

# The Observer

European Poll - December 1998

ICM Research interviewed a random sample of 501 adults aged 18+ by telephone in December 1998. Interviews were conducted across the country and the results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

**Q1. If there were to be a referendum, would you vote to join the European Single Currency or vote not to join?**

Vote to join	30%
Vote not to join	54%
Don't know	16%

**Q2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "If the European Single Currency turns out to be a success, Britain can't afford to stay out of it"**

Agree strongly	32%
Agree slightly	26%
Neither agree nor disagree	6%
Disagree slightly	11%
Disagree strongly	19%
Don't know	6%

**Q3. Which of the following options do you most favour on taxation?**

Britain should allow some taxes to be set by the EU	10%
Some cooperation across Europe on tax policy makes sense	30%
All decisions on tax should be taken in Britain	56%
Don't know	4%

**Q4. A man called Oskar Lafontaine has been in the news lately. Do you know which country he is from?**

Germany	35%
France	6%
Spain	2%

Belgium	1%
Other	7%
Don't know	49%

Q5. What do you think is Oskar Lafontaine's job?	
Finance Minister	21%
Chancellor	8%
Prime Minister	1%
Other	13%
Don't know	58%

Q6. Turning to the House of Lords, which one of these options do you favour most?	
End the voting rights of peers	25%
Allow peers to keep voting rights	15%
Allow only a minority to keep voting rights	29%
Leave the House of Lords as it is	27%
Don't know	3%

Q7. In the long term, is it likely that some or all of the House of Lords will be elected by the public?	
Wholly elected by the public	44%
Mainly elected by the public	40%
Mainly consist of life peers	16%