

YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 2125 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 3rd - 4th April 2009
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Headline Voting Intention

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

Con	41
Lab	34
Lib Dem	16
Other	10
Don't know	12

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

Very well	5
Fairly well	36
TOTAL WELL	41
Fairly badly	28
Very badly	26
TOTAL BADLY	53
Don't know	6

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

Very well	8
Fairly well	48
TOTAL WELL	56
Fairly badly	21
Very badly	10
TOTAL BADLY	31
Don't know	13

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

Very well	2
Fairly well	31
TOTAL WELL	33
Fairly badly	21
Very badly	10
TOTAL BADLY	31
Don't know	36

Do you feel positive or negative about each of the following?

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

Very positive	3
Fairly positive	22
TOTAL POSITIVE	25
Neither positive nor negative	29
Fairly negative	31
Very negative	13
TOTAL NEGATIVE	44
Don't know	2

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

Very positive	1
Fairly positive	9
TOTAL POSITIVE	9
Neither positive nor negative	15
Fairly negative	44
Very negative	29
TOTAL NEGATIVE	73
Don't know	3

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

David Cameron and George Osborne	30
Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling	28
Neither	33
Don't know	10

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

Very good	0
Quite good	2
TOTAL GOOD	2
Neither good nor bad	9
Quite bad	44
Very bad	44
TOTAL BAD	87
Don't know	2

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

Rise by more than 10%	1
Rise by less than 10%	13
Stay about the same	37
Fall by less than 10%	29
Fall by more than 10%	13
Don't know	6

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	41
No I don't	30
Not sure	23
Not applicable – neither I nor any close member of my family is currently working	6

Who would you trust most to handle this crisis?

Gordon Brown & Alistair Darling	30
David Cameron & George Osborne	28
Neither	30
Don't know	11

This week the leaders of the world's largest economies met in London for the 'G20' summit.

Overall do you think the summit succeeded or failed in securing agreement to take effective measures to tackle the world's economic problems?

It succeeded well	6
It succeeded on balance	47
It failed on balance	16
It failed badly	5
Don't know	26

Do you think the majority of leaders of the world's main economies are now committed to working together to end the global recession?

Yes – they are more committed to this now following the G20 summit	31
Yes – they are committed to this, but the G20 summit has made little or no difference	25
No – there remain big differences; all the summit did was paper over the cracks	32
Don't know	12

Do you think the G20 summit will help reduce the length and depth of Britain's recession and get recovery going sooner?

Yes – it will help a lot	5
Yes – it will help a little	39
No – it will make little or no difference	39
No – it will make things worse	3
Don't know	14

Which of these statements comes closer to your view of Gordon Brown's efforts during the current crisis?

He is doing well and the G20 summit was part of that	36
He is not doing well – he is thrashing around, simply trying to save his political skin	48
Don't know	17

If Britain's economy does start to recover in the next few months, would you be more likely or less likely to vote Labour or would this make no difference?

More likely to vote Labour	22
Less likely	8
No difference – I would vote Labour anyway	20
No difference – I would NOT vote Labour anyway	50

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Turning to the controversy over MPs' allowances...

The Home Secretary, Jacqui Smith, has been criticised for claiming money for living in her sister's house while staying in London; and she has repaid £10 that her husband claimed for hiring two 'adult' films.

Leaving aside your general political views do you think....

Jacqui Smith has behaved worse than most MPs and should resign from the government	34
It's the allowance system that's at fault: she is no worse than many other MPs and should NOT resign	58
Don't know	9

In general do you feel that the controversy over MPs' allowances ...

Is justified: the system is a disgrace and needs urgent reform	81
Has been blown out of all proportion by the media	15
Don't know	5

If there is to be reform which of these two options would you prefer...?

Reform should mainly concern the way allowances and expenses are controlled, to make sure MPs claims are genuine	39
The allowance system should scrapped, and MPs paid a higher salary, which would be taxed and from which they should pay all their living costs	54
Don't know	7

Currently 646 MPs are elected to Parliament. Some people have suggested that this number should be reduced to around 500. This would mean that each MP would have more constituents than they do today.

Would you support or oppose a reduction in the number of MPs?

Support	54
Oppose	23
Don't know	23