

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 27th - 29th September 2005

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	%
Voting Intention	
Con	32
Lab	40
Lib Dem	20
Other	9
<i>Would Not Vote</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Don't know</i>	<i>13</i>
Do you approve or disapprove of the Government's record to date?	
Approve	34
Disapprove	52
Don't know	15
Who would make the best Prime Minister?	
Tony Blair	37
Michael Howard	16
Charles Kennedy	15
Don't know	32
How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months?	
Get a lot better	2
Get a little better	19
Stay the same	30
Get a little worse	34
Get a lot worse	12
Don't know	3
Which party do you think is more likely to run Britain's economy well - the Conservatives or Labour?	
Conservatives	27
Labour	42
Neither	19
Don't know	12
If you HAD to choose, which would you prefer to see after the next election: a Conservative Government led by Michael Howard or a Labour Government led by Tony Blair?	
Conservative Government	35
Labour Government	50
Don't know	15

%

Taking everything into account, how do you rate the government's handling so far of terrorism and the terrorist threat to Britain?

Excellent	3
Good	22
Fair	36
Poor	21
Very poor	15
Don't know	3

People often see political parties as being close, or not close, to various sections of society. How close do you see the Conservative Party as being to each of these kinds of people?

Young people

Very close	1
Fairly close	12
Not very close	36
Not at all close	43
Don't know	9

People who live in the country

Very close	23
Fairly close	45
Not very close	17
Not at all close	9
Don't know	7

Women

Very close	2
Fairly close	29
Not very close	41
Don't know	17
Not at all close	11

The rich

Very close	63
Fairly close	28
Not very close	3
Not at all close	1
Don't know	6

Professional and business people

Very close	44
Fairly close	43
Not very close	6
Not at all close	1
Don't know	6

		%
People like myself	Very close	5
	Fairly close	21
	Not very close	26
	Not at all close	42
	Don't know	6
Old people	Very close	6
	Fairly close	26
	Not very close	28
	Not at all close	32
	Don't know	8
Members of ethnic minorities	Very close	3
	Fairly close	15
	Not very close	31
	Not at all close	41
	Don't know	11
Working-class people	Very close	2
	Fairly close	12
	Not very close	29
	Not at all close	50
	Don't know	7
People who live in large towns and cities	Very close	4
	Fairly close	27
	Not very close	35
	Not at all close	24
	Don't know	10
The poor	Very close	1
	Fairly close	8
	Not very close	24
	Not at all close	57
	Don't know	9
Gay people	Very close	3
	Fairly close	13
	Not very close	27
	Not at all close	38
	Don't know	19
Trade union members	Very close	2
	Fairly close	8
	Not very close	22
	Not at all close	54
	Don't know	14

%

The Conservative Party has lost three elections in a row under three different leaders and is clearly in serious trouble. From your own personal point of view, how would you like to see the party develop?

I would like to see the party commit itself to reducing drastically the role of government in society, by introducing very large tax cuts, by allowing private companies to take over the running of more public services, by cutting the number of people working for the government and by greatly reducing the number of government rules and regulations **19**

I would like to see the party commit itself to running public services pretty much along the same lines as now and to spending as much money as necessary on them but at the same time committed to keeping down taxes by cutting bureaucracy and waste and by greatly reducing the number of government rules and regulations **52**

Don't know **28**

Which one of the following would you personally like to see succeed Michael Howard as leader of the Conservative Party?

Kenneth Clarke **28**
 David Davis **9**
 Liam Fox **4**
 David Cameron **3**
 Sir Malcolm Rifkind **3**
 None of these **15**
 Don't know **38**

Which of the following do you think should definitely NOT be elected as leader of the Conservative party? [Please tick all that apply]

David Cameron **0**
 Kenneth Clarke **18**
 David Davis **34**
 Liam Fox **9**
 Sir Malcolm Rifkind **8**
 None of these **18**
 Don't know **12**

Which of the following do you think would do most to boost the Conservatives' chances of winning the next general election?

David Cameron **4**
 Kenneth Clarke **33**
 David Davis **10**
 Liam Fox **4**
 Sir Malcolm Rifkind **2**
 Don't know **48**

%

Here are some things that different people think the new Conservative leader should do. In each case, please say whether you support or oppose it.

Take steps to connect the Conservative Party with 'modern' Britain – such as doing far more to connect the party with single mothers, immigrants and gay people

Support	53
Oppose	27
Don't know	20

Commit the Party to withdrawing the UK from the European Union if the EU does not transfer significant powers back to member states

Support	48
Oppose	31
Don't know	21

Move the Conservative Party away from the Right and towards the political Centre

Support	58
Oppose	13
Don't know	29

Campaign more on the economy and the public services, and less on immigration, than in this year's general election campaign

Support	64
Oppose	16
Don't know	20

Commit the Party to big cuts in taxation and government spending

Support	50
Oppose	26
Don't know	23

Commit the party to big reforms in the public services such as health and education, including privatization where appropriate

Support	51
Oppose	28
Don't know	21

Change its tax and social policies so that it gives less help to the well-off and more help to people on average and below average incomes

Support	77
Oppose	8
Don't know	14

Do you think the United States and Britain were right or wrong two years ago to take military action against Iraq? %

Right	35
Wrong	54
Don't know	11

Is it your impression that when the US and Britain took military action against Iraq two years ago they did, or did not, have a post-war 'game plan', in the sense of clear ideas about what would happen in Iraq after the fall of Saddam Hussein and about what future US and British policy in that country should be?

Yes, the US and Britain knew what they were doing and did have a worked-out 'game plan'	21
No, the US and Britain did not know what they were doing and did not have a worked-out 'game plan'	68
Don't know	11

Thinking about Britain's troops now in Iraq, do you think the Government should...?

Withdraw all British troops from Iraq immediately	21
Withdraw all British troops within the next 12 months, regardless of conditions in Iraq	33
Keep British troops in Iraq until Iraq's own police and troops are able to take over	39
Don't know	6

Which of the following two statements comes closer to your own view?

It will be a major victory for anti-Western extremists and international terrorists if British and American forces are withdrawn from Iraq before the Iraqi people and their leaders have had time to establish peace and stability in their country	40
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The presence of British and American occupation forces in Iraq is itself the major reason for the instability and violence in Iraq, and only if the British and American forces are withdrawn will the Iraqi people and their leaders be able to establish a peace and stability in their country	41
Don't know	19