

ICM Research interviewed a random sample of 1207 adults aged 18+ by telephone between 17th-19th March 2000. Interviews were conducted across the country and the results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

Voting intentions	
Labour	44%
Liberal Democrats	16%
Conservatives	32%
Other	8%

If the Chancellor has money to give away would you approve or disapprove of him giving money to provide extra money for Pensioners?	
Approve	90%
Disapprove	7%
Don't know	2%
Money to give tax breaks for people starting new companies?	
Approve	66%
Disapprove	22%
Don't know	12%
More money for the health service?	
Approve	96%
Disapprove	3%
Don't know	1%
More money for Schools?	
Approve	94%
Disapprove	5%
Don't know	1%
Money to reduce income tax for everyone	
Approve	59%
Disapprove	32%
Don't know	9%

Which of those would you most like him to do?	
Money to provide extra money for pensioners	18%
Money to give tax breaks for people starting new companies	2%
More money for the health service	56%
More money for schools	15%
Money to reduce income tax for everyone	6%
Don't know	2%

If the chancellor has to raise money in the budget in order to fund extra expenditure which of the following would be acceptable to people like you, Increase tax on petrol?

Yes	22%
No	74%
Don't know	4%

Increase tax on tobacco

Yes	75%
No	23%
Don't know	

Increase income tax

Yes	40%
No	55%
Don't know	5%

Increase tax on companies

Yes	50%
No	37%
Don't know	13%

Increase tax on buying a house (stamp duty)

Yes	18%
No	77%
Don't know	4%

Which of them would be the most acceptable tax?

Increase tax on petrol	5%
Increase tax on tobacco	54%
Increase income tax	14%
Increase tax on companies	16%
Increase tax on buying a house (stamp duty)	5%
None of them	2%
Don't know	4%

Thinking about the people you know, which do you think they would like the Chancellor to do most?

A tax cut giving the person on average income an extra £3 per week in their pocket	19%
For that money to go to the NHS	78%
Don't know	3%

With a view to the next election, thinking about the people you know which is more likely to win the election for Labour, a tax cut or more money to the NHS?

Tax cut	24%
Money to the NHS	68%
Don't know	8%

During the election Tony Blair promised not to raise either the basic or higher rate of tax. Do you trust the Government to keep this promise or not?

Yes	24%
No	70%
Don't know	6%

Do you think your personal or family finances have improved, stayed the same or got worse in the last 12 months?

Improved	17%
Got worse	31%
Stayed the same	49%
Don't know	3%

Do you think your personal or family finances will improve, stay the same or get worse in the next 12 months?

Improve	26%
Stay the same	37%
Get worse	28%
Don't know	10%

Are you satisfied with the job Gordon Brown is doing as Chancellor of the Exchequer?

Satisfied	53%
Dissatisfied	30%
Don't know	17%