



ICM Research interviewed a random sample of 1217 adults aged 18+ by telephone between 5-7th March 1999. Interviews were conducted across the country and the results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

Q1. How likely would you be to vote in an immediate general election?	
10 - Absolutely certain to vote	61%
9	5%
8	7%
7	3%
6	2%
5	6%
4	1%
3	1%
2	1%
1 - Certain not to vote	11%
DK	2%

Q2. If there were to be a general election tomorrow which party do you think you would vote for? ADJUSTED	
Conservative	29%
Labour	52%
Liberal Democrat	16%
Others (net)	4%

Q3. Which party is most likely to produce the most economic policies?	
Conservative	19%
Labour	33%
Liberal Democrat	5%
Other	1%
DK	42%

Q4. Do you think your personal or family finances have improved, stayed the same or got worse in the last 12 months?	
Improved	17%
Stayed the same	49%
Got worse	31%
DK	3%

Q5. Do you think your personal or family finances will improve, or get worse in the next 12 months?	
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Improved	26%
Stayed the same	37%
Got worse	28%
DK	10%

**Q6. The Government uses taxpayers money to fund a wide range of policies. From April, the Government has decided it will increase child benefit to £14.40 per week for the first child and £9.60 for each subsequent child. Do you think that this child benefit should be paid?**

To all parents irrespective of their current income, as at present	29%
Increased but taxed so that its value is lower to higher rate tax payers	17%
Limited only to those who need it and increased in value	44%
Not paid at all to anyone	5%
DK	4%

**Q7. Do you think married couples should have a special tax allowance?**

Yes	68%
No	24%
DK	9%

**Q8. If Britain were to join the European Single currency, do you think Britain will lose ability to decide the level of its own income taxes?**

Yes	63%
No	22%
DK	15%

**Q9. Do you think house buyers should continue to receive tax relief at 15% on the interest payments on the first 30,000 pounds of their mortgages?**

Yes	80%
No	10%
DK	9%

**Q7 European Parliament Voting Intention  
Base: All respondents expressing an intention to vote. Adjusted.**

Conservative	31%
Labour	48%
Liberal Democrat	17%
Other	5%

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**Q8. If there were to be a referendum, would you vote to join the Single European Currency, or vote not to join?**

Vote to join	31%
Vote not to join	53%
DK	16%