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ICM Research interviewed a random sample of 504 adults aged 18+ by telephone on Sept 24th 1998 . Interviews were conducted across the country and the results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

Q1. Satisfaction with politicians:	
Tony Blair - Prime Minister	
Satisfied	60%
Dissatisfied	28%
Don't know	12%
Gordon Brown - Chancellor	
Satisfied	50%
Dissatisfied	33%
Don't know	17%
John Prescott - Deputy PM	
Satisfied	50%
Dissatisfied	27%
Don't know	23%
Jack Straw - Home Secretary	
Satisfied	49%
Dissatisfied	25%
Don't know	26%
Robin Cook - Foreign Secretary	
Satisfied	37%
Dissatisfied	42%
Don't know	21%
David Blunkett - Education Secretary	
Satisfied	52%
Dissatisfied	30%
Don't know	18%
Frank Dobson - Health Secretary	
Satisfied	33%
Dissatisfied	40%
Don't know	27%
William Hague - Leader of the Conservative Party	
Satisfied	28%

Dissatisfied	51%
Don't know	21%
Paddy Ashdown - Leader of the Liberal Democrats	
Satisfied	55%
Dissatisfied	29%
Don't know	16%

Q2. Agreement with statements: The present voting system for electing MP's works well - there is no need to change it.	
Agree	60%
Disagree	33%
Don't know	7%
Tony Blair pays too much attention to company bosses and not enough to ordinary working people.	
Agree	59%
Disagree	29%
Don't know	13%
Labour has kept its promise to cut hospital waiting lists.	
Agree	26%
Disagree	59%
Don't know	15%
Tony Blair is not really interested in helping the poor.	
Agree	41%
Disagree	46%
Don't know	13%
Labour has kept its promise to keep taxes down.	
Agree	54%
Disagree	23%
Don't know	23%
There are signs that the standard of education in state schools is getting better under Labour.	
Agree	38%
Disagree	37%
Don't know	25%