11	13	8	4	7	10	7	8	11	7	7

In your opinion how good or bad is the state of Britain's economy at the moment?																		
	Very good	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Quite good	4	4	1	10	4	7	2	6	4	3	4	4	5	3	5	5	4
	TOTAL GOOD	5	4	1	11	4	7	2	7	4	3	4	4	6	3	5	5	5
	Neither good nor bad	19	17	6	32	18	16	18	18	15	16	19	17	13	19	18	21	
	Quite bad	43	41	38	47	44	35	46	47	41	36	44	38	47	40	31	46	47
	Very bad	31	35	54	9	33	39	32	22	36	45	35	36	30	41	41	29	25
	TOTAL BAD	74	76	92	56	77	74	78	69	77	81	79	74	77	81	72	75	72
	Don't know	2	2	1	1	0	3	1	6	1	0	1	3	0	2	4	1	1

How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months?		24-25 Mar																
	Get a lot better	2	2	1	5	1	3	1	4	2	0	2	2	3	1	1	2	3
	Get a little better	19	17	16	23	17	18	15	25	16	10	18	16	22	14	18	17	16
	TOTAL BETTER	21	19	17	28	18	21	16	29	18	10	20	18	25	15	19	19	19
	Stay the same	35	34	29	40	39	30	37	34	36	31	35	32	34	36	27	34	38
	Get a little worse	30	31	38	23	32	31	31	22	30	40	34	28	28	31	33	32	33
	Get a lot worse	10	12	12	6	8	13	11	7	13	16	10	15	8	14	12	13	7
	TOTAL WORSE	40	43	50	29	40	44	42	29	43	56	44	43	36	45	45	45	40
	Don't know	4	5	4	3	2	4	5	9	3	2	3	7	5	4	8	3	3

Taking everything into account, do you think Alistair Darling's budget this week was good or bad?																		
	Very good	1	0	5	0	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	2	4
	Fairly good	30	8	69	35	33	28	29	33	28	33	26	35	24	31	33	38	
	TOTAL GOOD	31	8	74	35	35	29	31	34	30	34	27	36	25	31	35	42	
	Fairly bad	33	49	13	40	30	36	29	32	38	34	32	29	37	33	31	33	
	Very bad	18	33	2	8	21	15	13	18	23	16	20	17	21	18	17	10	
	TOTAL BAD	51	82	15	48	51	51	42	50	61	50	52	46	58	51	48	43	
	Don't know	18	10	12	17	14	21	28	16	10	15	21	18	18	18	18	15	

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And do you think the budget was honest or dishonest?

Honest	28	9	67	27	31	25	24	29	29	30	25	27	22	28	30	42
Dishonest	44	74	10	41	49	40	40	42	51	45	43	47	51	42	39	33
Don't know	28	17	24	32	20	36	36	29	20	25	32	26	26	30	31	25

Will you and your family be better off or worse off as the result of the budget, or will it make no difference?

Better off	2	1	6	2	3	2	4	2	2	2	2	5	2	1	3	2
Worse off	47	62	27	51	49	46	35	52	54	49	46	36	51	50	48	41
No difference	37	29	59	32	37	38	36	35	41	38	36	42	37	32	37	47
Don't know	13	8	9	14	11	15	25	12	4	11	16	17	10	17	13	9

If you had to choose, who would you rather have as Chancellor of the Exchequer, Alistair Darling or George Osborne?

Alistair Darling	32	4	80	39	38	28	25	38	33	36	28	29	24	32	39	51
George Osborne	33	78	3	23	36	29	29	30	38	35	30	28	41	35	26	19
Don't know	35	18	17	38	26	43	46	32	28	29	42	42	34	33	35	31

The Conservatives say they would have a budget within 50 days of the election if they won. Labour say they would not have another budget this year, just a comprehensive spending review to set public spending from 2011. Which of these reflects your view?

The Conservatives would put up taxes significantly after the election but Labour would not do so	12	2	30	11	14	10	12	11	12	11	12	10	7	15	13	19
Labour would put up taxes significantly after the election but the Conservatives would not do so	8	19	1	5	9	7	10	6	8	8	8	8	10	9	6	6
Both parties would raise taxes significantly, despite what they say now	57	60	48	70	58	57	44	60	66	61	52	57	60	50	60	55
Neither party will raise taxes significantly	8	9	10	6	9	8	9	9	7	9	8	9	8	9	7	10
Don't know	15	10	11	8	10	19	25	14	7	11	19	17	14	17	13	10

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Do you think the role of the state in Britain today is too large, too small, or about right?

Too large	44	60	30	38	52	36	36	42	51	48	38	40	45	43	45	43
Too small	8	9	9	10	9	8	12	9	5	7	10	13	6	5	12	10
About right	27	16	48	28	27	28	25	28	28	29	25	23	26	32	25	32
Don't know	21	15	13	23	12	29	27	21	16	16	26	24	24	21	18	15

The Prime Minister has dismissed calls for an official inquiry into last week's revelations that some former Labour ministers were willing to lobby their own government for fees of £3,000 or more a day. Do you think there should or should not be such an inquiry?

Should be an inquiry	74	85	64	74	71	76	65	75	80	75	73	73	76	75	72	71
Should not be an inquiry	15	9	25	15	20	11	15	16	14	16	14	18	13	13	17	20
Don't know	11	6	11	11	9	13	20	9	6	9	14	9	12	12	11	9

Measures have been proposed to clamp down on lobbying by politicians in return for payment. Thinking about former government ministers, which best reflects your view?

They should be free to take lobbying jobs as soon as they leave office	7	6	10	6	9	4	10	8	3	7	6	8	7	7	6	6
They should be barred from paid lobbying for a year after leaving office	13	13	19	13	13	14	12	16	11	14	13	15	12	13	15	12
They should be barred for two years	12	13	12	19	12	12	11	12	12	14	9	14	12	11	11	12
They should be barred for five years	14	16	14	14	17	12	8	16	18	17	12	14	15	16	12	15
They should never be allowed to lobby	39	40	33	38	39	38	27	38	49	36	41	33	37	37	43	45
Don't know	15	12	12	9	10	20	31	11	6	12	19	15	17	17	13	10

Stephen Byers, one of the former ministers involved, gave examples of cases where he said he had successfully lobbied to have a policy changed. The government denies that he influenced ministerial decisions and Mr Byers later retracted his claims. What do you believe?

He did change policy and the government is trying to cover it up	38	58	19	39	43	34	28	41	44	39	37	37	42	37	37	36
He was boasting and did not actually change anything	29	19	51	33	35	24	24	32	32	33	25	25	28	30	29	39
Neither	6	4	7	2	3	8	7	5	6	6	6	9	5	4	6	8
Don't know	26	18	24	25	18	34	41	22	18	22	32	29	25	29	28	17

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Under the Conservatives in the 1990s there was "cash for questions". More recently we have had "cash for honours", "cash for amendments" and now "cash for influence".

Which do you think is more financially sleazy, the current Labour government, or the last Conservative government?

The current Labour government is more financially sleazy
 The last Conservative government was more financially sleazy
 Both are as bad as each other
 Neither is/was financially sleazy
 Don't know

25	61	3	18	29	22	27	23	25	26	24	23	31	27	20	16
18	1	48	18	22	15	18	20	16	19	18	19	15	18	19	30
47	32	42	59	42	52	36	51	53	48	47	48	44	44	53	50
1	0	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1
8	4	5	4	6	10	17	5	3	6	10	9	9	11	6	3

Nick Clegg, the Liberal Democrat leader, said that this is the most corrupt parliament in history. Do you agree or disagree with this description?

Agree
 Disagree
 Don't know

49	73	24	55	54	45	44	45	59	47	52	42	53	52	48	45
29	12	57	25	29	29	27	34	26	33	24	36	25	25	32	34
22	15	19	20	17	26	29	22	15	20	24	22	22	23	20	21

Turning to some different subjects

Scottish students do not pay tuition fees for attending Scottish universities and neither do students from the rest of the EU. English students attending university in Scotland however do have pay tuition fees. Do you think it is fair or unfair that English students have to pay for attending Scottish universities?

Fair
 Unfair
 Don't know

18	11	23	19	18	18	18	19	17	18	17	17	12	23	13	44
74	85	69	73	74	74	70	74	78	75	73	76	80	68	79	50
8	4	7	8	8	8	11	7	6	7	9	7	8	8	8	7

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The government is contemplating reducing the drink-drive limit from 80 mg of alcohol per 100 ml of blood to 50mg. Would you support or oppose such a reduction?

Support	50	50	54	51	48	51	45	52	51	54	44	50	48	45	52	59
Oppose - the limit should be even stricter	21	19	21	21	18	23	20	23	20	18	24	20	22	21	19	23
Oppose - the limit should remain the same	23	26	19	24	27	19	22	20	26	22	23	25	23	24	25	14
None of these	2	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2
Don't know	5	3	4	2	6	5	10	4	2	4	7	4	5	9	3	3

Moving on, Which of the following best fits your view on global warming?

The planet is warming and human activity is mainly responsible	18	12	23	24	19	17	22	19	15	20	17	21	20	17	16	23
The planet is warming and human activity is partly responsible, together with other factors	58	63	63	59	55	61	51	61	62	61	56	54	57	57	66	54
The planet is warming but human activity is not responsible at all	8	9	5	9	9	6	10	6	8	6	9	6	9	8	5	10
The planet is not warming	8	11	4	5	9	6	6	8	9	6	9	10	8	7	7	7
Don't know	8	6	6	3	7	9	11	7	6	7	9	10	7	11	6	5

Thinking about recent controversies around scientists studying climate change, how has your opinion on man made global warming changed over recent months?

I have become more convinced that man made climate change is happening	12	10	17	7	12	12	13	11	13	13	12	14	10	14	12	16
I have become more sceptical about whether man made climate change is happening	30	36	29	27	31	29	21	32	36	30	30	28	30	33	29	26
It has not changed - I thought man made climate change was happening and still do	32	26	35	45	30	35	33	34	30	37	26	37	34	28	31	34
It has not changed - I did not believe in man made climate change and still don't	15	21	8	13	19	12	18	12	15	13	18	13	16	12	16	19
Don't know	11	7	10	7	8	13	15	11	7	8	14	8	10	13	13	5

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Look at the following statements and for each one say whether you agree or disagree

Countries like China and India are not serious about tackling climate change, so why should the UK bother?

Strongly agree	9	11	7	5	13	5	6	9	12	6	12	7	11	9	9	6
Tend to agree	22	30	16	20	26	19	20	23	24	22	23	18	23	24	23	21
TOTAL AGREE	31	41	23	25	39	24	26	32	36	28	35	25	34	33	32	27
Tend to disagree	27	27	30	30	23	31	27	27	28	28	26	31	23	26	31	30
Strongly disagree	34	26	42	42	31	36	37	34	31	38	28	37	36	29	31	38
TOTAL DISAGREE	61	53	72	72	54	67	64	61	59	66	54	68	59	55	62	68
Don't know	8	6	4	4	7	8	10	7	5	6	10	7	8	11	6	5

There is no serious political will worldwide to tackle climate change

Strongly agree	20	22	19	17	23	17	20	20	20	19	21	18	20	23	21	13
Tend to agree	53	56	52	61	54	52	47	52	60	55	50	57	53	51	52	59
TOTAL AGREE	73	78	71	78	77	69	67	72	80	74	71	75	73	74	73	72
Tend to disagree	15	13	19	17	14	16	16	16	13	16	13	14	16	12	16	19
Strongly disagree	2	1	3	1	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	3
TOTAL DISAGREE	17	14	22	18	16	18	19	17	15	18	15	16	18	13	19	22
Don't know	10	7	7	4	6	13	15	10	6	7	14	9	10	13	9	7

Dishonest scientists have made me doubt whether climate change is really happening

Strongly agree	10	16	3	6	13	7	6	9	15	8	13	6	12	9	9	11
Tend to agree	28	33	29	24	29	26	19	30	32	28	27	29	25	27	32	24
TOTAL AGREE	38	49	32	30	42	33	25	39	47	36	40	35	37	36	41	35
Tend to disagree	28	24	35	32	25	30	27	29	26	30	25	30	24	31	28	27
Strongly disagree	18	14	20	30	21	16	23	17	16	21	14	17	22	14	16	24
TOTAL DISAGREE	46	38	55	62	46	46	50	46	42	51	39	47	46	45	44	51
Don't know	16	13	13	8	12	21	25	15	11	13	21	18	16	19	15	13

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 political party identification:

	Unweighted	Weighted no.
Age and Gender		
Male 18 to 24	58	92
Male 25 to 39	171	199
Male 40 to 54	177	199
Male 55 +	313	245
Female 18 to 24	72	92
Female 25 to 39	231	199
Female 40 to 54	215	215
Female 55 +	296	291
Region		
North England	331	379
Midlands	219	253
East England	123	147
London	190	196
South England	344	349
Wales	75	77
Scotland	251	132
Social Grade		
ABC1	849	843
C2DE	684	690
Newspaper Type		
Express / Mail	354	245
Sun / Star	263	337
Mirror / Record	164	245
Guardian / Independent	125	61
FT / Times / Telegraph	185	146
Other Paper	195	192
No Paper	247	307
Political Party Identification		
Labour Loyal	394	399
Labour Disloyal	85	92
Conservative	402	399
Liberal Democrat	166	184
Others	81	46
None	357	376
Don't know	48	38

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