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Headline Voting Intention	
Con	39
Lab	32
Lib Dem	16
Other	13
Other Parties Voting Intention	
SNP / PCY	2
Geen	2
UKIP	4
Veritas	0
BNP	3
Respect	0
Other	1
Non Voters	
Would Not Vote	8
Don't know	14
Do you approve or disapprove of the Government's record to date?	
Approve	23
Disapprove	61
Don't know	16
Who would make the best Prime Minister?	
Tony Blair	27
David Cameron	28
Sir Menzies Campbell	6
Don't know	39
How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months?	
Get a lot better	3
Get a little better	21
Stay the same	32
Get a little worse	31
Get a lot worse	10
Don't know	4
Which party do you think is more likely to run Britain's economy well - the Conservatives or Labour?	
Conservative	30
Labour	31
Neither	26
Don't know	13

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

Yes, he is proving a good leader	42
No, he is not proving a good leader	28
Don't know	30

If you had to choose, which would you prefer to see after the next election, a Conservative government led by David Cameron or a Labour government led by Gordon Brown?

Conservative government led by David Cameron	46
Labour government led by Gordon Brown	33
Don't know	21

Thinking of prisons and the current crisis in the prison system, which TWO of the following do you think are the most important functions of prisons? [Please tick up to two options]

To keep dangerous criminals off the streets	71
To punish criminals	47
To rehabilitate criminals, so that they are less likely to commit more crimes when they leave prison	37
To deter people from committing crimes	34
Don't know	3

Which of the following statements comes closest to your own view?

Prisons do a good job of rehabilitating people so that, once someone has been in prison, they are less likely to re-offend – that is, to commit more crimes	6
Prisons do NOT do a good job of rehabilitating people so that, once someone has been in prison, they are MORE likely to re-offend and commit more crimes	52
Prisons don't make much difference either way	34
Don't know	9

It has been reported that Britain's prisons are seriously overcrowded at the moment. Which of the following statements comes closest to your own view?

Too many people are sent to prison	24
Not enough people are sent to prison	49
About the right number of people are sent to prison	14
Don't know	13

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Which of these statements comes CLOSEST to your own view?

The Government should spend money to build more prisons to house more prisoners	51
Fewer people should be sent to prison for relatively minor offences	32
Some of those now in prison for minor offences should be let out early	10
Don't know	7

And which of these statements comes SECOND closest to your own view?

The Government should spend money to build more prisons to house more prisoners	12
Fewer people should be sent to prison for relatively minor offences	27
Some of those now in prison for minor offences should be let out early	36
Don't know	25

How good a job do you think the Government is doing of managing Britain's prison system at the moment?

A very good job	1
A fairly good job	20
A fairly bad job	42
A very bad job	28
Don't know	10

Do you think that John Reid is doing a good job or a bad job as Home Secretary?

He is doing a good job	26
He is doing a bad job	30
Don't know	44

You may or may not know, but which of the following do you think is the Conservative Party's Shadow Home Secretary?

David Davis	27
Liam Fox	5
William Hague	4
Michael Howard	3
George Osborne	3
Michael Ancram	2
Theresa May	2
David Willetts	2
Boris Johnson	1
Ann Widdecombe	1
Don't know	51

Which political party do you think could best handle the problem of Britain's prisons?

Conservative Party	27
Labour Party	16
Liberal Democrat Party	6
Some other party	7
None of them	23
Don't know	21