

YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 1930

Fieldwork: 27th - 28th April 2006

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	%
Voting Intention (<i>excluding don't knows, would not vote</i>)	
Con	35
Lab	32
Lib Dem	18
Other	15

Breakdown of "others"

BNP	6
UKIP	3
Geen	3
SNP / PCY	2
Respect	0
Veritas	0
Other	1
<i>Would Not Vote</i>	7
<i>Don't know</i>	15

Do you think Tony Blair is doing well or badly as Prime Minister?

Very well	4
Fairly well	29
Fairly badly	30
Very badly	34
Don't know	3

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

Very well	6
Fairly well	45
Fairly badly	22
Very badly	9
Don't know	18

Do you think Sir Menzies Campbell is doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?

Very well	2
Fairly well	29
Fairly badly	22
Very badly	10
Don't know	37

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Do you think Gordon Brown is doing well or badly as Chancellor of the Exchequer?	
Very well	12
Fairly well	36
Fairly badly	25
Very badly	19
Don't know	9

Below is a list of problems facing the country. Could you say for each of them which political party you personally think would handle the problem best?

The National Health Service

Conservative	25
Labour	26
Liberal Democrats	13
Some other party	4
None of them	18
Don't know	13

Law and Order

Conservative	39
Labour	20
Liberal Democrats	8
Some other party	6
None of them	13
Don't know	13

Asylum and immigration

Conservative	35
Labour	13
Liberal Democrats	10
Some other party	14
None of them	15
Don't know	13

Education and schools

Conservative	26
Labour	26
Liberal Democrats	16
Some other party	5
None of them	13
Don't know	15

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The economy overall	
Conservative	27
Labour	33
Liberal Democrats	7
Some other party	5
None of them	12
Don't know	15

In recent weeks Labour has been accused of incompetence over prisoner releases, widespread NHS failings, giving honours in return for party loans and sexual sleaze, combined with the disclosure of an extra-marital affair involving John Prescott. In the light of these things, do you think...

This is a government on its last legs, as the Tories were in the mid-1990s	58
These are the kinds of problems that affect governments from time to time, then go away	36
Don't know	7

Do you agree or disagree with the statement: 'This government is sleazy and incompetent'?

Agree	57
Disagree	32
Don't know	11

Some parts of England have local elections next week. If you had or have a vote, would recent events make you more likely or less likely to vote Labour?

More likely	4
Less likely	32
No difference – I would vote Labour anyway	22
No difference – I would NOT vote Labour anyway	34
Don't know	8

Parts of the NHS have been facing growing financial deficits and laying off staff. But Patricia Hewitt, the health secretary, said last week that the NHS has just had its best year ever. Do you think:

The NHS has some problems, but is generally doing well	30
The NHS is doing badly, particularly in the lights of the big increases in funding it has had	62
Don't know	8

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Was Patricia Hewitt right or wrong to claim that the NHS has just had its best year?

Right	7
Wrong	72
Don't know	20

On Wednesday, Patricia Hewitt, the health secretary, was jeered and persistently interrupted by nurses when she spoke at a conference of the Royal College of Nurses.

Do you think the nurses were right or wrong to act in this way?

Right	64
Wrong	25
Don't know	12

Leaving aside your general views about Labour remaining in government, do you think Tony Blair should keep Patricia Hewitt as health secretary or sack her?

Keep her	19
Sack her	51
Don't know	30

It has been disclosed that around 1000 non-British prisoners in British jails, who should have been deported from this country at the end of their time in jail, but instead were released without being deported. What is your attitude to this?

It reflects alarming incompetence and I am concerned	89
It does not greatly trouble me	6
Don't know	5

Whom do you blame more?

Charles Clarke, the Home Secretary	37
Officials in the immigration and prison services	52
Don't know	11

Official figures last week showed overall crime unchanged in the final three months of last year, but robberies and drug offences up significantly. When it comes to crime overall, which of these statements best reflects your view?

It is still rising	63
It is roughly stable	27
It is falling	2
Don't know	8

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Leaving aside your general views about Labour remaining in government, do you think Tony Blair should keep Charles Clarke as home secretary or sack him?

Keep him	21
Sack him	53
Don't know	26

Do you regard the Government's performance in dealing with crime and immigration to be generally competent or incompetent?

Generally competent	18
Generally incompetent	72
Don't know	10

John Prescott, the deputy prime minister, has admitted having a two year affair with an official in his department. Which best sums up your reaction?

I was astonished and consider it sleazy	27
I was not surprised but think it sleazy	48
I don't think it sleazy	17
Don't know	8

What best sums up your attitude to John Prescott?

He's done a good job as deputy prime minister	9
He is fairly average – better than some ministers, but not as good as others	28
He's a buffoon and should never have made it to high office	52
None of these	2
Don't know	9

Leaving aside your general views about Labour remaining in government, do you think Tony Blair should keep John Prescott as deputy prime minister or sack him?

Keep him	31
Sack him	49
Don't know	20

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The police are conducting an investigation into whether the Labour Party gave peerages and other honours in return for loans and gifts Do you think...

Labour probably did give honours in return for loans and donations	76
Labour probably did not	9
Don't know	15

Which of the following best sums up your attitude to the issues of loans, donations and honours?

The present arrangements are corrupt	65
The present arrangements don't trouble me	15
Neither	9
Don't know	10

Which of the following best describes your attitude to Tony Blair on political funding?

He is sleazy	53
He is not sleazy	23
Don't know	24

The previous Tory government was also accused of political sleaze. Which of the following best sums up your view?

Labour is sleazier than the Tories were	21
The Tories were sleazier than Labour is	23
They're both about the same	49
Don't know	7

Do you think Tony Blair should step down now in favour of Gordon Brown, or not?

Yes, he should step down now	39
No, he should remain Prime Minister	39
Don't know	22