

YouGov Survey Results

Iraq and Terrorism

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If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for?	
Labour	37
Conservative	31
Liberal Democrat	25
Other	7

How do you think the party leaders are performing?

Tony Blair, Prime Minister and leader of the Labour Party...

Very well	6
Fairly well	36
Fairly badly	35
Very badly	22
Don't know	1

Iain Duncan Smith, leader of the Conservative Party...

Very well	1
Fairly well	19
Fairly badly	39
Very badly	33
Don't know	7

Charles Kennedy, leader of the Liberal Democrat Party...

Very well	8
Fairly well	51
Fairly badly	21
Very badly	7
Don't know	14

Which of these statements comes closest to your view of Iraq's leader, Saddam Hussein?

'He poses a serious threat to world peace'	46
'He poses a real threat to other parts of the Middle East, but does not seriously threaten peace in the rest of the world'	36
'He poses no real threat to anyone outside Iraq'	15
Don't know	4

In the present crisis concerning Iraq, how much confidence do you have in...

George Bush

A great deal	5
A fair amount	20
Not much	37
None at all	37
Don't know	1

Tony Blair

A great deal	8
A fair amount	33
Not much	39
None at all	20
Don't know	1

If the United Nations decides to launch a military action against Iraq, should Britain contribute troops to the UN force?

Should	74
Should not	17
Don't know	9

If the UN does not take action and the United States launches such a military action, should Britain contribute troops to the US-led force?

Should	23
Should not	67
Don't know	10

Turning now to another subject... How would you rate the Government's performance on asylum?

Very good	1
Quite good	11
Quite poor	33
Very poor	53
Don't know	2

Would you like to see tougher policies from the government on asylum seekers, or less tough policies, or do you think present policies are about right?

Tougher policies	81
Less tough policies	8
Present policies are about right	9
Don't know	3

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...

'All people seeking asylum in Britain should be held in special camps while their applications are processed, and not allowed to move around Britain until and unless they are found to be genuine.'

Agree strongly	60
Tend to agree	24
Tend to disagree	9
Disagree strongly	6
Don't know	1

'Britain should refuse to deal with any new asylum applications until a better system has been set up to deal with them.'

Agree strongly	50
Tend to agree	22
Tend to disagree	17
Disagree strongly	10
Don't know	2

'A significant proportion of people claiming asylum in Britain are terrorists.'

Agree strongly	11
Tend to agree	26
Tend to disagree	28
Disagree strongly	23
Don't know	11

'The Government would be able to fight crime, terrorism and illegal immigration more effectively if everyone in Britain were required to carry identity cards.'

Agree strongly	38
Tend to agree	32
Tend to disagree	15
Disagree strongly	12
Don't know	3

'If we'd had stricter procedures for asylum seekers, it is more likely that the murder of a police constable this week would not have happened.'

Agree strongly	41
Tend to agree	27

Tend to disagree	16
Disagree strongly	10
Don't know	7

How much do you blame each of the following for the problems Britain faces today with asylum and immigration?

The present Labour government...

Blame a lot	37
Blame a fair amount	29
Blame a little	25
Do not blame at all	7
Don't know	3

The last Conservative government...

Blame a lot	22
Blame a fair amount	38
Blame a little	28
Do not blame at all	8
Don't know	5

The present French government...

Blame a lot	41
Blame a fair amount	28
Blame a little	17
Do not blame at all	6
Don't know	8

Human Rights laws...

Blame a lot	40
Blame a fair amount	23
Blame a little	14
Do not blame at all	17
Don't know	7

Television, radio and newspaper coverage of the issue...

Blame a lot	21
Blame a fair amount	28
Blame a little	24
Do not blame at all	22
Don't know	5

Racial prejudice here in Britain...

Blame a lot	14
Blame a fair amount	26
Blame a little	31
Do not blame at all	25
Don't know	4

In view of the increasing use of firearms by criminals do you think that the police should be routinely armed?

Should	44
Should not	48
Don't know	7

Would you support or oppose a reintroduction of the death penalty for criminals convicted of killing police officers?

Support strongly	34
Support	22
Oppose	18
Oppose strongly	21
Don't know	5

Moving to a different subject... do you think that it should or should not be a criminal offence to LOOK at child pornography on the Internet?

Should	81
Should not	11
Don't know	8

Would you support or oppose greater censorship of sexually explicit material on the Internet?

Support strongly	48
Tend to support	24
Tend to oppose	16
Oppose strongly	9
Don't know	3

Do you think that paedophiles can ever be rehabilitated?

Yes	10
No	69
Don't know	21

Given the pressures on police resources, do you think that more or fewer resources should be devoted to catching people who look at child pornography?

More resources	37
Fewer resources	11
It's about right as it is now	46
Don't know	6

Thinking about convicted paedophiles, which of the following options comes closest to your view?

They should be forced to have chemical castration	24
They should be chemically castrated if they agree to it	9
They should be imprisoned for life and never come out	19
They should receive the death penalty	9
They should receive longer prison sentences	21
There should be no change to the present law	12
Don't know	6

In the United States parents have the right to know if a sex offender is living in their local area. Do you think parents in this country should have the same right?

Yes	69
No	22
Don't know	10

How safe a place do you think Britain is for children today?

Very safe	6
Fairly safe	38
Neither safe nor unsafe	17
Fairly unsafe	27
Very unsafe	12
Don't know	1