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Voting Intention ( <i>excluding don't knows etc</i> )	
Con	37
Lab	39
Lib Dem	15
Other	10
<i>Would Not Vote</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Don't know</i>	<i>17</i>

It is expected that, at some stage during this parliament, Tony Blair will step down as Prime Minister, and be succeeded by Gordon Brown. When would you prefer this to happen?

As soon as possible, and certainly this year	41
In 2007	11
In 2008	6
At the very end of the parliament	22
Don't know	21

If you had to choose between the two, which would you prefer to govern Britain?

A Conservative government led by David Cameron	37
A Labour government led by Gordon Brown	43
Don't know	20

Do you think Gordon Brown would make a good prime minister?

Yes – he would	40
No – he would not	34
Don't know	27

For each of the following pairs of attributes, which do you think applies to Gordon

Brown...?

Dour	53
Exciting	3
Neither	32
Don't know	12

Boring	39
Interesting	26
Neither	26
Don't know	10

Friendly	30
Remote	39
Neither	19
Don't know	12

He can appeal to voters throughout Great Britain	35
He is too Scottish	23
Neither	27
Don't know	15

Honest	39
Untrustworthy	21
Neither	21
Don't know	19

Does things for the good of the country	39
Mainly interested in his own personal agenda	30
Neither	13
Don't know	18

Has run the economy well	46
Has run the economy badly	21
Neither	20
Don't know	14

Which of the three candidates challenging for the Liberal Democrat leadership do you think would make the best party leader?

Sir Menzies Campbell	18
Simon Hughes	16
Christopher Huhne	10
Don't know	56

**Turning to a different topic: As you probably know, some cartoons of the prophet Muhammad, originally published in Denmark and republished elsewhere, have caused offence to many Muslims. Which of these statements comes closer to your view?**

They should never have been published	29
It was right that they were published, in the interests of freedom of speech	56
Don't know	15

**Which of these statements comes closer to your view, regarding the worldwide Muslim protests against the cartoons?**

In many cases the protests were a gross over-reaction	86
It was understandable that Muslims protested as they did after their religion was insulted.	7
Don't know	7

**Some Muslim protestors in Britain last weekend carried placards which celebrated the London bombings of last year and urged violence against those who insult Islam. Do you think:**

The protestors should have been arrested at the time by the police for incitement to violence	76
The police were right to adopt a 'softly-softly' approach	18
Don't know	6

**Did the sight of the protestors make you angry, or not?**

Yes, I was angry	58
No, I was not angry, although I did not support the views they expressed	34
No, I was not angry, and supported most of the views they expressed	2
Don't know	7

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement: 'In general, British police and politicians are too tolerant of Muslims in Britain urging extreme acts'**

Agree	80
Disagree	9
Don't know	12

**Which of these statements comes closest to your view?**

'With just a few exceptions, Muslim leaders in Britain are doing all they reasonably can to condemn unacceptable behaviour and violence by extremist followers of their religion'	30
'Muslim leaders in Britain could do much more to condemn unacceptable behaviour and violence by extremist followers of their religion'	61
Don't know	9

Abu Hamza, the Muslim cleric, was jailed last week after years of being accused of inciting violence and stirring up religious hatred. Do you think the police and Crown Prosecution Service should have arrested and charged him much sooner, or were they right to wait until they felt they had enough evidence to be sure of securing a conviction?

They should have arrested him much sooner	67
They were right to wait	25
Don't know	8

Abu Hamza was sentenced to seven years in prison. From what you know do you think:

He should have got a significantly longer sentence	69
The sentence was about right	20
The sentence should have been shorter	1
He should have been found not guilty	1
Don't know	10

Do you agree or disagree with this statement: 'The attitudes of senior policemen like Sir Ian Blair, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, are too 'politically correct' to deal properly with Islamic extremists.'

Agree	67
Disagree	13
Don't know	19

Some weeks ago, MPs in the House of Commons defeated the government's proposal that terrorist suspects could be held for up to 90 days without charge. 28 days is the likely compromise to be confirmed in the next few days, compared with the current 14-day limit. What is your view?

90 days was right	44
28 days is an acceptable compromise	42
The current 14 day limit should be kept	7
Don't know	7

How much confidence do you have in the police and security services to prevent attacks on the scale of the London bombings on July 7 last year?

A lot of confidence	7
Some confidence	46
Not much confidence	35
No confidence	8
Don't know	3

However successful the police and security services are at tracking down terrorists, how likely do you think it is that there will be at least one further successful attack by Islamic groups in Britain, on the scale of the London bombings on July 7 last year?

Very likely	38
Fairly likely	49
Fairly unlikely	6
Very unlikely	1
Don't know	7

**The government says it cannot deport foreign-born undesirables to their country of origin if there is a danger to them. Which of these statements comes closer to your view?**

Those who stir up hatred deserve to be deported even if it would endanger them	<b>81</b>
Nobody should be deported if it would put them at risk of torture or persecution	<b>11</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>

**Do you feel the events of recent years have made you more or less tolerant of people from other religions?**

More tolerant	<b>5</b>
Less tolerant	<b>52</b>
It has made no difference	<b>39</b>
Don't know	<b>4</b>

**Can you see a time in the next few years when Muslims in Britain can co-exist peacefully with other religions or do you think the tensions will get worse?**

Muslims and others will co-exist peacefully	<b>17</b>
Tensions will worsen	<b>63</b>
Don't know	<b>20</b>

**Do you think there will be more violence in the next few years by non-Muslims against Muslims in Britain, or not?**

Yes, there will be more violence	<b>62</b>
No there will not	<b>12</b>
Don't know	<b>26</b>

**Thinking more generally. Some experts talk of a 'clash of civilisations'. Do you think the West can ever co-exist peacefully with mainly Muslim nations, or not?**

Yes, can co-exist peacefully	<b>34</b>
No, will never do so	<b>45</b>
Don't know	<b>21</b>