

# YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 16th - 18th December 2008

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## Headline Voting Intention

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

Con	42
Lab	35
Lib Dem	14
Other	9

## Other Parties Voting Intention

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

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

## Non Voters

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

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

Approve	24
Disapprove	60
Don't know	16

## Which of these would make the best Prime Minister?

Gordon Brown	29
David Cameron	31
Nick Clegg	7
Don't know	34

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

Satisfied	30
Dissatisfied	60
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	<b>43</b>
Is not proving a good leader	<b>35</b>
Don't know	<b>22</b>

**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	<b>43</b>
Labour government led by Gordon Brown	<b>38</b>
Don't know	<b>18</b>

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

Conservative	<b>33</b>
Labour	<b>31</b>
Neither	<b>25</b>
Don't know	<b>11</b>

**How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months?**

Get a lot better	<b>2</b>
Get a little better	<b>11</b>
Stay the same	<b>25</b>
Get a little worse	<b>38</b>
Get a lot worse	<b>22</b>
Don't know	<b>3</b>

**People have different views about whether it is more important to reduce taxes or keep up government spending.**

**How about you? Which of these statements comes closest to your view?**

Cut taxes, even if this means some reduction in government services, such as health, education and welfare	<b>27</b>
Things should be left as they are	<b>33</b>
Government services such as health, education, and welfare should be extended even if it means some increases in taxes	<b>29</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>

Some people are calling on the Government to help pensioners through the recession by abolishing the tax on the savings income (interest on savings account and share dividends) received by people aged 65 and over.

The concession would apply to basic-rate taxpayers, not to better-off pensioners paying higher-tax rate. The Treasury would have to find an estimated £4bn to pay for this - equivalent to around 1p on the basic rate of income tax.

Do you support or oppose this idea?

Support	58
Oppose	22
Don't know	21

How heavily do you rely on interest from savings and dividends from shares?

*[BASE: those over 50 receiving a state and / or private pension, 647]*

Not applicable – I do not own any shares	34
Hardly at all	36
Quite a lot	21
A great deal	9
Don't know	1

You may be aware that people who have a private pension fund are required by law to use the money to buy an annuity (that is, regular pension income) by the age of 75, rather than leave it as a lump sum, with the option of buying an annuity later, or leaving it in their will.

Which of these statements comes closer to your view?

The rule is right: as pension savings offer big tax advantages, it's fair for the Governemnt to impose these rules on what can be done with the money	11
The rule is wrong: when they reach 75, people should be allowed much more flexibility with what they do with their pension savings	65
Don't know	24

In recent months, the fall in share prices and interest rates mean that people reaching 75 around now can expect a far smaller annuity than those who reached that age a year or two ago.

Do you think that the annuity rule for 75 year-olds should be...?

Kept as it is	13
Dropped for the time being, and restored when share prices and interest rates	21
Scrapped permanently	34
Don't know	31