

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

Sample Size: 2024 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 27th - 29th October 2009
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%

Headline Voting Intention

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

Con	41
Lab	28
Lib Dem	16
Other	15

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

Approve	19
Disapprove	67
Don't know	14

Which of these would make the best Prime Minister?

David Cameron	36
Gordon Brown	20
Nick Clegg	11
Don't know	33

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

Satisfied	21
Dissatisfied	70
Don't know	9

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

Is proving a good leader	53
Is not proving a good leader	28
Don't know	18

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	49
Labour government led by Gordon Brown	33
Don't know	18

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

Conservative	38
Labour	25
Neither	29
Don't know	9

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

Get a lot better	2
Get a little better	20
TOTAL BETTER	22
Stay the same	37
Get a little worse	28
Get a lot worse	9
TOTAL WORSE	37
Don't know	4

Overall, do you think the government's measures for tackling Britain's recession...?

Have started to work	14
Will start to work in the near future	14
Will start to work but not for some time	23
Will make little or no difference to the economy	25
Will end up making things worse	17
Don't know	8

As you probably know, a postal strike took place last week, and another has been called for this week...<

Who do you blame more for the strikes?

The postal workers' union	25
The management of Royal Mail	25
Both equally	44
Don't know	6

In the long term what do you think would be best for the Royal Mail?

To remain a 100% publicly-owned corporation	48
To be majority-owned by the Government, but with a substantial minority stake for outside investors	16
To be majority-owned by outside investors, but with a minority stake for the Government	8
To be wholly owned by the private sector	14
Don't know	15

At present a first-class stamp costs 39p, though the Royal Mail proposes raising this to 42p next April.

Suppose the Royal Mail wanted to raise the price of a first class stamp to 50p, but offered to restore early morning deliveries, which would you prefer?

For the price of first-class stamps to rise to 50p and early morning deliveries restored	34
For the price of first-class stamps NOT to rise above 42p, and for early morning deliveries NOT to be restored	58
Don't know	8

Royal Mail says that the number of letters being posted is declining steadily, as more people use other means instead, such as emails, texts and the online management of bank accounts.

Have you personally cut back on the number of letters you send in recent years?

Yes, I have cut back a lot	42
Yes, I have cut back a little	27
TOTAL CUT BACK	69
No, I send about the same amount of letters	27
No, I send more letters than before	2
Not sure	2

Turning to the European Union, it is likely that the leaders of the EU's member states will, for the first time, choose a President who will chair major EU meetings and represent the EU at major international gatherings. Tony Blair is one possible candidate; the others that have been mooted are current or former Prime Ministers of smaller countries such as Belgium, Luxembourg or the Netherlands.

Which would you prefer to be EU President?

Tony Blair	31
The current or former Prime Minister of a smaller EU country	31
Don't know	38

Turning now to the issue of bonuses for people working for British banks, it has been reported that bonuses are being paid once again, as bank profits recover.

Do you think this is ...?

On balance a good thing, as it shows that bank lending and the wider economy are growing again	11
On balance a bad thing, as it shows that bankers are more interested in enriching themselves than benefiting the wider community	82
Don't know	7

Thinking about British banks in which the Government has a substantial stake

Do you think the Government should force banks to limit the annual bonuses paid to senior executives?

No, the Government should not force these banks to limit these bonuses	6
Yes, bonuses should be limited to £1 million per executive	3
Yes, bonuses should be limited to £500,000 per executive	5
Yes, bonuses should be limited to £100,000 per executive	10
Yes, bonuses should be limited to £50,000 per executive	9
Yes, bonuses should be limited to £10,000 per executive	9
Yes, bonuses should be limited to £5,000 per executive	5
Yes, bonuses should be limited to £2,000 per executive	7
Bonuses for senior executives in these banks should be banned altogether	40
Don't know	6