

Opinion Poll

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Table 7
Q.6 Do you trust Tony Blair?
Base: All respondents

	Age							Gender		Social Class				Region			Voting Intention		
	Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE	North	Mid-lands	South	Con- ser- vative	Labour	LibDem
Unweighted base	1002	102	149	208	162	158	223	479	523	247	311	206	238	342	297	363	215	218	225
Weighted base	1002	113	189	189	176	130	206	490	512	238	281	205	278	339	312	351	203	200	221
Yes	272 27%	38 33%	54 29%	49 26%	49 28%	35 27%	47 23%	136 28%	136 27%	65 27%	72 26%	61 30%	73 26%	95 28%	79 25%	97 28%	29 14%	124 62%	40 18%
No	642 64%	66 59%	107 57%	124 66%	117 67%	90 69%	137 67%	318 65%	323 63%	147 62%	193 69%	130 63%	172 62%	210 62%	216 69%	216 62%	167 82%	57 28%	166 75%
Don't know	89 9%	9 8%	28 15%	15 8%	10 6%	5 4%	21 10%	36 7%	52 10%	26 11%	16 6%	14 7%	33 12%	33 10%	18 6%	38 11%	7 3%	19 10%	15 7%

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Table 8

Q.7 Do you think Tony Blair should now stand down as Prime Minister or should he remain as Prime Minister?

Base: All respondents

	Age							Gender		Social Class				Region			Voting Intention		
	Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE	North	Mid-lands	South	Con- ser- vative	Labour	LibDem
Unweighted base	1002	102	149	208	162	158	223	479	523	247	311	206	238	342	297	363	215	218	225
Weighted base	1002	113	189	189	176	130	206	490	512	238	281	205	278	339	312	351	203	200	221
Should stand down	482 48%	51 46%	86 45%	85 45%	81 46%	67 51%	112 55%	228 47%	254 50%	106 44%	132 47%	101 49%	144 52%	153 45%	165 53%	164 47%	129 64%	49 24%	121 55%
Should remain	409 41%	55 48%	79 42%	81 43%	71 40%	49 38%	74 36%	215 44%	194 38%	105 44%	124 44%	82 40%	98 35%	145 43%	119 38%	146 41%	67 33%	139 69%	88 40%
Don't know	111 11%	7 6%	24 13%	23 12%	24 14%	14 11%	19 9%	47 10%	64 12%	27 11%	25 9%	21 10%	37 13%	40 12%	29 9%	42 12%	7 3%	13 6%	12 5%

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Table 9

Q.8 If Tony Blair did stand down, which one of the following would you most like to see take over as Prime Minister?

Base: All respondents

	Age							Gender		Social Class				Region			Voting Intention		
	Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE	North	Mid-lands	South	Con-ser-vative	Labour	LibDem
Unweighted base	1002	102	149	208	162	158	223	479	523	247	311	206	238	342	297	363	215	218	225
Weighted base	1002	113	189	189	176	130	206	490	512	238	281	205	278	339	312	351	203	200	221
Gordon Brown	280 28%	25 23%	40 21%	57 30%	46 26%	44 34%	68 33%	158 32%	122 24%	83 35%	68 24%	63 31%	67 24%	115 34%	72 23%	93 27%	58 28%	82 41%	71 32%
David Blunkett	99 10%	9 8%	16 8%	19 10%	20 12%	18 14%	16 8%	50 10%	49 10%	18 8%	32 11%	27 13%	22 8%	37 11%	27 9%	35 10%	25 12%	15 7%	32 14%
Jack Straw	79 8%	10 9%	15 8%	15 8%	14 8%	9 7%	15 7%	39 8%	40 8%	20 8%	27 9%	14 7%	18 6%	27 8%	24 8%	28 8%	15 8%	23 11%	18 8%
John Prescott	75 7%	10 9%	14 8%	16 8%	11 6%	9 7%	14 7%	37 8%	38 7%	13 6%	20 7%	13 7%	28 10%	18 5%	25 8%	31 9%	12 6%	20 10%	18 8%
Robin Cook	72 7%	10 9%	15 8%	15 8%	8 5%	10 7%	15 7%	46 9%	26 5%	19 8%	23 8%	12 6%	19 7%	20 6%	21 7%	32 9%	15 7%	9 4%	25 11%
Charles Clarke	33 3%	- -	12 6%	5 3%	5 3%	6 4%	5 2%	17 3%	16 3%	5 2%	7 3%	7 4%	14 5%	7 2%	16 5%	10 3%	12 6%	1 *	15 7%
Someone else	163 16%	20 18%	26 14%	30 16%	30 17%	23 18%	34 17%	70 14%	93 18%	33 14%	50 18%	31 15%	49 18%	54 16%	53 17%	56 16%	42 21%	18 9%	26 12%
Don't know	201 20%	28 25%	50 27%	31 17%	41 23%	12 9%	39 19%	74 15%	127 25%	46 20%	55 19%	38 18%	62 22%	61 18%	75 24%	65 19%	24 12%	33 17%	16 7%

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Table 10

Q.9 For each of the following, do you think it has got better or worse since Labour came to power in 1997?

Base: All respondents

	Age							Gender		Social Class				Region			Voting Intention		
	Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE	North	Mid-lands	South	Con-ser-vative	Labour	LibDem
Unweighted base	1002	102	149	208	162	158	223	479	523	247	311	206	238	342	297	363	215	218	225
Weighted base	1002	113	189	189	176	130	206	490	512	238	281	205	278	339	312	351	203	200	221
<u>The transport system</u>																			
Better	170 17%	32 28%	47 25%	23 12%	21 12%	18 14%	29 14%	85 17%	85 17%	38 16%	39 14%	36 17%	58 21%	60 18%	50 16%	60 17%	24 12%	66 33%	27 12%
Worse	684 68%	67 59%	117 62%	141 75%	122 69%	95 73%	142 69%	338 69%	346 68%	169 71%	199 71%	139 68%	177 64%	215 63%	226 72%	243 69%	159 78%	101 50%	168 76%
Don't know	147 15%	14 12%	25 13%	25 13%	33 19%	16 13%	35 17%	68 14%	80 16%	30 13%	43 15%	30 15%	43 16%	63 19%	36 12%	48 14%	20 10%	33 16%	26 12%
<u>The NHS</u>																			
Better	317 32%	50 45%	60 32%	49 26%	45 26%	38 29%	74 36%	166 34%	151 30%	73 31%	89 32%	70 34%	85 31%	111 33%	99 32%	107 30%	40 20%	115 58%	65 29%
Worse	545 54%	43 38%	100 53%	118 63%	97 55%	79 61%	109 53%	248 51%	297 58%	123 52%	157 56%	104 51%	161 58%	182 54%	176 56%	187 53%	144 71%	64 32%	126 57%
Don't know	140 14%	20 18%	29 15%	21 11%	34 19%	13 10%	23 11%	76 16%	63 12%	41 17%	35 13%	31 15%	32 12%	45 13%	37 12%	57 16%	20 10%	20 10%	30 14%
<u>The education system</u>																			
Better	295 29%	54 47%	65 34%	55 29%	50 28%	28 22%	44 21%	143 29%	152 30%	70 29%	75 27%	59 29%	91 33%	120 35%	81 26%	94 27%	35 17%	115 57%	58 26%
Worse	499 50%	39 35%	85 45%	100 53%	89 51%	73 57%	112 54%	248 51%	251 49%	124 52%	149 53%	96 47%	130 47%	142 42%	170 55%	187 53%	141 69%	54 27%	118 53%
Don't know	208 21%	20 18%	40 21%	34 18%	37 21%	28 22%	50 24%	100 20%	108 21%	44 19%	57 20%	50 24%	57 20%	76 23%	61 20%	71 20%	28 14%	32 16%	45 20%

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Base: All respondents

	Age							Gender		Social Class				Region			Voting Intention		
	Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE	North	Mid-lands	South	Con-ser-vative	Labour	LibDem
Weighted base	1002	113	189	189	176	130	206	490	512	238	281	205	278	339	312	351	203	200	221
<u>Crime</u>																			
Better	202 20%	48 42%	44 23%	34 18%	29 17%	26 20%	22 11%	111 23%	91 18%	57 24%	59 21%	47 23%	38 14%	62 18%	50 16%	90 26%	17 8%	80 40%	47 21%
Worse	609 61%	47 42%	101 53%	109 58%	107 61%	87 67%	159 77%	297 60%	313 61%	127 53%	167 59%	123 60%	193 69%	213 63%	207 66%	189 54%	162 80%	82 41%	136 62%
Don't know	191 19%	18 16%	45 24%	46 24%	40 23%	17 13%	25 12%	83 17%	108 21%	54 23%	55 20%	35 17%	47 17%	64 19%	55 18%	72 21%	24 12%	38 19%	38 17%
<u>Management of the economy</u>																			
Better	369 37%	55 48%	71 38%	76 41%	60 34%	45 34%	61 30%	214 44%	155 30%	101 42%	105 37%	74 36%	88 32%	137 40%	101 32%	131 37%	46 23%	132 66%	92 42%
Worse	451 45%	43 38%	78 41%	83 44%	74 42%	67 52%	106 51%	205 42%	246 48%	100 42%	125 45%	93 46%	132 48%	142 42%	162 52%	146 42%	132 65%	42 21%	91 41%
Don't know	182 18%	15 13%	40 21%	29 15%	42 24%	18 14%	39 19%	72 15%	111 22%	37 16%	50 18%	37 18%	58 21%	60 18%	49 16%	74 21%	25 12%	26 13%	37 17%

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Table 11

Q.10 Do you think your standard of living has gone up, down or stayed the same since Labour came to power in 1997?**Base: All respondents**

	Age							Gender		Social Class				Region			Voting Intention		
	Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE	North	Mid-lands	South	Con- ser- vative	Labour	LibDem
Unweighted base	1002	102	149	208	162	158	223	479	523	247	311	206	238	342	297	363	215	218	225
Weighted base	1002	113	189	189	176	130	206	490	512	238	281	205	278	339	312	351	203	200	221
Gone up	243 24%	32 29%	52 27%	58 31%	40 23%	24 18%	38 18%	131 27%	112 22%	59 25%	66 23%	49 24%	69 25%	91 27%	72 23%	80 23%	29 14%	83 41%	45 21%
Stayed the same	461 46%	64 56%	91 48%	77 41%	72 41%	59 45%	98 48%	211 43%	249 49%	113 48%	130 46%	97 47%	121 44%	177 52%	124 40%	160 46%	86 42%	92 46%	107 48%
Gone down	276 28%	15 13%	37 20%	51 27%	60 34%	45 35%	68 33%	138 28%	138 27%	58 25%	82 29%	51 25%	84 30%	65 19%	108 35%	102 29%	87 43%	25 12%	64 29%
Don't know	22 2%	2 2%	9 5%	3 1%	4 2%	2 2%	2 1%	10 2%	12 2%	7 3%	4 1%	8 4%	4 1%	6 2%	8 3%	8 2%	2 1%	1 *	5 2%

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Table 12

Q.11 Irrespective of how you yourself vote, which party do you think currently provides the most effective opposition to the Labour government - the Conservatives or the Liberal Democrats?

Base: All respondents

	Age							Gender		Social Class				Region			Voting Intention		
	Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE	North	Mid-lands	South	Con- ser- vative	Labour	LibDem
Unweighted base	1002	102	149	208	162	158	223	479	523	247	311	206	238	342	297	363	215	218	225
Weighted base	1002	113	189	189	176	130	206	490	512	238	281	205	278	339	312	351	203	200	221
The Conservatives	337 34%	46 40%	80 42%	74 39%	47 27%	38 29%	54 26%	175 36%	163 32%	87 36%	92 33%	62 30%	96 35%	107 32%	111 36%	119 34%	131 65%	60 30%	34 15%
The Liberal Democrats	506 50%	58 52%	85 45%	87 46%	92 52%	76 59%	108 52%	252 51%	254 50%	113 48%	155 55%	105 51%	133 48%	179 53%	155 50%	172 49%	45 22%	118 59%	171 78%
Don't know	159 16%	9 8%	23 12%	28 15%	38 21%	16 12%	44 21%	64 13%	95 18%	38 16%	34 12%	37 18%	49 18%	53 16%	46 15%	60 17%	27 13%	22 11%	15 7%

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Table 13
Social Class
Base: All respondents

	Age							Gender		Social Class				Region			Voting Intention		
	Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female	AB	C1	C2	DE	North	Mid-lands	South	Con- ser- vative	Labour	LibDem
Unweighted base	1002	102	149	208	162	158	223	479	523	247	311	206	238	342	297	363	215	218	225
Weighted base	1002	113	189	189	176	130	206	490	512	238	281	205	278	339	312	351	203	200	221
A	38 4%	4 4%	6 3%	8 4%	8 5%	6 5%	5 2%	20 4%	18 4%	38 16%	-	-	-	7 2%	13 4%	18 5%	15 7%	5 2%	10 4%
B	200 20%	24 21%	39 21%	51 27%	39 22%	26 20%	21 10%	110 22%	90 18%	200 84%	-	-	-	62 18%	61 20%	77 22%	45 22%	33 16%	46 21%
C1	281 28%	42 38%	59 31%	51 27%	58 33%	29 22%	42 20%	143 29%	138 27%	-	281 100%	-	-	103 31%	74 24%	104 30%	62 30%	48 24%	69 31%
C2	205 20%	20 17%	37 20%	40 21%	38 21%	27 21%	44 21%	107 22%	98 19%	-	-	205 100%	-	74 22%	68 22%	63 18%	42 21%	51 26%	43 19%
D	96 10%	5 4%	12 6%	21 11%	20 12%	15 11%	24 11%	37 8%	59 12%	-	-	-	96 35%	36 11%	36 12%	24 7%	16 8%	19 10%	23 10%
E	182 18%	18 16%	36 19%	18 9%	12 7%	27 21%	71 34%	74 15%	109 21%	-	-	-	182 65%	58 17%	59 19%	66 19%	24 12%	43 22%	31 14%