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Fieldwork: 15th - 16th May 2008

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Headline Voting Intention

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

Con	45
Lab	25
Lib Dem	18
Other	12

Other Parties Voting Intention

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

SNP / PCY	4
BNP	3
Green	2
UKIP	2
Respect	0
Other	1

Non Voters

Would Not Vote	8
Don't know	11

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

Very well	1
Fairly well	16
Fairly badly	37
Very badly	41
Don't know	4

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

Very well	10
Fairly well	51
Fairly badly	20
Very badly	8
Don't know	10

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

Very well	2
Fairly well	34
Fairly badly	21
Very badly	8
Don't know	35

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

Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling	19
David Cameron and George Osborne	37
Neither	36
Don't know	8

Thinking about Prime Minister Gordon Brown, which of the following qualities do you think he has? [Please tick all that apply.]

Sticks to what he believes in	30
Honest	22
Strong	17
In touch with concerns of ordinary people	10
Good in a crisis	10
Decisive	8
A natural leader	3
Charismatic	2
None of these	50
Don't know	6

And now thinking about David Cameron, the leader of the Conservative Party, which of the following qualities do you think he has? [Please tick all that apply.]

Charismatic	43
A natural leader	26
In touch with the concerns of ordinary people	23
Decisive	21
Sticks to what he believes in	19
Strong	18
Honest	17
Good in a crisis	9
None of these	22
Don't know	13

Frank Field, a former Labour minister, said last week he expected Gordon Brown to step down before the next election, expected in 2009 or 2010. Do you think Mr Brown is likely to lead Labour into the next election or likely to step down before then?

Gordon Brown is likely lead Labour into next election	49
He is likely to step down before then	37
Don't know	14

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Do you think Gordon Brown SHOULD lead Labour into the next general election or should he stand down before then?

Gordon Brown should lead Labour into the next election	28
He should stand down before then	59
Don't know	14

Irrespective of how you intend to vote, what do you expect the result of the next election to be if Gordon Brown does lead Labour into the next election?

Labour victory	8
Conservative victory	56
'Hung Parliament' with neither party having a clear majority	28
Don't know	8

And irrespective of how you intend to vote, what do you expect the result of the next election to be if Gordon Brown does NOT lead Labour into the next election?

Labour victory	14
Conservative victory	43
'Hung Parliament' with neither party having a clear majority	28
Don't know	16

If for any reason Gordon Brown were to stand down as Labour leader and Prime Minister BEFORE the next general election, which of these Labour MPs would you most prefer to succeed him?

Jack Straw	14
David Miliband	12
Alan Johnson	5
Charles Clarke	4
Harriet Harman	4
Ed Balls	2
Jacqui Smith	2
Alan Milburn	2
James Purnell	1
Don't know	55

John Prescott the former prime minister in his memoirs describes Gordon Brown as 'prickly', bewildering and prone to long sulks. Do you regard this description as...?

Accurate	53
Inaccurate	10
Don't know	38

As well as John Prescott, Cherie Blair has written her memoirs. Which of these statements comes closer to your opinion of the Blairs?

They're cashing in disgracefully as they always intended to	56
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They should be allowed to make money from their time in office, in return for all the pressures they faced	16
Neither	20
Don't know	8

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

Rise by more than 10%	4
Rise by less than 10%	8
Stay about the same	23
Fall by less than 10%	43
Fall by more than 10%	17
Don't know	6

Over the next 12 months do you think Britain's economy will...

Grow at a faster rate than over the past 12 months	2
Grow at about the same rate	5
Grow more slowly	27
Not grow at all	29
Go into recession	30
Don't know	6

Which do you blame more for Britain's current economic difficulties?

International conditions, such as the credit crunch and rising oil and world food prices	53
Bad decisions made by Britain's government over tax, spending and the way it regulates British banks	42
Don't know	5

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Britain is better placed than many other countries to deal with the current economic problems because of the way Britain's economy has been run over the past ten years'

Agree	38
Disagree	42
Don't know	21

Alistair Darling announced last week that he would raise personal tax allowances at a cost of £2.7 billion to compensate the losers from Gordon Brown's abolition of the 10p income tax rate. Which of these statements comes closer to your view?

It was a sensible and necessary move to correct a mistake that the Government now admits it made over the way it handled the issue	36
It was a cynical ploy to bribe voters ahead of the Crewe & Nantwich by-election, at a time when the public finances are already in a bad way	47
Neither	8

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Don't know	9

Does this action show the government to be strong enough to admit its errors or too weak to stand up to its critics?

Strong	23
Weak	47
Neither	21
Don't know	9

Does the government's actions over the 10p rate the reduction in the standard rate of income tax to 20p and the increase in personal allowances make you more or less likely to vote Labour?

More likely to vote Labour	6
Less likely	21
Makes no difference – I would vote Labour anyway	17
Makes no difference – I would NOT vote Labour anyway	45
Don't know	11

Taking everything into account do you think Alistair Darling is up to the job of being chancellor?

Yes – he is up to the job	17
No – he is not	56
Don't know	27

And do you think Gordon Brown is up to the job of being prime minister?

Yes – he is up to the job	21
No – he is not	69
Don't know	11

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How much do you blame Gordon Brown and his management of the economy for current problems?	
I blame him a great deal	25
I blame him to some extent	40
I do not blame him much	22
I do not blame him at all	9
Don't know	5
Compared with last year, are you ...	
...more worried about losing your job?	
More worried	16
Less worried	6
No change	43
Not sure	3
Not applicable – I don't work	32
... eating out in restaurants?	
More often	4
Less often	43
No change	36
Not sure	2
Not applicable – I seldom/never eat in restaurants	15
... checking prices in the supermarket?	
More often	68
Less often	2
No change	27
Not sure	2
Not applicable – I seldom/never shop in supermarkets	2
... buying new clothes?	
More often	5
Less often	51
No change	38
Not sure	2
Not applicable – I seldom/never buy new clothes	5
...spending money on petrol?	
More often	32
Less often	21
No change	29
Not sure	1
Not applicable - I do not drive	18

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... More or less likely to think about replacing your car?

More likely	6
Less likely	42
No change	31
Not sure	3
Not applicable – I don't own a car	19

Last week British Gas announced it was raising gas and electricity prices again. Do you think customers get a fair deal from energy suppliers or are 'ripped off'?

Get a fair deal	3
Are "ripped off"	91
Don't know	6