

YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 14th - 15th February 2008

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Headline Voting Intention

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

Con	41
Lab	32
Lib Dem	16
Other	11

Other Parties Voting Intention

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

SNP / PCY	4
BNP	3
Green	2
UKIP	2
Respect	0
Other	0

Non Voters

<i>Would Not Vote</i>	8
<i>Don't know</i>	13

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

Very well	3
Fairly well	33
Fairly badly	35
Very badly	22
Don't know	7

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

Very well	6
Fairly well	45
Fairly badly	25
Very badly	12
Don't know	12

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

Very well	2
Fairly well	25
Fairly badly	18
Very badly	7
Don't know	48

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

Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling	25
David Cameron and George Osborne	31
Neither	36
Don't know	9

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

Grow at a faster rate than over the past 12 months	2
Grow at about the same rate	10
Grow more slowly	33
Not grow at all	24
Go into recession	23
Don't know	8

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

Improve	12
Get worse	50
Stay about the same	34
Don't know	3

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

Rise by more than 10%	5
Rise by less than 10%	18
Stay about the same	37
Fall by less than 10%	28
Fall by more than 10%	6
Don't know	6

Vince Cable the Liberal Democrat shadow chancellor has questioned whether Sir Richard Branson is a fit and proper person to take over Northern Rock. What is your view?

Yes if Branson wants to take it over and pays the right amount for it, he should be allowed to do so	71
No Branson is not a suitable person and he should not be allowed to take it over	13
Don't know	16

If Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Group does acquire Northern Rock what do you think is the most likely outcome?

Richard Branson will make a lot of money thanks to the taxpayer	40
It will still fail and the taxpayer will pick up the bill	8
Branson will not make much money out of it but will pay off the taxpayer	30
Don't know	22

Chancellor of the Exchequer Alistair Darling has been attacked for making concessions on his proposal to tax "non-doms" (people who live in Britain but are non-domiciled for tax purposes). Business groups say the remaining proposal a £30 000 a year

Non-doms should pay the same tax as everyone else - Alistair Darling should have gone further with his proposal, not made concessions	60
Non-doms should pay lower taxes than other people because they bring in money and jobs to the country and could easily go elsewhere	21
Non-doms should pay no tax in Britain at all	2
Don't know	17

Suppose a choice had to be made which would you prefer the Government to do?

Tax non-doms more heavily because it's the right thing to do, even if this means that some of them leave Britain, take their business elsewhere, and Britain's economy suffers	45
Allow non-doms to keep their present tax status in order to keep them and their business in Britain, even if this means that they pay a smaller share of their overall income in tax than millions of Britons who earn far less	30
Don't know	25

Alistair Darling is responsible for issues such as taxation and the future of Northern Rock. Do you think he should continue as chancellor or be replaced?

Should continue	27
Should be replaced	44
Don't know	28

Steven Spielberg the Hollywood filmmaker has withdrawn from helping China with the opening and closing ceremonies at this summer's Beijing Olympics in protest at China's failure to use its influence to stop the violence in Darfur. Was he right or wrong to do this?

Spielberg is right to withdraw from helping China	75
He is wrong to withdraw from helping China	12
Don't know	13

In view of China's record and the call by others for a boycott would you support or oppose a boycott of the Olympic Games by British athletes?

Support a boycott by British athletes	49
Oppose a boycott by British athletes	33
Don't know	18

Following the row over his comments on the adoption of Sharia law in Britain do you think the Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams has been damaged and lost some of his authority or has he enhanced authority by opening up an important debate?

He has been damaged and lost some authority	67
He has enhanced his authority	6
Not made much difference either way	18
Don't know	9

Should he remain or step down as Archbishop?

Remain Archbishop	40
Step down	40
Don't know	20

Do you regard yourself as...

Christian – Church of England	35
Christian – Roman Catholic	10
Christian – some other denomination	11
Jewish	1
Muslim	1
A follower of some other religion	3
Not religious	39

Should the police and intelligence services have the right to tap phone calls and record the private conversations of the following - and, if so, who should authorise it?

People planning peaceful demonstrations against government policy

No – their conversations should not be monitored at all	67
Yes – if approval is given by a senior police officer	9
Yes – if approval is given by a magistrate	6
Yes – if approval is given by a senior judge	7
Yes – but only if approval is given by the Home Secretary or Prime Minister	5
Don't know	7

People planning illegal but non-violent protests against government policy

No – their conversations should not be monitored at all	34
Yes – if approval is given by a senior police officer	25
Yes – if approval is given by a magistrate	13
Yes – if approval is given by a senior judge	14
Yes – but only if approval is given by the Home Secretary or Prime Minister	7
Don't know	7

Trade union members planning a strike

No – their conversations should not be monitored at all	70
Yes – if approval is given by a senior police officer	8
Yes – if approval is given by a magistrate	5
Yes – if approval is given by a senior judge	6
Yes – but only if approval is given by the Home Secretary or Prime Minister	4
Don't know	7

Suspected drug dealers' conversations

No – their conversations should not be monitored at all	6
Yes – if approval is given by a senior police officer	55
Yes – if approval is given by a magistrate	17
Yes – if approval is given by a senior judge	14
Yes – but only if approval is given by the Home Secretary or Prime Minister	4
Don't know	6

Suspected terrorists' conversations

No – their conversations should not be monitored at all	3
Yes – if approval is given by a senior police officer	53
Yes – if approval is given by a magistrate	12
Yes – if approval is given by a senior judge	18
Yes – but only if approval is given by the Home Secretary or Prime Minister	10
Don't know	6

Suspected drug dealers' conversations with their lawyer(s)

No – their conversations should not be monitored at all	28
Yes – if approval is given by a senior police officer	33
Yes – if approval is given by a magistrate	11
Yes – if approval is given by a senior judge	16
Yes – but only if approval is given by the Home Secretary or Prime Minister	5
Don't know	7

Suspected terrorists' conversations with their lawyer(s)

No – their conversations should not be monitored at all	22
Yes – if approval is given by a senior police officer	35
Yes – if approval is given by a magistrate	11
Yes – if approval is given by a senior judge	16
Yes – but only if approval is given by the Home Secretary or Prime Minister	8
Don't know	7

Suspected drug dealers' conversations with their MP

No – their conversations should not be monitored at all	23
Yes – if approval is given by a senior police officer	33
Yes – if approval is given by a magistrate	12
Yes – if approval is given by a senior judge	15
Yes – but only if approval is given by the Home Secretary or Prime Minister	9
Don't know	8

Suspected terrorists' conversations with their MP

No – their conversations should not be monitored at all	18
Yes – if approval is given by a senior police officer	36
Yes – if approval is given by a magistrate	12
Yes – if approval is given by a senior judge	16
Yes – but only if approval is given by the Home Secretary or Prime Minister	11
Don't know	7

Currently under the so-called Wilson doctrine the police and intelligence services are banned from tapping the telephone calls of MPs (but not other forms of surveillance). Do you think...

All forms of surveillance of MPs should be banned	4
The doctrine should be kept as it is	16
It should be scrapped so that MPs are treated like everyone else	73
Don't know	8

The government is due to produce some new policy ideas on 'Britishness'. Which of the following things sum up to you what it means to be British? [Please tick up to 4.]

Accepting Britain's way of life	67
Pride in Britain's historic achievements, including the Empire	44
A willingness to fight to defend Britain	38
A belief in fair play	38
Being born here	34
Tolerance	30
Belief that decisions taken in Westminster should take precedence over those in Europe	28
A sense of humour	24
Alliegance to the Queen	23
Having lived here for a considerable time	12
Having grandparents born here	10
Love of British food	3
Supporting the England cricket team	1
None of these	5

Which ONE of these best describes how you feel about yourself?

British	42
English	41
Scottish	8
Welsh	4
Irish	1
Northern Irish	0
British Indian	1
British Pakistani	0
Something else	4

Have you personally been worried or frightened in the last two or three years by gangs or youths on your streets?

Yes I have	40
No I have not	58
Don't know	2

Would you like to a more visible police presence on the streets to tackle the problem or do you think the police are doing enough?

Yes would like a more visible police presence	84
No police are doing enough	11
Don't know	4

Following a number of recent incidents involving violent youths it has been suggested either that alcohol should be made more expensive or that its sale be restricted to over-21s. What is your view?

Alcohol should be made much more expensive	8
Alcohol sales should be restricted to over-21s	50
Both should happen	24
Neither of these	16
Don't know	3

Turning now to international politics which of the three main candidates would you prefer to see as the next US president?

Barack Obama	37
Hillary Clinton	30
John McCain	9
Don't know	24

Would you like to see Tony Blair become president of the Europe Union?

Yes I would	24
No I would not	58
Don't know	18

Back in the UK a decision will soon be made on a third runway and sixth terminal at Heathrow airport. Do you approve of Heathrow's expansion?

Yes - it is necessary to meet future aviation demand	36
No - any expansion of airport facilities should be to the east of London, the Thames Estuary	7
No - any expansion should be away from London altogether, strengthening regional airports	30
No - there should be no expansion of airport capacity	12
Don't know	15