

YouGov Survey / Daily Telegraph Results

Sample Size: 1556

Fieldwork: 24th - 25th November 2008

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Headline Voting Intention

[Excluding DK and would not vote]

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| Con | 40 |
| Lab | 36 |
| Lib Dem | 14 |
| Other | 10 |

Other Parties Voting Intention

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|-----------|---|
| SNP / PCY | 4 |
| BNP | 3 |
| UKIP | 2 |
| Green | 1 |
| Respect | 0 |
| Other | 1 |

Non Voters

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|----------------|----|
| Would Not Vote | 6 |
| Don't know | 12 |

Do you approve or disapprove of the Government's record to date?

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| Approve | 28 |
| Disapprove | 58 |
| Don't know | 14 |

Which of these would make the best Prime Minister?

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| Gordon Brown | 31 |
| David Cameron | 33 |
| Nick Clegg | 7 |
| Don't know | 30 |

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with Gordon Brown as Prime Minister?

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|--------------|----|
| Satisfied | 32 |
| Dissatisfied | 59 |
| Don't know | 10 |

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

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|------------------------------|----|
| Is proving a good leader | 47 |
| Is not proving a good leader | 34 |
| Don't know | 20 |

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?

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| Conservative government led by David Cameron | 44 |
| Labour government led by Gordon Brown | 41 |
| Don't know | 15 |

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

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|--------------|-----------|
| Conservative | 34 |
| Labour | 32 |
| Neither | 25 |
| Don't know | 9 |

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 | 12 |
| Stay the same | 24 |
| Get a little worse | 38 |
| Get a lot worse | 22 |
| Don't know | 3 |

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Alistair Darling, has just announced the following list of measures for dealing with the credit crunch and the current economic downturn.

Taking into account the Government's intention to reduce taxation in the short-term, and the need to reducing borrowing in the longer term, please indicate for each measure whether you personally welcome it or not.

Reducing VAT until the end of next year from 17.5% to 15%

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|------------------------|-----------|
| I support this measure | 60 |
| I oppose this measure | 29 |
| Don't know | 11 |

Increasing the duty on tobacco alcohol and petrol to offset the reduction in VAT so that the overall rate of taxation on these things remains unchanged

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|------------------------|-----------|
| I support this measure | 42 |
| I oppose this measure | 49 |
| Don't know | 10 |

Making permanent the increase in income tax allowances originally intended to be temporary to offset the abolition of the 10p tax band earlier this year

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| I support this measure | 68 |
| I oppose this measure | 15 |
| Don't know | 17 |

Paying state pensioners an extra £60 each in January and bringing forward increases in child benefit from April until January

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| I support this measure | 81 |
| I oppose this measure | 11 |
| Don't know | 8 |

Increasing national insurance rates and the starting threshold from April 2011 so that people earning up to £20,000 a year pay less while those earning more than £20,000 a year pay more

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|------------------------|-----------|
| I support this measure | 51 |
| I oppose this measure | 40 |
| Don't know | 10 |

Reducing tax allowances from 2010 for people earning more than £100,000 a year and increasing the top rate of income tax in 2011 from 40% to 45% for those earning more than £150,000 a year

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|------------------------|-----------|
| I support this measure | 72 |
| I oppose this measure | 17 |
| Don't know | 11 |

Please indicate in each case how far you think these measures will go towards lessening the impact of the economic downturn next year.

Reducing VAT until the end of next year from 17.5% to 15%

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| A great deal | 9 |
| A fair amount | 24 |
| Not much | 30 |
| Hardly at all | 31 |
| Not sure | 6 |

Making permanent the increase in tax allowances originally intended to be temporary to offset the abolition of the 10p tax band earlier this year

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| A great deal | 8 |
| A fair amount | 33 |
| Not much | 34 |
| Hardly at all | 13 |
| Not sure | 11 |

Paying state pensioners an extra £60 each in January and bringing forward increases in child benefit from April until January

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| A great deal | 11 |
| A fair amount | 24 |
| Not much | 39 |
| Hardly at all | 20 |
| Not sure | 7 |

How much do you think the Chancellor's package as a whole will do to lessen the impact of the economic downturn on the country as a whole?

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|----------------|----|
| A great deal | 2 |
| A fair amount | 25 |
| Not much | 53 |
| Nothing at all | 12 |
| Not sure | 8 |

How far do you think the package as a whole will benefit you and your family?

| | |
|-----------------------|----|
| Benefit a lot | 2 |
| Benefit a little | 26 |
| Not benefit very much | 42 |
| Not benefit at all | 25 |
| Not sure | 5 |

Do you think the package as a whole is broadly fair or unfair in the way it will affect different groups of people in Britain?

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|------------|----|
| Fair | 44 |
| Unfair | 32 |
| Don't know | 24 |

Which of these statements comes closer to your view?

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| 'It is right for the Government to increase borrowing substantially in the short term in order to help Britain's economy to recover in the longer term' | 33 |
| 'It is wrong for the Government to borrow so much in the short term because Britain's economy will suffer in the longer term' | 50 |
| Don't know | 17 |

How if at all have the measures that have just been announced affected your judgement of the Government's handling of the economic crisis?

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| I have greater confidence in the Government than I had before | 11 |
| I have less confidence in the Government than I had before | 16 |
| My view hasn't changed: I already thought the Government was handling the crisis well | 24 |
| My view hasn't changed: I already thought the Government was handling the crisis badly | 39 |
| Don't know | 11 |

Here are some things people are saying about the Conservative Party's handling of the current crisis.

Please indicate for each statement whether you agree with it or not.

The Conservatives are right to warn people that tax cuts and increased government spending now will inevitably lead to big tax increases in the future'

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|------------|-----------|
| Agree | 66 |
| Disagree | 17 |
| Don't know | 16 |

The Conservatives are dithering: they can't seem to make up their minds how to handle the crisis'

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| Agree | 50 |
| Disagree | 29 |
| Don't know | 21 |

The Conservatives were right when they recently abandoned their pledge to match Labour's spending plans till at least 2010'

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| Agree | 45 |
| Disagree | 26 |
| Don't know | 29 |

The Conservatives are right to oppose the measures the Chancellor has just announced on the grounds that they are "unaffordable" and unlikely to work'

| | |
|------------|-----------|
| Agree | 42 |
| Disagree | 36 |
| Don't know | 22 |

The Conservatives are spending too much time blaming the Government for getting us into the present mess and not enough time saying how they would get us out of it'

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|------------|-----------|
| Agree | 65 |
| Disagree | 23 |
| Don't know | 12 |

The Conservatives are too complacent: they don't seem to recognise that extraordinary times require extraordinary measures'

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|------------|-----------|
| Agree | 43 |
| Disagree | 36 |
| Don't know | 21 |

Taking everything into account how well do you think David Cameron and the Conservative Party have come out of the present crisis?

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|--------------|-----------|
| Very well | 3 |
| Fairly well | 35 |
| Fairly badly | 35 |
| Very badly | 12 |
| Don't know | 15 |

Which of the two major parties would you trust more to get Britain out of the present crisis?

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|-------------------|-----------|
| The Conservatives | 29 |
| Labour | 36 |
| Neither of them | 28 |
| Don't know | 7 |

Which of the two major parties would you trust more to look after the interests of ordinary people during the present crisis and the coming recession?

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|-------------------|-----------|
| The Conservatives | 26 |
| Labour | 40 |
| Neither of them | 28 |
| Don't know | 7 |

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

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|---|-----------|
| 'Gordon Brown's handling of the present crisis has probably increased Labour's chances of winning the next election' | 36 |
| 'Mr Brown's handling of the present crisis has probably had little effect on Labour's chances of winning the next election' | 48 |
| Not sure | 17 |