

# YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 1481

Fieldwork: 13th - 14th December 2007

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## Headline Voting Intention

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

Con	<b>45</b>
Lab	<b>32</b>
Lib Dem	<b>14</b>
Other	<b>10</b>

## Non Voters

<i>Would Not Vote</i>	<b>7</b>
<i>Don't know</i>	<b>16</b>

## Do you think Gordon Brown is doing well or badly as Prime Minister?

Very well	<b>3</b>
Fairly well	<b>29</b>
Fairly badly	<b>34</b>
Very badly	<b>24</b>
Don't know	<b>9</b>

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

Very well	<b>7</b>
Fairly well	<b>46</b>
Fairly badly	<b>23</b>
Very badly	<b>10</b>
Don't know	<b>15</b>

## From what you have seen so far do you think Gordon Brown is more competent as prime minister than Tony Blair was?

Brown has been MORE competent than Blair	<b>12</b>
Brown has been LESS competent than Blair	<b>45</b>
Both have been equally competent	<b>30</b>
Not sure	<b>14</b>

## Is Gordon Brown more honest and truthful than Tony Blair?

Brown has been MORE honest than Blair	<b>26</b>
Brown has been LESS honest than Blair	<b>23</b>
Both have been equally honest	<b>28</b>
Not sure	<b>22</b>

## All in all do you think the country would be doing better or worse if Tony Blair were still prime minister?

Britain would be doing BETTER if Blair were still Prime Minister	<b>20</b>
Britain would be doing WORSE if Blair were Prime Minister	<b>17</b>
It would not make much difference either way	<b>55</b>
Don't know	<b>9</b>

**Labour's general secretary resigned last month over irregularities in party funding. The previous Conservative government was also accused of sleaze over funding. Which of the following best sums up your view?**

Labour is sleazier than the Conservatives were	<b>22</b>
The Conservatives were sleazier than Labour	<b>15</b>
They're both about the same	<b>56</b>
Don't know	<b>7</b>

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

Rise by more than 10%	<b>6</b>
Rise by less than 10%	<b>17</b>
Stay about the same	<b>31</b>
Fall by less than 10%	<b>29</b>
Fall by more than 10%	<b>7</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>

**Do you think you or members of your family will or will not have difficulty keeping up with mortgage payments?**

Will have difficulty	<b>19</b>
Will not have difficulty	<b>43</b>
Not applicable – none of us has a mortgage	<b>25</b>
Don't know	<b>13</b>

**Do you think you or any members of your family do or do not face a serious risk of losing their jobs?**

Do face a serious risk	<b>13</b>
Do not face a serious risk	<b>58</b>
Not applicable	<b>13</b>
Don't know	<b>16</b>

**In terms of your own family's prospects do you think your financial circumstances next year will...?**

Improve	<b>16</b>
Stay about the same	<b>50</b>
Get worse	<b>27</b>
Don't know	<b>7</b>

**Do you think you are you spending more or less this Christmas than last year?**

More than last year	<b>19</b>
Less than last year	<b>33</b>
About the same	<b>43</b>
Not applicable – I don't celebrate Christmas	<b>2</b>
Don't know	<b>3</b>

**From what you have read and heard how worried are you that Britain will face a recession and rising unemployment next year?**

Very worried	<b>8</b>
Fairly worried	<b>45</b>
Not very worried	<b>35</b>
Not worried at all	<b>4</b>
Don't know	<b>9</b>

**If the economy does get into difficulties which of these do you think would be most to blame?**

Gordon Brown and the Government, for presiding over an economy which is vulnerable because of big increases in debt	<b>32</b>
The banks for lending irresponsibly	<b>30</b>
Outside events particularly the problems in the US mortgage	<b>25</b>
Don't know	<b>14</b>

**In general who do you trust more to raise you and your family's standard of living?**

Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling	<b>22</b>
David Cameron and George Osborne	<b>29</b>
Neither	<b>38</b>
Don't know	<b>12</b>

**How do you think the government has handled the problems facing the Northern Rock bank?**

Well	<b>17</b>
Badly	<b>44</b>
Neither	<b>23</b>
Don't know	<b>16</b>

**Taxes have increased in recent years to pay for increases in spending on public services such as health and education. In principle do you think the Government was right or wrong to raise taxes for these purposes?**

Yes it was right to raise taxes to spend more on public services	<b>49</b>
No it was wrong	<b>37</b>
Don't know	<b>14</b>

**In practice how much of this money do you think has been squandered in waste and inefficiency?**

Most of the money has been wasted	<b>31</b>
Quite a lot of the money has been wasted	<b>46</b>
A little of the money has been wasted	<b>13</b>
None of the money has been wasted	<b>1</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>

**From what you know about the two candidates for the Liberal Democrat leadership who would do the best job?**

Chris Huhne	<b>9</b>
Nick Clegg	<b>13</b>
Don't know	<b>79</b>

**In general do you think the police in your area do a good job or a bad job when it comes to investigating crime?**

Good job	<b>48</b>
Bad job	<b>29</b>
Don't know	<b>23</b>

*(To those who said "good job" or "bad job")* **Is that verdict based on your direct experience and that of your friends and neighbours or is it based on what you have heard more generally?**

Based on experience	<b>37</b>
Based on what I have heard	<b>61</b>
Don't know	<b>2</b>

*(To all)* Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

**'In general the police these days are more concerned about themselves than protecting the public and investigating crime'.**

Agree	<b>36</b>
Disagree	<b>46</b>
Not sure	<b>18</b>

**The law currently bans the police from going on strike. The police are now seeking the right to strike over pay. Should they be allowed to strike or not?**

Yes they should be allowed to strike	<b>25</b>
No they should not	<b>67</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>

**Given what you know about police pay pension arrangements and retirement ages do you think the police in general are...?**

Underpaid	<b>27</b>
Overpaid	<b>11</b>
Paid about right	<b>46</b>
Don't know	<b>16</b>

**Gordon Brown and David Miliband are this week signing the European Union reform treaty. From what you know do you think this is similar to or significantly different from the EU constitution which was abandoned two years ago?**

Treaty is similar to the constitution	<b>40</b>
Treaty is significantly different from the constitution	<b>10</b>
Don't know	<b>49</b>

**At the 2005 general election Labour promised a referendum on the constitution before Britain ratified the EU constitution. Should there be a referendum on this treaty or should Parliament decide whether Britain should ratify it?**

There should be a referendum	<b>62</b>
Parliament should decide	<b>17</b>
Don't know	<b>21</b>

**If there were a referendum on the new EU treaty how would you vote?**

For the treaty	<b>17</b>
Against the treaty	<b>44</b>
Don't know / Wouldn't vote	<b>40</b>

**Turning to the issue of Afghanistan...**

**As you may know British and American troops have retaken the town of Musa Qala from the Taliban. Do you think British and NATO troops are winning the war with the Taliban in Afghanistan or not?**

Yes the British troops are winning	<b>14</b>
No they are not winning but victory is possible eventually	<b>35</b>
No they are not winning and victory is not possible	<b>33</b>
Don't know	<b>18</b>

**Should British troops be brought home from Afghanistan?**

Yes – all troops should be withdrawn immediately	<b>27</b>
Yes – most troops should be withdrawn soon, and the rest within the next year or	<b>35</b>
No – British troops should remain in Afghanistan as long as the Afghan government wants them there	<b>27</b>
Don't know	<b>11</b>

**And finally...**

**Suppose one of the following politicians were appointed to manage the England football team. Which of them do you think would do it best?**

William Hague	<b>12</b>
Tony Blair	<b>11</b>
Silvio Berlusconi (the former Prime Minister of Italy)	<b>10</b>
David Cameron	<b>5</b>
Nicolas Sarkozy (the President of France)	<b>4</b>
Gordon Brown	<b>4</b>
David Davies	<b>3</b>
Jack Straw	<b>3</b>
David Miliband	<b>1</b>
George Osborne	<b>1</b>
Don't know	<b>46</b>