

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 27th - 29th January 2009

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Headline Voting Intention

[Excluding Don't Knows and Wouldn't Vote]

Con	43
Lab	32
Lib Dem	16
Other	10

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

Approve	22
Disapprove	62
Don't know	15

Which of these would make the best Prime Minister?

David Cameron	35
Gordon Brown	27
Nick Clegg	7
Don't know	32

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

Satisfied	27
Dissatisfied	63
Don't know	10

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

Is proving a good leader	46
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?

Conservative government led by David Cameron	46
Labour government led by Gordon Brown	38
Don't know	16

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

Conservative	36
Labour	28
Neither	27
Don't know	9

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How concerned are you about your financial future?

Very concerned	34
Fairly concerned	47
Not very concerned	16
Not at all concerned	2
Don't know	2

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	10
Stay the same	29
Get a little worse	36
Get a lot worse	20
Don't know	3

Looking further ahead, how do you think the financial situation of your household will change during the two or three years following the next 12 months?

Get a lot better	5
Get a little better	27
Stay the same	24
Get a little worse	25
Get a lot worse	11
Don't know	7

Thinking about the current recession and the 'credit crunch', which one of the following do you think bears the largest responsibility for the problems now facing Britain's economy?

America's government / former President George Bush	10
America's banks	33
Britain's government / Prime Minister Gordon Brown	21
Britain's banks	24
None of these	4
Don't know	9

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

The current crisis is global: whatever Britain did our economy would not have been able to avoid a downturn

Agree	64
Disagree	25
Don't know	11

Britain's banks have behaved so badly that the time has come for the government to take over more of them and run them as nationalised companies

Agree	55
Disagree	27
Don't know	19

The value of the pound has fallen sharply in recent weeks against the euro and the dollar. Do you think that this is on balance a good thing, because it make British goods and services more competitive compared with other countries, or a bad thing, because it makes imports, and travelling abroad, more expensive?

Good	14
Bad	52
Neither	21
Don't know	13

How well do you think Gordon Brown has handled the current financial crisis?

Very well	5
Fairly well	36
Fairly badly	29
Very badly	24
Don't know	6

How well do you think America's new President, Barack Obama, will handle the current crisis?

Very well	14
Fairly well	51
Fairly badly	6
Very badly	1
Don't know	29

Some people say that, irrespective of how well or badly Mr Brown has handled the current crisis, he bears much of the responsibility for allowing lending and borrowing in this country to get out of hand in the first place.

What is your view?

Gordon Brown bears much of the responsibility for allowing lending and borrowing to get out of hand in the first place	31
He bears some of the responsibility	48
He bears very little of the responsibility	13
He bears none of it	3
Don't know	5

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

The Conservatives	35
Labour	28
Neither of them	28
Don't know	9

Which of these statements comes closer to your view?

'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'	30
'It is wrong for the Government to borrow so much in the short term because Britain's economy will suffer in the longer term'	49
Don't know	20

How worried are you that you will lose your job during the next 12 months because of the recession?

I have already lost my job because of the recession	3
Very worried	8
Fairly worried	19
Not very worried	22
Not worried at all	14
Don't know	2
Not applicable – I don't work and have not in recent months	33

How worried are you that, even if you keep your job, your pay and/or hours will be reduced because of the recession?

[Excluding those who do not work]

My pay and/or hours have already been reduced	5
Very worried	13
Fairly worried	24
Not very worried	35
Not worried at all	19
Don't know	3

Average house prices have fallen by around 20 per cent since the autumn of 2007.

How has this affected you and your immediate family?

It has been very good for us	2
It has been fairly good for us	3
It has been fairly bad for us	13
It has been very bad for us	9
It has had no real effect either way	70
Don't know	4

Interest rates have fallen sharply in the past few months. How has this affected you and your immediate family?

It has been very good for us	6
It has been fairly good for us	12
It has been fairly bad for us	21
It has been very bad for us	16
It has had no real effect either way	40
Don't know	5

For each of the following, do you think they do or do not apply to the finances of you and your family?

With the recent reductions in VAT, interest rates, petrol and other energy prices, we should end up better off this year

It does apply to us	45
It does not apply	38
Don't know	18

If we do end up finding it easier to make ends meet, our first priority will be to build up our savings and/or pay off our debt rather than to increase our spending.

It does apply to us	65
It does not apply	24
Don't know	11

Turning to another subject, the major broadcasters allow the major charities, working together in the Disasters Emergency Committee, to broadcast appeals for money when there is a major international humanitarian crisis. The committee asked for airtime recently to raise money to send aid to Gaza following the recent conflict. ITV and Channels Four and Five agreed to carry the appeal; the BBC and Sky decided not to do so, saying this was a political crisis (unlike, say, an earthquake or a tsunami), and broadcasters should be careful to retain their neutrality and independence.

Do you think the BBC and Sky should have broadcast the appeal or were they right not to do so?

BBC and Sky should have broadcast the appeal	33
BBC and Sky were right not to do so	52
Don't know	15