

# YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 2009 GB Adults

Fieldwork: 10th - 11th September 2009

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## Headline Voting Intention

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

Con	41
Lab	27
Lib Dem	17
Other	15

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

Very well	3
Fairly well	23
<b>TOTAL WELL</b>	<b>26</b>
Fairly badly	35
Very badly	35
<b>TOTAL BADLY</b>	<b>70</b>
Don't know	5

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

Very well	9
Fairly well	50
<b>TOTAL WELL</b>	<b>59</b>
Fairly badly	20
Very badly	11
<b>TOTAL BADLY</b>	<b>31</b>
Don't know	10

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

Very well	4
Fairly well	40
<b>TOTAL WELL</b>	<b>44</b>
Fairly badly	19
Very badly	8
<b>TOTAL BADLY</b>	<b>27</b>
Don't know	30

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

Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling	21
David Cameron and George Osborne	34
Neither	38
Don't know	8

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

Very good	0
Quite good	5
<b>TOTAL GOOD</b>	<b>5</b>
Neither good nor bad	17
Quite bad	46
Very bad	30
<b>TOTAL BAD</b>	<b>76</b>
Don't know	1

**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	<b>41</b>
No I don't	<b>31</b>
Not sure	<b>22</b>
Not applicable - neither I nor any close member of my family is currently working	<b>6</b>

**Both the Conservatives and Labour have signalled that they will reduce public spending. Who do you trust more to cut spending without damaging public services?**

Conservatives	<b>29</b>
Labour	<b>24</b>
Neither	<b>41</b>
Don't know	<b>7</b>

**Should cutting the budget deficit be mainly through raising taxes or cutting public spending?**

Tax increases	<b>21</b>
Spending cuts	<b>60</b>
Don't know	<b>19</b>

**David Cameron said last week he would cut the cost of parliament by 10%. What was your attitude to this?**

A good thing	<b>45</b>
A populist gimmick	<b>46</b>
Neither	<b>3</b>
Don't know	<b>5</b>

**Which of these ideas would you support? [Please tick all that apply.]**

Capping the pensions of MPs minister and all public sector workers at no more than £50,000 a year	<b>74</b>
Cutting ministerial pay by 5%	<b>61</b>
Reducing the number of MPs by a tenth	<b>56</b>
None	<b>4</b>
Don't know	<b>4</b>

**Some councils are said to be following the 'EasyJet' model for services, by charging council taxpayers extra for additional services or priority treatment, while keeping average council tax bills down. From what you know, do you approve of this approach, or not?**

Approve strongly	<b>6</b>
Tend to approve	<b>33</b>

**TOTAL APPROVE 39**

Tend to disapprove	<b>26</b>
Disapprove strongly	<b>19</b>

**TOTAL DISAPPROVE 45**

Don't know	<b>17</b>
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**Turning to the issue of Libya and Lockerbie...**

**From what you know about Gordon Brown's dealings with Libya has it improved your opinion of him lessened it or has it made no difference?**

Improved my opinion a lot	1
Improved my opinion a little	4
<b>TOTAL IMPROVED</b>	<b>5</b>
It has lessened my opinion a little	18
It has lessened my opinion a lot	25
<b>TOTAL LESSENE</b>	<b>43</b>
It has made no difference	44
Don't know	8

**The government has been criticised over the release by the Scottish authorities of the man convicted of the Lockerbie bombing and for not seeking compensation for IRA victims insured as a result of explosives supplied by Libya. Which of the following comes closer to your view?**

The government has been timid and cowardly in its dealings with Libya	51
It was right to take Britain's wider interests, including business interests, into account	21
Neither	17
Don't know	12

**Should the government have pressed harder to secure the deportation from Libya of the killer or killers of WPC Yvonne Fletcher shot outside the Libyan embassy in London in 1984?**

Yes it should	68
No it did all it reasonably could	12
Don't know	21

**If you had a choice of Britain's recent past prime ministers in their prime to take over running the country at the next election which one would you choose?**

Tony Blair	28
John Major	5
Margaret Thatcher	39
James Callaghan	5
Don't know	22

**Turning to football...**

**What do you think England's chances are of winning the football World Cup next year?**

Excellent	6
Good	43
<b>TOTAL EXCELLENT / GOOD</b>	<b>49</b>
Poor	20
Hopeless	12
<b>TOTAL POOR / HOPELESS</b>	<b>32</b>
Don't know	20