

## YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

**Sample Size: 1910**

**Fieldwork: 8th - 9th May 2006**

*For full results click here*

	%
<b>Voting Intention</b> ( <i>excluding don't knows, would not vote</i> )	
Con	<b>37</b>
Lab	<b>31</b>
Lib Dem	<b>17</b>
Other	<b>15</b>
BNP	<b>6</b>
UKIP	<b>3</b>
Geeen	<b>3</b>
SNP / PCY	<b>2</b>
Respect	<b>0</b>
Veritas	<b>0</b>
Other	<b>1</b>
<i>Would Not Vote</i>	<b>7</b>
<i>Don't know</i>	<b>16</b>

**Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with Tony Blair as Prime Minister?**

Satisfied	<b>26</b>
Dissatisfied	<b>66</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>

**As you probably know, Tony Blair has just reshuffled his Cabinet. Which of the following statements comes closer to your own view of how the reshuffle was handled?**

It was carried out in an orderly manner and gave the impression of having been planned carefully and well in advance	<b>13</b>
It was a shambles and gave the impression of having been a panicky response to Labour's poor performance in the local elections	<b>71</b>
Don't know	<b>16</b>

%

**What about individual ministers? John Prescott has remained Deputy Prime Minister and will continue to chair Cabinet committees, but he will no longer be in charge of a government department. Which of these three statements comes closest to your own view?**

The new arrangements concerning Mr Prescott seem to be satisfactory	14
It is good that he is remaining in the Government but he should not have been stripped of his departmental responsibilities	12
He should not have stayed in the Government at all: he should have been sacked	61
Don't know	13

**Although Mr Prescott is no longer in charge of a government department, he retains the title and duties of Deputy Prime Minister and also his £134,000 annual salary, his official residence at Dorneywood and all his other ministerial perks. Which of these statements comes closer to your view?**

Given Mr Prescott's continuing responsibilities, it seems reasonable that he should retain his salary, official residence and other perks	9
Even though he still has some ministerial responsibilities, it seems outrageous that he should retain his full salary, his official residence and his other perks	83
Don't know	8

**Some people are saying that one danger for the Government is that Mr Prescott has become 'a figure of ridicule'. Do you personally think he has become a figure of ridicule or not?**

Yes, he has	36
No, he hasn't	13
He was always a figure of ridicule	44
Don't know	8

**As you probably know, Charles Clarke has been sacked as Home Secretary. In your judgement, should he have been sacked or should he have been kept on?**

Yes, Mr Blair was right to sack him	68
No, Mr Blair should have left him at the Home Office: Mr Clarke was the best person to sort out the mess surrounding the deportation of foreign criminals	15
Don't know	17

%

**The Prime Minister offered Mr Clarke the chance of staying in the Government as either Defence Secretary or Environment Secretary but Mr Clarke decided to leave the Government altogether. Given that he had been dismissed as Home Secretary, do you think Mr Clarke was right or wrong to resign altogether from the Government?**

Yes, Mr Clarke was right to resign from the Government	70
No, Mr Clarke should have accepted one of the other posts and stayed on	13
Don't know	17

**The new Home Secretary, John Reid, is a Scot and the MP for a Scottish constituency, but a large proportion of the things the Home Office deals with – for example, prisons and the police – concern exclusively England and Wales. Does it bother you that a Scottish minister should be in charge of a wide range of exclusively English and Welsh matters?**

Yes, it bothers me a lot	25
Yes, it bothers me a little	20
No, it doesn't bother me much	24
No, it doesn't bother me at all	25
Don't know	6

**Patricia Hewitt has remained in the Government as Health Secretary. Do you approve or disapprove of the Prime Minister's decision to keep her in that position?**

I approve	21
I disapprove	50
Don't know	29

**The Prime Minister has demoted Jack Straw from the post of Foreign Secretary to the less important post of Leader of the House of Commons. Which of these statements comes closest to your view?**

The Prime Minister should have kept Mr Straw on as Foreign Secretary	37
It was a good idea to make Mr Straw Leader of the House of Commons	16
The Prime Minister should have sacked him altogether from the Government	17
Don't know	30

	%
<b>What about Mr Blair himself? Have the events of the past few weeks increased your respect for him as Prime Minister, diminished your respect for him or not made much difference?</b>	
They have increased my respect for Mr Blair as Prime Minister	4
They have diminished my respect for him in that role	40
They have not made much difference	52
Don't know	4

<b>What about the quality of the Government as a whole? Have the events of the past few weeks made you think better of the Government as a whole, or worse, or have they not made much difference?</b>	
I now think better of the Government than I did before	1
I now think worse of the Government	52
Recent events have not changed my view very much	42
Don't know	5

<b>It is expected that, at some stage during this parliament, Tony Blair will step down as Prime Minister, and be succeeded by Gordon Brown. When would you prefer this to happen?</b>	
This year	41
Next year - 2007	13
In 2008	8
At the very end of this Parliament	20
Don't know	18

<b>It is being said that Left-wing Labour MPs are plotting to get rid of Mr. Blair because they believe that, if Gordon Brown were Prime Minister, the Labour Party and the Government would abandon 'New Labour' and move sharply to the Left. What do you think would happen if Mr. Blair were forced out and Mr. Brown became Prime Minister.</b>	
The Government would carry on pretty much as now	42
There would be major changes of policy, with the Government moving sharply to the Left	30
Don't know	28

<b>In your view, should Mr Blair say now when he intends to resign, and lay down a timetable for the transition from him to his successor?</b>	
Yes, I think he should set a timetable	53
No, there is no need for him to do so	36
Don't know	11

%

**Do you think the Labour Party is united or divided at the present time?**

United	6
Divided	83
Don't know	11

**Do you think the Conservative Party is united or divided at the present time?**

United	44
Divided	27
Don't know	29

**What about the quality of the Conservative Party? Have the events of the past few weeks made you think better of the Conservative Party, or worse, or have they not made much difference?**

I now think better of the Conservative Party than I did before	19
I now think worse of the Conservative Party	9
Recent events have not changed my view very much	65
Don't know	7

**Do you think that David Cameron is or is not proving a good leader of the Conservative Party?**

Yes, he is	43
No, he is not	23
Don't know	33