

YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

YouGov questioned a representative sample of 1,546 electors throughout Great Britain on 21-22 September, 2006.

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Voting Intention (<i>excl don't knows, would not vote</i>)	
Con	37
Lab	33
Lib Dem	18
Other	12

Non Voters

<i>Would Not Vote</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Don't know</i>	<i>16</i>

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

Very well	5
Fairly well	26
Fairly badly	30
Very badly	35
Don't know	4

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

Very well	7
Fairly well	42
Fairly badly	23
Very badly	10
Don't know	19

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

Very well	2
Fairly well	28
Fairly badly	27
Very badly	17
Don't know	25

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Do you think Gordon Brown is doing well or badly as Chancellor of the Exchequer?

Very well	14
Fairly well	34
Fairly badly	25
Very badly	18
Don't know	10

There have been disagreements within the Labour party over when Tony Blair should step down. What has been the effect on you of those disagreements?

They have made me less likely to vote Labour at the next general election	24
They have made me more likely to vote Labour	2
They have made no difference – I shall vote Labour anyway	21
They have made no difference – I shall NOT vote Labour anyway	44
Don't know	9

Mr Blair has said that he will stand down as Prime Minister and Labour Party leader within the next 12 months. Within that timescale, when do you think he should stand down?

Immediately	28
Before Christmas	16
Early next year	15
Next spring	10
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TOTAL BY NEXT SPRING	69
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Next summer	4
As late as possible	15
Don't know	13

Mr Blair will make a major speech next week to Labour's annual conference. In that speech, do you think he should...?

Give a clear timetable for his resignation	64
Continue as normal and not give a clear timetable yet	26
Don't know	10

The next general election is not due until 2009 or 2010, but Mr Blair has said he will stand down by this time next year. Do you think his Labour successor as Prime Minister should...?

Hold an early general election - within a few months of becoming Prime Minister	51
Continue until 2009 or 2010 before holding the next general election	36
Don't know	13

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Who would you like to see as the next Labour leader?

Gordon Brown	23
John Reid	10
Jack Straw	5
Hilary Benn	4
Harriet Harman	3
Alan Johnson	3
Peter Hain	1
Alan Milburn	1
David Miliband	1
None of these	19
Don't know	29

Some people say Labour is a divided party, just as the Conservatives were in the 1990s. What is your view?

Labour is less divided than the Conservatives were	25
Labour is more divided than the Conservatives were	24
They are both about the same	38
Don't know	13

Gordon Brown has been accused by some politicians and commentators of trying to force Tony Blair out of office. Do you think he has or has not been doing this?

Yes he has been trying to force Mr Blair from office	48
No he has not	25
Don't know	27

Charles Clarke, the former Home Secretary, accused Gordon Brown of 'absolutely stupid' behaviour during Tony Blair's leadership crisis, and said Mr Brown still had to prove his fitness to be Prime Minister. What is your view?

Mr Clarke was wrong - Gordon Brown is fit to be prime minister	26
Mr Clarke was right - Gordon Brown is not yet fit to be prime minister	48
Don't know	26

Mr Brown has shown his emotional side in recent days, shedding a tear in a television interview when he recalled his first child, who died within a few days of birth. Did that make you more or less sympathetic to him as a politician?

More sympathetic	13
Less sympathetic	12
It made no difference	68
Don't know	7

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Here are a series of statements about Tony Blair / Gordon Brown. Please say whether you agree or disagree with them. [Please tick one option per horizontal row]

	Blair	Brown
He tells the truth most of the time		
Agree	33	33
Disagree	54	41
Don't know	14	26

He's been personally sleazy in areas like Labour party funding

Agree	47	29
Disagree	29	36
Don't know	23	35

He understands the concerns of people like me

Agree	27	21
Disagree	61	57
Don't know	12	22

Blair: He's been a soft touch in his dealings with George Bush

Brown: If he becomes Prime Minister he will be a soft touch in his dealings with George Bush and the White House

	Blair	Brown
Agree	75	27
Disagree	16	32
Don't know	9	40

For a politician, he's relatively normal, and I'd be happy to spend an evening with him

Agree	43	31
Disagree	44	50
Don't know	12	19

Would you be prepared to pay substantially more tax on motoring and energy use, in return for a cut in income tax, or not?

Yes, would be prepared to pay more	22
No would not	65
Don't know	13

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It is likely that Bulgaria and Romania will join the European Union next year. If they do, what policy should Britain adopt towards Bulgarians and Romanians who wish to come to Britain to live and work?

They should have the right, like other EU citizens, to live and work here	19
Some with skills that Britain needs should be admitted, but others kept out	47
None should be allowed to live and work in Britain	29
Don't know	5

Muslims around the world recently reacted angrily to a speech by the Pope. Did you think...?

They were right to react in that way to what they saw as an attack on their religion	9
They were wrong, and they are trying to restrict freedom of speech	70
Neither	13
Don't know	9

John Reid, the Home Secretary, said this week that Muslim parents should watch closely for signs that their children are becoming dangerously radicalised. Do you think...?

Muslim parents and the Muslim community do take steps to stop young people becoming dangerously radicalised	25
They turn a blind eye to it	49
Don't know	26

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If you believed a child or a close relative of yours was engaged in the following activities, and after talking to them they persisted, would you report them to the authorities? [Please tick one option per horizontal row]

Accessing terrorist websites and expressing admiration for the actions of terrorists

Would report	71
Would not report	14
Don't know	15

Muggings

Would report	91
Would not report	3
Don't know	7

Petty crimes such as minor theft

Would report	49
Would not report	29
Don't know	21

Driving while over the legal alcohol limit

Would report	60
Would not report	23
Don't know	17

Fiddling taxes or welfare benefits

Would report	48
Would not report	29
Don't know	23

Finally, there has been a lot of attention this week devoted to young drivers and the possible dangers they cause. Some say the minimum car driving age should be raised from its present 17. Do you think...?

The minimum driving age should be kept at 17	25
It should be raised to 18	31
It should be raised to 19	6
It should be raised to 20	8
It should be raised to 21	25

TOTAL WANTING AGE RAISED 70

Don't know	4
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