

YouGov / The Sun Survey Results

Sample Size: 1700 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 22nd - 23rd November 2011

	Voting intention			2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted sample	1700	459	520	139	569	429	362	826	874	206	434	581	479	969	731	218	553	364	418	148
Unweighted Sample	1700	465	467	135	566	393	382	810	890	91	417	702	490	1130	570	238	579	353	386	144
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The government is seeking changes to public sector pensions that will require public sector workers to work for longer and contribute more to their pensions. The government say that with people living longer the changes are necessary to make public sector pensions affordable in the long term. The trade Unions say that changes have already been made that make current pensions sustainable.

3 -4 July
Nov 22-23

Do you support or oppose the government's changes to public sector pensions?

Support	41	41	72	20	56	62	18	40	49	32	28	37	38	52	46	34	37	46	43	34	38
Oppose	46	44	17	69	35	25	68	44	40	48	44	45	48	37	42	46	43	35	45	53	50
Don't know	13	16	10	11	9	13	13	16	11	20	28	17	14	10	12	20	20	19	12	13	12

Many teaching unions and civil service unions have voted to go on strike on November 30th in protest against the changes to public sector pensions.

Would you support or oppose teachers going on strike on November 30th?

Support	37	12	61	28	18	60	40	37	37	46	39	39	27	35	39	38	30	35	44	48
Oppose	53	85	30	62	77	29	48	57	49	38	47	50	67	57	48	51	59	54	47	46
Don't know	10	3	9	10	6	11	12	6	14	16	13	10	6	9	13	12	12	11	9	6

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Would you support or oppose civil servants going on strike on November 30th?

Support	35	12	59	25	17	57	38	36	34	41	37	37	27	33	37	32	29	32	42	49
Oppose	54	84	30	69	77	30	51	57	50	38	48	52	67	57	49	54	60	53	48	48
Don't know	11	4	11	7	6	13	11	7	16	21	15	11	6	10	14	14	12	15	10	4

Trade Unions must have a ballot of their members before taking strike action and need the support of a majority of those voting to take action. In some cases, however, only a minority of workers vote in the ballot, meaning only around a quarter or a third of workers back the strike.

Some people have suggested that the law should be changed so that a union can only go on strike if over 50% of its members back the strike, rather than 50% of those voting. Would you support or oppose this change?

Support - unions should require the support of 50% of all eligible members to take strike action	60	83	42	68	80	43	59	61	60	47	63	57	68	64	56	66	64	57	55	60
Oppose - it should be enough for unions to get the support of 50% of those voting	25	10	40	26	11	41	32	30	20	29	22	27	24	26	24	23	20	27	30	30
Not sure	15	7	18	6	9	17	10	9	20	24	16	16	7	11	20	11	17	16	15	10