

YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 1753 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 9th - 10th February 2012

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Headline Voting Intention

[Excluding Don't knows and Wouldn't votes]

Con	38	100	0	0	89	4	13	39	38	34	37	31	50	41	35	38	49	34	34	25
Lab	39	0	100	0	3	88	39	36	42	40	42	45	30	35	45	40	28	47	50	32
Lib Dem	9	0	0	100	1	2	31	10	8	14	9	10	6	11	7	14	11	6	8	5
Other	14	0	0	0	7	6	17	15	12	13	13	14	14	13	14	9	12	13	8	38

Other Parties Voting Intention

Green	4	0	0	0	1	1	9	3	4	6	4	3	2	4	3	5	4	2	4	2
UKIP	4	0	0	0	5	1	3	5	4	3	3	3	7	4	4	2	6	6	2	6
SNP / PCY	3	0	0	0	0	3	4	4	3	0	4	4	3	2	4	0	0	2	0	29
BNP	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	0	1	2	1	1
Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Other	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Non Voters

Would Not Vote	6	0	0	0	3	1	5	7	6	4	11	7	3	5	8	5	5	9	9	2
Don't know	15	0	0	0	10	10	22	10	20	20	15	17	11	15	14	16	17	13	14	13

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

	Feb 8-9	Feb 9-10																			
Approve	32	31	81	2	41	66	8	21	35	28	29	28	26	40	33	28	32	36	27	28	29
Disapprove	52	53	8	91	39	20	85	62	53	53	51	50	60	49	51	57	52	46	58	60	51
Don't know	16	16	11	7	20	14	8	17	12	19	19	22	14	11	16	16	16	17	14	13	20

Do you think that David Cameron is doing well or badly as Prime Minister?

	Feb 2-3	Feb 9-10																			
Very well	7	6	20	1	3	17	1	3	8	5	0	7	6	9	8	5	5	6	8	7	8
Fairly well	37	39	77	9	53	68	16	29	40	38	44	36	32	46	41	36	45	46	34	33	29
TOTAL WELL	44	45	97	9	56	85	17	33	48	43	44	43	39	55	48	40	50	51	42	40	37
Fairly badly	27	29	3	44	32	11	40	38	26	33	29	32	33	23	29	29	29	26	33	29	34
Very badly	22	20	0	43	7	2	39	23	23	17	19	16	22	20	17	23	17	15	21	26	20
TOTAL BADLY	50	49	3	87	40	14	80	61	49	49	48	48	55	43	47	52	45	41	53	55	54
Don't know	6	6	0	3	4	2	4	7	4	8	8	10	6	1	5	7	5	7	5	5	8

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Do you think Ed Miliband is doing well or badly as leader of the Labour party?

Very well	2	2	1	6	0	0	6	1	2	3	6	1	3	1	1	5	2	1	3	4	2
Fairly well	20	21	8	45	25	8	42	18	20	22	25	18	22	21	18	24	20	17	24	24	18
TOTAL WELL	22	23	9	52	25	8	47	19	22	24	31	19	25	22	19	29	22	18	27	28	19
Fairly badly	36	38	40	35	38	37	36	43	39	37	32	34	41	40	42	33	41	41	36	33	42
Very badly	31	26	45	6	26	46	10	22	31	21	16	27	24	32	28	24	24	27	24	30	23
TOTAL BADLY	67	64	85	41	65	83	46	65	70	58	49	60	65	73	70	57	65	67	60	63	65
Don't know	11	13	6	7	10	9	6	16	8	17	20	21	10	5	11	15	13	14	13	9	16

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

Very well	1	2	3	0	8	3	0	4	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	5
Fairly well	21	22	38	8	54	34	10	23	22	22	18	20	22	24	24	18	22	26	21	18	17
TOTAL WELL	22	24	41	9	62	37	10	27	24	23	18	22	24	26	26	20	24	27	23	20	22
Fairly badly	34	32	33	31	27	32	31	32	29	34	38	32	31	30	32	32	40	31	37	26	25
Very badly	35	36	20	56	7	25	55	31	42	29	34	31	36	40	35	37	28	31	33	47	40
TOTAL BADLY	69	67	54	87	34	57	86	63	71	63	71	63	67	69	66	69	67	62	69	73	65
Don't know	9	9	6	4	3	7	4	10	5	14	10	15	8	5	8	11	9	11	8	7	13

Do you think the Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition partners are working together well or badly?

Very well	2	2	6	0	2	4	0	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
Fairly well	34	34	67	10	59	59	14	32	36	33	25	32	33	42	39	29	40	40	33	29	25
TOTAL WELL	36	36	73	11	61	64	14	35	39	34	27	34	35	45	41	31	42	42	35	31	28
Fairly badly	32	34	22	42	26	26	39	37	32	37	38	34	35	34	34	35	32	32	37	34	40
Very badly	25	22	4	44	9	8	43	20	25	19	25	22	24	18	19	26	18	18	24	29	20
TOTAL BADLY	57	57	26	86	35	34	82	57	57	57	63	56	59	52	53	61	50	50	61	63	61
Don't know	7	7	1	4	4	3	4	8	4	10	10	10	6	3	6	8	7	8	4	6	12

Do you think this coalition government is good or bad for people like you?

Very good	3	3	7	1	5	5	0	3	4	2	2	2	2	4	3	2	1	3	2	2	5
Fairly good	17	19	40	3	46	37	4	19	19	19	11	18	18	25	22	14	24	20	19	15	18
TOTAL WELL	20	21	47	3	51	42	4	22	23	20	12	21	19	29	25	16	25	23	21	17	23
Fairly bad	28	27	25	32	20	22	32	27	26	29	25	28	27	28	28	26	29	28	30	25	20
Very bad	27	27	6	54	9	11	52	24	31	23	29	24	30	24	23	32	21	22	26	36	30
TOTAL BADLY	55	54	31	86	29	33	83	51	57	52	54	52	57	52	51	58	51	50	56	61	50
Won't make much difference either way	20	21	21	10	19	23	11	23	19	22	27	21	20	18	20	22	20	22	20	20	20
Don't know	5	4	1	1	1	2	1	4	2	6	7	6	3	1	4	4	5	5	2	3	7

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Do you think the coalition government is managing the economy well or badly?

Very well	4	3	9	0	3	7	0	2	4	2	0	3	2	5	4	2	4	2	3	4	4
Fairly well	29	32	73	4	51	64	8	25	35	30	27	29	29	41	34	29	35	39	28	26	28
TOTAL WELL	34	35	82	4	54	72	8	26	39	31	27	33	32	45	38	31	38	42	31	30	31
Fairly badly	31	30	10	44	26	14	40	37	26	34	31	35	33	24	31	30	30	28	37	29	31
Very badly	26	25	3	50	12	7	47	27	28	23	28	20	28	24	23	29	21	22	25	33	24
TOTAL BADLY	57	56	13	94	38	22	88	64	54	57	59	55	61	48	53	59	50	49	62	62	54
Don't know	9	9	5	2	8	7	5	10	7	12	14	12	7	7	8	11	11	9	8	8	14

In your opinion how good or bad is the state of Britain's economy at the moment?

Very good	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quite good	3	4	10	1	9	8	2	1	5	3	7	4	3	5	5	3	5	3	5	4	6
TOTAL GOOD	4	4	10	1	9	8	2	1	5	3	7	4	3	5	5	3	6	3	5	4	6
Neither good nor bad	15	17	31	10	24	25	11	15	19	15	23	18	12	18	16	17	19	19	17	13	15
Quite bad	48	46	43	47	50	43	49	45	45	47	33	44	47	51	48	43	46	47	48	45	40
Very bad	31	31	16	41	17	22	37	36	29	32	28	30	37	25	28	34	27	28	29	36	35
TOTAL BAD	78	76	59	88	67	65	86	81	74	79	61	74	84	76	76	77	72	75	77	81	74
Don't know	3	3	0	1	0	1	1	3	2	4	8	4	2	0	2	4	3	3	1	2	5

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

Get a lot better	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	
Get a little better	8	9	14	4	22	10	5	9	11	6	16	12	6	5	10	7	14	10	8	5	6
TOTAL BETTER	9	9	15	6	23	11	6	10	12	7	17	13	7	6	10	8	15	11	8	7	6
Stay about the same	31	33	47	27	38	44	25	31	33	33	34	35	29	36	34	31	34	31	34	32	38
Get a little worse	38	36	28	39	34	30	43	38	35	37	29	32	38	40	37	34	31	37	39	35	34
Get a lot worse	18	17	7	26	5	11	23	16	16	17	9	12	23	17	13	22	12	16	15	22	17
TOTAL WORSE	56	53	35	65	39	41	66	54	51	55	38	44	61	57	50	56	44	53	54	57	51
Don't know	4	5	3	3	0	4	3	4	4	6	11	8	3	2	5	5	8	6	3	5	5

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Thinking about the government's economic policies, which of the following best reflects your view?

The government should stick to its current strategy of reducing the deficit, even if this means growth remains slow

The government should change its strategy to concentrate on growth, even if this means the deficit stays longer or gets worse

Neither

Not sure

24-25
Nov '11

Feb 9-10

34	36	74	10	42	65	14	27	39	33	36	34	32	42	39	31	34	42	33	33	29
38	36	12	66	33	16	64	40	42	31	30	35	40	35	36	37	38	29	39	42	39
8	8	3	9	8	4	9	10	6	10	10	9	9	7	8	8	8	6	9	10	8
20	20	10	15	17	15	13	23	13	26	24	22	20	16	17	24	21	23	19	15	24

Quantitative easing is when the Bank of England creates new money and uses it to buy bonds, putting more money into the economy and encouraging growth, but at the risk of creating more inflation.

Do you support or oppose the Bank of England using more quantitative easing?

Support	34	42	36	38	38	38	29	42	26	28	35	34	35	36	31	43	29	32	38	30
Oppose	29	26	32	20	25	30	33	30	27	39	23	28	30	29	28	28	30	28	29	24
Don't know	38	33	32	42	37	32	38	27	47	33	42	38	35	35	41	29	41	40	33	47

Which of the main party leaders do you most trust with the NHS?

David Cameron	22	61	2	7	53	4	5	21	22	19	18	17	31	24	19	19	28	20	17	19
Ed Miliband	26	2	71	17	3	63	26	28	25	33	24	28	24	26	27	30	21	29	33	20
Nick Clegg	5	2	2	36	2	2	15	7	4	6	4	6	4	6	4	8	4	5	4	6
None of them	37	27	22	35	35	26	45	36	39	27	39	42	34	37	39	33	39	36	38	40
Don't know	9	8	4	5	7	6	10	8	11	14	14	6	7	8	11	10	8	10	8	14

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The government's proposed reforms of the National Health Service are currently going through Parliament. From what you have seen or heard about them, do you support or oppose the government's NHS reforms?

Support	18	45	3	17	41	4	6	21	15	16	14	17	24	20	15	18	21	14	19	13
Oppose	48	18	79	49	20	77	62	51	45	42	42	51	53	47	49	49	41	47	58	51
Don't know	34	37	18	34	38	19	32	27	40	42	45	32	23	33	36	33	39	39	24	36

Do you think that increasing competition within the NHS will make health services better, worse or make no difference?

Make services better	19	44	5	16	39	5	10	23	16	23	17	17	22	22	16	20	22	17	18	16
Make services worse	49	22	75	56	26	75	58	49	50	42	43	54	52	48	50	47	45	48	53	59
Make no difference	17	21	10	18	23	11	15	19	16	15	19	18	16	17	18	18	19	18	18	9
Don't know	14	12	9	10	13	9	17	10	19	20	21	12	10	14	15	15	15	17	11	16

Do you think giving doctors more control over their own budgets and what they spend money on will make health services better, worse or make no difference?

Make services better	26	44	13	26	43	14	17	27	26	25	29	23	28	29	23	23	25	26	27	34
Make services worse	41	24	66	39	26	65	43	42	40	39	38	42	43	40	42	45	32	44	49	38
Make no difference	17	18	12	21	18	12	20	18	15	14	13	19	19	15	19	12	24	16	13	11
Don't know	16	14	9	15	13	9	20	13	19	22	20	16	11	16	17	20	19	15	11	17

Taking everything into account, do you think the government should continue with their proposed reforms to the NHS or abandon them?

Should continue with their proposed NHS reforms	23	53	4	20	49	6	11	27	19	18	21	20	29	25	19	23	26	20	22	21
Should abandon their proposed NHS reforms	50	20	80	49	24	79	60	52	49	44	43	55	54	50	51	53	44	51	55	54
Don't know	27	27	16	31	27	15	29	21	33	38	36	25	17	25	30	24	30	29	23	25

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Thinking about the current situation in Syria...

Below are some ways that Britain and other allied countries could intervene in the situation. Please say if you would support or oppose each action.

Providing arms to the Syrian rebels

Support	17	23	17	23	22	16	15	24	10	16	14	15	22	19	14	21	17	16	17	14
Oppose	61	58	63	61	59	62	62	60	62	60	57	64	62	59	64	57	59	59	66	66
Don't know	22	19	20	16	19	21	23	16	27	24	29	20	16	22	22	22	24	25	17	20

Imposing economic sanctions on Syria

Support	60	66	62	65	65	65	58	70	50	45	47	62	74	61	58	59	58	57	63	60
Oppose	18	15	18	21	15	17	16	17	19	26	23	16	12	18	18	21	18	15	18	19
Don't know	23	18	20	14	19	18	26	13	32	29	31	22	14	21	25	19	24	27	19	21

Blocking members of the Syrian government from visiting Western countries

Support	66	70	69	66	71	68	65	72	61	58	57	67	77	66	67	69	64	64	71	65
Oppose	13	12	15	18	11	15	14	15	11	20	15	13	10	14	12	14	15	11	14	10
Don't know	20	18	16	16	19	17	21	13	28	22	28	20	13	20	21	17	22	25	15	26

Sending British and allied troops into Syria to protect Syrian civilians from attack

Support	17	15	18	23	14	18	20	19	15	29	23	15	9	18	16	18	15	16	18	21
Oppose	64	69	66	59	70	67	57	67	61	45	49	68	81	65	64	60	63	62	70	62
Don't know	19	16	16	17	16	15	24	14	24	27	28	17	10	18	21	21	21	23	13	17

Sending British and allied troops into Syria to overthrow President Bashar al-Assad

Support	8	7	9	8	7	9	8	9	8	7	11	10	5	7	11	6	8	10	9	5
Oppose	72	75	74	80	75	73	69	77	67	60	60	75	83	74	69	73	69	66	78	75
Don't know	20	18	17	12	17	17	23	15	25	33	29	16	12	20	21	21	23	24	13	20

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Abu Qatada was given asylum in Britain 1993 after fleeing religious persecution in Jordan. Since then he has been convicted in his absence of terrorist offences in Jordan and British intelligence services suspect he has continued to be involved in terrorist activity, though he has not been convicted of terrorism in the UK. In 2005 a British court ruled that he should be deported to Jordan. Abu Qatada has challenged his deportation, claiming that he would not receive a fair trial in Jordan as evidence obtained from torture would be used against him.

In principle, which of the following best represents your view?

Abu Qatada should only be deported if it can be guaranteed that he will receive a fair trial abroad	20	13	26	35	10	26	29	20	21	37	26	16	14	23	17	30	20	18	15	28
Abu Qatada should be deported regardless of whether or not it can be guaranteed that he will receive a fair trial abroad	70	82	66	54	85	69	57	71	68	47	60	75	82	67	72	58	67	73	77	66
Abu Qatada should not be deported	1	1	2	3	1	1	3	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	3	2	0	1	0
None of these	2	1	1	4	1	1	3	1	2	0	3	2	1	1	3	2	2	2	2	0
Don't know	7	3	4	4	3	3	8	5	8	15	10	5	2	6	7	7	8	6	5	7

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

The European Court of Human Rights has recently ruled that Abu Qatada should not be deported to Jordan as evidence obtained from torture may be used against him.

Which of the following best reflects your view?

- Britain should ignore the court ruling and deport Abu Qatada anyway, regardless of what happens to him in Jordan
- Britain should abide by the ruling and seek assurances from Jordan that evidence from torture will not be used so that A
- Britain should abide by the ruling and not deport Abu Qatada
- None of these
- Don't know

54	67	50	35	71	50	44	58	51	32	43	59	68	51	59	41	52	57	63	49
33	28	39	48	25	40	40	32	35	48	38	29	28	37	29	45	33	32	28	37
4	2	6	6	1	5	6	5	4	3	7	4	2	5	3	5	5	3	3	6
1	0	1	2	0	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	3	0
7	3	4	9	3	3	9	5	9	14	10	6	2	7	8	8	9	7	4	7

Abu Qatada has spent the last seven years in prison awaiting deportation. Prior to this he was receiving benefits. Do you think Abu Qatada should or should not be allowed to receive state benefits?

- Should - if he is legally in the country he should have the same right to claim benefits as anyone else
- Should not - he should not be allowed to claim state benefits
- Don't know

12	6	18	26	6	15	19	16	9	21	14	11	8	15	8	25	12	9	9	13
82	91	78	69	92	81	74	80	84	68	76	84	91	80	84	70	82	84	87	80
6	3	4	5	2	4	7	5	7	11	9	5	1	5	8	6	6	7	5	7

YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and political party identification:

	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Age and Gender		
Male 18 to 24	37	109
Male 25 to 39	195	224
Male 40 to 59	384	296
Male 60 +	241	223
Female 18 to 24	67	103
Female 25 to 39	257	223
Female 40 to 59	335	303
Female 60 +	237	272
Region		
North England	381	431
Midlands	269	287
East England	182	168
London	286	224
South England	410	401
Wales	99	88
Scotland	126	153
Social Grade		
AB	599	491
C1	551	508
C2	265	368
DE	338	386
Newspaper Type		
Express / Mail	358	280
Sun / Star	186	412
Mirror / Record	101	175
Guardian / Independent	93	79
FT / Times / Telegraph	120	167
Other Paper	254	202
No Paper	641	438
Political Party Identification		
Labour	546	570
Conservative	504	500
Liberal Democrat	206	210
SNP/Plaid Cymru	41	30
Others	73	23
None/ DK	383	421

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