

# YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

Sample Size: 5016 GB Adults  
Fieldwork: 27th - 29th May 2009  
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## Headline Voting Intention

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

Con	<b>39</b>
Lab	<b>22</b>
Lib Dem	<b>18</b>
Other	<b>21</b>

## Other Parties Voting Intention

UKIP	<b>7</b>
BNP	<b>5</b>
Green	<b>4</b>
SNP / PCY	<b>3</b>
Respect	<b>0</b>
Other	<b>2</b>

## Non Voters

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

On June 4 elections will be held for the European Parliament. On a scale of 0-10 where 0 means you definitely WILL NOT vote and 10 means you definitely WILL vote how likely are you to vote in these elections?

0 – Definitely will NOT vote	<b>12</b>
1	<b>2</b>
2	<b>3</b>
3	<b>3</b>
4	<b>2</b>
5	<b>7</b>
6	<b>3</b>
7	<b>5</b>
8	<b>7</b>
9	<b>6</b>
10 – Definitely WILL vote	<b>46</b>
Don't know	<b>3</b>

## European voting intention

*[Those 10/10 Certain to vote; excluding Don't Know and Wouldn't Vote]*

Conservative	<b>27</b>
Labour	<b>17</b>
Liberal Democrat	<b>15</b>
UKIP	<b>16</b>
Green	<b>9</b>
BNP	<b>7</b>
SNP / PC	<b>4</b>
Others	<b>6</b>

## European Non Voters

<i>Wouldn't vote</i>	<b>12</b>
<i>Don't know</i>	<b>15</b>

**Do you approve or disapprove of the Government's record to date?**

Approve	<b>15</b>
Disapprove	<b>72</b>
Don't know	<b>13</b>

**Which of these would make the best Prime Minister?**

David Cameron	<b>36</b>
Gordon Brown	<b>17</b>
Nick Clegg	<b>10</b>
Don't know	<b>38</b>

**Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with Gordon Brown as Prime Minister?**

Satisfied	<b>17</b>
Dissatisfied	<b>73</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>

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

Is proving a good leader	<b>53</b>
Is not proving a good leader	<b>26</b>
Don't know	<b>21</b>

**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	<b>51</b>
Labour government led by Gordon Brown	<b>29</b>
Don't know	<b>21</b>

**Which party do you think is more likely to run Britain's economy well – the Conservatives or the Labour Party?**

Conservative	<b>36</b>
Labour	<b>21</b>
Neither	<b>33</b>
Don't know	<b>9</b>

**How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months?**

Get a lot better	<b>2</b>
Get a little better	<b>16</b>
<b>TOTAL BETTER</b>	<b>18</b>
Stay the same	<b>38</b>
Get a little worse	<b>29</b>
Get a lot worse	<b>11</b>
<b>TOTAL WORSE</b>	<b>40</b>
Don't know	<b>4</b>

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**Overall, do you think the Government's measures for tackling Britain's recession...**

Have started to work	8
Will start to work in the near future	12
Will start to work but not for some time	26
Will make little or no difference to the economy	27
Will end up making things worse	19
Don't know	9

**The next general election must be held within the next 12 months. Do you think it should be held...**

Within the next few weeks, to give voters the earliest possible chance to give their verdict on the Government's record and MPs' behaviour	18
This autumn, to give parties time to weed out MPs who have claimed allowances wrongly and replace them with new candidates	42
Next year, because an election this year would distract attention from Britain's economic problems	32
Not sure	9

**As you may be aware, Michael Martin has announced that he will stand down as Speaker of the House of Commons next month. Which of the following would you most like to succeed him?**

Ann Widdecombe	27
Sir Menzies ('Ming') Campbell	9
Frank Field	7
Vincent Cable	7
Kate Hoey	2
Sir George Young	2
Sir Alan Beith	1
John Bercow	1
Alan Haselhurst	1
Don't know	44

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

**Most MPs are personally corrupt**

Agree	46
Disagree	35
Don't know	19

**There is nothing fundamentally wrong with Britain's constitution, providing that our MPs are honest and competent in the way they act**

Agree	61
Disagree	27
Don't know	12

**These days the Government has too MUCH power and Parliament has too LITTLE power**

Agree	61
Disagree	14
Don't know	26

**Which, if any, of the following do you find more offensive?**

Britain's top bankers receiving huge bonuses while running their banks badly	45
MPs' wrongly claiming allowances to which they should not have been entitled	48
Neither	2
Don't know	5

Here are some proposals that have been made for reforming our political system. In each case do you agree or disagree with it?

**Have fixed-term parliaments elected every four years, instead of the present system by which the Prime Minister can choose the date of the election**

	Strongly support	39
	Tend to support	34
	<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>73</b>
	Neither support nor oppose	11
	Tend to oppose	7
	Strongly oppose	3
	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>9</b>
	Don't know	7

**Reduce the overall number of MPs in the House of Commons by 100**

	Strongly support	29
	Tend to support	26
	<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>55</b>
	Neither support nor oppose	20
	Tend to oppose	10
	Strongly oppose	5
	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>15</b>
	Don't know	10

**Introduce a new voting system for electing MPs which would link the number of seats to the total vote of each party, and make it harder for a single party to win general elections outright**

	Strongly support	23
	Tend to support	29
	<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>52</b>
	Neither support nor oppose	18
	Tend to oppose	13
	Strongly oppose	8
	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>20</b>
	Don't know	10

**Reform the House of Lords so that all new members are directly elected by the public**

	Strongly support	39
	Tend to support	30
	<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>69</b>
	Neither support nor oppose	12
	Tend to oppose	8
	Strongly oppose	4
	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>12</b>
	Don't know	7

**Devise a written constitution to replace the current unwritten constitution which has evolved gradually over the past 1000 years**

Strongly support	29
Tend to support	31
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>59</b>
Neither support nor oppose	17
Tend to oppose	9
Strongly oppose	5
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>15</b>
Don't know	10

**Withdraw Britain from the European Convention of Human rights and replace it with a British Bill of Rights**

Strongly support	33
Tend to support	18
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>51</b>
Neither support nor oppose	16
Tend to oppose	12
Strongly oppose	10
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>22</b>
Don't know	11

**Give local voters the right to 'recall' their MP and force a fresh election in their constituency if a significant number of voters are unhappy with the MPs' performance**

Strongly support	41
Tend to support	35
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>75</b>
Neither support nor oppose	10
Tend to oppose	7
Strongly oppose	2
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>9</b>
Don't know	6

**Give voters the right to force the Government to hold referendums on specific issues if enough people sign a petition demanding such a referendum**

Strongly support	44
Tend to support	30
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>74</b>
Neither support nor oppose	10
Tend to oppose	7
Strongly oppose	3
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>10</b>
Don't know	6

**Expel MPs from the House of Commons if they are found to have claimed money wrongly**

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Strongly support		59
Tend to support		26
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>		<b>84</b>
Neither support nor oppose		7
Tend to oppose		3
Strongly oppose		1
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>		<b>4</b>
Don't know		5

**Abolish the monarchy when the current Queen dies and hold an election to choose Britain's head of state**

Strongly support		13
Tend to support		9
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>		<b>22</b>
Neither support nor oppose		12
Tend to oppose		17
Strongly oppose		43
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>		<b>59</b>
Don't know		7

**Backbench MPs are currently paid a salary of £65,000 a year. If the system of allowances is changed, and properly regulated, so that MPs can claim only what is absolutely necessary to do their job, do you think a backbench MPs' pay should be increased, reduced or remain about the same?**

Increased to more than £100,000 a year		2
Increased to £100,000		5
Increased to £90,000		4
Increased to £80,000		10
Increased to £70,000		8
<b>TOTAL INCREASE</b>		<b>30</b>
<b>Kept at £65,000 a year</b>		<b>35</b>
Reduced to £60,000		4
Reduced to £50,000		9
Reduced to £40,000		7
Reduced to less than £40,000 a year		9
<b>TOTAL REDUCE</b>		<b>29</b>
Don't know		7

**Have the recent disclosures about MPs' allowances made you more likely or less likely to vote at the next general election?**

More likely to vote	<b>19</b>
Less likely to vote	<b>16</b>
No difference – I would have voted anyway	<b>54</b>
No difference – I would NOT have voted anyway	<b>5</b>
Not sure	<b>6</b>

**Elections will be held next week to elect a new European Parliament. Have the recent disclosures about MPs' allowances made you more likely or less likely to vote in these elections?**

More likely to vote	<b>16</b>
Less likely to vote	<b>14</b>
No difference – I would have voted anyway	<b>51</b>
No difference – I would NOT have voted anyway	<b>10</b>
Not sure	<b>9</b>