

YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 1956 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 16th - 17th July 2009
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Headline Voting Intention

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

Con	42
Lab	25
Lib Dem	18
Other	15

Other Parties Voting Intention

UKIP	6
Green	4
SNP / PCY	3
BNP	2
Respect	0
Other	1

Non Voters

Would Not Vote	9
Don't know	11

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

Very well	2
Fairly well	22
TOTAL WELL	24
Fairly badly	35
Very badly	36
TOTAL BADLY	71
Don't know	5

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

Very well	8
Fairly well	49
TOTAL WELL	57
Fairly badly	22
Very badly	10
TOTAL BADLY	31
Don't know	11

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

Very well	5
Fairly well	39
TOTAL WELL	44
Fairly badly	19
Very badly	8
TOTAL BADLY	27
Don't know	29

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

David Cameron and George Osborne	35
Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling	19
Neither	39
Don't know	8

Do you fear that you or a close member of your family will lose their job as a result of the current financial crisis?

Yes, I do fear this	48
No, I don't	26
Not sure	19
Not applicable – neither I nor any close member of my family are currently	7

Government ministers say British troops are fighting in Afghanistan to stabilise it and prevent it becoming a terrorist stronghold again.

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Do you think this is:

A worthwhile objective, worth risking the lives of British troops to achieve peace	24	24
A worthwhile objective, but not worth risking the lives of British troops	54	48
Not a worthwhile objective	15	22
Don't know	8	6

Critics, including army chiefs, say Britain needs more troops with better equipment to fight the war in Afghanistan.

Do you think Gordon Brown is doing his best to supply British troops with the equipment they need, or is he deliberately trying to fight the war 'on the cheap' by not providing adequate resources?

Brown is doing his best to provide British troops with the equipment they need	20
He is deliberately trying to fight the war 'on the cheap'	60
Don't know	20

Which of the following do you think should happen in Afghanistan?

The western allies should send more troops there - including British troops	8	14
The western allies should send more troops there - but they should come from other NATO countries, not Britain	30	36
Current troop levels should be maintained as long as necessary	7	9
Britain should withdraw all troops from Afghanistan, whatever other countries do	26	21
All western troops should be withdrawn from Afghanistan	17	12
Don't know	12	9

Turning to education, the Charity Commission is threatening to withdraw charitable status from independent schools, which could cost them £100m in additional tax, unless they offer more bursaries to take in more pupils from low-income households. Offering more such bursaries could mean higher fees for parents who pay full fees.

Which of the following best reflects your view of independent schools?

They ease the burden on other taxpayers by taking children out of state education and should be encouraged	37
They allow some people to buy a better education for their children and should be discouraged	23
Neither	25
Don't know	15

Is the Charity Commission right or wrong to put pressure on independent schools to subsidise more places for pupils from poor backgrounds?

Right	55
Wrong	24
Don't know	21

The Government is considering abolishing 65 as the normal retirement age, allowing people to work for longer and removing the right of employers to retire them.

What is your view?

People should normally retire at 65	24
People should normally retire at 70	3
People should work as long beyond 65 as they want and are able to do so	68
None of these	3
Don't know	2

The Government is backing Tony Blair to be president of the European Union. What is your view of this?

I agree with it and think it will be good for Britain	28
I don't agree with it - it will mainly be of benefit to Tony Blair	54
Don't know	19

Reports in recent days have suggested some banks are returning to big bonuses for their staff.

Which of the following best reflects your view on this?

Banks are returning to their bad old greedy ways	81
Banks are trying to rebuild their profits and are entitled to reward staff who help their recovery	13
Don't know	7

The Government is proposing that over time households will have to pay higher bills of up to £250 a year to fund investment in 'green' low carbon energy. What is your view of this?

Provided that the energy companies are not allowed to make excessive profits, I am prepared to pay more so that energy is produced in an environmentally friendly way	17
I am not prepared to pay more - the energy companies should be made to produce 'green' energy and foot the bill out of their profits	61
I am not prepared to pay more - the danger of climate change is exaggerated, and energy should be produced as cheaply as possible	18
Don't know	4