

YouGov / Sunday People Survey Results

Sample Size: 1855 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 23rd - 24th April 2009
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Headline Voting Intention

Con	45
Lab	27
Lib Dem	17
Other	12

Has this week's Budget made you more likely or less likely to vote Labour, or has it made no difference?

More likely to vote Labour	5
Less likely	23
No difference – I would have voted Labour anyway	18
No difference – I would NOT have voted Labour anyway	43
Don't know	11

Alistair Darling the Chancellor of the Exchequer says Britain's economy will start growing again by the end of the year. What do you expect?

Britain's economy is likely to start growing again later this year	9
Britain's economy is likely to start growing again next year	31
Britain's economy will not start to grow again until 2011 or later	47
Don't know	13

Do you support or oppose the new 50 per cent top rate of tax on incomes of more than £150 000 a year?

Support	64
Oppose	22
Don't know	13

Alistair Darling predicts that the Government will borrow £700 billion over the next five years to plug the gap between taxes and public spending. Assuming no further tax rises or cuts are made to public spending than those announced, do you think the true borrowing figure over the next five years will be higher or lower than this, or is this prediction about right?

Higher – the true borrowing figure will be higher than £700 billion	65
About the same – the true borrowing figure will be about £700 billion	16
Lower – the true borrowing figure will be lower than £700 billion	2
Don't know	17

If the public sector finances get even worse than the Government predicts and it had to choose between increasing the basic rate of income tax and cutting the money spent on schools and hospitals which should the government do?

Increase the basic rate of income tax	59
Cut spending on schools and hospitals	23
Don't know	18

Mr Darling announced increases in the duties on tobacco and alcohol, partly on health grounds, and on petrol, partly on environmental grounds. Assuming that if he did not announce THESE increases, the Chancellor would have had to increase OTHER taxes. do you think he was right or wrong to raise these taxes?

Increases in tobacco duties	Right	82
	Wrong	14
	Don't know	4
Increases in alcohol duties	Right	66
	Wrong	29
	Don't know	5
Increases in petrol duties	Right	20
	Wrong	75
	Don't know	5

Mr Darling also announced that people who own cars more than ten years old will receive £2 000 if they scrap their old car and buy a new one within the next 12 months. How likely are you to take advantage of this offer?

	Not applicable - I don't own a car	16
	Not applicable - my car(s) is/are less than ten years old	38
	Very likely	3
	Fairly likely	6
	TOTAL LIKELY	8
	Not very likely	9
	Not at all likely	26
	TOTAL UNLIKELY	35
	Don't know	3

And are you more likely to consider moving house or buying your first home because the stamp duty holiday on homes worth up to £175 000 has been extended to the end of this year?

	Yes I am more likely to do so	6
	No I am not	67
	Not applicable - I don't own a home and have no plans to own one in the near future	23
	Don't know	5

Which one of these do you blame most for Britain's current economic problems?

	Britain's bankers	42
	Britain's government	33
	Bankers in other countries	15
	Governments in other countries	3
	Don't know	8