

## YOUNGOV / TELEGRAPH SURVEY OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY MEMBERS

YouGov questioned 810 Conservative Party members online between 7 and 9 September

<b>Which one of the following would you personally like to see succeed Michael Howard as leader of the Conservative Party?</b>	May %	Sept %
Kenneth Clarke	10	<b>33</b>
David Davis	35	<b>27</b>
David Cameron	15	<b>17</b>
Liam Fox	9	<b>8</b>
Sir Malcolm Rifkind	6	<b>4</b>
Others	10	-
None of these	4	<b>3</b>
Don't know	11	<b>7</b>

**If you had a vote in the run-off, and the two final candidates were Kenneth Clarke and David Davis, how would you vote?**

David Davis	<b>48</b>
Kenneth Clarke	<b>45</b>
Would not vote	<b>3</b>
Don't know	<b>4</b>

**Suppose the two final candidates were David Davis and David Cameron, how would you vote?**

David Davis	<b>53</b>
David Cameron	<b>36</b>
Would not vote	<b>4</b>
Don't know	<b>7</b>

**Which of the following do you think should definitely NOT be elected as leader of the Conservative party? [Tick all that apply]**

Sir Malcolm Rifkind	34	<b>54</b>
Kenneth Clarke	54	<b>37</b>
Liam Fox	16	<b>34</b>
David Cameron	14	<b>20</b>
David Davis	13	<b>16</b>
None of these - all should be considered	7	<b>9</b>
Don't know	7	<b>6</b>

**Would the election of any of the following cause you to resign from the Conservative Party if they were elected leader? [Please tick all those whose election would cause you to resign]**

Kenneth Clarke	<b>14</b>
Sir Malcolm Rifkind	<b>7</b>
David Davis	<b>2</b>
David Cameron	<b>2</b>
Liam Fox	<b>2</b>
I would not resign whichever of these is elected leader	<b>74</b>
Don't know	<b>4</b>

*(To those who think Kenneth Clarke should definitely NOT be Conservative leader)*

**Different people have given different reasons for NOT choosing Kenneth Clarke as Conservative Party leader. In each case, please indicate whether you agree or disagree.**

	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
He is too keen on European integration	<b>97</b>	<b>3</b>
Kenneth Clarke will be almost 70 at the next general election; that is too old for someone seeking to be Prime Minister for this first time	<b>69</b>	<b>31</b>
He is wrong to make an issue of his opposition to Britain's involvement in the war in Iraq two years ago	<b>52</b>	<b>48</b>
It would be unwise for the Conservative Party to choose as its leader someone who has been the deputy chairman of a major tobacco company	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>
The party needs a leader who was NOT a Cabinet minister in the last Conservative government	<b>36</b>	<b>64</b>

*(To all)*

**a) Here are some things that different people think the new Conservative leader should do. In each case, please say whether you support or oppose it.**

**b) And which two of the following do you think it is most important for the new leader to do?**

	<b>(a)</b>			<b>(b)</b>
	<b>Support</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	<b>Priority</b>
Commit the party to big reforms in the public services such as health and education, including privatization where appropriate	<b>90</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>43</b>
Campaign more on the economy and the public services, and less on immigration, than in this year's general election campaign	<b>74</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>34</b>
Commit the Party to big cuts in taxation and government spending	<b>69</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>34</b>
Commit the Party to withdrawing the UK from the European Union if the EU does not transfer significant powers back to member states	<b>61</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>32</b>
Change its tax and social policies that it gives less help to the well-off and more help to people on average and below average incomes	<b>61</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>
Move the Conservative Party away from the Right and towards the political centre	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>
Take steps to connect the Conservative Party with 'modern' Britain – such as doing far more to connect the party with single mothers, immigrants and gay people	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>

**Some people say that Europe should not be a major issue in the leadership election, now that it is clear that the European Union's proposed constitution is dead, and there is no real prospect of Britain joining the euro (single currency) in the next few years. Other people say that Britain's relations with the rest of Europe should be a major issue in the leadership election, whatever happens to the constitution and the single currency. Which is your view?**

The European Union should be a major issue in the leadership election		<b>42</b>
The European Union should NOT be a major issue in the leadership election		<b>56</b>
Don't know		<b>2</b>

**It is now proposed that the election of the party leader should revert to the Conservative members of Parliament but that the MPs should make their final choice only after the members of the National Convention have had a chance to listen to the various leadership contenders and to vote on whom they would prefer. From what you know, are you in favour of this proposal or opposed to it?**

May      Sept

I am in favour of it	52	<b>53</b>
I am opposed to it	21	<b>29</b>
I haven't yet made up my mind	26	<b>18</b>

**Do you think the final choice of who becomes Conservative leader should be made by rank-and-file members of the Conservative Party in the country or by those who have been elected Conservative members of Parliament?**

By rank-and-file members of the party	23	<b>31</b>
By Conservative members of Parliament	71	<b>63</b>
Don't know	6	<b>6</b>

**In 2001 the party membership elected Iain Duncan Smith as Conservative leader instead of Kenneth Clarke. Looking back, do you think the party membership was right to elect Mr Duncan Smith or should it have elected Mr Clarke?**

Right to elect Iain Duncan Smith		<b>40</b>
Should have elected Kenneth Clarke		<b>52</b>
Don't know		<b>8</b>