

**YouGov/ Sunday Times Survey Results**

**Sample Size: 2311**

**Fieldwork: 13th - 14th March 2008**

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**Headline Voting Intention**

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

Con	<b>43</b>
Lab	<b>27</b>
Lib Dem	<b>16</b>
Other	<b>13</b>

**Other Parties Voting Intention**

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

SNP / PCY	<b>5</b>
BNP	<b>3</b>
Green	<b>2</b>
UKIP	<b>2</b>
Respect	<b>0</b>
Other	<b>1</b>

**Non Voters**

<i>Would Not Vote</i>	<b>10</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>31</b>
Fairly badly	<b>33</b>
Very badly	<b>26</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>

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

Very well	<b>7</b>
Fairly well	<b>44</b>
Fairly badly	<b>26</b>
Very badly	<b>11</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>23</b>
Very badly	<b>12</b>
Don't know	<b>35</b>

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

Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling	<b>21</b>
David Cameron and George Osborne	<b>33</b>
Neither	<b>38</b>
Don't know	<b>9</b>

**Compared with last year, are you ...**
**...more worried about losing your job?**

More worried	<b>18</b>
Less worried	<b>8</b>
No change	<b>39</b>
Not sure	<b>3</b>
Not applicable – I don't work	<b>33</b>

**... eating out in restaurants?**

More often	<b>9</b>
Less often	<b>38</b>
No change	<b>37</b>
Not sure	<b>1</b>
Not applicable – I seldom/never eat in restaurants	<b>14</b>

**... checking prices in the supermarket?**

More often	<b>65</b>
Less often	<b>3</b>
No change	<b>30</b>
Not sure	<b>1</b>
Not applicable – I seldom/never shop in supermarkets	<b>1</b>

**... buying new clothes?**

More often	<b>8</b>
Less often	<b>53</b>
No change	<b>34</b>
Not sure	<b>1</b>
Not applicable – I seldom/never buy new clothes	<b>5</b>

**... More or less likely to think about replacing your car?**

More likely	<b>9</b>
Less likely	<b>40</b>
No change	<b>29</b>
Not sure	<b>4</b>
Not applicable – I don't own a car	<b>19</b>

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

Rise by more than 10%	<b>8</b>
Rise by less than 10%	<b>22</b>
Stay about the same	<b>36</b>
Fall by less than 10%	<b>28</b>
Fall by more than 10%	<b>7</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>2</b>
Grow at about the same rate	<b>8</b>
Grow more slowly	<b>36</b>
Not grow at all	<b>24</b>
Go into recession	<b>23</b>
Don't know	<b>7</b>

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

Taxes can be cut without public services suffering because it is perfectly possible to run our public services more efficiently	<b>60</b>
In practice tax cuts that lead to less money being spent on the public services would mean that our public services suffer	<b>31</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>

**Taking everything into account do you think the overall amount of money that the government raises in taxation is...**

Too high; the Government should tax less and spend less	<b>67</b>
The overall level is about right	<b>20</b>
Too low; the Government should tax more and spend more	<b>6</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>

**Thinking about the Budget, taxes and Britain's economy generally, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

**Everything I buy including food petrol and energy bills is rising much faster than the government says**

Agree	<b>86</b>
Disagree	<b>7</b>
Don't know	<b>7</b>

**Energy companies rip us off and should have been hit with a windfall tax**

Agree	<b>84</b>
Disagree	<b>8</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>

**The government wastes large amounts of taxpayers' money and is not trying seriously to reduce the level of waste**

Agree	<b>78</b>
Disagree	<b>12</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>

**The government spent too much in the good times forcing it to raise taxes as the economy slows down**

Agree	<b>66</b>
Disagree	<b>15</b>
Don't know	<b>19</b>

**The government is imposing 'green taxes' as an excuse to raise money rather than to help save the environment**

Agree	<b>74</b>
Disagree	<b>16</b>
Don't know	<b>11</b>

**Mr Darling announced a number of policies designed to help fight climate change. In each case do you support or oppose the new policy?**

**Increasing the tax on flights**

Support	<b>45</b>
Oppose	<b>44</b>
Don't know	<b>11</b>

**Increasing the tax on large "environmentally unfriendly" family cars**

Support	<b>68</b>
Oppose	<b>26</b>
Don't know	<b>6</b>

**Requiring supermarkets to charge for plastic shopping bags**

Support	<b>63</b>
Oppose	<b>30</b>
Don't know	<b>7</b>

**And do you support or oppose these policies, also announced in the Budget?**

**Increasing the tax on cigarettes**

Support	<b>76</b>
Oppose	<b>20</b>
Don't know	<b>4</b>

**Increasing the tax on beer wine and spirits**

Support	<b>46</b>
Oppose	<b>48</b>
Don't know	<b>6</b>

**Requiring everyone claiming incapacity benefit to attend a "work-focussed interview" to check whether they should continue to receive the benefit**

Support	<b>77</b>
Oppose	<b>16</b>
Don't know	<b>7</b>

**From 2010, the system of taxing cars will change. There will be a "showroom tax", which will take the form of more expensive tax discs for the first year for many cars. The new amounts will range from £250 (up from £170 in the coming year) for a typical family car, to £950 (up from £400) for the largest cars. Smaller and "greener" cars will incur NO first-year tax disc charge.**

**Would these changes make you buy a more environmentally-friendly car?**

Yes it would	<b>28</b>
No it would make no difference – I would still buy the car I wanted/ needed	<b>32</b>
No it would make no difference – I would only buy a "clean" car anyway	<b>17</b>
Don't know	<b>9</b>
Not applicable – I don't own a car	<b>14</b>

**Do you think higher duties on beer wine and spirits will help to curb binge drinking?**

Yes they will help a lot	2
Yes they will help a little	12
No they won't make any real difference	85
Don't know	2

**Taking everything into account, do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

**"Alistair Darling is not up to the job of being Chancellor of the Exchequer"**

Agree	47
Disagree	22
Don't know	31

**Suppose Alistair Darling stood down as Chancellor which of these do you think would make the best Chancellor of the Exchequer**

Sir Alan Sugar	21
Sir Philip Green (the billionaire retailer)	11
Gordon Brown	10
Jack Straw	6
Delia Smith	5
Ed Balls	4
Don't know	44

**Turning to a different topic, proposals have been made to increase people's sense of British citizenship. Do you agree or disagree with the following recommendations?**

**Citizenship ceremonies for all school leavers including an oath of allegiance to the Queen**

Agree with a ceremony including an oath of allegiance	15
Agree with ceremony but oath of allegiance should be to the country, not the Queen	36
Disagree	42
Don't know	7

**A new "British Day" national holiday**

Agree	69
Disagree	25
Don't know	6

**Discounts on council tax or university tuition fees for people who engage in volunteering**

Agree	58
Disagree	28
Don't know	13

**A new points-based system for foreigners applying for citizenship giving extra points to skilled people in key jobs**

Agree	<b>81</b>
Disagree	<b>12</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>

**Turning to the issue of Britain's airports a decision will soon be made on a third runway and sixth terminal at Heathrow airport. Do you approve of Heathrow's expansion?**

Yes - it is necessary to meet future aviation demand	<b>29</b>
No - any expansion of airport facilities should be to the east of London, in the Thames Estuary	<b>6</b>
No - any expansion should be away from London altogether, strengthening regional airports	<b>33</b>
No - there should be no expansion of airport capacity	<b>18</b>
Don't know	<b>14</b>

**Do you agree or disagree with these statements about BAA, which runs the airports at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted?**

**"BAA is too powerful and should be broken up to allow competition between the main airports serving London"**

Agree	<b>51</b>
Disagree	<b>18</b>
Don't know	<b>31</b>

**"BAA is too close to the government and has too much influence over the Government's policies on airports"**

Agree	<b>48</b>
Disagree	<b>14</b>
Don't know	<b>38</b>

**And finally, MPs will shortly debate the law on abortion. Currently, the legal time limit for abortion is 24 weeks. Some MPs want to reduce this limit to 20 weeks.**

**Leaving aside medical emergencies which of these options do you favour?**

Keep the time limit at 24 weeks	<b>35</b>
Reduce the time limit to 20 weeks	<b>48</b>
Ban abortions altogether	<b>8</b>
Don't know	<b>9</b>