

YouGov / Centre for Policy Studies Survey Results

Sample Size: 2270

Fieldwork: 10th - 12th February 2009

	Voting Intention			Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region					
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 - 34	35 - 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
All GB Adults	2270	777	537	316	1089	1181	714	750	806	1225	1044	286	731	488	562	203
Unweighted Sample	2270	787	566	285	1067	1203	589	783	898	1343	926	341	705	421	570	233
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Imagine a family with mother, working father and two children at primary school.

Assuming it is not absolutely essential for financial reasons for both parents to work, and all else being equal, do you think it is best for the mother...

To work full-time	5	5	9	4	7	3	8	6	2	5	5	9	4	5	5	5
To work part-time	53	51	57	55	50	56	58	53	50	55	52	53	54	56	49	58
Not to work at all	35	40	28	30	36	34	24	34	45	33	37	29	36	33	41	29
Don't know	7	4	6	12	7	6	10	7	3	7	6	9	7	6	6	9

Now imagine a family with mother, working father and two teenage children at secondary school.

Assuming it is not absolutely essential for financial reasons for both parents to work, and all else being equal, do you think it is best for the mother...

To work full-time	20	19	24	23	22	18	33	18	11	22	18	24	17	21	21	24
To work part-time	61	66	59	59	57	65	51	63	70	61	62	55	67	64	57	58
Not to work at all	11	11	10	8	12	10	6	12	16	9	13	10	10	9	15	10
Don't know	7	5	7	10	8	6	11	7	4	8	7	10	6	7	7	8

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	All parents				Fathers				Mothers				
	Total	All	Child age <18	Child age 11-17	Child under 11	All	Child age <18	Child age 11-17	Child under 11	All	Child age <18	Child age 11-17	Child under 11
All GB Adults	2270	1431	588	254	425	655	295	134	204	775	293	120	220
Unweighted Sample	2270	1489	570	263	398	686	272	141	173	803	298	122	225
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Imagine a family with mother, working father and two children at primary school.

Assuming it is not absolutely essential for financial reasons for both parents to work, and all else being equal, do you think it is best for the mother...

To work full-time	5	3	5	7	4	4	6	10	6	2	3	4	3
To work part-time	53	53	56	54	54	50	54	49	54	55	58	61	54
Not to work at all	35	40	34	34	36	42	34	34	34	39	34	33	38
Don't know	7	4	5	5	6	5	6	7	6	4	5	2	6

Now imagine a family with mother, working father and two teenage children at secondary school.

Assuming it is not absolutely essential for financial reasons for both parents to work, and all else being equal, do you think it is best for the mother...

To work full-time	20	15	21	17	23	17	22	19	25	14	20	16	22
To work part-time	61	67	64	67	62	63	60	63	59	71	67	71	65
Not to work at all	11	14	11	12	10	15	12	13	11	12	9	11	9
Don't know	7	4	5	5	5	5	6	6	5	3	4	3	4

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	Employment status			Men -Employment status			Women - Employment status			
Total	Full-time workers	Part-time workers	Age <60 not working	Full-time workers	Part-time workers	Age <60 not working	Full-time workers	Part-time workers	Age <60 not working	
All GB Adults	2270	894	327	310	552	107	124	342	220	186
Unweighted Sample	2270	893	328	289	521	109	112	372	219	177
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Imagine a family with mother, working father and two children at primary school.

Assuming it is not absolutely essential for financial reasons for both parents to work, and all else being equal, do you think it is best for the mother...

To work full-time	5	8	2	5	9	5	9	6	1	3
To work part-time	53	56	62	43	52	53	45	62	66	42
Not to work at all	35	29	29	44	32	32	37	24	28	47
Don't know	7	8	6	9	7	10	9	8	5	9

Now imagine a family with mother, working father and two teenage children at secondary school.

Assuming it is not absolutely essential for financial reasons for both parents to work, and all else being equal, do you think it is best for the mother...

To work full-time	20	28	14	16	27	18	21	29	12	13
To work part-time	61	58	71	55	57	60	48	59	76	59
Not to work at all	11	7	9	19	9	11	21	6	8	18
Don't know	7	7	6	11	8	11	11	7	4	10

Sample Size: 2420
Fieldwork: 12th - 16th March 2009

	Voting Intention			Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region					
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 - 34	35 - 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Which of the following applies to you?

I work full-time	49	50	50	49	59	39	64	60	24	56	40	53	47	45	51	52
I work part-time	18	17	17	24	12	24	16	18	20	17	19	20	20	20	14	16
I don't work at all	33	33	34	27	29	37	19	22	57	27	40	28	33	35	36	32

If it is/were not essential for you to work for financial reasons would you...

[Base: those work part-time or full time, BASE, n=1497]

Work full-time	20	20	26	19	25	15	27	19	9	19	22	23	22	18	17	18
Work part-time	51	53	47	53	46	57	50	50	55	51	52	50	53	49	52	53
Not work at all	26	26	25	26	27	25	19	27	36	28	24	25	23	32	27	23
Don't know	3	2	2	1	2	3	3	4	1	3	3	3	2	1	3	6

[Base: all]

Thinking about government policy, media coverage and so on, do you think the general climate of opinion in Britain these days concerning mothers of primary school children is...

In favour of mothers working full-time	27	28	26	27	25	29	25	30	26	27	27	27	26	27	28	26
Against mothers working full-time	32	34	30	34	31	33	26	30	39	34	29	29	34	32	29	34
Neutral between these two positions	32	29	37	30	34	29	37	30	28	31	32	33	30	31	33	31
Don't know	10	8	7	9	10	10	12	10	7	8	12	11	10	10	9	10

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	All parents				Fathers				Mothers				
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Which of the following applies to you?

I work full-time	49	40	57	59	55	56	83	77	85	27	32	39	27
I work part-time	18	21	21	19	23	10	6	8	6	29	37	32	39
I don't work at all	33	39	22	22	22	35	11	15	9	44	32	29	35

If it is/were not essential for you to work for financial reasons would you...

[Base: those work part-time or full time, BASE, n=1497]

Work full-time	20	17	22	24	20	22	29	28	28	12	13	20	11
Work part-time	51	51	47	46	48	46	39	39	39	56	58	56	59
Not work at all	26	31	29	28	30	31	31	32	31	31	26	23	28
Don't know	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	3

[Base: all]

Thinking about government policy, media coverage and so on, do you think the general climate of opinion in Britain these days concerning mothers of primary school children is...

In favour of mothers working full-time	27	29	32	31	34	26	27	26	29	31	37	37	38
Against mothers working full-time	32	34	28	29	27	33	28	29	28	35	29	30	26
Neutral between these two positions	32	30	34	33	34	33	40	38	39	27	27	28	29
Don't know	10	7	6	6	6	7	6	8	4	7	6	5	7

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Unweighted Sample	2270	893	328	289	521	109	112	372	219	177
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Which of the following applies to you?

I work full-time	49	100	0	0	100	0	0	100	0	0
I work part-time	18	0	100	0	0	100	0	0	100	0
I don't work at all	33	0	0	100	0	0	100	0	0	100

If it is/were not essential for you to work for financial reasons would you...

[Base: those work part-time or full time, BASE, n=1497]

Work full-time	20	24	9	0	26	17	0	20	6	0
Work part-time	51	49	57	0	44	57	0	57	57	0
Not work at all	26	25	30	0	28	24	0	19	33	0
Don't know	3	3	3	0	2	3	0	3	3	0

[Base: all]

Thinking about government policy, media coverage and so on, do you think the general climate of opinion in Britain these days concerning mothers of primary school children is...

In favour of mothers working full-time	27	27	21	34	26	16	32	28	24	36
Against mothers working full-time	32	31	37	26	29	37	24	33	37	27
Neutral between these two positions	32	32	33	30	35	40	30	28	30	30
Don't know	10	10	9	10	10	8	15	11	10	8

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All GB Adults	2420	800	598	323	1161	1259	730	830	860	1304	1112	305	779	520	599	216
Unweighted Sample	2420	833	583	311	1121	1299	626	844	950	1521	895	322	773	519	587	219
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Imagine a family with a mother, working father and two children under five. Assuming it is not absolutely essential for financial reasons for both parents to work do you think it is best for the mother...

To work full-time	3	3	4	1	4	2	5	3	2	3	3	3	2	3	4	2
To work part-time	47	48	53	51	44	50	52	48	42	48	46	48	45	50	47	46
Not to work at all	41	44	36	38	41	41	31	40	51	40	43	35	46	39	39	41
Don't know	9	6	7	11	11	7	12	9	6	8	9	14	7	8	9	10

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	Parents				Fathers				Mothers				
	Total	All	Child age > 18	Child age 12 - 17	Child age < 11	All	Child age > 18	Child age 12 - 17	Child age < 11	All	Child age > 18	Child age 12 - 17	Child age < 11
All GB Adults	2420	1523	864	194	466	707	381	93	232	816	482	101	233
Unweighted Sample	2420	1566	941	189	436	735	453	88	194	831	488	101	242
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Imagine a family with a mother, working father and two children under five. Assuming it is not absolutely essential for financial reasons for both parents to work do you think it is best for the mother...

To work full-time	3	2	1	2	3	3	2	3	4	1	1	1	2
To work part-time	47	44	42	49	47	43	38	55	46	46	45	44	48
Not to work at all	41	48	52	41	44	47	54	30	43	49	50	51	46
Don't know	9	6	5	8	6	8	7	12	7	4	5	3	5

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Fieldwork: 12th - 16th March 2009

	Employment Status			Men			Women			Parents with children under			
	Total	Full time	Part time	< 60s not working	Full time	Part time	<60s not working	Full time	Part time	<60s not working	All	Fathers	Mothers
All GB Adults	2420	1190	451	395	696	133	157	494	318	238	232	114	119
Unweighted Sample	2420	1175	441	369	643	124	135	532	317	234	214	90	124
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Imagine a family with a mother, working father and two children under five. Assuming it is not absolutely essential for financial reasons for both parents to work do you think it is best for the mother...

To work full-time	3	4	2	2	5	3	3	4	1	1	2	4	1
To work part-time	47	52	48	39	48	41	37	58	52	39	46	41	51
Not to work at all	41	34	44	46	36	47	41	31	43	49	49	51	47
Don't know	9	10	6	14	11	10	19	7	5	11	3	5	2