

YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 2139

Fieldwork: 10th - 11th January 2008

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	Total %
Headline Voting Intention	
<i>[excluding Don't Knows and Wouldn't Votes]</i>	
Con	43
Lab	33
Lib Dem	14
Other	11
Other Parties Voting Intention	
SNP / PCY	4
Green	2
UKIP	2
BNP	2
Respect	1
Other	0
Non Voters	
<i>Would Not Vote</i>	7
<i>Don't know</i>	14
Do you think Gordon Brown is doing well or badly as prime minister?	
Very well	3
Fairly well	32
Fairly badly	34
Very badly	21
Don't know	10
Do you think David Cameron is doing well or badly as Conservative leader?	
Very well	8
Fairly well	47
Fairly badly	21
Very badly	9
Don't know	15
Do you think Nick Clegg is doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?	
Very well	2
Fairly well	18
Fairly badly	12
Very badly	6
Don't know	62
In general who do you trust more to raise you and your family's standard of living?	
David Cameron and George Osborne	33
Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling	28
Neither	38

Over the next 12 months do think Britain's economy will...

Grow at a faster rate than over the past 12 months	1
Grow at about the same rate	13
Grow more slowly	34
Not grow at all	21
Go into recession	22
Don't know	8

Domestic gas and electricity prices are rising more sharply in Britain than in other European countries Do you think consumers get a good deal from the energy firms or are "ripped off" by them?

In general consumers get a good deal	4
Consumers are ripped off by the energy firms	89
Don't know	7

**Do consumers in general get a good deal or are ripped off by:
Banks and other financial services firms**

Consumers get a good deal	16
Consumers are ripped off	75
Don't know	9

Supermarkets

Consumers get a good deal	61
Consumers are ripped off	32
Don't know	7

Petrol companies

Consumers get a good deal	8
Consumers are ripped off	82
Don't know	10

Rail companies

Consumers get a good deal	7
Consumers are ripped off	83
Don't know	10

Local government - council tax

Consumers get a good deal	15
Consumers are ripped off	77
Don't know	8

Dentists

Consumers get a good deal	20
Consumers are ripped off	68
Don't know	13

Do you think you and your family's finances will improve or get worse over the next 12 months?

Improve	14
Get worse	41
Stay about the same	41
Don't know	3

Leaving aside essentials are you now spending more or less than you were a year ago?

Spending more than a year ago	38
Spending about the same	37
Spending less	23
Don't know	2

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

Rise by more than 10%	6
Rise by less than 10%	21
Stay about the same	33
Fall by less than 10%	26
Fall by more than 10%	6
Don't know	9

Taking into account pay job security and pension arrangements do you think public sector workers (e.g. police teachers nurses refuse collectors) are...

Overpaid	8
Paid about the right amount	36
Underpaid	48
Not sure	8

Members of Parliament earn around £60 000 a year. Do you think that they are

Overpaid	67
Paid about the right amount	27
Underpaid	3
Not sure	4

An independent review has recommended that MPs' pay should rise by around 3 per cent. The Government wants to limit their pay rise to around 2 per cent. Do you think MPs should...

Receive more than 3 per cent	1
Receive the 3 per cent proposed by the independent review	6
Receive the 2 per cent proposed by the Government	33
Receive less than 2 per cent	27
Have their pay cut	31
Don't know	3

**Total
%**

The government has announced a new generation of nuclear power stations to replace those coming to the end of their life. Do you agree or disagree with this decision?

Strongly agree	19
Tend to agree	40
Tend to disagree	17
Strongly disagree	10
Don't know	15

What if anything concerns you most about nuclear power?

Safety and the disposal of spent uranium	71
The cost	5
I'm not concerned about nuclear power	18
Don't know	5

The government says 20% of Britain's electricity supplies could be met by giant windfarms. Do you think this is a realistic or an optimistic target?

A realistic target	33
An optimistic target	58
Don't know	10

In terms of the role of nuclear power do you think:

Nuclear power should in future contribute about the same proportion of Britain's energy needs (roughly 20% of electricity generation) as now	17
Nuclear power should make a significantly bigger contribution	39
Nuclear power should make a significantly smaller contribution	15
Nuclear power should make no contribution at all	10
Don't know	19

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "A high proportion of people receiving Incapacity Benefit should not have the money as they are perfectly able to work."

Agree	67
Disagree	18
Don't know	15

It has been proposed that those on Incapacity Benefit, except those with permanent disabilities, should be checked regularly to decide if they can work. Anyone deemed fit enough would be transferred from Incapacity Benefit to Jobseeker's Allowance, worth around £20 a week less, and which would require claimants to look actively for work. Would you support or oppose this proposal?

Support	84
Oppose	9
Don't know	7

**Total
%**

When you buy food do you pay attention to the way it has been produced or not?

Yes I pay attention	57
No I do not	39
Don't know	4

The TV chef Jamie Oliver has been trying to encourage shoppers to pay £1 extra for chickens reared in more humane conditions. Would you pay £1 extra?

Yes I would	60
No I would not	20
Doesn't apply – I don't buy chicken	9
Don't know	10

Should chickens reared in very confined spaces continue to be allowed on supermarket shelves or banned from them?

Such chickens should be allowed	20
They should be banned	66
Don't know	14

Turning to the American elections, from what you know about the candidates who would you most like to see as the next US president?

Hillary Clinton	31
Barack Obama	26
Rudy Giuliani	6
John McCain	2
John Edwards	2
Mike Huckabee	1
Mitt Romney	0
Don't know	32

And thinking about Gordon Brown and David Cameron, which animal from the following list would you most identify them with?

Brown

Bear	30
Snake	19
Hippo	12
Ostrich	9
Gorilla	7
Rhino	6
Crocodile	2
Leopard	1
Don't know	14

Cameron

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Snake	31
Leopard	16
Ostrich	14
Bear	5
Crocodile	5
Hippo	3
Gorilla	3
Rhino	2
Don't know	22

Tony Blair is reported to be earning up to £1m a month, from speaking engagements, and has just taken an advisory role with the US bank J P Morgan paying a reported £500 000 a year. Do you approve or disapprove of the former prime minister earning money this way?

Approve	8
Disapprove	41
It doesn't bother me either way	49
Don't know	3

And finally, from what you have heard and read, do you think the telephone calls of the late Princess of Wales were routinely bugged?

Yes	65
No	9
Don't know	26

Who do you think was responsible for ordering this?

[only Yes respondents to the previous question]

The royal family	29
The security services	58
Don't know	13