

YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 1840

Fieldwork: 12th - 13th March 2009

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Headline Voting Intention

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

Con	41
Lab	31
Lib Dem	17
Other	11

Do you think Gordon Brown is doing well or badly as Prime Minister?

Very well	3
Fairly well	33
Fairly badly	30
Very badly	30
Don't know	5

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

Very well	9
Fairly well	50
Fairly badly	22
Very badly	8
Don't know	12

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

Very well	3
Fairly well	33
Fairly badly	23
Very badly	9
Don't know	32

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

Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling	24
David Cameron and George Osborne	33
Neither	34
Don't know	9

Thinking about the way Britain's government has rescued a number of banks to prevent them collapsing, which of these statements comes closer to your view?

Rescuing the banks will mean higher taxes for ordinary people for years to come	62
The Government will eventually make a profit when it sells the banks back to the private sector	25
Don't know	13

The bosses of the Royal Bank of Scotland were forced to quit when it became effectively nationalised. Should the heads of Lloyds Banking Group, Sir Victor Blank and Eric Daniels, also be made to quit now it is majority publicly-owned?

Yes, they should be made to quit	66
No, they should be allowed to keep their jobs	17
Don't know	17

The question of salaries and bonuses has come up repeatedly during the banking crisis. Thinking generally, which of the following best fits your view?

Nobody in Britain should earn more than £150,000 a year	13
Nobody should earn more than £500,000 a year	15
Nobody should earn more than £1million a year	7
There should be no limit as long as earnings are strictly linked to the performance of the organisation	55
None of these	5
Don't know	6

The Big Brother celebrity Jade Goody is said to be close to death from cancer, and her story has received extensive media coverage.

Which ONE of these statements comes closer to your view?

It is macabre and of no interest to me	43
It is right that she is breaking the taboo of death and trying to raise money for her children	44
Don't know	12

Turning to the issue of the war in Afghanistan against the Taliban.

Do you think the aim of stabilising Afghanistan and preventing it becoming a terrorist stronghold again is...

A worthwhile objective, worth risking the lives of British troops to achieve peace	24
A worthwhile objective, but not worth risking the lives of British troops	54
Not a worthwhile objective	15
Don't know	8

President Obama has said that allied forces are not currently winning the war in Afghanistan against the Taliban. Do you think the war can ever be won?

Yes, it can be won eventually	21
No, it can never be won	64
Don't know	15

And which of the following do you think should happen?

The western allies should send more troops to Afghanistan – including more British troops	8
The western allies should send more troops - but they should come from other NATO countries, not Britain	30
The current troop levels should be maintained	7
Britain should withdraw its troops from Afghanistan, whatever other countries do	26
All western troops should be withdrawn from Afghanistan	17
Don't know	12

Some say that even if the war cannot be won in Afghanistan, it is essential that the fight continues to stop instability spreading to countries like Pakistan, which have nuclear weapons. Others say the presence of NATO troops in Afghanistan increases the potential threat from Pakistan.

Which ONE of these statements comes closest to your view?

Keeping troops in Afghanistan will stop instability spreading in Pakistan	21
The troops in Afghanistan provoke extremism and instability in Pakistan	26
The troops in Afghanistan have little or no effect on what happens in Pakistan	31
Don't know	23

Should America and Britain be willing to talk to the Taliban in Afghanistan in order to achieve a peace deal or not?

Yes, we should be willing to talk to the Taliban	64
No, we should not	24
Don't know	12

Turning now to Iraq...

A few days ago there was a protest in Luton against British soldiers returning from Iraq who are described as "butchers" and "baby killers". What was your attitude to this?

Such protests are offensive and should be banned, and those who proceed with them prosecuted for public order offences	53
However offensive people find such protests, it is the right of anybody to protest in a free society	35
Neither	7
Don't know	5

Turning to the issue of Northern Ireland...

Following recent murders of soldiers and police in Northern Ireland, how likely or unlikely do you think it is that there will be a return to the levels of violence of the 1970s and 1980s?

Very likely	3
Fairly likely	20
Fairly unlikely	47
Very unlikely	21
Don't know	9