

## YUOGOV / MAIL ON SUNDAY SURVEY

YouGov questioned a representative sample of 1,574 electors online on April 2 and 3, 2004

**All**

**Which three of the following political issues do you think are most important for this country?**

Health	56%
Immigration and asylum seekers	46%
Education	39%
Law and order	36%
The war on terrorism	29%
The economy	26%
Tax	18%
Transport	16%
The EU constitution	16%
The decision on whether or not to replace the pound with the euro	16%
The environment	12%
Housing	11%
Countryside and farming	3%
Other	2%
Don't know	1%

**And which matter most to you in your daily life?**

Health	58%
Law and order	39%
Tax	28%
The economy	26%
Education	23%
Immigration and asylum seekers	23%
Transport	22%
The environment	18%
The war on terrorism	15%
Housing	12%
The decision on whether or not to replace the pound with the euro	8%
The EU constitution	6%
Countryside and farming	3%
Other	2%
Don't know	1%

**How do you rate the present Government's policies on immigration and people who seek asylum in Britain?**

Too tough	4%
Not tough enough	80%
Has the balance about right	10%
Don't know	6%

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**How do you think the Conservatives would handle the issue of immigration and people who seek asylum in Britain?**

Would be too tough **19%**  
Would be not tough enough **31%**  
Would get the balance about right **24%**  
Don't know **25%**

**Some people say increased immigration is necessary because foreign workers are needed to perform jobs that Britons cannot or will not do? Do you agree or disagree?**

Agree **26%**  
Disagree **68%**  
Don't know **6%**

**Has the political scandal over immigration made you more or less likely to vote Labour at the next General Election?**

More likely **2%**  
Less likely **29%**  
No difference - would have voted Labour anyway **24%**  
No difference - would not have voted Labour anyway **36%**  
Don't know **9%**

**How many immigrants do you think should be allowed into this country each year?**

None **27%**  
Up to 10,000 **30%**  
Up to 50,000 **10%**  
Up to 100,000 **3%**  
Up to 250,000 **1%**  
Unlimited **4%**  
Don't know **24%**

**Would you ever consider voting for the British National Party?**

Would consider **16%**  
Would never consider **71%**  
Don't know **13%**

**Has the recent row over immigration made you more or less likely to vote BNP?**

More likely **14%**  
Less likely **2%**  
No difference - would have voted BNP anyway **1%**  
No difference - would not have voted BNP anyway **72%**  
Don't know **11%**

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

**'The Government's policies to keep immigration under control are working reasonably well'**

Agree **14%**  
Disagree **78%**  
Don't know **8%**

**'The Government is open and honest about the scale of immigration into Britain'**

Agree **11%**  
Disagree **80%**  
Don't know **9%**

**'Laws to limit immigration should be much tougher'**

Agree **78%**  
Disagree **14%**  
Don't know **8%**

**'Britain needs more immigrants with particular skills if our economy is to prosper'**

Agree **31%**  
Disagree **58%**  
Don't know **11%**

**'Immigration improves the cultural life of this country'**

Agree **28%**  
Disagree **62%**  
Don't know **10%**

**'Britain is already overcrowded'**

Agree **75%**  
Disagree **18%**  
Don't know **7%**

**'Asylum-seekers who are genuinely fleeing persecution should be made welcome in Britain, even if they have arrived here illegally'**

Agree **39%**  
Disagree **49%**  
Don't know **12%**

**'All asylum-seekers should be held in detention centres on arrival in the UK while their applications for asylum are processed'**

Agree **77%**  
Disagree **15%**  
Don't know **8%**

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**Do you think Beverley Hughes, the immigration minister, was right or wrong to resign after the Home Office approved visa claims from Eastern Europe, which were backed by forged documents?**

Was right to resign **75%**  
Was wrong to resign **12%**  
Don't know **14%**

**Ms Hughes resigned after she gave a 'misleading impression - albeit unwittingly' in media interviews.**

**Do you think that Ms Hughes, the immigration minister who has just resigned, deliberately misled the public, or was it unintentional?**

Deliberate **45%**  
Unintentional **31%**  
Don't know **24%**

**Leaving aside your own party preferences, do you think that David Blunkett should remain Home Secretary, or should he also resign over the recent controversies over immigration?**

Remain Home Secretary **40%**  
Resign **39%**  
Don't know **21%**

**Tony Blair has said he is to take personal charge of immigration policy. How much do you trust him to get the problem under control?**

Trust a lot **5%**  
Trust a fair amount **24%**  
Don't trust much **29%**  
Don't trust at all **38%**  
Don't know **4%**

**How much do you trust government figures showing a recent reduction in the numbers of asylum seekers arriving in Britain?**

Trust a great deal **3%**  
Trust a fair amount **18%**  
Do not trust very much **34%**  
Do not trust at all **39%**  
Don't know **6%**

**All**

**How much do you trust the Government to tell the truth about asylum and immigration into Britain?**

Trust a great deal **3%**  
Trust a fair amount **19%**  
Do not trust very much **33%**  
Do not trust at all **42%**  
Don't know **4%**

**How much do you trust the Conservative Party to tell the truth about asylum and immigration into Britain?**

Trust a great deal **4%**  
Trust a fair amount **28%**  
Do not trust very much **35%**  
Do not trust at all **25%**  
Don't know **9%**

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

Tony Blair **20%**  
Michael Howard **25%**  
Charles Kennedy **12%**  
None of them **31%**  
Don't know **13%**

**Do you agree or disagree that the Conservatives were being racist in criticising the government's immigration policy?**

Agree **17%**  
Disagree **61%**  
Don't know **22%**

**Sheffield civil servant Steve Moxton, and James Cameron, the British consul in Romania, have been suspended after blowing the whistle of immigration scams.**

**Do you think Mr Moxon should be reinstated in his job?**

Yes, should be reinstated **70%**  
No, should not **12%**  
Don't know **18%**

**Do you think James Cameron should be reinstated in his job?**

Yes, should be reinstated **69%**  
No, should not **11%**  
Don't know **20%**

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Turning now to the issue of terrorism... How much confidence do you have in each of the following to act effectively to combat the threat of terrorism in the UK?

**Government ministers**

A great deal of confidence 5%  
Some confidence 38%  
Not much confidence 37%  
No confidence at all 16%  
Don't know 3%

**Whitehall civil servants**

A great deal of confidence 3%  
Some confidence 33%  
Not much confidence 38%  
No confidence at all 19%  
Don't know 6%

**The police**

A great deal of confidence 23%  
Some confidence 59%  
Not much confidence 13%  
No confidence at all 3%  
Don't know 2%

**The intelligence services such as MI5**

A great deal of confidence 28%  
Some confidence 55%  
Not much confidence 11%  
No confidence at all 4%  
Don't know 2%

**The police now have the right to detain and question British citizens suspected of terrorism for up to 14 days before they must be charged or released. In contrast, people suspected of normal offences must be charged or released within 96 hours. Foreign citizens suspected of terrorist offences can be detained indefinitely.**

**Which of these options do you most support for British citizens suspected of offences connected with terrorism?**

The law should be changed so that the police treat them like normal suspects and hold them for no more than 96 hours 7%

Police should have the power to treat them like foreign nationals suspected of terrorism and hold them indefinitely 49%

Current 14-day law is about right 40%

Don't know 4%

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**Would you support or oppose each of the following measures to prevent terrorism in the UK?**

**Introduce compulsory identity cards**

Support **78%**  
Oppose **16%**  
Don't know **6%**

**Greatly increase the number of CCTV cameras**

Support **80%**  
Oppose **14%**  
Don't know **7%**

**Monitor car number-plates at major junctions throughout the country**

Support **74%**  
Oppose **15%**  
Don't know **11%**

**Increase fares on public transport by 10% in order to finance greater security on public transport**

Support **28%**  
Oppose **58%**  
Don't know **14%**

**Expel or imprison Muslim preachers who support extreme Islamic fundamentalism**

Support **76%**  
Oppose **10%**  
Don't know **13%**

**Giving police the power to search any private property without a search warrant where they suspect that terrorism is being planned**

Support **58%**  
Oppose **32%**  
Don't know **11%**

**Which of these views about Britain's Muslims comes closest to your view?**

Almost all of Britain's Muslims oppose terrorism **23%**  
Most of Britain's Muslims oppose terrorism **43%**  
Roughly equal numbers of Britain's Muslims support and oppose terrorism **16%**  
Most of Britain's Muslims support terrorism **6%**  
Almost all of Britain's Muslims support terrorism **2%**  
Don't know **11%**

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**In the wake of the arrest of nine young Britons in connection with a bomb plot, are Muslim leaders in this country doing enough to rein in extremists blamed for encouraging Islamic terrorism?**

They are doing as much as they should **14%**

They should be doing more **72%**

Don't know **14%**

**Do you think extremist Muslim clerics should be...**

Tolerated and their right to free speech respected **8%**

Prosecuted for inciting racial hatred **79%**

Don't know **13%**