

# YouGov Survey Results

## Blair's Future

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<b>If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for? (excluding don't knows, would not vote)</b>	
Conservative	29%
Labour	35%
Liberal Democrat	22%
UK Independence Party	9%
Scottish Nationalist / Plaid Cymru	2%
Some other party	3%
<i>Would not vote</i>	5%
<i>Don't know</i>	11%

**Do you think Tony Blair is doing well or badly as Prime Minister?**

Very well	7%
Fairly well	38%
Fairly badly	30%
Very badly	23%
Don't know	3%

**Do you think Michael Howard is doing well or badly as leader of the Conservative Party?**

Very well	2%
Fairly well	26%
Fairly badly	33%
Very badly	23%
Don't know	15%

**Do you think Charles Kennedy is doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?**

Very well	7%
Fairly well	49%
Fairly badly	17%
Very badly	10%
Don't know	16%

**Do you think Gordon Brown is doing well or badly as Chancellor of the Exchequer?**

Very well	21%
Fairly well	45%
Fairly badly	17%
Very badly	9%
Don't know	7%

**Which of these words and phrases apply to Tony Blair? [Please tick all that apply]**

Honest	14%
Competent	33%
Moderate	21%
Principled	28%
Out of touch with people like you	48%
Untrustworthy	39%
Arrogant	39%
Divisive	18%
Don't know	4%

**Which of these words and phrases apply to Gordon Brown? [Please tick all that apply]**

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Competent	49%
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Principled	38%
Out of touch with people like you	30%
Untrustworthy	16%
Arrogant	26%
Divisive	10%
Don't know	10%

**How would you vote if a general election were held tomorrow and Gordon Brown, rather than Tony Blair, was leader of the Labour Party?**

Conservative	29%
Labour	40%
Liberal Democrat	19%
UK Independence Party	8%
Scottish Nationalist / Plaid Cymru	2%
Some other party	2%
<i>Would not vote</i>	5%
<i>Don't know</i>	13%

**Tony Blair has announced that he is having a minor heart operation, but intends to return to work, including attending a conference in Africa, within the next few days. Do you think he should...**

Return to work as soon as possible	22%
Take at least one week off after his operation	46%
Takes at least one month off after his operation	17%
Don't know	15%

**Taking everything into account, how well do you think Mr Blair copes personally with the strains and stresses of being Prime Minister?**

He copes very well	25%
He copes fairly well	52%
He copes fairly badly	11%
He copes very badly	4%
Don't know	8%

**In the United States, Presidents provide full details of their medical conditions, including complete results of medical tests and check-ups, and information about the medicines they take. Do you think British Prime Ministers should give the same information, or should they keep the right to some degree of privacy on these matters?**

British Prime Ministers should copy US example	24%
British Prime Ministers should be allowed some privacy on these matters	71%
Don't know	4%

**Mr Blair has also said that, if Labour wins the coming general election, which is likely to be held next year, he will remain prime Minister until the end of the next parliament, but NOT lead Labour into the following general election. Assuming that Labour remains in power, do you think Mr Blair should...**

Resign before the coming general election and make way for a different Labour Prime Minister	30%
Resign in 2007, midway through the next Parliament	13%
Do what he has said and resign in 2008 or 2009, towards the end of the next Parliament	37%
Remain Prime Minister beyond the next two elections	5%
Don't know	14%

**Leaving aside your view of what he should do, which of these do you think Mr Blair will actually do (again, assuming Labour remains in power)?**

Resign before the coming general election and make way for a different Labour Prime Minister	5%
Resign in 2007, midway through the next Parliament	26%
Do what he has said and resign in 2008 or 2009, towards the end of the next Parliament	48%
Remain Prime Minister beyond the next two elections	13%
Don't know	8%

**Which of these would you most like to succeed Mr Blair as leader of the Labour Party?**

David Blunkett	4%
Gordon Brown	43%
Robin Cook	7%
Alan Milburn	4%
John Prescott	3%
Jack Straw	5%
Don't know	35%

**Do you think Mr Blair's announcement that he intends to remain Prime Minister until 2008 or 2009 helps or damages Gordon Brown's prospects of becoming the next Labour leader?**

Mr Blair's announcement helps Mr Brown a lot	2%
Mr Blair's announcement helps Mr Brown a little	6%
Mr Blair's announcement makes little difference either way	37%
Mr Blair's announcement damages Mr Brown a little	21%
Mr Blair's announcement damages Mr Brown a lot	19%
Don't know	15%

**If Mr Blair does stay Labour's leader until 2008 or 2009, Mr Brown will then be 57 or 58. Do you think Mr Brown will then be too old, or not be too old, to become Prime Minister?**

Mr Brown will be too old	17%
Mr Brown will not be too old	74%
Don't know	9%

**In your view, which of these parties is the most effective at challenging the present Government and its policies?**

Conservative	25%
Liberal Democrat	41%
UK Independence Party	15%
Don't know	19%

**When do you think the Conservatives are most likely to return to power?**

At the coming general election (2005/6)	14%
At the following general election (2009/10)	21%
Between 2010 and 2020	19%
Sometime after that	13%
Never	13%
Don't know	20%

**Do you think the Labour Party is united or divided these days?**

United	25%
Divided	62%
Don't know	13%

**Do you think the Conservative Party is united or divided these days?**

United	23%
Divided	52%
Don't know	25%

**Would you consider voting for the UK Independence Party at the next general election?**

Definitely consider voting UKIP	12%
Possibly consider	25%
Unlikely to consider	18%
Definitely not consider voting UKIP	37%
Don't know	9%