

# YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 1745

Fieldwork: 14th - 15th August 2008

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## Headline Voting Intention

*[Excluding Don't Knows and Wouldn't Vote]*

Con	<b>45</b>
Lab	<b>25</b>
Lib Dem	<b>18</b>
Other	<b>12</b>

## Other Parties Voting Intention

SNP / PCY	<b>5</b>
Green	<b>2</b>
UKIP	<b>2</b>
BNP	<b>2</b>
Respect	<b>0</b>
Other	<b>1</b>

## Non Voters

<i>Would Not Vote</i>	<b>9</b>
<i>Don't know</i>	<b>13</b>

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

Very well	<b>2</b>
Fairly well	<b>18</b>
Fairly badly	<b>37</b>
Very badly	<b>38</b>
Don't know	<b>6</b>

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

Very well	<b>9</b>
Fairly well	<b>50</b>
Fairly badly	<b>19</b>
Very badly	<b>8</b>
Don't know	<b>13</b>

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

Very well	<b>2</b>
Fairly well	<b>27</b>
Fairly badly	<b>20</b>
Very badly	<b>10</b>
Don't know	<b>41</b>

**Do you think David Miliband would make a better Labour leader than Gordon Brown, or not?**

Yes, David Miliband would make a better Labour leader than Gordon Brown	<b>25</b>
No, David Miliband would not make a better Labour leader than Gordon Brown	<b>37</b>
Don't know	<b>38</b>

**Do you think David Miliband would make a better prime minister than Gordon Brown, or not?**

Yes, David Miliband would make a better prime minister than Gordon Brown	<b>21</b>
No, David Miliband would not make a better prime minister than Gordon Brown	<b>38</b>
Don't know	<b>41</b>

**Would you be more or less likely to vote for the Labour Party if Gordon Brown was replaced by David Miliband, or would it make no difference?**

I'd be more likely to vote for the Labour Party	<b>11</b>
I'd be less likely to vote for the Labour Party	<b>9</b>
It would make no difference - I would vote for the Labour Party anyway	<b>15</b>
It would make no difference - I would NOT vote for the Labour Party anyway	<b>49</b>
Don't know	<b>16</b>

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

Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling	<b>18</b>
David Cameron and George Osborne	<b>36</b>
Neither	<b>35</b>
Don't know	<b>11</b>

**In your opinion, how good or bad is the state of Britain's economy at the moment?**

Very good	<b>1</b>
Quite good	<b>4</b>
Neither good nor bad	<b>14</b>
Quite bad	<b>45</b>
Very bad	<b>33</b>
Don't know	<b>4</b>

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

Grow at a faster rate than over the past 12 months	<b>1</b>
Grow at about the same rate	<b>3</b>
Grow more slowly	<b>21</b>
Not grow at all	<b>27</b>
Go into recession	<b>42</b>
Don't know	<b>5</b>

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

Rise by more than 10%	<b>2</b>
Rise by less than 10%	<b>7</b>
Stay about the same	<b>18</b>
Fall by less than 10%	<b>41</b>
Fall by more than 10%	<b>26</b>
Don't know	<b>6</b>

**In the past year, we have seen both the impact of the credit crunch, and sharply rising food and energy prices.**

**In the light of all this, have you cut your spending on things other than food, energy and housing?**

Yes quite significantly	31
Yes but only a little	48
No not at all	19
Don't know	3

**Do you intend to do any of the following as a direct result of rising food and energy prices?  
[Please tick all that apply]**

I intend to watch my energy consumption (e.g. gas and electricity) more carefully	72
I intend to spend less on other things	60
I intend to take fewer holidays and / or short breaks over the next 12 months	36
None of the above	8
Don't know	4

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:**

**The Conservatives would handle Britain's current problems better than the current government'**

Agree	33
Disagree	36
Neither	18
Don't know	13

**Now thinking about holidays.**

**Which of the following statements BEST applies to you?**

I usually take my main holiday in Britain and am doing so this year	14
I usually take my main holiday in Britain but am going abroad this year	3
I usually take my main holiday abroad but am holidaying in Britain this year	9
I usually take my main holiday abroad and am doing so this year	37
Doesn't apply - I'm not taking a holiday this year	23
Doesn't apply - I don't usually take a holiday	12
Don't know	2

**Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**

**This Summer's weather has put me off holidaying in Britain in future'**

Agree	25
Disagree	42
Neither	19
Don't know	4
Doesn't apply - I don't holiday in Britain	11

**I'm happy to holiday in Britain despite the weather '**

Agree	50
Disagree	20
Neither	14
Don't know	4
Doesn't apply - I don't holiday in Britain	12

**Do you think for the type of main holiday you take, it is cheaper to holiday in Britain or abroad?**

It's cheaper in Britain	<b>13</b>
It's cheaper to go abroad	<b>40</b>
It would cost a similar amount whether in Britain or abroad	<b>34</b>
Don't know	<b>4</b>
Doesn't apply - I don't usually take a main holiday	<b>9</b>

**From what you know about events in the former Soviet Republic of Georgia in recent days, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

**Gordon Brown and other Western leaders should have done more to help the Georgians**

Agree	<b>32</b>
Disagree	<b>27</b>
Neither	<b>15</b>
Don't know	<b>26</b>

**Britain and other Western governments were caught napping by Russia's actions in Georgia**

Agree	<b>57</b>
Disagree	<b>11</b>
Neither	<b>9</b>
Don't know	<b>23</b>

**Russia is trying to re-create the old, cold war Soviet Union**

Agree	<b>37</b>
Disagree	<b>24</b>
Neither	<b>9</b>
Don't know	<b>30</b>

**The West should fear the military power of Russia**

Agree	<b>48</b>
Disagree	<b>24</b>
Neither	<b>11</b>
Don't know	<b>17</b>

Now thinking about the NHS.

The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) has responsibility for approving drugs for use in the NHS, based on an evaluation of their cost-effectiveness.

NICE's code of practice says that even if drugs are available to prevent the death of a patient they can be rejected if the cost is too high. Do you agree with that position or not?

Yes, there has to be a limit on the cost of treatment	21
No, if treatments exist they should be available on the NHS	73
Don't know	6

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

I would be prepared to pay additional taxes to make more expensive treatments available on the NHS

Agree	32
Disagree	46
Neither	11
Don't know	10

Patients should be able to "top up" their NHS treatment, from their own pockets, to get the latest available treatments

Agree	65
Disagree	23
Neither	5
Don't know	7

It was reported last week that there has been a sharp rise in the number of Britons arrested abroad for drunkenness.

Have you personally witnessed such behaviour?

Yes, I have	34
No, I have not	61
Don't know / can't remember	5

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

The behaviour of drunken Britons abroad makes me ashamed to be British

Agree	73
Disagree	12
Neither	11
Don't know	3

Britons behave worse abroad than foreigners do when visiting Britain

Agree	71
Disagree	15
Neither	7
Don't know	7

In another development a woman who was raped had her compensation reduced because she had been drinking when the offence was committed. Should the fact that a woman has been drinking make any difference in a rape case?

Yes, it should be a mitigating factor	20
No, it should make no difference	74
Don't know	7

**Have you been following the Olympics in China?**

Yes mostly	<b>20</b>
Yes a little	<b>44</b>
No not really	<b>18</b>
No not at all	<b>16</b>
Don't know	<b>1</b>

**Have they made you more or less enthusiastic about the 2012 Olympics in London?**

More enthusiastic	<b>17</b>
Less enthusiastic	<b>9</b>
Have made no difference - I was enthusiastic anyway	<b>24</b>
Have made no difference - I was unenthusiastic and remain so	<b>45</b>
Don't know	<b>6</b>