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Sample Size: 1102 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 4th - 5th October 2009

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Headline Voting Intention

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

Con	40	100	0	0	39	41	37	41	42	45	35	42	51	46	27	18
Lab	27	0	100	0	26	29	29	24	28	25	30	27	19	23	41	34
Lib Dem	20	0	0	100	22	18	24	18	18	20	20	17	23	21	18	12
Other	13	0	0	0	13	13	10	17	12	11	15	14	8	9	14	36

Non Voters

Would Not Vote	7	0	0	0	6	7	11	6	3	5	8	5	5	7	10	6
Don't know	11	0	0	0	7	14	11	13	8	10	12	14	10	10	12	7

The financial prospects for you and your family over the next few months

Very positive	3	2	4	4	3	3	3	2	3	3	2	4	1	3	3	5
Fairly positive	27	29	34	29	29	25	27	28	25	30	23	27	30	24	23	29
TOTAL POSITIVE	30	31	38	32	31	27	30	29	28	33	25	31	32	27	26	34
Neither positive nor negative	27	25	30	24	27	27	24	28	30	28	27	32	28	26	25	30
Fairly negative	31	35	25	29	30	33	33	29	33	30	33	25	29	36	36	26
Very negative	11	9	5	14	10	12	11	13	9	10	13	10	12	11	12	11
TOTAL NEGATIVE	42	44	31	43	40	45	44	42	42	40	46	35	40	47	47	36
Don't know	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	1	0	2	0

The economic prospects for Britain as a whole over the next few months

Very positive	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
Fairly positive	16	11	35	18	17	15	19	13	16	17	14	18	15	14	15	21
TOTAL POSITIVE	17	11	37	19	18	16	20	13	17	18	15	19	15	15	17	22
Neither positive nor negative	25	19	30	28	23	26	28	31	16	25	25	28	26	21	28	18
Fairly negative	40	47	27	42	40	41	40	36	44	41	40	35	43	41	38	44
Very negative	17	22	5	11	18	17	8	19	22	17	18	15	16	24	15	14
TOTAL NEGATIVE	57	69	31	52	57	57	48	55	67	57	57	50	58	64	54	58
Don't know	1	1	2	1	2	1	4	1	0	1	2	3	1	1	2	2

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Do you think Gordon Brown is doing well or badly as prime minister?

Very well	4	0	14	2	2	5	2	3	6	2	5	2	3	3	5	6
Fairly well	24	6	58	26	25	23	28	25	19	23	25	20	17	24	30	36
TOTAL WELL	28	6	71	28	28	28	30	28	25	26	30	21	21	28	35	42
Fairly badly	32	32	21	44	30	34	38	29	30	34	30	34	32	32	31	29
Very badly	34	61	3	24	38	31	22	37	43	35	34	34	42	37	26	24
TOTAL BADLY	66	93	24	68	68	64	60	66	72	68	64	69	74	69	57	53
Don't know	6	0	5	4	4	8	10	6	3	6	7	10	5	4	8	5

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

Very well	9	22	1	4	9	9	7	8	11	8	10	7	11	10	8	4
Fairly well	45	68	34	45	44	47	44	45	47	52	38	55	47	47	38	41
TOTAL WELL	54	90	35	49	53	55	52	53	58	60	48	62	59	57	45	45
Fairly badly	23	7	31	32	25	21	22	24	23	21	25	20	20	19	27	35
Very badly	11	1	23	15	14	9	10	10	15	11	13	7	12	12	14	9
TOTAL BADLY	34	7	54	47	39	30	31	34	37	31	38	27	32	31	40	44
Don't know	12	2	11	4	8	15	17	14	5	9	15	11	10	12	15	11

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

Very well	4	5	2	14	5	4	4	4	6	5	4	3	5	7	3	2
Fairly well	44	47	39	75	47	40	38	41	51	45	42	35	45	47	45	36
TOTAL WELL	48	51	40	89	52	44	42	45	56	49	46	38	50	54	48	37
Fairly badly	20	23	21	8	22	18	19	19	22	19	21	23	16	19	21	30
Very badly	7	5	10	0	9	5	7	7	6	7	6	9	8	4	7	8
TOTAL BADLY	27	29	31	8	30	23	26	26	28	27	27	32	24	24	27	38
Don't know	25	20	29	3	17	33	32	29	16	24	27	30	26	22	25	25

Who would you trust more to raise you and your family's standard of living?

Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling	23	2	73	20	24	22	22	23	23	24	21	15	16	23	31	37
David Cameron and George Osborne	31	79	2	11	32	30	30	29	33	35	26	34	39	34	22	15
Neither	36	13	20	64	37	35	33	37	37	32	41	38	35	34	37	38
Don't know	11	6	6	5	7	14	15	10	7	9	12	14	10	9	10	11

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In your opinion how good or bad is the state of Britain's economy at the moment?

Very good	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Quite good	4	3	10	4	5	4	5	4	4	4	4	3	5	5	3	7
TOTAL GOOD	4	3	11	4	5	4	6	4	5	4	5	4	5	5	4	8
Neither good nor bad	18	10	33	23	18	18	16	23	14	18	18	16	17	18	19	18
Quite bad	48	48	46	52	45	52	56	45	45	49	48	53	51	41	49	50
Very bad	28	39	7	21	30	25	21	26	35	28	28	25	26	36	26	22
TOTAL BAD	76	87	53	73	75	77	76	71	81	77	76	77	78	77	74	72
Don't know	2	0	3	0	2	2	3	2	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	3

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

Rise by more than 10%	3	2	4	3	3	4	6	3	2	3	4	6	3	4	2	4
Rise by less than 10%	35	36	43	41	39	32	35	33	37	35	35	26	44	33	29	41
TOTAL RISE	38	38	47	44	42	36	41	36	39	38	39	32	46	37	31	45
Stay about the same	44	47	41	43	41	47	39	45	48	46	42	45	39	46	50	41
Fall by less than 10%	9	10	8	6	9	8	8	11	7	10	8	11	6	8	12	10
Fall by more than 10%	2	2	0	1	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	4	1	3	2	3
TOTAL FALL	11	12	8	7	12	10	10	14	9	12	9	14	7	10	13	13
Don't know	7	3	3	6	5	8	10	6	4	4	9	8	7	6	7	2

Do you fear that you or a close member of your family will lose their job as a result of the current financial crisis?

Yes I do fear this	39	44	33	39	37	41	44	39	35	40	39	35	41	43	37	38
No I don't	34	30	46	33	37	30	36	34	31	34	34	33	31	32	38	36
Not sure	20	19	17	20	21	19	17	21	23	21	20	22	20	20	20	21
Not applicable – neither I nor any close member of my family	7	7	5	9	5	9	3	6	11	6	8	10	8	6	6	6

Who would you trust most to handle this crisis?

Gordon Brown & Alistair Darling	25	3	76	24	28	23	23	24	28	25	26	20	19	24	32	39
David Cameron & George Osborne	31	80	2	11	32	30	29	31	33	35	26	36	37	36	20	18
Neither	34	13	15	61	35	33	32	35	34	30	38	34	33	32	37	33
Don't know	10	4	8	4	5	15	16	11	5	10	10	9	11	8	12	11

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If the Conservatives win the next general election, do you think...

The standard rate of income tax will rise, fall or remain the same?

The standard rate of income tax will rise	49	37	66	55	51	48	37	49	59	49	49	43	41	51	59	57
The standard rate of income tax will fall	5	6	5	9	5	5	8	4	4	5	6	6	7	5	4	4
The standard rate of income tax will remain about the same	31	48	19	27	35	28	30	35	29	35	27	35	37	28	23	31
Don't know	14	9	10	9	9	19	25	12	8	11	19	17	15	15	14	8

The standard rate of VAT will rise, fall or remain the same?

The standard rate of VAT will rise	51	43	63	59	57	47	46	51	57	53	49	49	47	51	57	55
The standard rate of VAT will fall	3	5	4	2	3	4	6	3	1	3	3	4	4	3	1	5
The standard rate of VAT will remain about the same	33	44	27	31	33	32	28	35	35	34	31	33	35	32	30	34
Don't know	13	9	7	8	8	17	20	12	8	9	17	14	14	14	12	6

Britain's economy will do well, do badly or do neither well nor badly?

Britain's economy will do well	20	48	3	10	22	18	22	19	19	21	18	22	28	18	13	12
Britain's economy will do badly	28	7	56	38	30	27	22	30	32	27	30	22	25	28	36	30
Britain's economy will do neither well nor badly	35	35	28	41	37	33	34	36	35	40	30	40	31	37	33	44
Don't know	17	10	13	11	11	22	22	15	14	12	22	17	16	18	18	14

The overall quality of education in state schools will rise, fall or stay the same?

The overall quality of education in state schools will rise	21	50	3	12	20	22	20	18	25	22	19	20	26	26	14	11
The overall quality of education in state schools will fall	27	4	57	45	30	24	26	24	30	27	27	23	21	26	32	42
The overall quality of education in state schools will stay	38	38	27	37	40	36	32	45	36	39	36	41	37	37	38	38
Don't know	14	9	13	7	11	18	22	13	9	12	18	16	16	11	16	10

The overall quality of the National Health Service will rise, fall or stay about the same?

The overall quality of the National Health Service will rise	15	38	2	4	13	17	15	13	17	15	15	13	21	17	7	11
The overall quality of the NHS will fall	37	8	67	59	41	34	33	38	41	34	42	30	31	37	45	49
The overall quality of the NHS will stay about the same	36	49	20	33	38	34	34	37	37	42	29	41	37	35	34	33
Don't know	12	5	11	4	8	15	19	12	5	10	14	15	11	11	14	7

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The overall levels of crime will rise, fall or stay about the same?

Overall levels of crime will rise	27	9	43	39	29	24	22	26	31	22	32	17	25	29	31	29
Overall levels of crime will fall	20	43	9	9	24	16	19	19	22	22	17	21	25	23	11	15
Overall levels of crime will stay about the same	42	42	36	46	40	44	42	45	39	46	37	44	40	39	43	48
Don't know	12	6	12	6	7	16	18	10	8	10	14	18	10	10	14	8

Finally the number of immigrants settling in Britain each year will rise, fall or stay about the same?

The number of immigrants settling in Britain each year will rise	20	11	24	20	18	21	15	19	24	15	25	13	19	22	22	17
The number of immigrants settling in Britain each year will fall	36	58	27	34	39	34	36	35	38	39	33	40	41	37	30	30
The number of immigrants settling in Britain each year will stay about the same	31	24	36	39	35	27	31	33	28	34	27	33	27	30	34	36
Don't know	13	7	14	6	9	18	18	13	10	12	16	14	13	11	14	16

Generally speaking do you think that Britain's membership of the European Union is a good thing a bad thing or neither good nor bad?

Good	31	22	43	51	39	24	41	29	24	35	26	30	30	26	32	44
Bad	40	53	21	28	41	39	27	42	48	37	42	39	44	44	33	33
Neither good nor bad	21	22	22	19	16	26	22	20	21	21	20	24	20	21	21	20
Don't know	9	4	14	2	5	12	9	9	7	7	11	6	6	8	14	4

Thinking about the European Union's Treaty of Lisbon how much do you feel you know about the measures set out in this treaty?

A great deal	3	2	5	1	4	2	3	2	3	2	3	3	2	1	3	7
A fair amount	15	18	17	13	22	9	8	18	18	19	11	19	14	15	13	21
Not very much	43	47	39	49	44	43	36	44	49	46	41	39	47	43	43	41
Nothing at all	29	26	30	32	23	35	37	25	26	25	34	28	27	31	32	25
Don't know	10	8	10	6	9	11	16	11	4	9	12	11	11	11	9	7

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Ireland has just held a referendum on the Treaty of Lisbon; a majority voted in favour of Ireland ratifying the treaty.

From what you know, if a UK referendum were held on whether or not to ratify this Treaty how would you vote?

I would vote FOR the Treaty	18	12	32	25	23	12	16	18	18	19	16	18	17	16	18	25
I would vote AGAINST the Treaty	36	55	18	27	43	31	19	38	50	39	33	36	39	42	31	30
I would not vote	11	8	8	9	9	13	20	9	5	11	11	15	7	14	13	8
Don't know	35	25	42	39	25	44	46	34	27	31	40	31	37	29	39	37

If the Treaty comes into effect, the EU will have a President who will chair major EU meetings and represent the EU at major gatherings around the world. One possible candidate for this post is Tony Blair, the former Prime Minister. There are other possible candidates from other countries.

Should Britain's government support or oppose Mr Blair becoming President of the EU?

Support	41	25	67	58	47	35	47	43	34	44	37	38	37	42	46	41
Oppose	37	57	11	26	38	36	24	37	49	39	35	39	42	37	29	37
Don't know	22	18	22	16	15	29	30	20	18	17	28	23	21	20	25	22

If Britain wanted to amend or repeal the Treaty once it had been ratified, it would need to seek agreement from all other EU member states.

Assuming unanimous opposition to the Treaty would be difficult to achieve, Britain may be left with two choices. Firstly, to accept the Lisbon Treaty as it is, and secondly to leave the EU altogether.

With that in mind do you think a Conservative government should or should not offer a referendum on the Treaty to UK voters once it is ratified?

Yes they should offer a referendum	60	77	41	61	62	57	44	65	67	60	59	58	64	58	57	59
No they should not	16	9	28	25	22	11	16	13	19	19	12	19	13	18	14	25
Don't know	25	14	31	14	16	33	40	22	14	21	29	24	23	25	29	16

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

If it were to come down to a choice between accepting the Lisbon Treaty as it is or leaving the EU altogether which would you prefer?

Accepting the Lisbon Treaty	30	20	46	48	37	23	35	28	27	33	26	30	28	27	29	42
Leaving the EU altogether	45	60	28	32	46	44	27	49	57	43	47	44	46	50	42	36
Don't know	26	20	27	21	17	34	39	24	16	24	28	27	25	23	29	22

The three main party leaders have agreed to take part in live television debates at the next general election. How likely are you to watch at least one of these debates?

Absolutely certain to watch at least one debate	31	40	35	34	36	26	24	33	36	34	27	33	29	33	28	37
Very likely	19	18	21	23	19	19	15	21	20	20	17	22	19	18	19	17
Fairly likely	20	22	18	18	17	22	21	19	19	19	20	19	22	21	16	21
TOTAL CERTAIN / LIKELY TO WATCH	70	79	74	76	72	68	60	74	74	74	64	74	70	72	63	75
Not very likely	13	12	15	12	12	15	17	12	12	11	16	12	11	16	14	13
Not at all likely	6	4	4	6	6	6	10	3	7	6	6	5	6	5	8	5
Absolutely certain NOT to watch	9	3	6	3	8	9	9	10	7	6	11	6	10	5	11	7
TOTAL CERTAIN NOT TO / UNLIKELY TO WATCH	28	19	25	20	26	30	35	24	25	24	33	24	28	26	33	24
Don't know	2	2	2	4	2	3	5	2	1	2	3	2	3	2	4	1

Which of these two formats do you think would be better?

Three 'pair' debates: one between Gordon Brown and David Cameron, one between David Cameron and Nick Clegg, one between Nick Clegg and Gordon Brown	20	22	28	19	20	21	25	15	21	20	20	19	20	19	22	21
Three debates each involving all three party leaders	64	70	56	72	65	63	57	69	66	67	61	62	63	71	61	67
Don't know	16	8	16	9	15	16	18	17	13	13	18	19	17	10	18	12

Leaving aside which party and which leader you personally prefer who do you think will perform best in the TV debates?

Gordon Brown	12	2	33	13	15	9	11	12	13	10	14	13	8	10	16	20
David Cameron	49	79	30	35	50	48	49	48	49	54	42	50	53	54	39	45
Nick Clegg	15	9	11	41	16	14	11	14	19	16	13	13	17	13	16	13
Don't know	24	10	26	12	20	29	28	26	19	19	31	24	22	24	29	22