

# YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

Sample Size: 2060

Fieldwork: 17th - 19th December 2007

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|  | <b>Total<br/>%</b> |
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| <b>Headline Voting Intention</b>   |                    |
| <i>[excluding Don't Knows and Wouldn't Votes]</i>  |                    |
| Con  | <b>43</b>          |
| Lab  | <b>31</b>          |
| Lib Dem  | <b>16</b>          |
| Other  | <b>11</b>          |
| <b>Other Parties Voting Intention</b>  |                    |
| <i>[excluding Don't Knows and Wouldn't Votes]</i>  |                    |
| SNP / PCY  | <b>4</b>           |
| Green  | <b>2</b>           |
| UKIP   | <b>1</b>           |
| BNP  | <b>2</b>           |
| Respect  | <b>0</b>           |
| Other  | <b>1</b>           |
| <b>Non Voters</b>  |                    |
| <i>Would Not Vote</i>  | <b>7</b>           |
| <i>Don't know</i>  | <b>15</b>          |
| <b>Do you approve or disapprove of the Government's record to date?</b>  |                    |
| Approve  | <b>22</b>          |
| Disapprove   | <b>61</b>          |
| Don't know   | <b>17</b>          |
| <b>Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with Gordon Brown as Prime Minister?</b>  |                    |
| Satisfied  | <b>24</b>          |
| Dissatisfied   | <b>60</b>          |
| Don't know   | <b>16</b>          |
| <b>Gordon Brown has now been Prime Minister for six months. How would you rate his performance as Prime Minister so far?</b> |                    |
| Very good  | <b>2</b>           |
| Good   | <b>12</b>          |
| Fair   | <b>30</b>          |
| Poor   | <b>28</b>          |
| Very poor  | <b>23</b>          |
| Don't know   | <b>5</b>           |

**Thinking about the EU / African summit meeting in Portugal...  
Which of the following statements comes closer to your own  
view...?**

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Given the presence of Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe, the Prime Minister was right to refuse to attend the recent EU / African summit meeting in Portugal                 | <b>35</b> |
| Despite the presence of Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister should have attended the summit meeting, if only to condemn publicly Mr. Mugabe's crimes and misgovernment | <b>43</b> |
| Neither of these / not sure  | <b>22</b> |

**And thinking about the signing of the new EU (European Union) constitutional treaty...**

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

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| The Prime Minister was right not to sign the new EU constitutional treaty in person as a means of showing that Britain's relations with the EU will continue to be cool     | <b>25</b> |
| The Prime Minister should have signed the new EU constitutional treaty in person in order to show that Britain means to have a warm and continuing relationship with the EU | <b>28</b> |
| Neither of these / not sure   | <b>47</b> |

**Do you think that David Cameron is or is not proving a good leader of the Conservative Party?**

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Is proving a good leader     | <b>47</b> |
| Is not proving a good leader | <b>30</b> |
| Don't know                   | <b>24</b> |

**If you had to choose which would you prefer to see after the next election a Conservative government led by David Cameron or a Labour government led by Gordon Brown?**

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Conservative government led by David Cameron | <b>45</b> |
| Labour government led by Gordon Brown        | <b>35</b> |
| Don't know                                   | <b>21</b> |

**Which party do you think is more likely to run Britain's economy well – the Conservatives or the Labour Party?**

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Conservative | <b>34</b> |
| Labour       | <b>31</b> |
| Neither      | <b>23</b> |
| Don't know   | <b>12</b> |

**How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months?**

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Get a lot better    | 2  |
| Get a little better | 13 |
| Stay the same       | 30 |
| Get a little worse  | 34 |
| Get a lot worse     | 15 |
| Don't know          | 6  |

**A lot of people at present are worried that there may be an economic downturn – possibly even a recession – during the next year or two possibly during the next few months. How worried would you say you are?**

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Very worried       | 11 |
| Somewhat worried   | 49 |
| Not very worried   | 30 |
| Not at all worried | 5  |
| Don't know         | 6  |

**Is the possibility of an economic downturn during the next year or two causing you to think again about undertaking any of the following...?**

**Investing in home improvements**

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Yes it is causing me to think again          | 16 |
| No change – I wasn't going to do that anyway | 50 |
| No change – I will probably still do that    | 26 |
| Don't know                                   | 8  |

**Buying a new car**

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Yes it is causing me to think again          | 16 |
| No change – I wasn't going to do that anyway | 64 |
| No change – I will probably still do that    | 12 |
| Don't know                                   | 8  |

**Buying a new house**

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Yes it is causing me to think again          | 15 |
| No change – I wasn't going to do that anyway | 71 |
| No change – I will probably still do that    | 7  |
| Don't know                                   | 8  |

**Taking an expensive foreign holiday**

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Yes it is causing me to think again          | 14 |
| No change – I wasn't going to do that anyway | 59 |
| No change – I will probably still do that    | 19 |
| Don't know                                   | 9  |

|   | <b>Total</b> |
|---|--------------|
|   | %            |
| <b>Taking a foreign holiday of any kind</b>   |              |
| Yes it is causing me to think again   | <b>15</b>    |
| No change – I wasn't going to do that anyway  | <b>33</b>    |
| No change – I will probably still do that   | <b>44</b>    |
| Don't know  | <b>9</b>     |
| <b>Having another child</b>   |              |
| Yes it is causing me to think again   | <b>6</b>     |
| No change – I wasn't going to do that anyway  | <b>79</b>    |
| No change – I will probably still do that   | <b>6</b>     |
| Don't know  | <b>9</b>     |
| <b>Buying new things for the house (e.g. a digital television set or a new cooker)</b>  |              |
| Yes it is causing me to think again   | <b>21</b>    |
| No change – I wasn't going to do that anyway  | <b>28</b>    |
| No change – I will probably still do that   | <b>40</b>    |
| Don't know  | <b>11</b>    |
| <b>Do you think Alistair Darling is doing a good job or a bad job as Chancellor of the Exchequer?</b>   |              |
| He is doing a good job  | <b>12</b>    |
| He is doing a bad job   | <b>43</b>    |
| Don't know  | <b>45</b>    |
| <b>Do you think Jacqui Smith is doing a good job or a bad job as Home Secretary?</b>  |              |
| She is doing a good job   | <b>13</b>    |
| She is doing a bad job  | <b>52</b>    |
| Don't know  | <b>36</b>    |
| <b>Taking everything into account including their pension arrangements and the age at which they retire do you think that police officers these days are...</b> |              |
| Overpaid  | <b>12</b>    |
| Underpaid   | <b>32</b>    |
| Paid about the right amount   | <b>41</b>    |
| Don't know  | <b>15</b>    |

**As you may know, an independent pay review has recommended an increase in pay for police officers. Jacqui Smith and her colleagues in London, unlike their opposite numbers in Scotland and Wales, have decided that the pay increases should be phased in over a period of some months, rather than paid in full immediately.**

**From what you know and wherever you live in the UK are you inclined to approve or disapprove of that decision?**

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Inclined to approve of Jacqui Smith's decision | <b>22</b> |
| Inclined to disapprove                         | <b>58</b> |
| Not sure                                       | <b>20</b> |

**Which of the following statements comes closest to your own view about what should happen to Northern Rock the bank that the Government has bailed out with loans of some £25 billion?**

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Northern Rock, a failed private-sector company, should be allowed to go bankrupt even if it means substantial losses for those who saved and invested in it                         | <b>14</b> |
| The Government should sell off Northern Rock to private investors even if it means not recovering all of the taxpayers' money that was used to rescue it                            | <b>17</b> |
| The Government should take Northern Rock into state ownership temporarily in hopes of finding a means of securing its future and recovering all or most of the £25 billion in loans | <b>41</b> |
| As Northern Rock was clearly mismanaged in the private sector, the Government should take it permanently into state ownership   | <b>11</b> |
| Don't know  | <b>17</b> |