

# The Observer

YOUNG PEOPLE POLL -  
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ICM Research interviewed a random sample of 505 adults aged 18-30 face to face in December 1998. Interviews were conducted across the country and the results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

<b>Q1. Agreement with statements:</b>	
<b>We should rule out joining the Single Currency until we have seen how it works in good times and bad.</b>	
Agree	70%
Disagree	21%
Don't know	9%
<b>We should do more to encourage families to stick together.</b>	
Agree	81%
Disagree	15%
Don't know	4%
<b>We should be in Europe but not run by Europe.</b>	
Agree	81%
Disagree	13%
Don't know	6%
<b>The education system needs to prepare young people better for adult life.</b>	
Agree	87%
Disagree	11%
Don't know	2%
<b>Wherever possible, people should make some provision for their own pension and not rely on the state.</b>	
Agree	77%
Disagree	18%
Don't know	5%
<b>Wherever possible, people should make some provision for their own health care and not rely on the state.</b>	
Agree	45%
Disagree	51%
Don't know	4%
<b>Governments should allow people to make more of their own decisions not tell them how to run their lives.</b>	
Agree	83%

Disagree	13%
Don't know	4%
<b>Decisions that affect people should where possible, be taken at local level not centralised at Westminster or Europe.</b>	
Agree	79%
Disagree	12%
Don't know	9%

<b>Q2. Do you think young people are becoming more worried or less worried about falling victim to crime?</b>	
More worried	68%
Less worried	24%
Don't know	8%

<b>Q3. Do you think the courts are on the whole too tough or too lenient on those convicted of crime?</b>	
Too tough	8%
Too lenient	77%
Don't know	15%

<b>Q4. Is each of the following improving, getting worse or staying about the same?</b>	
<b>The NHS</b>	
Improving	22%
Getting worse	40%
Staying the same	34%
Don't know	4%
<b>Education</b>	
Improving	34%
Getting worse	36%
Staying the same	25%
Don't know	5%
<b>Law and Order</b>	
Improving	18%
Getting worse	40%

Staying the same	40%
Don't know	2%
<b>The Jobs Market</b>	
Improving	27%
Getting worse	44%
Staying the same	26%
Don't know	4%
<b>Quality of life in Britain</b>	
Improving	27%
Getting worse	44%
Staying the same	26%
Don't know	4%
<b>The general economy</b>	
Improving	20%
Getting worse	36%
Staying the same	36%
Don't know	8%