

YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 1966

Fieldwork: 9th - 10th August 2007

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Headline Voting Intention

(excluding Don't Knows and Wouldn't Votes)

	<i>July</i>	August
Lab	40	42
Con	33	32
Lib Dem	15	14
Other	12	12

Do you think Gordon Brown is doing well or badly as Prime Minister?

	<i>April Blair</i>	August Brown
Well	35	65
Badly	61	17
Don't know	4	19

Since Gordon Brown has taken over as Prime Minister, has he done better or worse than you expected?

	<i>July</i>	August
Better	22	36
Worse	6	5
About the same	59	50
Don't know	14	9

Do you think David Cameron is doing well or badly as leader of the Conservative Party?

	<i>April</i>	August
Well	54	29
Badly	31	55
Don't know	15	17

Do you think David Cameron would do well or badly if he became Prime Minister?

Well	38	27
Badly	42	51
Don't know	20	22

Do you think Sir Menzies Campbell is doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?

Well	27	24
Fairly badly	45	43
Don't know	28	32

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Following the recent foot and mouth outbreak...

Though blame is not being attached to the farmers concerned, how confident are you generally that British farmers take sufficient care in the way they rear animals and produce meat?

Very / fairly confident	74
Not very / not at all confident	21
Don't know	6

From what you have seen so far, how well do you think the government is handling the outbreak?

Very / fairly well	76
Very / fairly badly	17
Don't know	7

An official inquiry indicates that the likely source of the outbreak was either a government laboratory or a private laboratory licensed by the government. Which of these statements comes closest to your view?

The Government is probably to blame, because it cuts corners when it comes to dangerous diseases and biosecurity	17
It is not the Government but local management at the laboratories that is probably to blame for not ensuring sufficient biosecurity	52
It is likely that nobody is to blame – the outbreak was the result of freak conditions that could happen to even the best run laboratory	18
Don't know	15

In the last foot and mouth outbreak, millions of healthy animals were culled to stop the spread of the disease. The alternative, vaccinating herds, was not used, partly because of objections from farmers. What should happen in similar circumstances this time?

Animals should be culled, as before	20
Herds should be vaccinated	58
Neither	3
Don't know	20

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Turning now to the disappearance of the young girl Madeleine McCann, the British toddler missing in Portugal, some people have criticised her parents for leaving her unsupervised when she disappeared. Do you agree or disagree with such criticisms?

Agree - they were wrong to leave her alone	71
Disagree - most parents have done this at times, they were just very unlucky	23
Not sure	6

Madeleine McCann's parents have been criticised in the Portuguese press but given a sympathetic treatment in the British press. Which of these statements best sums up your view?

The Portuguese local press has been right to criticise	22
The Portuguese local press is wrong and the British press has been right to treat them sympathetically	29
The British press has been wrong, and should have been more critical of Madeleine's parents	27
Don't know	22

Some say Madeline McCann's parents have been given sympathetic treatment here because they are middle-class professionals. Do you agree or disagree with this?

Agree - that is why they have been treated sympathetically	54
Disagree - any British family would have been treated sympathetically	34
Don't know	12

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<p>Turning now to the Middle East, American government officials have been reported saying that Britain has been defeated in their mission in Basra, southern Iraq, and that the city is lawless at a time when the US troop "surge" in Baghdad is succeeding.</p> <p>From what you know, do you think the US troop surge is succeeding or failing in making Baghdad safer for its residents?</p>	
Succeeding	7
Failing	61
Don't know	32
<p>Do you think Britain is succeeding or failing in making Basra safer for its residents?</p>	
Succeeding	15
Failing	53
Don't know	33
<p>Such statements show that America and Britain are not true allies in Iraq'</p>	
Agree	48
Disagree	24
Don't know	28
<p>Most of the problems in Iraq are due to US incompetence and Washington is trying to spread the blame'</p>	
Agree	66
Disagree	11
Don't know	23
<p>Should Gordon Brown bring Britain's troops home from Iraq?</p>	
Yes – all troops should be withdrawn immediately	29
Yes – most troops should be withdrawn soon, and the rest within the next year or so	45
No – British troops should remain in Iraq as long as Iraq's government wants them there	19
Don't know	6
<p>Do you think British troops are winning the war with the Taliban in Afghanistan, or not?</p>	
Yes, the British troops are winning	6
No, they are not winning yet, but victory is possible eventually	39
No, they are not winning, and victory is not possible	36
Don't know	18

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Don't know	10

As many as 15,000 Iraqi nationals, including interpreters, have given assistance to British forces in Iraq since 2003. Some say their lives could be at risk when Britain leaves. Should they be given special treatment and offered asylum in Britain?

Yes, they should be given asylum	38
No, they should not be given asylum	42
Don't know	20

Gordon Brown recently visited US President George W Bush. From what you know, do you think Mr Brown...

Is closer to Mr Bush than Tony Blair was	1
Has about the same relationship with Mr Bush as Mr Blair had	13
Is less close to Mr Bush than Mr Blair was	73
Don't know	14

Do you think Mr Brown is now...

Too close to Mr Bush	10
Not close enough to Mr Bush	9
Has got the relationship about right	57
Don't know	24

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Do you think this summer's floods are due to climate change, or are they just the kind of freak weather events that occur from time to time?

Floods are definitely due to climate change	11
Probably due to climate change	33
Probably just freak weather events unrelated to climate change	40
Definitely just freak weather events	12
Don't know	4

Which of these best sums up your view about Britain's policies towards climate change?

We should do what we can to reduce our impact on the planet, and by setting a good example put pressure on other countries to do more to fight climate change	54
Anything Britain does on its own is irrelevant because our carbon emissions are only 2% of the world total – we should take only those actions that are agreed	25
It is not yet clear that climate change is a real problem, and we should take no specific action unless and until there is firm evidence that action is needed	15
Don't know	7

Have you changed your behaviour over the past year to become more 'green', or not?

Yes, have changed behaviour	71
No, I have not	29

In changing your behaviour, which of the following do you now do? [Please tick all that apply]

(All those who have become more 'green')

Recycle more	93
Turn off unnecessary lights, standby buttons, chargers	87
Walk, cycle, use public transport more	42
Use the car less	33
Fly less frequently	17
Use a hybrid/low carbon emission car	4
Pay to offset my carbon emissions	2
Nothing in particular – just try generally to be a bit more 'green'	9
Something else	8

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Suppose the Government said that radical action is needed to save the planet, and introduced a number of measures that forced people like you to change your lifestyle. In principle, would you support or oppose such measures?

Support	25
Support – but only if governments in other countries adopted similar measures	45
Oppose – it would be wrong to make people like me change our lifestyle at the moment	19
Don't know	10

Ken Livingstone, the Mayor of London, is proposing to increase the city's congestion charge to up to £25 a day for large cars. Other cities may follow suit. Do you see such measures as:

A genuine attempt to reduce congestion and pollution	17
A way of raising revenue by hitting drivers of larger cars	49
Both	29
Don't know	6

If you had a vote in next year's London mayoral election and you had to choose between Ken Livingstone, the current Labour mayor, and Boris Johnson, his likely Conservative opponent, who would you vote for?

Ken Livingstone	28
Boris Johnson	30
Neither	24
Don't know	18

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'If times become tougher economically, most people will forget about being 'green', and climate change will drop down the political agenda'

Agree	70
Disagree	14
Don't know	16

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And finally, school exam results will soon be published. Recent research supports the claim that A levels have become easier, but Ministers say the rise in pupils getting good grades reflects better teaching and harder-working students. Which of these be

A levels have got easier	43
Grades have risen because of better teaching and harder-working students	19
Both things have happened	26
Don't know	12