

# YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 1832

Fieldwork: 10th - 11th July 2008

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## Headline Voting Intention

*[Excluding Don't Knows and Wouldn't Vote]*

Con	<b>47</b>
Lab	<b>25</b>
Lib Dem	<b>16</b>
Other	<b>12</b>

## Other Parties Voting Intention

SNP / PCY	<b>4</b>
Green	<b>2</b>
UKIP	<b>2</b>
BNP	<b>3</b>
Respect	<b>0</b>
Other	<b>1</b>

## Non Voters

<i>Would Not Vote</i>	<b>9</b>
<i>Don't know</i>	<b>13</b>

## Do you think Gordon Brown is doing well or badly as prime minister?

Very well	<b>1</b>
Fairly well	<b>18</b>
Fairly badly	<b>35</b>
Very badly	<b>42</b>
Don't know	<b>5</b>

## Do you think David Cameron is doing well or badly as Conservative leader?

Very well	<b>10</b>
Fairly well	<b>51</b>
Fairly badly	<b>18</b>
Very badly	<b>10</b>
Don't know	<b>12</b>

## Do you think Nick Clegg is doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?

Very well	<b>2</b>
Fairly well	<b>27</b>
Fairly badly	<b>22</b>
Very badly	<b>10</b>
Don't know	<b>39</b>

**Who would you trust more to raise you and your family's standard of living?**

Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling	<b>17</b>
David Cameron and George Osborne	<b>37</b>
Neither	<b>38</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>

**In your opinion how good or bad is the state of Britain's economy at the moment?**

Very good	<b>0</b>
Quite good	<b>5</b>
Neither good nor bad	<b>17</b>
Quite bad	<b>44</b>
Very bad	<b>32</b>
Don't know	<b>2</b>

**Over the next 12 months do you think Britain's economy will...**

Grow at a faster rate than over the past 12 months	<b>1</b>
Grow at about the same rate	<b>3</b>
Grow more slowly	<b>20</b>
Not grow at all	<b>27</b>
Go into recession	<b>46</b>
Don't know	<b>4</b>

**Do you think house prices in your area will rise or fall over the next 12 months?**

Rise by more than 10%	<b>2</b>
Rise by less than 10%	<b>4</b>
Stay about the same	<b>13</b>
Fall by less than 10%	<b>44</b>
Fall by more than 10%	<b>32</b>
Don't know	<b>5</b>

**In the past year, we have seen both the impact of the credit crunch, and sharply rising food and energy prices.**

**In the light of all this have you cut your spending on things other than food energy and housing?**

Yes quite significantly	<b>29</b>
Yes but only a little	<b>49</b>
No not at all	<b>20</b>
Don't know	<b>2</b>

**Do you intend to do any of the following as a direct result of rising oil prices?  
[Please tick all that apply]**

Make fewer car journeys	43
Use my car less and public transport more	18
Drive more slowly to save fuel	33
Share car journeys with other drivers	8
None of the above	15
Not applicable - I don't drive	19
Don't know	4

**Do you intend to do any of the following as a direct result of rising food and energy prices? [Please tick all that apply]**

I intend to spend less on other things	56
I intend to take fewer holidays and / or short breaks over the next 12 months	29
I intend to watch my energy consumption (e.g. gas and electricity) more carefully	67
None of the above	12
Don't know	4

**Gordon Brown has said people should respond to rising food prices by wasting less. What is your reaction to such advice?**

He has a point; most households probably do waste too much	46
He has a cheek; he is just trying to divert attention away from problems he has helped	47
Neither	4
Don't know	3

**Do you feel that your household could waste less food if you tried?**

Yes – we could save a significant amount	7
Yes – we could save a little	33
No – although we throw some food away, we couldn't easily reduce the amount much	20
No – we don't waste any food or hardly any	39
Don't know	2

**The Treasury admitted last week that 9 million motorists would be worse off as a result of increases in tax on cars that will affect vehicles dating back to 2001. Far fewer will benefit from a reduction in tax on the least-polluting cars.**

**From what you know what is your attitude to these changes?**

It is right that drivers of cars with above-average fuel consumption, even of older cars, pay more to help the environment.	26
It is wrong - this is just another example of a retrospective, stealth tax dressed up as a "green" measure	62
Neither	6
Don't know	7

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement:**

**'The Conservatives would handle Britain's current problems better than the current government'**

Agree	35
Disagree	34
Neither	16
Don't know	15

**Turning now to a different topic: how concerned are you about knife crime in Britain?**

Very concerned	<b>56</b>
Fairly concerned	<b>33</b>
Not particularly concerned	<b>9</b>
Not concerned at all	<b>1</b>
Don't know	<b>1</b>

**Do you feel personally under threat from knife crime when out at night?**

Yes I do	<b>24</b>
No I do not	<b>68</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>

**How concerned are you about the threat of knife crime on your children or on young people you know?**

Very concerned	<b>33</b>
Fairly concerned	<b>38</b>
Not particularly concerned	<b>17</b>
Not concerned at all	<b>2</b>
Don't know	<b>2</b>
Does not apply – I don't know any young people	<b>7</b>

**Do you think tougher policing would significantly reduce the level of knife crime in Britain today?**

Yes it would	<b>70</b>
No – that would not tackle the causes	<b>26</b>
Don't know	<b>4</b>

**Police of Redruth in Cornwall have introduced curfews for children in order to stop anti-social behaviour in the town centre. Children under 10 must be off the streets by 8pm, and children under 16 by 9pm. Parents will be punished for infringements.**

**Would you support or oppose a policy to extend a curfew to towns and cities across Britain?**

**First what about a curfew for children under 10?**

I would support an 8pm curfew for children under 10	<b>73</b>
8pm is too early but I would support a 9pm curfew	<b>15</b>
I would oppose any curfew for children under 10	<b>9</b>
Don't know	<b>4</b>

**And would you support or oppose a policy to extend a curfew for children under 16 to towns and cities across Britain?**

I would support a 9pm curfew for children under 16	<b>50</b>
9pm is too early but I would support a 10pm curfew	<b>35</b>
I would oppose any curfew for children under 16	<b>10</b>
Don't know	<b>5</b>

**In recent days there has been a debate about personal responsibility. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

**Most overweight and obese people have themselves to blame because they eat too much and take too little exercise**

Agree	<b>72</b>
Disagree	<b>20</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>

**Most drug addicts and alcoholics are personally responsible for the mess that they are in**

Agree	<b>73</b>
Disagree	<b>17</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>

**Most adults who are in poverty and relying on state benefits have chosen not to work**

Agree	<b>38</b>
Disagree	<b>46</b>
Don't know	<b>16</b>

**Most children these days have no boundaries and think they can do as they please**

Agree	<b>75</b>
Disagree	<b>18</b>
Don't know	<b>7</b>

**And do you agree or disagree with these statements?**

**'Politicians should stop being "morally neutral" about these things and make people face up to their responsibilities.'**

Agree	<b>85</b>
Disagree	<b>7</b>
Don't know	<b>9</b>

**'In general politicians have been too "politically correct" about these things and not talked enough about personal responsibility for the problems that many people face'**

Agree	<b>88</b>
Disagree	<b>6</b>
Don't know	<b>7</b>

**Finally, last week Gordon Brown allowed himself to be compared to Heathcliff, Emily Bronte's brooding, passionate character in Wuthering Heights.**

**Which of these literary figures do you think Mr Brown resembles most closely?**

Heathcliff	<b>2</b>
Oliver Twist (who always asked for more)	<b>6</b>
Mr Pooter (the city clerk in Diary of a Nobody)	<b>2</b>
Uriah Heep (Dickens's 'very humble' but insincere character)	<b>11</b>
Macbeth (ruthlessly claimed the top job then it went wrong)	<b>33</b>
Macavity (T.S.Eliot's cat who always disappears when things get tough)	<b>9</b>
Dr Dolittle	<b>3</b>
None of these	<b>19</b>
Don't know	<b>15</b>