

# YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 1937 GB Adults  
Fieldwork: 9th - 10th December 2010

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## Headline Voting Intention

[Excluding Don't Know and Wouldn't Vote]

Con	<b>40</b>	100	0	0	93	2	11	34	45	38	38	33	50	42	36	38	52	39	35	13
Lab	<b>42</b>	0	100	0	2	94	43	44	39	47	44	47	31	39	46	44	30	41	50	57
Lib Dem	<b>9</b>	0	0	100	2	1	35	9	9	5	12	8	9	10	7	11	11	10	6	5
Other	<b>10</b>	0	0	0	3	2	11	12	7	11	6	13	9	9	11	7	8	10	8	25

## Other Parties Voting Intention

SNP / PCY	<b>3</b>	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	2	4	1	4	2	2	4	0	0	2	0	23
UKIP	<b>3</b>	0	0	0	2	0	2	4	3	2	1	3	5	3	3	1	4	4	4	1
BNP	<b>2</b>	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	0
Green	<b>1</b>	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	3	2	2	0	2	1	3	2	0	1	2
Respect	<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	<b>1</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0

## Non Voters

Would Not Vote	<b>8</b>	0	0	0	4	2	4	8	8	14	11	7	4	6	10	7	7	9	10	5
Don't know	<b>16</b>	0	0	0	9	11	25	11	20	20	17	13	16	13	19	15	17	18	13	14

8-9 Dec 9-10 Dec

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

Approve	39	<b>36</b>	87	4	68	77	7	32	37	36	27	36	32	46	42	29	35	47	31	34	18
Disapprove	46	<b>50</b>	6	90	21	14	86	55	52	48	53	47	58	43	47	54	51	39	54	55	72
Don't know	15	<b>13</b>	7	6	11	9	8	13	11	16	20	17	10	11	11	16	14	14	15	12	10

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<b>Unweighted Sample</b>	<b>1937</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>1027</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>1269</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>200</b>	
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		2-3 Dec																			
		9-10 Dec																			
<b>Do you think that David Cameron is doing well or badly as Prime Minister?</b>																					
Very well	11	11	34	0	8	30	1	4	11	11	10	9	8	18	11	11	8	15	10	11	4
Fairly well	38	36	62	9	73	57	11	40	35	36	27	37	33	41	41	28	36	41	38	31	23
<b>TOTAL WELL</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>27</b>
Fairly badly	26	25	3	42	10	6	40	32	26	25	29	24	26	24	24	28	26	19	25	29	40
Very badly	18	21	1	45	6	3	44	17	22	19	19	19	28	15	19	22	23	18	19	23	26
<b>TOTAL BADLY</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>66</b>
Don't know	7	7	1	4	3	4	4	7	6	9	16	11	5	3	5	10	7	7	8	7	8
<b>Do you think Ed Miliband is doing well or badly as leader of the Labour party?</b>																					
Very well	3	3	1	7	2	1	8	1	3	3	4	4	2	2	3	3	5	1	4	4	3
Fairly well	27	26	12	55	15	12	47	29	26	26	27	22	32	22	25	27	24	25	25	26	34
<b>TOTAL WELL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>37</b>
Fairly badly	26	27	33	17	42	33	19	31	30	23	20	23	24	35	31	20	25	28	26	27	24
Very badly	18	17	28	4	17	28	7	12	19	14	17	12	17	20	18	15	20	18	16	16	12
<b>TOTAL BADLY</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>36</b>
Don't know	27	28	26	17	25	27	20	28	22	34	33	38	25	21	23	34	26	28	30	28	27
<b>Do you think that Nick Clegg is doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?</b>																					
Very well	3	4	9	1	19	9	1	5	5	4	4	4	4	6	5	3	6	5	4	4	2
Fairly well	30	27	56	4	56	49	5	27	25	28	17	25	25	35	28	25	20	35	28	22	14
<b>TOTAL WELL</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>16</b>
Fairly badly	24	23	18	21	17	20	22	27	20	25	22	24	24	21	23	22	21	19	24	26	28
Very badly	32	37	8	71	6	13	67	36	43	31	41	33	41	32	36	37	44	29	36	39	47
<b>TOTAL BADLY</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>75</b>
Don't know	11	10	9	2	1	10	4	6	7	12	16	13	7	7	7	13	9	11	9	9	9

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

Very well	8	8	20	1	19	19	1	6	9	7	6	6	7	12	9	8	8	12	5	7	6
Fairly well	39	39	71	12	65	64	14	43	39	40	28	41	35	48	45	32	35	45	43	36	25
<b>TOTAL WELL</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>31</b>
Fairly badly	24	23	5	36	10	8	35	26	22	23	23	20	27	20	21	24	26	16	25	23	33
Very badly	20	23	2	47	4	5	46	20	26	20	30	22	26	17	21	25	22	19	21	27	30
<b>TOTAL BADLY</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>63</b>
Don't know	9	7	2	3	2	4	3	5	5	9	13	12	5	3	4	11	8	8	6	7	6

**Do you think this coalition government will be good or bad for people like you?**

Very good	5	5	14	0	11	12	1	3	5	5	4	3	5	8	5	5	4	7	6	3	4
Fairly good	22	23	54	3	47	47	4	20	23	22	16	22	19	30	26	18	25	28	21	20	11
<b>TOTAL GOOD</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>
Fairly bad	23	21	10	29	6	12	28	24	22	20	26	21	21	18	20	21	17	18	20	23	29
Very bad	24	28	3	59	6	6	55	26	29	26	31	24	33	22	25	31	33	22	27	30	36
<b>TOTAL BAD</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>65</b>
Won't make much difference either way	17	18	17	8	26	18	10	21	16	19	11	20	18	18	19	16	14	16	23	17	16
Don't know	8	6	4	1	5	4	3	5	5	8	13	10	4	3	5	9	7	9	4	6	4

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

Very well	8	7	20	0	8	18	1	3	8	6	6	6	6	10	8	6	8	11	5	4	4
Fairly well	36	35	67	8	70	60	10	37	34	36	25	35	32	43	38	30	31	40	34	37	19
<b>TOTAL WELL</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>23</b>
Fairly badly	26	24	6	39	12	8	35	28	25	22	29	23	26	19	22	26	24	19	26	23	35
Very badly	18	21	1	46	0	5	46	17	22	21	18	18	27	19	21	22	22	18	22	22	30
<b>TOTAL BADLY</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>65</b>
Don't know	12	13	6	7	9	9	9	15	10	16	22	18	10	10	11	16	15	12	14	14	12

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

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

Very good	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	
Quite good	5	5	10	2	10	10	2	4	6	3	8	6	3	5	5	5	5	4	7	1	
<b>TOTAL GOOD</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	
Neither good nor bad	21	22	30	16	35	29	16	24	24	20	23	22	17	27	23	21	26	25	23	19	13
Quite bad	47	45	42	51	42	41	49	46	43	46	41	42	47	45	47	42	45	43	42	47	50
Very bad	22	24	16	28	10	18	29	21	23	24	15	22	30	21	22	26	18	21	28	24	29
<b>TOTAL BAD</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>79</b>
Don't know	4	4	2	2	2	2	3	4	3	6	12	7	2	2	3	6	4	6	3	4	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	1	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	2
Get a little better	11	8	14	5	11	14	6	5	10	7	14	14	5	4	10	6	8	8	8	9	7
<b>TOTAL BETTER</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
Stay the same	29	29	40	21	40	36	23	32	28	30	30	31	25	30	30	27	36	29	28	27	20
Get a little worse	36	38	34	43	39	35	40	41	37	39	29	31	41	45	38	39	32	42	36	35	47
Get a lot worse	19	19	8	27	6	12	26	20	20	18	15	14	24	19	18	20	17	16	21	23	19
<b>TOTAL WORSE</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>66</b>
Don't know	5	5	2	3	2	3	5	3	4	6	10	9	4	2	4	7	5	5	5	6	5

**From what you have seen of Ed Miliband so far, do you believe he is or is not up to the job of Labour leader?**

Is up to the job	27	9	58	17	9	52	29	28	25	31	26	31	20	25	28	26	20	30	28	38
Is not up to the job	40	61	19	49	60	21	38	46	35	33	33	40	50	45	35	44	44	36	42	29
Don't know	33	30	23	34	30	26	33	26	40	37	41	28	30	30	37	31	36	34	30	34

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**Thinking about Labour leader Ed Miliband and his response to the protests against tuition fees, do you think he should have done more to support the protests, distanced himself more from the protests, or did he get the balance about right?**

He should have done more to support the protests	<b>23</b>	9	33	14	11	29	29	25	21	34	19	25	19	22	25	30	19	21	28	19
He should have distanced himself more from the protests	<b>26</b>	51	8	36	50	10	17	30	22	16	19	24	39	27	24	24	34	25	20	17
He got the balance about right	<b>23</b>	10	46	16	8	44	27	24	21	17	22	26	22	24	21	20	17	26	24	37
Don't know	<b>28</b>	30	13	34	31	17	27	21	35	33	40	25	19	27	30	26	30	28	28	26

**Ed Miliband has said that Labour would make the 50% top rate of tax for people earning over £150,000 permanent as it is "about values and fairness". Other people have said that the 50% rate of tax should be a temporary measure to reduce the deficit, and should eventually drop back to 40%. Which of the following best reflects your view?**

The 50% top rate of tax should be made permanent	<b>37</b>	23	53	42	22	49	49	44	31	33	33	43	35	40	33	44	35	36	36	39
The 50% top rate of tax should eventually be brought back down to 40%	<b>46</b>	60	37	45	59	39	40	43	49	40	43	41	57	46	45	42	49	45	45	46
Neither	<b>6</b>	9	2	4	10	3	3	6	6	6	5	7	5	6	6	6	5	9	5	3
Don't know	<b>11</b>	8	8	10	8	9	8	8	15	21	18	9	3	8	15	8	11	11	14	12

**Who do you think would have made the better Labour leader - Ed Miliband or David Miliband?**

Ed Miliband	<b>12</b>	5	26	5	4	21	15	13	10	14	12	14	8	11	13	11	9	13	13	16
David Miliband	<b>37</b>	44	36	39	42	37	37	39	34	38	30	35	43	41	31	34	38	33	41	32
Don't know	<b>52</b>	51	38	56	53	42	48	47	56	48	58	51	49	48	56	55	53	55	45	52

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Under Ed Miliband, how much influence, if any, do you think the Trade Unions have over Labour?

A lot	26	49	11	21	47	10	18	31	22	18	19	24	39	30	20	29	30	25	25	17
A little	25	18	36	30	17	36	30	29	20	22	24	28	22	25	24	24	24	22	26	30
<b>TOTAL A LITTLE / ALOT</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>47</b>
Not a lot	16	9	26	16	8	24	18	15	17	11	12	18	19	16	16	16	16	16	16	18
None at all	4	1	3	2	3	4	4	4	3	5	4	5	3	3	4	4	3	4	4	5
<b>TOTAL NOT A LOT / NONE</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>
Don't know	29	22	24	32	25	26	30	21	37	44	41	25	17	25	35	27	27	33	30	30

At a recent Prime Minister's Question Time David Cameron described Ed Miliband as "son of (Gordon) Brown". Do you think this is a fair or unfair description of Ed Miliband's politics?

Fair	24	49	6	23	48	7	14	28	20	18	19	23	33	26	22	28	30	18	24	12
Unfair	43	18	78	34	15	73	51	47	39	36	35	50	44	42	44	41	37	44	45	59
Don't know	33	33	16	43	37	20	34	25	40	46	47	27	23	32	34	31	33	38	31	29

The government has said they will use fewer short prison sentences for minor crimes in the future, and instead make better use of community sentences like community service and drug rehabilitation orders. Do you support or oppose this change?

Support	42	48	38	65	43	37	52	38	46	50	46	38	40	45	38	35	47	42	41	38
Oppose	44	44	50	23	47	51	33	51	37	32	34	51	49	41	47	50	41	45	42	48
Don't know	14	8	12	13	10	12	15	11	17	18	21	11	10	14	15	15	13	14	17	14

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The Lord Chancellor, Ken Clarke, has claimed that short prison sentences are costly and ineffective and do not reduce re-offending, and that community sentences are better at reducing crime. He has been criticised by former Conservative leader Michael Howard who claims that "prison works" and reduces crime by keeping criminals off the streets.

**Which of the following best reflects your view?**

Prison works, and sending more criminals to prison would do more to reduce crime	<b>35</b>	36	39	21	39	39	25	40	29	24	27	40	39	33	37	39	31	32	39	36
Prison is often expensive and ineffectual, and making better use of community sentences would do more to reduce crime	<b>40</b>	44	38	60	40	37	49	36	44	51	39	37	40	43	37	35	44	42	36	39
Neither	<b>15</b>	14	15	13	14	14	14	14	15	10	16	16	14	16	13	13	14	16	15	16
Don't know	<b>10</b>	6	9	6	7	9	12	9	11	15	17	6	8	9	13	13	11	9	10	9

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Currently murder carries a mandatory life sentence in the UK, and judges set a minimum number of years that anyone found guilty of murder will serve before being eligible for parole. In setting minimum tariffs judges have to abide by various guidelines, such as a minimum of 25 years for knife murders, or 30 years for murdering a police officer.

Ken Clarke has suggested ending these minimum tariffs for types of murder. While all murderers would still receive a life sentence, judges would be given the freedom to decide what the appropriate minimum sentence served would be. David Cameron has ruled out this suggestion, insisting that minimum tariffs will still be set out in law but be made simpler to understand.

**Which of the following best reflects your view?**

There should be minimum tariffs set out in law for different types of murder	<b>65</b>	72	65	46	70	65	61	63	66	65	62	64	68	67	62	61	66	62	69	58
Minimum tariffs should not be set out in law, giving Judges more freedom to set the minimum sentences served	<b>25</b>	22	28	41	23	27	30	30	21	20	24	28	26	25	25	28	24	29	21	30
Don't know	<b>10</b>	7	7	13	7	8	9	7	13	15	14	8	6	8	12	11	10	9	10	12



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Colin Gunn, a prisoner currently serving 35 years for murder, has won a complaint through the prison Ombudsman which forces prison staff to address him as "Mr Gunn". Do you agree or disagree with this ruling?

Agree	<b>10</b>	8	11	17	7	10	14	11	8	15	10	9	7	11	8	14	9	10	8	7
Disagree	<b>81</b>	87	81	70	86	82	76	80	81	67	75	84	88	80	81	72	81	79	84	84
Don't know	<b>10</b>	5	8	13	7	9	10	8	11	17	16	7	5	9	11	13	9	11	8	9

Traditionally prison officers address prisoners by their surnames, but officers are called Mr or Sir by prisoners. Some people think the formal structure is appropriate to get prisoners to respect authority, other people think officers showing more respect in addressing prisoners would help rehabilitate them into society. Which of the following comes closer to your view?

Prisoners should be addressed by their surnames (e.g. Smith)	<b>70</b>	75	72	54	75	71	63	73	67	63	62	72	77	70	69	62	68	70	76	71
Prisoners should be addressed as Mr or Mrs (e.g. Mr Smith)	<b>17</b>	17	17	32	14	16	23	16	17	20	19	16	14	18	15	23	17	17	13	16
Don't know	<b>13</b>	9	11	15	11	13	14	11	16	17	19	12	8	12	15	15	15	14	11	13

On a different subject,

Do you think the Wikileaks website was right or wrong to publish a collection of confidential US diplomatic cables?

Right	<b>36</b>	27	46	36	26	40	44	43	29	49	35	38	28	38	34	43	34	38	34	35
Wrong	<b>46</b>	59	40	50	59	43	42	46	46	29	38	47	59	47	45	38	51	44	44	45
Don't know	<b>18</b>	14	14	15	15	17	14	11	24	22	27	15	13	16	21	19	15	18	21	20

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**Do you believe the release of the cables is or is not a threat to Western security?**

Is a threat to Western security	<b>42</b>	53	38	34	53	40	36	45	39	35	33	44	50	42	41	33	44	41	43	42
Is not a threat to Western security	<b>33</b>	28	39	36	26	36	39	41	25	36	30	35	31	34	31	44	31	31	31	33
Don't know	<b>26</b>	19	23	29	20	24	25	15	36	30	36	21	20	24	28	22	25	28	26	24

**Some people have described Julian Assange, the founder of Wikileaks, as a traitor to the West who is giving information to our enemies. Other people see him as a champion of freedom of information. Which of the following comes closer to your view of Julian Assange?**

A traitor to the West	<b>26</b>	39	21	20	37	22	20	27	25	16	17	26	38	25	27	17	29	23	28	23
A champion of freedom of information	<b>28</b>	23	37	33	21	31	36	33	23	42	27	30	22	29	27	37	24	31	26	29
Neither	<b>31</b>	26	30	34	28	32	33	32	29	20	35	32	29	34	26	30	33	30	28	32
Don't know	<b>15</b>	12	11	13	14	15	12	8	23	23	21	12	11	12	20	15	14	15	17	16

**As you may know, Julian Assange has been arrested on a Swedish warrant in connection with alleged sexual assaults on two women activists. From what you have read or seen about the case, do you think Julian Assange should or should not be extradited to Sweden over the alleged sexual assaults?**

Should	<b>52</b>	61	50	56	60	52	46	51	52	39	44	52	63	52	51	47	55	51	49	54
Should not	<b>19</b>	17	23	17	15	20	25	25	14	20	17	23	17	20	18	24	17	20	20	16
Don't know	<b>29</b>	22	27	28	24	29	28	24	34	40	38	25	21	28	31	28	28	30	30	29

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**Do you believe the allegations of sexual assault against Assange are genuine or have been trumped up by the authorities in an attempt to silence Wikileaks?**

The allegations are probably genuine	<b>18</b>	23	17	20	23	18	14	19	16	12	13	18	24	18	18	15	21	13	18	22
The allegations have probably been trumped up to silence Wikileaks	<b>43</b>	38	48	39	37	44	51	50	38	57	41	47	36	43	44	45	40	46	47	37
Don't know	<b>39</b>	38	35	41	40	38	35	31	46	31	46	35	40	39	38	40	39	41	35	40

**Despite Swedish moves, Do you believe the USA should or should not attempt to extradite Julian Assange, the founder of Wikileaks, from the UK and prosecute him over the publication of the diplomatic cables?**

The US should attempt to extradite and prosecute Assange	<b>32</b>	44	28	27	44	31	22	31	32	23	25	32	42	34	29	26	36	27	34	32
The US should not attempt to extradite and prosecute Assange	<b>40</b>	32	51	47	29	45	52	51	29	46	37	42	37	43	37	48	36	41	38	45
Don't know	<b>28</b>	24	21	27	27	24	27	18	38	32	38	26	21	24	34	26	29	32	28	22

**Public bodies are required to respond to requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act. However, privatised services like water companies are no longer part of the public sector and are not subject to the Act. Do you think companies providing important utility services, like the water companies, should or should not be subject to the Freedom of Information Act?**

Should	<b>76</b>	78	80	82	76	77	81	80	72	58	67	80	86	80	71	76	78	73	77	74
Should not	<b>8</b>	11	8	5	10	8	7	8	7	11	7	8	7	8	8	7	7	10	6	14
Don't know	<b>16</b>	12	12	12	14	15	12	11	21	31	26	12	7	12	22	17	15	17	17	13

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**Would you support or oppose regulations forcing water companies to publish full details of all discharges of sewage into rivers and beaches?**

Support	<b>90</b>	92	93	89	90	91	96	91	89	79	84	93	98	92	87	86	91	87	93	89
Oppose	<b>3</b>	3	3	4	3	4	1	3	3	6	4	3	0	3	2	5	3	4	0	3
Don't know	<b>7</b>	5	4	7	7	6	4	6	8	16	13	4	2	4	11	8	6	9	7	8

**Thinking about the X Factor, do you think the competition has or has not been manipulated to favour the acts that Simon Cowell favours?**

Has been manipulated to favour certain acts	<b>55</b>	56	60	42	55	56	57	57	53	61	56	58	48	52	59	56	54	53	58	53
Has not been manipulated to favour certain acts	<b>9</b>	9	11	10	9	12	8	8	10	11	15	8	5	10	7	10	8	11	9	11
Don't know	<b>36</b>	35	30	49	36	32	35	35	36	28	29	34	47	38	33	34	38	36	33	36

**Moving on,**

**It is the coldest December for 20 years: do you think this is or is not a result of climate change?**

It is a result of climate change	<b>25</b>	19	30	22	17	31	26	20	29	38	31	23	15	25	24	26	23	25	26	26
Is it not a result of climate change	<b>52</b>	63	46	55	63	48	47	59	46	38	43	58	60	53	51	49	55	49	55	47
Don't know	<b>23</b>	18	24	23	20	22	27	21	25	24	26	19	25	22	25	25	22	26	19	28

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**Looking ahead to the next few months, do you think we are now going to have the coldest winter in living memory?**

Yes, this year is likely to be the coldest in living memory	<b>40</b>	39	44	39	38	44	40	36	45	44	50	40	31	40	41	36	37	42	45	45
No, the rest of this winter is unlikely to break any records	<b>29</b>	33	29	33	33	29	29	32	25	29	25	29	32	29	28	25	32	31	29	19
Don't know	<b>31</b>	28	27	28	29	27	31	32	29	27	25	31	38	31	31	39	32	27	26	37

**On a different topic,**

**Shrien Dewani, the businessman whose wife was murdered on their honeymoon in South Africa, has been accused of involvement in his wife's murder by the couple's taxi driver on the night, who is currently on trial for the murder. Do you believe Mr Dewani should or should not be extradited to South Africa to face trial?**

Should	<b>62</b>	65	66	62	63	61	65	64	60	50	55	69	65	63	61	69	61	57	64	59
Should not	<b>12</b>	12	13	11	14	14	8	11	12	16	10	10	13	14	9	10	11	14	11	10
Don't know	<b>26</b>	23	22	27	23	25	27	25	28	34	35	21	22	24	30	21	27	28	25	31

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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.
<b>Age and Gender</b>		
Male 18 to 24	58	119
Male 25 to 39	192	248
Male 40 to 54	360	329
Male 55 +	300	246
Female 18 to 24	74	114
Female 25 to 39	285	246
Female 40 to 54	421	335
Female 55 +	247	299
<b>Region</b>		
North England	449	473
Midlands	266	319
East England	182	187
London	285	247
South England	452	446
Wales	103	98
Scotland	200	166
<b>Social Grade</b>		
AB	724	535
C1	545	554
C2	295	401
DE	345	420
<b>Newspaper Type</b>		
Express / Mail	409	292
Sun / Star	234	413
Mirror / Record	126	300
Guardian / Independent	171	59
FT / Times / Telegraph	229	167
Other Paper	184	222
No Paper	584	483
<b>Political Party Identification</b>		
Labour	634	628
Conservative	501	550
Liberal Democrat	212	233
Others	231	60
None/ DK	359	465

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