

# YouGov / The Sun Survey Results

Sample Size: 10344 GB Adults  
Fieldwork: 5th - 7th January 2010  
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<b>Headline Voting Intention</b>	
<i>[Excluding Don't Knows and Wouldn't Votes]</i>	
Con	<b>40</b>
Lab	<b>30</b>
Lib Dem	<b>17</b>
Other	<b>13</b>
<b>Other Parties Voting Intention</b>	
UKIP	<b>4</b>
BNP	<b>3</b>
SNP / PCY	<b>3</b>
Green	<b>2</b>
Respect	<b>0</b>
Other	<b>1</b>
<b>Non Voters</b>	
Would Not Vote	<b>8</b>
Don't know	<b>14</b>

**Thinking about Prime Minister Gordon Brown, which of the following qualities do you think he has? (Please tick all that apply)**

A good family man	<b>42</b>
Sticks to what he believes in	<b>31</b>
Honest	<b>20</b>
Good in a crisis	<b>16</b>
Strong	<b>14</b>
In touch with the concerns of ordinary people	<b>13</b>
Decisive	<b>9</b>
A natural leader	<b>4</b>
Charismatic	<b>2</b>
None of these	<b>36</b>
Don't know	<b>7</b>

**And now thinking about David Cameron, the leader of the Conservative Party, which of the following qualities do you think he has? (Please tick all that apply)**

A good family man	<b>52</b>
Charismatic	<b>33</b>
A natural leader	<b>22</b>
Decisive	<b>17</b>
In touch with the concerns of ordinary people	<b>17</b>
Sticks to what he believes in	<b>16</b>
Strong	<b>16</b>
Honest	<b>15</b>
Good in a crisis	<b>9</b>
None of these	<b>22</b>
Don't know	<b>11</b>

**Compared with when Labour came to power 12 years ago, would you say you and your immediate family are now...**

Much better off	10
Slightly better off	18
<b>TOTAL BETTER OFF</b>	<b>28</b>
About the same	20
Slightly worse off	21
Much worse off	23
<b>TOTAL WORSE OFF</b>	<b>44</b>
Not sure	8

**How much, if at all, do you blame each of these for the recession and recent rise in unemployment in Britain?**

**The British government**

Blame a lot	32
Blame a fair amount	35
<b>TOTAL BLAME</b>	<b>67</b>
Blame just a little	23
Do not blame at all	6
<b>TOTAL DON'T BLAME</b>	<b>29</b>
Don't know	4

**Other governments**

Blame a lot	12
Blame a fair amount	39
<b>TOTAL BLAME</b>	<b>51</b>
Blame just a little	30
Do not blame at all	9
<b>TOTAL DON'T BLAME</b>	<b>39</b>
Don't know	10

**British banks**

Blame a lot	58
Blame a fair amount	30
<b>TOTAL BLAME</b>	<b>88</b>
Blame just a little	7
Do not blame at all	1
<b>TOTAL DON'T BLAME</b>	<b>8</b>
Don't know	4

**American banks**

Blame a lot	59
Blame a fair amount	25
<b>TOTAL BLAME</b>	<b>84</b>
Blame just a little	7
Do not blame at all	2
<b>TOTAL DON'T BLAME</b>	<b>9</b>
Don't know	7

**Which of these views comes closer to your own about the sharp rise in public borrowing in Britain in the past two years?**

'It is largely Gordon Brown's fault. He failed to keep spending under control when he was Chancellor. Had he done so, borrowing would have risen far less'	46
'It is not mainly Gordon Brown's fault. All, or almost all, the rise in borrowing can be explained by the need to keep the recession as short and shallow as possible'	37
Don't know	17

**Unemployment has risen significantly during the past two years. Which of these applies to you?**

I am unemployed now, or have been unemployed at some point in the past two years	<b>20</b>
I have not been unemployed, but a member of my immediate family HAS been unemployed at some point in the past two years	<b>24</b>
Neither I nor a member of my immediate family has been unemployed in the past two years	<b>56</b>

**What has been the effect of unemployment on you and members of your family?**

**(Please tick all that apply)**

*[Those who have been unemployed / have family members who have been unemployed]*

Feeling inadequate/ loss of self-esteem	<b>54</b>
Serious reduction in living standards	<b>53</b>
Depression	<b>43</b>
Boredom	<b>42</b>
More arguments within the family	<b>30</b>
None of these	<b>17</b>

**Do you...?**

Work full-time away from home	<b>37</b>
Work full-time at home	<b>9</b>
Work part-time (8 or more hours a week) away from home	<b>11</b>
Work part-time (8 or more hours a week) at home	<b>3</b>
Work part-time (less than 8 hours a week) away from home	<b>2</b>
Work part-time (less than 8 hours a week) at home	<b>1</b>
Not work	<b>36</b>

**How worried, if at all, are you that you might lose your job in the next year or so?**

*[Those who work 8 hours or more away from home]*

Very worried	<b>9</b>
Fairly worried	<b>26</b>
<b>TOTAL WORRIED</b>	<b>35</b>
Not very worried	<b>41</b>
Not at all worried	<b>22</b>
<b>TOTAL NOT WORRIED</b>	<b>63</b>
Don't know	<b>2</b>

**In general, how hard, if at all, do you think it will be for most young people leaving school, college or university next summer will be able to find jobs that match their qualifications?**

Extremely hard	<b>51</b>
Fairly hard	<b>43</b>
<b>TOTAL HARD</b>	<b>94</b>
Not very hard	<b>3</b>
Not at all hard	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL NOT HARD</b>	<b>4</b>
Not sure	<b>2</b>

**How worried, if at all, are you that you might lose your home in the next year or two?**

Very worried	3
Fairly worried	10
<b>TOTAL WORRIED</b>	<b>13</b>
Not very worried	30
Not at all worried	52
<b>TOTAL NOT WORRIED</b>	<b>82</b>
Don't know	5

**Who do you trust most to take the right decisions to lead Britain out of recession?**

David Cameron	25
Gordon Brown	21
Nick Clegg	6
I don't trust any of them	39
Don't know	9

**How worried, if at all, are you that immigration will cause problems for you and your family over the next few years?**

Very worried	27
Fairly worried	26
<b>TOTAL WORRIED</b>	<b>53</b>
Not very worried	25
Not at all worried	18
<b>TOTAL NOT WORRIED</b>	<b>43</b>
Don't know	4

**Who do you trust most to take the right decisions about immigration?**

David Cameron	25
Gordon Brown	13
Nick Clegg	7
I don't trust any of them	43
Don't know	12

**Do you have any children who are currently at state schools? (Please tick all that apply)**

Yes – one or more children at a state nursery	3
Yes – one or more children at a state primary school	11
Yes – one or more children at a state secondary school	10
Yes – one or more children at a state sixth-form college	3
No – I do not have any children currently at a state school	80

**In general, how do you rate your child's school? (If you have more than one child, please answer in relation to your eldest child currently at a state school)**

*[All with children currently at state school]*

Very good	41
Fairly good	48
<b>TOTAL GOOD</b>	<b>89</b>
Fairly poor	8
Very poor	2
<b>TOTAL POOR</b>	<b>10</b>
Don't know	1

**More specifically, how good do you think your child's teachers are at teaching literacy and numeracy (what used to be called the 'three Rs')?**

*[All with children currently at state school]*

Very good	32
Fairly good	51
<b>TOTAL GOOD</b>	<b>83</b>
Fairly poor	11
Very poor	3
<b>TOTAL POOR</b>	<b>14</b>
Don't know	3

**Overall, how would you rate the quality of education these days in state primary schools?**

Very good	10
Fairly good	47
<b>TOTAL GOOD</b>	<b>57</b>
Fairly poor	19
Very poor	6
<b>TOTAL POOR</b>	<b>25</b>
Don't know	18

**And overall, how would you rate the quality of education these days in state secondary schools?**

Very good	7
Fairly good	43
<b>TOTAL GOOD</b>	<b>50</b>
Fairly poor	24
Very poor	9
<b>TOTAL POOR</b>	<b>33</b>
Don't know	17

**Do you think the quality of education in Britain's state schools overall is better or worse than it was when Labour came to power in 1997?**

Much better	8
Slightly better	18
<b>TOTAL BETTER</b>	<b>26</b>
About the same	24
Slightly worse	20
Much worse	14
<b>TOTAL WORSE</b>	<b>34</b>
Don't know	16

**Who do you trust most to take the right decisions about Britain's schools?**

David Cameron	<b>23</b>
Gordon Brown	<b>20</b>
Nick Clegg	<b>7</b>
I don't trust any of them	<b>34</b>
Don't know	<b>16</b>

**Turning to the NHS, which two of these do you think are the most important things that have happened since Labour came to power 12 years ago? (Please tick two items)**

Patients in many parts of Britain suffer from the 'postcode lottery' and fail to obtain treatment given to other NHS patients	<b>45</b>
Hospitals, and the NHS more generally, are managed less efficiently	<b>33</b>
Patients don't have to wait so long for hospital treatment	<b>29</b>
The NHS failed to tackle the scourge of 'superbugs'	<b>25</b>
New hospitals have been built, and new drugs and treatments have become available	<b>17</b>
There is a shortage of midwives which is affecting maternity services	<b>15</b>
Spending on the NHS has risen to match the European average	<b>9</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>

**Do you think the quality of health care in the NHS overall is better or worse than it was when Labour came to power in 1997?**

Much better	<b>10</b>
Slightly better	<b>24</b>
<b>TOTAL BETTER</b>	<b>34</b>
About the same	<b>26</b>
Slightly worse	<b>20</b>
Much worse	<b>11</b>
<b>TOTAL WORSE</b>	<b>31</b>
Don't know	<b>9</b>

**Who do you trust most to take the right decisions about the NHS?**

Gordon Brown	<b>22</b>
David Cameron	<b>22</b>
Nick Clegg	<b>6</b>
I don't trust any of them	<b>35</b>
Don't know	<b>15</b>

Some people talk of a 'benefits culture'; that is, they believe that millions of people are prepared to live on state benefits rather than seek work and take responsibility for their own lives.

Do you think the 'benefits culture' was a significant or insignificant problem when the Conservatives were last in power in the 1990s?

Very significant	16
Fairly significant	38
<b>TOTAL SIGNIFICANT</b>	<b>54</b>
Fairly insignificant	24
Very insignificant	5
<b>TOTAL INSIGNIFICANT</b>	<b>29</b>
Don't know	17

Do you think the 'benefits culture' is a significant or insignificant problem under the current Labour government?

Very significant	47
Fairly significant	33
<b>TOTAL SIGNIFICANT</b>	<b>80</b>
Fairly insignificant	8
Very insignificant	3
<b>TOTAL INSIGNIFICANT</b>	<b>11</b>
Don't know	9

Do you think the 'benefits culture' will be a more significant or a less significant problem under the Conservatives if David Cameron becomes Prime Minister?

Much more significant	12
Slightly more significant	17
<b>TOTAL MORE SIGNIFICANT</b>	<b>29</b>
Slightly less significant	31
Much less significant	6
<b>TOTAL LESS SIGNIFICANT</b>	<b>37</b>
Don't know	34

Who do you trust most to take the right decisions about Britain's welfare system?

David Cameron	27
Gordon Brown	18
Nick Clegg	8
I don't trust any of them	34
Don't know	13

Do you think the level of crime overall has gone up, gone down or stayed about the same since Labour came to power in 1997?

Gone up a lot	24
Gone up a little	25
<b>TOTAL GONE UP</b>	<b>49</b>
Stayed about the same	28
Gone down a little	13
Gone down a lot	2
<b>TOTAL GONE DOWN</b>	<b>15</b>
Don't know	8

**And what about knife crime in the area where you live – has this gone up, gone down or stayed about the same since Labour came to power in 1997?**

Gone up a lot	15
Gone up a little	20
<b>TOTAL GONE UP</b>	<b>35</b>
Stayed about the same	33
Gone down a little	6
Gone down a lot	3
<b>TOTAL GONE DOWN</b>	<b>9</b>
Don't know	23

**Which of these do you blame for the rise in knife crime in your area? (Please tick all that you blame a great deal.)**

*[Those who think knife crime has gone up]*

Parents failing to control their children	83
Lenient judges not sending convicted criminals to prison for long enough	67
Local gangs	66
Too few police on the streets	65
Addiction to illegal drugs	60
Too much alcohol	57
Immigration	51
Poor schools and inadequate education	34
Lack of religious values in modern society	22
Don't know	1

**How safe, if at all, is it for people like you to walk in your nearest town centre at night?**

Very safe	9
Fairly safe	51
<b>TOTAL SAFE</b>	<b>60</b>
Not very safe	26
Not at all safe	9
<b>TOTAL NOT SAFE</b>	<b>35</b>
Don't know	5

**One of the new measures Labour has introduced has been 'ASBOs', or anti-social behaviour orders. Do you think ASBOs have had an effect on the crime rate?**

Yes – without ASBOs, there would be even more crime	13
Yes – ASBOs have been counter-productive and led to even more crime	7
No – they have had little or no effect on the crime rate	71
Don't know	9

**Would you be willing to pay higher taxes so that more prisons could be built, and to make room for judges to give convicted criminals longer prison sentences?**

Yes, I would	39
No, I would not	47
Don't know	14

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**Which of these statements comes closer to your view?**

'Police officers have far too much unnecessary paperwork. It is not difficult to cut this down so that police officers spend more time patrolling the streets and fighting crime'	<b>75</b>
'Most of the paperwork police officers do is necessary if they are to keep a proper record of their work and if justice is to be done'	<b>16</b>
Don't know	<b>9</b>

**Who do you trust most to take the right decisions to tackle crime in Britain?**

David Cameron	<b>29</b>
Gordon Brown	<b>16</b>
Nick Clegg	<b>6</b>
I don't trust any of them	<b>34</b>
Don't know	<b>15</b>

**From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the following statements about Afghanistan?**

**'Britain's troops are now receiving the equipment and resources they need for their mission in Afghanistan'**

Agree strongly	<b>3</b>
Tend to agree	<b>22</b>

**TOTAL AGREE 35**

Tend to disagree	<b>39</b>
Disagree strongly	<b>21</b>

**TOTAL DISAGREE 60**

Don't know **15**

**'British troops in Afghanistan are making our lives safer here in Britain'**

Agree strongly	<b>10</b>
Tend to agree	<b>27</b>

**TOTAL AGREE 37**

Tend to disagree	<b>30</b>
Disagree strongly	<b>20</b>

**TOTAL DISAGREE 50**

Don't know **13**

**A few years ago, Britain's government was accused of ignoring the needs of its war wounded and not sufficiently honouring service personnel who have died in Iraq or Afghanistan. From what you know, have these problems now largely been solved, or does a lot more still need to be done?**

The problems have largely been solved **13**

Much more still needs to be done **70**

Don't know **17**

**Who do you trust most to take the right decisions about the future of British troops in Afghanistan?**

David Cameron	<b>23</b>
Gordon Brown	<b>16</b>
Nick Clegg	<b>6</b>
I don't trust any of them	<b>38</b>
Don't know	<b>17</b>

**How worried, if at all, are you that you and your immediate family might be victims of an attack by Islamic terrorists here in Britain?**

Very worried	6
Fairly worried	26
<b>TOTAL WORRIED</b>	<b>32</b>
Not very worried	46
Not at all worried	18
<b>TOTAL NOT WORRIED</b>	<b>64</b>
Don't know	4

**Which of these statements comes closest to your view about Islamic terrorism?**

'It's less of a problem for Britain than it is for other western countries'	2
'It is no worse for Britain than other western countries'	29
'It's a slightly bigger problem for Britain than other western countries'	39
'It's a much bigger problem for Britain than other western countries'	23
Don't know	7

**Which ONE of the following statements comes closest to your view as to why Islamic terrorism is a bigger problem for Britain than other western countries?**

*[Those who think Islamic terrorism is a bigger problem for Britain than other Western countries]*

Because of Britain's relationship with the United States	38
Because Britain has failed to punish or expel Islamic radicals who preach violence	35
Because of the number of Islamic immigrants who live here	24
None of these	2
Don't know	1

**If Gordon Brown had to choose, which of these should be his top priority just now?**

Tackling Britain's economic problems	75
Tackling the threat of Islamic terrorism	17
Don't know	8

**Overall, how do you rate the past 12 years of Labour government?**

Excellent – it has made Britain a much better country	2
Good – the list of achievements is significantly longer than the list of failings	15
<b>TOTAL GOOD</b>	<b>17</b>
Fair – it has done a number of good things, but also a number of bad things	35
Poor – the list of failings is significantly longer than the list of achievements	21
Terrible – it has made Britain a much worse country	23
<b>TOTAL BAD</b>	<b>44</b>
Don't know	4

**Which would make you more likely to vote Labour at the coming general election - Gordon Brown remaining Labour Party leader, or Mr Brown standing down and someone else taking over as Labour Party leader?**

Gordon Brown remaining Labour Party leader	14
Someone else taking over as Labour Party leader	18
It would make no difference - I would vote labour anyway	11
It would make no difference - I would NOT vote Labour anyway	47
Don't know	10

**If Mr Brown did stand down, which one, if any, of the following Labour Party politicians would make you most likely to vote Labour?**

David Miliband	<b>8</b>
Jack Straw	<b>5</b>
Alan Johnson	<b>4</b>
Harriet Harman	<b>2</b>
Ed Balls	<b>2</b>
Ed Miliband	<b>1</b>
Andy Burnham	<b>1</b>
It would make no difference - I would vote labour anyway	<b>12</b>
It would make no difference - I would NOT vote Labour anyway	<b>44</b>
Don't know	<b>23</b>

**Does the fact that David Cameron had a privileged upbringing and went to Eton affect his ability to do a good job as Prime Minister?**

Makes him more able	<b>8</b>
Makes him less able	<b>24</b>
Makes no difference	<b>61</b>
Don't know	<b>7</b>