

YouGov / Sun Survey Results

Sample Size: 2161 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 8th - 9th October 2009

	Voting intention			Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region					
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
Weighted Sample	2161	745	499	313	1037	1124	637	768	756	1190	971	276	701	464	532	188
Unweighted Sample	2161	762	497	291	1015	1146	530	755	876	1290	871	276	688	420	554	223
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Headline Voting Intention

[Excluding Don't Knows and Wouldn't Votes.]

Con	42	100	0	0	40	45	44	37	46	44	40	46	50	44	35	22
Lab	28	0	100	0	30	26	24	37	23	27	30	27	22	28	36	34
Lib Dem	18	0	0	100	18	18	23	15	16	19	16	17	19	18	19	10
Other	12	0	0	0	12	11	10	11	14	10	14	10	8	10	11	34

Other Parties Voting Intention

SNP / PCY	3	0	0	0	4	3	3	2	5	3	4	3	0	2	0	28
Green	2	0	0	0	2	3	3	3	1	2	3	2	3	3	3	1
UKIP	4	0	0	0	4	3	1	3	6	3	4	3	4	2	5	2
BNP	2	0	0	0	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	3	2	2
Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1

Non Voters

Would Not Vote	7	0	0	0	5	8	9	8	4	5	8	8	3	8	11	5
Don't know	12	0	0	0	8	15	13	11	11	12	12	16	11	11	11	12

Is Gordon Brown doing well or badly as Prime Minister?

Very well	3	0	11	0	4	2	3	3	3	2	4	2	2	3	4	1
Fairly well	18	3	50	20	19	18	19	21	15	17	19	15	17	16	19	30
TOTAL "WELL"	21	3	61	20	23	19	22	24	17	19	23	17	19	19	23	31
Neither well nor badly	18	8	26	18	18	18	19	19	15	17	19	18	15	17	19	23
Fairly badly	27	31	11	38	25	29	33	26	23	29	24	31	26	26	29	24
Very badly	33	58	2	23	33	32	22	29	45	34	30	33	38	36	27	19
TOTAL "BADLY"	60	89	12	61	58	61	55	56	67	63	55	64	64	62	55	43
Don't know	2	0	0	1	2	3	5	2	1	1	4	1	2	2	3	3

	Voting intention			Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region					
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
Weighted Sample	2161	745	499	313	1037	1124	637	768	756	1190	971	276	701	464	532	188
Unweighted Sample	2161	762	497	291	1015	1146	530	755	876	1290	871	276	688	420	554	223
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Is David Cameron doing well or badly as Conservative leader?

Very well	13	32	3	3	14	11	10	10	18	13	12	14	15	13	11	6
Fairly well	39	59	27	40	40	39	43	37	39	43	35	40	44	39	35	36
TOTAL "WELL"	52	91	29	43	55	50	53	47	57	56	47	54	59	52	46	42
Neither well nor badly	24	7	33	29	23	25	22	27	22	24	23	22	22	25	24	27
Fairly badly	11	1	17	16	11	11	10	13	10	10	12	12	9	10	12	16
Very badly	7	0	16	8	8	7	5	9	7	6	9	7	5	7	10	9
TOTAL "BADLY"	18	1	33	24	19	18	15	22	17	16	22	19	14	17	22	24
Don't know	6	1	4	4	4	8	10	4	4	4	8	5	5	5	8	7

Is Nick Clegg doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?

Very well	3	2	2	13	4	3	4	4	3	4	3	2	3	3	4	3
Fairly well	26	29	21	46	26	25	24	23	30	27	25	25	31	27	21	20
TOTAL "WELL"	29	31	23	59	31	28	27	27	33	30	28	26	34	30	26	23
Neither well nor badly	36	40	39	30	38	35	32	40	37	38	34	34	37	34	37	41
Fairly badly	12	10	14	7	13	11	12	10	13	13	10	15	11	11	13	8
Very badly	5	3	8	2	6	4	3	6	5	5	5	5	4	4	7	7
TOTAL "BADLY"	17	13	22	9	19	14	15	17	18	17	16	20	15	15	19	15
Don't know	18	16	16	2	12	24	26	17	12	15	22	20	15	21	19	21

Is Bob Ainsworth doing well or badly as Defence Secretary?

Very well	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Fairly well	8	2	23	6	8	7	7	10	6	7	9	4	7	9	9	8
TOTAL "WELL"	9	2	26	6	9	7	7	10	7	8	9	5	7	10	10	9
Neither well nor badly	19	14	31	21	20	18	19	20	19	19	20	19	18	20	19	23
Fairly badly	22	28	12	27	24	20	19	19	27	26	17	21	25	18	23	22
Very badly	20	33	3	16	24	16	10	21	28	21	19	24	20	22	17	17
TOTAL "BADLY"	42	61	15	43	48	36	29	39	55	47	36	45	45	40	39	38
Don't know	31	23	28	30	23	38	45	30	19	27	36	31	30	31	32	30

Which of these would make the best Prime Minister?

Gordon Brown	22	1	76	11	25	19	18	27	20	20	24	16	18	22	26	37
David Cameron	42	92	5	19	43	40	42	36	47	45	38	47	50	43	34	22
Nick Clegg	10	1	4	45	11	9	12	9	9	9	10	9	8	11	11	10
Don't know	27	6	16	26	21	32	28	28	24	25	28	28	25	24	30	31

	Voting intention			Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region					
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
Weighted Sample	2161	745	499	313	1037	1124	637	768	756	1190	971	276	701	464	532	188
Unweighted Sample	2161	762	497	291	1015	1146	530	755	876	1290	871	276	688	420	554	223
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Do you agree or disagree that David Cameron has the right TEAM around him to be Prime Minister?

Strongly agree	7	18	1	2	8	6	5	5	10	7	7	4	10	8	6	4
Tend to agree	34	65	13	24	33	35	34	31	38	36	32	37	39	33	31	25
TOTAL AGREE	41	83	13	26	41	41	40	36	48	43	40	41	48	41	37	30
Tend to disagree	23	6	36	39	26	21	22	25	23	26	20	24	22	21	23	35
Strongly disagree	14	0	32	20	18	11	12	18	12	13	16	12	10	16	19	17
TOTAL DISAGREE	37	6	69	59	44	31	34	43	35	39	36	36	31	36	42	52
Don't know	21	11	18	15	15	27	27	22	16	19	25	24	20	23	21	19

And do you agree or disagree that David Cameron has the right POLICIES to be Prime Minister?

Strongly agree	10	28	1	1	12	9	7	9	15	10	11	9	15	9	7	5
Tend to agree	35	64	10	27	33	37	40	30	37	37	32	38	36	38	33	24
TOTAL AGREE	45	92	11	27	45	46	46	38	52	47	43	47	52	47	41	29
Tend to disagree	23	3	39	34	26	20	20	25	23	23	22	20	22	23	23	28
Strongly disagree	19	0	43	28	21	17	17	23	17	19	20	19	14	18	23	30
TOTAL DISAGREE	42	3	82	62	47	37	37	48	40	42	42	39	35	41	47	58
Don't know	13	5	7	11	9	17	17	14	8	11	15	14	13	12	13	13

Do you think that George Osborne the Conservatives' Shadow Chancellor has what it takes to be an effective Chancellor in a Conservative government?

Yes he does have what it takes	27	58	6	16	31	23	24	23	34	29	24	29	33	25	22	21
No he doesn't	38	9	75	51	46	30	31	44	37	38	38	35	31	37	45	50
Don't know	35	34	19	33	23	46	45	33	30	33	38	37	36	39	33	30

Who would you trust more to handle the current financial crisis?

Gordon Brown & Alistair Darling	28	3	83	25	32	25	25	34	25	29	28	25	25	27	32	42
David Cameron & George Osborne	37	84	4	21	38	36	36	32	43	40	34	38	44	40	31	20
Neither	26	8	10	47	24	27	25	26	26	24	27	29	23	25	28	28
Don't know	9	6	3	7	6	12	13	8	6	8	11	8	9	8	9	11

	Voting intention			Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region					
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample	2161	745	499	313	1037	1124	637	768	756	1190	971	276	701	464	532	188
Unweighted Sample	2161	762	497	291	1015	1146	530	755	876	1290	871	276	688	420	554	223
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

If the Conservatives win the next election do you think the National Health Service will or will not be safe in their hands?

Yes, the NHS will be safe in the Conservatives' hands	40	82	7	26	43	37	38	35	47	42	37	42	48	40	34	25
No, it will not	42	3	85	54	45	40	38	49	40	42	43	41	35	42	49	57
Don't know	18	15	8	20	13	22	25	16	13	16	20	18	18	18	17	17

If the Conservatives win the coming election, David Cameron has announced that his ministers would include Sir Richard Dannatt, the Army's former chief of staff, and Iain Duncan Smith, the party's former leader.

Do you think it would be a good idea or a bad idea for a future Conservative government to include Sir Richard Dannatt?

Good idea	45	70	24	41	51	41	37	42	56	49	40	45	50	47	38	47
Bad idea	20	4	43	26	25	16	17	23	21	21	20	19	17	20	26	21
Don't know	34	26	33	33	24	44	46	35	24	30	40	37	33	33	37	32

And do you think it would be a good idea or a bad idea for a future Conservative government to include Iain Duncan Smith?

Good idea	40	65	22	38	45	35	31	36	51	44	35	39	46	41	34	32
Bad idea	26	11	47	29	31	21	27	30	21	25	27	26	22	23	32	30
Don't know	34	25	31	34	24	44	42	34	29	31	38	36	33	36	34	38

	Voting intention			Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region					
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
Weighted Sample	2161	745	499	313	1037	1124	637	768	756	1190	971	276	701	464	532	188
Unweighted Sample	2161	762	497	291	1015	1146	530	755	876	1290	871	276	688	420	554	223
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Generally speaking do you think that Britain's membership of the European Union is a good thing a bad thing or neither good nor bad?

Good	35	24	57	49	41	30	45	33	30	39	31	37	36	32	34	42
Bad	37	47	22	30	35	39	24	39	46	32	43	36	39	40	37	29
Neither good nor bad	21	25	16	17	20	22	20	22	21	23	19	19	20	22	22	22
Don't know	7	4	5	4	4	9	11	6	3	6	8	8	6	5	7	8

How much do you feel you know about the measures set out in this treaty?

A great deal	2	2	3	3	3	1	4	1	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	1
A fair amount	20	23	24	19	27	13	17	17	26	22	18	20	21	18	21	21
Not very much	45	46	47	50	45	45	36	48	49	48	41	51	47	43	41	44
Nothing at all	24	23	18	25	18	30	30	25	18	21	29	19	23	28	27	21
Don't know	9	7	8	3	6	11	14	8	5	7	10	8	7	10	9	12

Ireland has recently held a referendum on the Treaty of Lisbon; a majority voted in favour of Ireland ratifying the treaty.

From what you know if a UK referendum were held on whether or not to ratify this Treaty how would you vote?

I would vote FOR the Treaty	19	10	38	29	26	14	19	19	20	23	15	22	20	16	19	23
I would vote AGAINST the Treaty	39	55	23	33	48	31	27	37	52	39	40	41	40	41	39	30
I would not vote	10	7	7	7	7	12	14	10	6	8	11	10	9	10	11	8
Don't know	32	28	33	31	20	43	40	34	23	30	34	27	31	34	31	39

	Voting intention			Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region					
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample	2161	745	499	313	1037	1124	637	768	756	1190	971	276	701	464	532	188
Unweighted Sample	2161	762	497	291	1015	1146	530	755	876	1290	871	276	688	420	554	223
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

If the Treaty comes into effect, the EU will have a President who will chair major EU meetings and represent the EU at major gatherings around the world. One possible candidate for this post is Tony Blair, the former Prime Minister. There are other possible candidates from other countries. Should Britain's government support or oppose Mr Blair becoming President of the EU?

Support	41	28	71	42	46	36	49	45	29	42	40	37	41	41	42	42
Oppose	42	59	16	42	42	42	30	37	58	44	40	43	43	42	41	42
Don't know	17	13	13	16	12	22	22	17	13	15	20	20	16	17	18	16

David Cameron promised a referendum on the Lisbon Treaty if the Conservatives came to power before the treaty came into effect. A new situation would arise if the party came to power AFTER the treaty came into effect, for the Treaty could then be amended or abandoned only if all members of the EU agree.

Do you think that in this situation an incoming Conservative government should...

Still hold a referendum because Britain would need to reconsider its relationship with the European Union	51	66	34	46	57	45	45	50	57	50	52	49	55	52	48	45
Not hold a referendum because there is no point in having one, once the Lisbon Treaty comes into effect	30	21	48	38	31	28	25	32	31	33	25	32	28	29	29	36
Don't know	20	13	17	16	12	27	30	18	12	17	23	20	17	20	23	19

If Britain wanted to amend or repeal the Treaty, but could not persuade the rest of the EU to agree to this, Britain may be left with two choices. Firstly, to accept the Lisbon Treaty as it is, and secondly to leave the EU altogether.

If this were the choice which of these should Britain do?

Accept the Lisbon Treaty and remain in the EU	36	27	55	50	42	29	38	35	34	42	28	34	37	32	34	45
Leave the EU altogether	42	51	27	34	44	40	30	42	51	36	48	41	43	44	42	31
Don't know	23	23	18	16	14	31	32	22	16	22	24	25	20	24	24	24

	Voting intention			Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region					
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
Weighted Sample	2161	745	499	313	1037	1124	637	768	756	1190	971	276	701	464	532	188
Unweighted Sample	2161	762	497	291	1015	1146	530	755	876	1290	871	276	688	420	554	223
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Turning to another issue do you think the Government is doing a good or bad job at supporting our troops in Afghanistan?

Very good	2	1	6	1	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	3
Fairly good	22	11	49	26	25	21	23	24	21	23	22	19	22	25	22	25
TOTAL "GOOD"	24	11	55	27	27	22	24	27	23	25	24	21	23	26	25	28
Fairly bad	39	45	27	44	36	42	42	36	41	41	38	41	41	36	39	40
Very bad	30	40	12	26	31	29	24	32	33	29	31	31	31	29	30	26
TOTAL "BAD"	69	85	38	70	67	71	65	68	74	70	69	71	72	66	68	66
Don't know	6	4	7	3	5	7	11	5	4	5	7	8	4	8	7	6

Which of these do you think would do the best job as head of the British armed forces?

Gordon Brown	16	0	57	10	21	13	13	22	14	16	17	13	15	15	18	28
David Cameron	33	76	6	12	37	30	29	30	39	35	30	36	39	34	28	19
Nick Clegg	8	2	4	32	9	7	11	7	7	8	9	7	8	9	9	7
Don't know	42	22	33	46	33	51	46	42	40	41	45	44	38	43	46	46

From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Troops in Afghanistan are making our lives safer here in Britain

Strongly agree	12	13	20	7	14	11	11	12	13	11	14	12	12	12	12	14
Tend to agree	30	30	37	28	32	28	26	32	31	31	29	27	31	31	30	25
TOTAL AGREE	42	43	58	35	46	38	36	45	44	42	43	38	43	43	43	40
Tend to disagree	27	30	20	30	25	29	28	24	29	29	25	29	27	27	27	23
Strongly disagree	17	13	13	25	20	15	20	19	14	18	16	16	18	17	16	23
TOTAL DISAGREE	44	43	33	55	44	44	48	42	43	47	41	44	45	44	43	46
Don't know	14	14	10	10	9	18	16	13	13	12	17	17	13	13	15	15

The quality of equipment our troops are provided with in Afghanistan is good enough to get the job done

Strongly agree	4	3	8	4	5	3	5	4	4	4	5	3	4	6	5	4
Tend to agree	14	7	26	17	18	10	15	15	11	15	11	14	14	12	14	14
TOTAL AGREE	18	10	33	21	23	13	20	19	15	19	16	18	18	18	18	17
Tend to disagree	32	34	33	37	35	30	34	32	32	34	31	31	35	33	30	29
Strongly disagree	38	48	21	35	33	43	31	39	44	37	40	38	38	36	40	41
TOTAL DISAGREE	70	82	54	72	68	73	65	71	76	71	71	68	73	69	70	70
Don't know	12	8	13	7	9	14	16	11	9	10	13	14	9	13	11	13

	Voting intention			Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region					
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
Weighted Sample	2161	745	499	313	1037	1124	637	768	756	1190	971	276	701	464	532	188
Unweighted Sample	2161	762	497	291	1015	1146	530	755	876	1290	871	276	688	420	554	223
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

British soldiers are paid enough for the job they do

Strongly agree	4	4	5	1	4	3	5	3	3	4	3	1	3	3	5	6
Tend to agree	19	17	25	22	23	16	19	19	19	20	18	18	19	20	20	16
TOTAL AGREE	23	21	30	23	27	19	24	22	22	24	21	19	22	23	25	22
Tend to disagree	31	34	31	34	32	30	32	29	33	33	29	26	35	29	29	33
Strongly disagree	33	35	27	33	31	36	25	37	37	31	36	36	31	33	35	33
TOTAL DISAGREE	64	69	58	67	63	66	57	65	70	63	66	62	66	63	65	66
Don't know	13	10	12	10	10	16	19	13	9	13	13	19	12	14	11	12

Injured soldiers are not given the treatment they deserve by the British government

Strongly agree	40	50	27	37	39	42	32	42	46	40	41	39	41	41	39	41
Tend to agree	32	32	33	35	31	33	31	30	34	34	29	30	30	32	36	28
TOTAL AGREE	72	81	60	72	69	75	64	72	80	74	70	69	72	73	75	69
Tend to disagree	13	9	20	14	15	10	17	12	9	13	13	13	13	12	12	14
Strongly disagree	6	3	10	6	7	5	5	6	6	5	6	6	6	6	5	8
TOTAL DISAGREE	19	12	30	19	22	15	22	19	15	18	19	19	19	17	17	22
Don't know	9	7	10	9	9	10	14	10	5	8	11	12	10	10	8	9

The campaign in Afghanistan is worthwhile to defeat terrorism both in the region and at home

Strongly agree	13	12	20	9	16	9	10	12	15	11	14	11	12	16	12	11
Tend to agree	31	34	36	32	34	28	30	34	30	33	30	27	32	32	32	27
TOTAL AGREE	44	45	56	41	51	38	40	46	45	44	44	38	44	48	44	39
Tend to disagree	26	28	21	24	22	29	25	23	28	27	24	29	28	20	24	26
Strongly disagree	19	17	13	26	21	18	20	20	18	20	18	19	17	19	21	26
TOTAL DISAGREE	45	45	34	51	42	47	45	43	46	47	42	48	46	39	45	51
Don't know	11	10	9	8	7	16	15	11	9	9	14	14	10	13	11	10

	Voting intention			Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region					
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample	2161	745	499	313	1037	1124	637	768	756	1190	971	276	701	464	532	188
Unweighted Sample	2161	762	497	291	1015	1146	530	755	876	1290	871	276	688	420	554	223
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Soldiers should be paid more than their usual salary when they are serving in places like Afghanistan

Strongly agree	44	47	42	39	41	46	35	45	50	43	45	36	46	43	45	42
Tend to agree	30	32	30	33	31	30	28	29	33	31	30	30	31	30	30	29
TOTAL AGREE	74	79	72	72	72	76	63	74	83	74	74	66	77	74	74	71
Tend to disagree	13	11	17	18	15	12	15	15	11	15	12	17	11	13	13	17
Strongly disagree	6	5	5	6	8	4	10	5	3	6	6	6	5	6	6	6
TOTAL DISAGREE	19	16	22	24	22	16	25	20	14	21	18	23	16	19	20	23
Don't know	7	6	6	4	6	8	12	7	3	6	8	10	7	7	6	7

We have the highest quality soldiers fighting in Afghanistan that we can

Strongly agree	35	41	39	25	38	32	24	36	43	33	37	28	40	36	34	24
Tend to agree	42	43	40	50	42	41	42	42	41	45	38	39	41	41	42	50
TOTAL AGREE	77	84	79	75	79	74	66	78	84	78	75	67	81	76	76	75
Tend to disagree	8	6	8	10	8	8	11	7	6	8	8	10	6	8	9	10
Strongly disagree	2	1	2	3	3	2	4	2	1	2	3	4	2	2	4	2
TOTAL DISAGREE	10	7	10	13	11	10	15	9	7	10	11	14	7	10	13	12
Don't know	13	9	12	12	10	17	18	13	10	13	14	20	12	14	11	14

Thinking about Britain's troops in Afghanistan, do you feel...?

Proud of them: they are fighting a war that must be won	27	27	38	19	30	24	24	26	29	26	27	21	26	31	28	21
Proud of them, even though they are fighting a war that can't be won	63	70	52	66	61	65	62	63	64	64	62	61	66	58	64	66
Not proud of them	5	2	5	9	5	4	7	4	3	5	5	6	3	5	5	9
Don't know	6	2	6	6	4	7	7	7	3	5	6	12	5	6	3	4

YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and political party identification:

	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Age and Gender		
Male 18 to 24	60	129
Male 25 to 39	220	282
Male 40 to 54	291	281
Male 55 +	444	345
Female 18 to 24	100	129
Female 25 to 39	323	281
Female 40 to 54	291	303
Female 55 +	432	411
Region		
London	276	276
Rest of South	688	701
Midlands and Wales	420	464
North	554	532
Scotland	223	188
Social Grade		
ABC1	1290	1190
C2DE	871	971
Newspaper Type		
Express / Mail	514	345
Sun / Star	307	475
Mirror / Record	195	345
Guardian / Independent	148	86
FT / Times / Telegraph	251	205
Other Paper	285	270
No Paper	458	432
Political Party Identification		
Lab	706	694
Con	567	561
Lib Dem	213	259
Others	97	65
None	514	529
Don't know	64	54