

YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

YouGov questioned 1856 adults aged 18+ throughout Britain online between 8th and 9th September 2005.

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If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for?

Con	32	100	0	0	30	34	28	30	38
Lab	37	0	100	0	40	34	37	40	34
Lib Dem	21	0	0	100	20	23	27	21	17
Other	10	0	0	0	10	9	7	9	12
<i>Would Not Vote</i>	6	0	0	0	5	7	8	4	5
<i>Don't know</i>	13	0	0	0	10	16	13	14	12

As you probably know, both Labour and the Conservatives are likely to have new leaders before the next general election. How would you vote if Gordon Brown were Labour's leader, and Kenneth Clarke were leader of the Conservatives?

Con	31	89	2	7	31	32	29	28	37
Lab	42	3	95	19	45	39	46	43	38
Lib Dem	17	2	3	74	14	20	20	18	14
Other	10	5	0	0	10	10	6	11	12
<i>Would not vote</i>	6	3	2	2	5	8	7	5	7
<i>Don't know</i>	13	7	8	7	10	15	16	12	11

And how would you vote if Gordon Brown were Labour's leader, and David Davis were leader of the Conservatives?

Con	30	93	0	2	28	31	25	28	35
Lab	44	4	97	19	48	41	49	45	40
Lib Dem	18	2	2	79	16	20	21	19	15
Other	8	1	1	0	7	8	5	8	9
<i>Would not vote</i>	6	1	1	1	5	7	7	5	6
<i>Don't know</i>	13	8	7	6	10	17	17	14	11

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Which one of the following would you personally like to see succeed
Michael Howard as leader of the Conservative Party?

Kenneth Clarke	28	36	27	29	36	21	24	25	35
David Davis	11	24	6	6	14	9	9	12	12
Liam Fox	6	11	4	4	5	6	6	6	5
David Cameron	4	7	3	1	4	4	4	4	5
Sir Malcolm Rifkind	4	3	5	4	5	2	4	3	5
None of these	15	4	17	17	16	14	14	17	13
Don't know	33	15	39	39	22	43	39	34	26

If you had a vote in the run-off, and the two final candidates were Kenneth
Clarke and David Davis, how would you vote?

Kenneth Clarke	36	43	38	39	43	30	33	32	44
David Davis	23	43	15	11	25	20	19	24	25
Would not vote	24	2	32	32	21	27	24	25	22
Don't know	17	12	16	18	11	23	24	19	9

Suppose the two final candidates were David Davis and David Cameron,
how would you vote?

David Davis	24	47	18	13	29	19	21	20	30
David Cameron	11	16	11	8	14	9	13	9	11
Would not vote	33	8	45	45	34	32	29	35	34
Don't know	32	29	26	34	23	40	37	35	25

Here are some things that different people think the new Conservative
leader should do. In each case, please say whether you support or oppose
it.

Take steps to connect the Conservative Party with 'modern' Britain – such
as doing far more to connect the party with single mothers, immigrants and
gay people

Support	42	33	50	55	43	41	54	41	33
Oppose	32	49	22	22	35	30	19	32	44
Don't know	26	18	29	23	22	30	27	27	24

Commit the Party to withdrawing the UK from the European Union if the EU
does not transfer significant powers back to member states

Support	47	75	29	34	44	49	32	47	59
Oppose	29	13	43	41	37	21	31	29	26
Don't know	24	12	29	25	18	30	37	24	14

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Move the Conservative Party away from the Right and towards the political centre

Support	49	45	59	60	53	46	43	49	55
Oppose	16	31	8	8	19	13	16	16	16
Don't know	35	24	33	32	28	41	41	35	29

Campaign more on the economy and the public services, and less on immigration, than in this year's general election campaign

Support	59	61	62	72	61	57	58	58	61
Oppose	18	24	14	11	19	18	12	19	22
Don't know	23	15	24	17	20	26	30	23	17

Commit the Party to big cuts in taxation and government spending

Support	46	68	32	39	44	48	42	43	53
Oppose	28	14	40	38	35	21	27	29	27
Don't know	26	17	27	23	21	31	32	28	20

Commit the party to big reforms in the public services such as health and education, including privatization where appropriate

Support	50	78	35	45	48	52	48	46	56
Oppose	28	11	40	36	32	24	24	33	26
Don't know	22	10	25	19	20	24	27	22	18

Change its tax and social policies that it gives less help to the well-off and more help to people on average and below average incomes

Support	72	66	76	84	74	71	63	72	80
Oppose	10	17	8	5	11	9	11	11	8
Don't know	18	17	16	12	15	20	26	16	12

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Thinking about cricket and football, which do you think better represents traditional British virtues?

Cricket	66	79	59	68	66	65	59	63	74
Football (soccer)	21	14	29	18	22	20	28	23	14
Don't know	13	8	12	14	12	15	13	15	13

How interested are you in following league and international soccer competitions?

Very interested	22	18	29	20	33	12	30	25	12
Fairly interested	22	21	26	18	24	20	23	21	21
Not very interested	22	26	18	27	18	25	20	20	26
Not at all interested	34	35	27	35	25	43	26	34	41

(To those very or fairly interested in soccer) From what you know about the England football team's recent performances, do you think the manager, Sven-Goran Eriksson, should be sacked?

Yes	50	59	42	50	49	52	45	53	55
No	43	37	50	44	45	39	50	40	37
Don't know	7	4	7	6	5	9	5	7	8

Turning now to some business issues. Rover has become a foreign-owned company and a number of British companies, including the London Stock Exchange, BPB and Exel, are set to fall into foreign hands. Does that concern you?

Yes – it does	69	74	67	70	66	72	59	68	78
No – it does not	25	23	27	25	31	20	33	25	18
Don't know	6	3	6	5	3	8	8	7	3

Do you think the government should prevent major British companies from being taken over by foreign owners?

Yes – it should	62	62	61	59	56	67	50	61	72
No – it should not	26	29	29	25	36	17	33	26	19
Don't know	13	10	10	17	9	16	17	13	9

Would you be concerned if very large companies in key sectors, such as BP, British Airways or British Aerospace were taken over by foreign owners?

Yes – I would	77	80	76	79	75	79	71	75	84
No – I would not	16	16	18	15	22	11	20	17	11
Don't know	7	4	7	5	4	10	9	7	5

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Thinking about Hurricane Katrina and its impact on New Orleans and the surrounding area, do you think President Bush has so far handled it

Very well	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1
Quite well	8	11	7	4	8	8	6	8	8
Quite badly	26	32	24	21	26	25	29	24	25
Very badly	60	51	63	71	62	59	55	62	63
Don't know	6	4	4	4	3	8	8	6	3

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath?

'President Bush's decision to invade and occupy Iraq diverted money and manpower that should have been spent protecting people against the hurricane'

Agree	48	44	44	61	42	54	50	42	53
Disagree	35	44	41	24	44	27	35	39	32
Don't know	16	12	15	16	13	19	15	19	15

'Had the people stranded for days in New Orleans been white mainly middle class Americans, rather than poor black Americans, President Bush would have done much more, much faster, to ensure that they were rescued'

Agree	63	56	70	70	62	64	59	61	69
Disagree	23	34	21	14	26	20	24	25	19
Don't know	14	11	9	17	11	16	17	13	12

'This episode demonstrated that race and class divisions in America are as bad as ever.'

Agree	67	61	73	77	65	70	65	65	72
Disagree	19	28	17	11	23	15	18	21	17
Don't know	14	11	10	13	13	15	17	14	11

'You can't blame President Bush or American officials; instead, blame lies with the people who refused to leave New Orleans, and with those who looted and attacked other citizens in the days after the hurricane'

Agree	29	39	25	19	31	27	32	27	29
Disagree	53	48	60	61	53	54	50	54	55
Don't know	17	13	15	20	16	19	18	18	16

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'Climate change and global warming is one reason why we are seeing more, and more violent, hurricanes than in the past'

Agree	68	56	75	77	64	72	70	68	67
Disagree	15	27	11	9	20	10	13	16	15
Don't know	17	17	14	13	16	18	18	16	18

'Both this and Iraq show that Bush is one of the worst presidents America has ever had.'

Agree	57	49	56	73	56	57	55	55	60
Disagree	23	33	24	15	28	19	22	25	23
Don't know	20	18	21	12	16	24	23	20	18

'Both this and Iraq show that America is losing the ability to organise and run things'

Agree	63	62	61	78	61	65	58	63	67
Disagree	20	25	22	11	24	16	20	20	20
Don't know	17	12	17	11	14	19	22	18	12

If there were a natural disaster on this scale in Britain, do you think it would have been...

Handled better in Britain	66	60	79	72	68	64	69	66	64
Handled worse in Britain	5	8	3	3	6	4	4	5	6
Handled about the same	22	30	12	19	22	22	18	23	26
Don't know	7	3	6	6	3	9	9	7	4

Do you think the Foreign Office did as much as it reasonably could to look after UK citizens caught up in the hurricane?

Yes – it did	26	22	36	25	32	20	28	25	26
No – it did not	34	45	22	35	32	35	25	34	40
Don't know	40	33	42	40	36	45	47	41	34

Thinking about the United States more generally, do you think America is in general a force for good in the world?

Yes – it is	36	53	39	19	45	27	30	36	41
No – it is not	47	35	44	66	42	51	52	47	42
Don't know	17	12	17	15	13	21	18	17	17

Do you see yourself as closer to Europe or America?

Closer to Europe	58	42	63	79	53	61	64	56	53
Closer to America	29	48	24	11	36	22	25	30	31
Don't know	14	10	13	10	10	16	11	14	16

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Do you think President George W Bush is generally...

Competent	17	26	17	8	20	15	14	19	19
Incompetent	70	63	71	84	70	70	73	69	69
Don't know	13	11	12	8	10	15	13	12	13

Do you think President George W Bush is generally...

Intelligent	22	32	23	13	24	20	16	24	26
Stupid	60	50	60	73	60	60	70	58	54
Don't know	18	17	17	14	16	20	14	18	20

Do you think President George W Bush is generally...

Genuinely concerned about the fate of ordinary people	21	30	21	10	25	18	19	22	21
Not really concerned about their fate	68	60	68	81	67	69	68	68	68
Don't know	11	10	11	9	9	14	13	10	11

Do you think President George W Bush is generally...

Trustworthy	18	28	18	8	21	15	15	19	18
Not trustworthy	66	59	66	80	65	67	69	65	65
Don't know	16	13	16	12	13	19	15	16	17

Did you give money to help the victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami?

Yes	70	69	74	75	65	76	70	69	73
No	30	31	26	25	35	24	30	31	27

Would you give/have you given money to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina?

Yes	31	29	36	30	25	36	30	32	30
No	55	60	53	57	64	48	55	53	58
Don't know	14	11	11	14	11	16	15	15	12