

YouGov / Sun Survey Results

Sample Size: 2161 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 8th - 9th October 2009
For detailed results, [click here](#)

Aug 27-28 Oct 8-9
% %

Headline Voting Intention

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

Con	42	42
Lab	28	28
Lib Dem	17	18
Other	14	12

Is Gordon Brown doing well or badly as Prime Minister?

Very well	2	3
Fairly well	14	18
TOTAL "WELL"	16	21
Neither well nor badly	21	18
Fairly badly	30	27
Very badly	31	33
TOTAL "BADLY"	61	60
Don't know	3	2

Is David Cameron doing well or badly as Conservative leader?

Very well	6	13
Fairly well	36	39
TOTAL "WELL"	42	52
Neither well nor badly	29	24
Fairly badly	15	11
Very badly	8	7
TOTAL "BADLY"	23	18
Don't know	7	6

Is Nick Clegg doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?

Very well	2	3
Fairly well	22	26
TOTAL "WELL"	24	29
Neither well nor badly	36	36
Fairly badly	13	12
Very badly	6	5
TOTAL "BADLY"	19	17
Don't know	21	18

Is Bob Ainsworth doing well or badly as Defence Secretary?

Very well	1	1
Fairly well	8	8
TOTAL "WELL"	9	9
Neither well nor badly	20	19
Fairly badly	23	22
Very badly	22	20
TOTAL "BADLY"	45	42
Don't know	28	31

Aug 27-28 Oct 8-9
% %

Which of these would make the best Prime Minister?

Gordon Brown	19	22
David Cameron	38	42
Nick Clegg	10	10
Don't know	33	27

Do you agree or disagree that David Cameron has the right TEAM around him to be Prime Minister?

Strongly agree	3	7
Tend to agree	31	34
TOTAL AGREE	34	41
Tend to disagree	27	23
Strongly disagree	15	14
TOTAL DISAGREE	42	37
Don't know	25	21

And do you agree or disagree that David Cameron has the right POLICIES to be Prime Minister?

Strongly agree	5	10
Tend to agree	36	35
TOTAL AGREE	41	45
Tend to disagree	23	23
Strongly disagree	18	19
TOTAL DISAGREE	41	42
Don't know	18	13

Do you think that George Osborne the Conservatives' Shadow Chancellor has what it takes to be an effective Chancellor in a Conservative government?

Yes he does have what it takes	27
No he doesn't	38
Don't know	35

Who would you trust more to handle the current financial crisis?

Gordon Brown & Alistair Darling	28
David Cameron & George Osborne	37
Neither	26
Don't know	9

If the Conservatives win the next election do you think the National Health Service will or will not be safe in their hands?

Yes, the NHS will be safe in the Conservatives' hands	40
No, it will not	42
Don't know	18

If the Conservatives win the coming election, David Cameron has announced that his ministers would include Sir Richard Dannatt, the Army's former chief of staff, and Iain Duncan Smith, the party's former leader.

Do you think it would be a good idea or a bad idea for a future Conservative government to include Sir Richard Dannatt?

Good idea	45
Bad idea	20
Don't know	34

And do you think it would be a good idea or a bad idea for a future Conservative government to include Iain Duncan Smith?

Good idea	40
Bad idea	26
Don't know	34

Generally speaking do you think that Britain's membership of the European Union is a good thing a bad thing or neither good nor bad?

Good	35
Bad	37
Neither good nor bad	21
Don't know	7

How much do you feel you know about the measures set out in this treaty?

A great deal	2
A fair amount	20
Not very much	45
Nothing at all	24
Don't know	9

Ireland has recently held a referendum on the Treaty of Lisbon; a majority voted in favour of Ireland ratifying the treaty.

From what you know if a UK referendum were held on whether or not to ratify this Treaty how would you vote?

I would vote FOR the Treaty	19
I would vote AGAINST the Treaty	39
I would not vote	10
Don't know	32

If the Treaty comes into effect, the EU will have a President who will chair major EU meetings and represent the EU at major gatherings around the world. One possible candidate for this post is Tony Blair, the former Prime Minister. There are other possible candidates from other countries. Should Britain's government support or oppose Mr Blair becoming President of the EU?

Support	41
Oppose	42
Don't know	17

David Cameron promised a referendum on the Lisbon Treaty if the Conservatives came to power before the treaty came into effect. A new situation would arise if the party came to power AFTER the treaty came into effect, for the Treaty could then be amended or abandoned only if all members of the EU agree.

Do you think that in this situation an incoming Conservative government should...

Still hold a referendum because Britain would need to reconsider its relationship with the European Union		51
Not hold a referendum because there is no point in having one, once the Lisbon Treaty comes into effect		30
Don't know		20

If Britain wanted to amend or repeal the Treaty, but could not persuade the rest of the EU to agree to this, Britain may be left with two choices. Firstly, to accept the Lisbon Treaty as it is, and secondly to leave the EU altogether. If this were the choice which of these should Britain do?

Accept the Lisbon Treaty and remain in the EU		36
Leave the EU altogether		42
Don't know		23

Turning to another issue do you think the Government is doing a good or bad job at supporting our troops in Afghanistan?

Very good	3	2
Fairly good	21	22
TOTAL "GOOD"	24	24
Fairly bad	33	39
Very bad	35	30
TOTAL "BAD"	68	69
Don't know	8	6

Which of these do you think would do the best job as head of the British armed forces?

Gordon Brown	14	16
David Cameron	29	33
Nick Clegg	7	8
Don't know	50	42

From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
Troops in Afghanistan are making our lives safer here in Britain

Strongly agree	11	12
Tend to agree	29	30
TOTAL AGREE	40	42
Tend to disagree	27	27
Strongly disagree	19	17
TOTAL DISAGREE	46	44
Don't know	14	14

Aug 27-28 Oct 8-9
% %

The quality of equipment our troops are provided with in Afghanistan is good enough to get the job done

Strongly agree	5	4
Tend to agree	14	14
TOTAL AGREE	19	18
Tend to disagree	29	32
Strongly disagree	39	38
TOTAL DISAGREE	68	70
Don't know	13	12

British soldiers are paid enough for the job they do

Strongly agree	4	4
Tend to agree	20	19
TOTAL AGREE	24	23
Tend to disagree	29	31
Strongly disagree	32	33
TOTAL DISAGREE	61	64
Don't know	15	13

Injured soldiers are not given the treatment they deserve by the British government

Strongly agree	41	40
Tend to agree	31	32
TOTAL AGREE	72	72
Tend to disagree	11	13
Strongly disagree	6	6
TOTAL DISAGREE	17	19
Don't know	10	9

The campaign in Afghanistan is worthwhile to defeat terrorism both in the region and at home

Strongly agree	10	13
Tend to agree	29	31
TOTAL AGREE	39	44
Tend to disagree	26	26
Strongly disagree	24	19
TOTAL DISAGREE	50	45
Don't know	12	11

Soldiers should be paid more than their usual salary when they are serving in places like Afghanistan

Strongly agree	39	44
Tend to agree	34	30
TOTAL AGREE	73	74
Tend to disagree	14	13
Strongly disagree	7	6
TOTAL DISAGREE	21	19
Don't know	6	7

Aug 27-28 Oct 8-9
% %

We have the highest quality soldiers fighting in Afghanistan that we can

Strongly agree	33	35
Tend to agree	42	42
TOTAL AGREE	75	77
Tend to disagree	8	8
Strongly disagree	3	2
TOTAL DISAGREE	11	10
Don't know	14	13

Thinking about Britain's troops in Afghanistan, do you feel...?

Proud of them: they are fighting a war that must be won	24	27
Proud of them, even though they are fighting a war that can't be won	66	63
Not proud of them	5	5
Don't know	6	6