

YouGov / The Times Survey Results

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		2-3 Aug	10-11 Aug																							
HEADLINE VOTING INTENTION																										
Westminster Voting Intention																										
<i>[Weighted by likelihood to vote, excluding those who would not vote, don't know, or refused]</i>																										
			Con	Lab	Lib Dem	SNP	Plaid Cymru	Reform UK	Green	Other	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	SNP	Plaid Cymru	Reform UK	Green	Other	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	SNP	Plaid Cymru	Reform UK	Green	Other
			25	47	10	3	1	7	6	1	25	44	10	3	0	8	8	2	2	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
			100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	2	3	5	4	50	15	4	1	3	3	10	15	28	43	24
			63	85	39	55	25	42	46	58	57	40	24	46	41	45	40	36	54	47	50	36	23	28	24	29
			13	4	11	8	10	9	10	11	11	7	10	11	7	10	11	7	23	7	7	11	23	28	24	29
			4	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			1	0	0	0	1	19	10	6	5	6	9	12	5	13	8	14	2	9	11	1	9	11	9	9
			7	8	0	0	2	7	7	11	4	6	9	13	9	7	5	9	7	5	4	10	11	11	11	11
			8	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	3	2	1	0	2	2	2	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3

If there were a general election held tomorrow, which party would you vote for?

Conservative	17	16	100	0	0	43	2	2	10	28	17	15	6	10	18	30	17	15	17	10	10	15	17	18	18
Labour	32	29	0	100	0	8	72	30	44	16	30	28	34	36	26	17	33	23	29	24	24	35	27	39	23
Liberal Democrat	7	7	0	0	100	3	4	39	12	3	8	5	7	6	6	8	8	4	7	7	3	5	5	9	9
Scottish National Party (SNP)	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	24	0	0	0	0
Plaid Cymru	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
Reform UK	4	5	0	0	0	11	1	1	1	12	7	3	3	4	6	9	4	8	6	8	2	6	7	1	6
Green	4	5	0	0	0	2	6	5	9	3	5	6	8	6	5	3	6	4	5	8	5	4	2	7	7
Some other party	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	1
Would not vote	12	14	0	0	0	8	4	3	4	14	13	15	16	17	14	8	10	20	15	9	12	17	20	6	14
Don't know	17	18	0	0	0	23	10	18	15	20	13	22	21	15	19	21	17	20	18	26	17	17	19	13	19
Refused	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	3	3	1	1	2	2	2	1	3	1	2	4	2

And which of these parties would you vote for?

[Asked only to those who answered 'some other party'; n=30]

UK Independence Party (UKIP)	16	18	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	27	13	29	0	21	0	27	18	16	16	100	0	7	46	0	11
Women's Equality Party	5	6	0	0	0	0	35	0	17	0	0	23	0	21	0	0	7	5	6	0	0	0	9	21	0
Some other party	69	63	0	0	0	58	65	0	61	61	72	40	0	58	81	55	65	61	64	0	100	93	36	79	51
Don't know	5	11	0	0	0	10	0	0	22	9	15	0	0	0	19	13	10	13	12	0	0	0	0	0	38
Refused	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	8	0	0	0	5	0	5	2	0	0	0	9	0	0

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On a scale of 0 (certain NOT to vote) to 10 (absolutely certain to vote), how likely would you be to vote in a general election tomorrow?																										
0 - Certain NOT to vote	9	13	0	2	4	5	3	2	3	10	11	14	20	15	10	7	10	16	13	6	14	14	16	9	11	
1	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	2	2	2	2	4	1	1	4	2	3	0	3	5	2	1	
2	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	0	1	2	3	2	2	
3	3	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	9	0	3	2	3	1	
4	1	2	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	4	2	1	2	2	2	2	3	1	2	1	1	2	
5	6	6	3	3	3	8	2	1	3	7	4	8	4	5	7	7	5	7	6	8	4	4	8	3	7	
6	3	3	4	2	3	3	4	0	3	2	3	2	5	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	4	2	3	2	
7	6	5	9	4	7	6	3	8	4	6	5	5	8	5	4	5	5	6	6	3	2	6	8	6	4	
8	7	6	10	7	8	8	6	6	6	7	6	6	5	7	5	7	6	6	6	6	4	7	7	7	6	
9	8	8	12	8	13	9	7	12	10	7	9	7	8	8	6	9	9	6	8	5	11	6	8	13	7	
10 - Absolutely certain to vote	52	52	61	73	60	55	74	67	67	54	55	49	39	48	56	60	56	47	51	55	61	49	40	51	56	

Which of the following do you think would make the best Prime Minister?																										
Rishi Sunak	24	24	82	1	22	52	3	18	17	38	27	21	15	16	26	40	25	23	25	23	16	23	24	23	27	
Keir Starmer	31	29	0	73	32	7	63	43	47	15	33	25	29	36	27	17	35	21	29	19	35	30	22	39	28	
Not sure	41	44	17	23	45	39	30	36	33	45	37	50	50	43	44	41	37	52	43	53	44	44	51	32	42	
Refused	4	4	2	2	1	2	4	3	3	2	4	3	6	5	2	1	3	4	4	5	5	3	3	6	3	

Generally speaking, do you think Britain's exit from the EU has made Britain better off, worse off, or has it not really made much difference?																										
Better off	10	28	4	6	24	3	4	2	22	14	7	5	6	13	17	8	13	11	15	5	10	11	9	11		
Worse off	61	32	86	83	31	87	89	90	28	58	64	72	70	56	44	69	50	60	60	74	59	56	69	59		
Made no difference	20	34	8	9	38	6	6	5	39	23	17	10	15	23	31	17	24	21	15	16	19	24	18	21		
Don't know	9	7	3	2	8	4	2	3	10	6	12	13	9	8	7	6	13	9	10	5	11	9	5	9		

Which of the following would you prefer the UK Government to prioritise?																										
A closer relationship with the EU	53	30	77	81	26	79	86	83	22	54	52	65	60	47	41	63	39	51	50	68	50	45	64	51		
A more distant relationship with the EU	12	16	4	4	24	3	3	2	25	13	10	8	6	14	20	8	16	12	15	5	13	13	6	13		
Maintaining the current relationship with the EU	22	46	13	13	39	11	8	9	40	25	19	8	18	25	32	19	26	22	21	16	22	22	19	24		
Don't know	14	8	6	2	10	7	3	6	14	8	19	19	16	13	8	10	19	14	15	10	15	20	11	12		

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Which political party would you trust the most to handle Britain's exit from the EU?

Conservative	19	78	2	10	48	2	4	9	36	21	17	10	10	24	32	17	21	19	20	12	17	19	21	21
Labour	17	1	49	8	4	44	17	26	8	19	15	24	23	13	8	20	14	18	15	12	20	14	27	15
Liberal Democrat	4	0	5	27	1	5	19	8	1	5	3	7	4	3	3	6	2	4	4	5	3	2	6	5
Other	5	2	1	1	7	2	1	2	8	6	3	3	5	4	6	4	5	5	4	5	5	4	4	5
Don't know	22	9	17	16	16	17	25	22	17	15	29	23	24	20	20	22	23	22	24	17	20	24	22	24
None	33	10	26	39	24	30	34	33	30	34	32	33	33	36	31	32	35	32	33	48	35	36	21	31

How closely are you following each of the following stories?

Rishi Sunak's plan to extract oil and gas in the North Sea

Very closely	7	7	8	6	7	9	9	11	5	8	5	6	5	8	9	7	6	6	5	12	5	4	10	7
Fairly closely	24	30	30	38	28	30	27	31	27	31	18	16	22	27	29	27	20	24	23	24	22	24	22	27
Not very closely	27	33	28	32	31	28	29	27	31	28	26	14	25	30	32	27	27	27	28	26	26	26	37	24
I am aware of the story but am not following it	23	19	20	14	21	16	22	18	24	22	24	28	23	21	22	22	24	24	24	16	28	23	15	24
TOTAL AWARE	81	89	86	90	87	83	87	87	87	89	73	64	75	86	92	83	77	81	80	78	81	77	84	82
I am not aware of the story	19	11	14	10	13	16	13	14	13	11	27	36	24	14	8	17	22	19	20	22	19	24	16	18

The government's plan to prosecute lawyers who help illegal migrants make false claims

Very closely	6	10	6	6	11	6	5	7	9	8	5	2	4	8	12	6	6	7	5	6	6	5	11	6
Fairly closely	22	34	22	31	30	23	21	23	28	26	18	15	18	23	30	22	21	22	24	20	19	21	25	23
Not very closely	20	21	23	24	19	22	25	24	20	22	18	9	21	24	20	21	18	20	16	21	19	21	22	20
I am aware of the story but am not following it	14	10	14	12	12	15	12	12	15	17	12	14	15	13	15	13	16	14	16	13	17	15	9	14
TOTAL AWARE	62	75	65	73	72	66	63	66	72	73	53	40	58	68	77	62	61	63	61	60	61	62	67	63
I am not aware of the story	37	26	35	27	28	33	37	35	28	29	46	60	43	31	23	37	38	37	38	39	40	37	32	37

The Dorset barge being used as accommodation to house asylum seekers

Very closely	10	12	12	8	13	12	9	12	11	11	9	6	7	11	15	10	10	10	7	11	7	8	18	10
Fairly closely	32	38	36	50	39	35	34	36	38	35	28	19	28	36	39	33	29	32	30	30	29	31	30	35
Not very closely	24	28	22	19	24	24	33	25	25	24	23	12	23	27	25	23	25	24	24	22	26	24	20	24
I am aware of the story but am not following it	22	15	21	16	17	19	17	17	20	20	22	23	23	21	18	20	23	21	23	23	25	20	14	21
TOTAL AWARE	88	93	91	93	93	90	93	90	94	90	82	60	81	95	97	86	87	87	84	86	87	83	82	90
I am not aware of the story	13	8	9	8	7	10	7	9	5	9	17	39	18	5	3	14	13	13	16	14	14	17	19	9

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During the summer holidays, do you want to hear more from politicians, less from politicians or the same amount as other times of the year?

Less than at other times of the year	20	22	16	20	22	14	16	15	23	22	19	19	19	22	22	19	22	20	14	23	20	20	18	21
More than at other times of the year	4	3	5	7	3	5	5	5	3	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	4	5	9	2
The same amount as other times of the year	62	68	70	67	66	70	73	70	64	62	62	53	59	65	67	64	59	62	62	63	60	60	65	63
Don't know	14	6	9	6	8	11	6	10	10	13	15	22	18	9	7	12	16	14	20	12	15	15	8	13

To what extent do you support or oppose the following groups of workers taking strike action?		5-6 Jul		10-11 Aug																									
		5-6 Jul	10-11 Aug	5-6 Jul	10-11 Aug																								
Nurses	Strongly support	39	40	13	65	41	20	67	50	54	26	40	41	48	48	35	28	43	37	40	47	43	41	39	41	39			
	Somewhat support	22	23	21	20	29	21	19	28	22	24	22	23	21	22	25	23	22	24	23	25	24	23	18	27	23			
	TOTAL SUPPORT	61	63	34	85	70	41	86	78	76	50	62	64	69	70	60	51	65	61	63	72	67	64	57	68	62			
	Somewhat oppose	12	13	26	5	13	21	5	12	9	18	13	12	9	10	14	17	12	13	13	9	10	13	15	13	12			
	TOTAL OPPOSE	31	33	65	14	29	56	13	20	22	48	34	31	25	25	36	46	31	34	34	24	26	32	37	31	34			
Don't know	7	4	1	1	1	2	1	3	3	2	3	5	6	5	3	3	3	6	4	4	4	6	4	5	1	4			
Rail workers	Strongly support	19	23	3	41	25	6	45	27	33	11	25	22	32	31	21	9	26	19	23	23	32	25	22	24	21			
	Somewhat support	23	23	13	29	30	14	25	34	26	18	22	23	34	21	24	19	22	23	22	28	26	21	19	31	21			
	TOTAL SUPPORT	42	46	16	70	55	20	70	61	59	29	47	45	66	52	45	28	48	42	45	51	58	46	41	55	42			
	Somewhat oppose	20	20	27	14	23	27	14	19	18	26	20	21	11	18	21	27	18	23	21	15	20	21	23	21	20			
	TOTAL OPPOSE	49	46	80	27	41	75	26	36	36	67	48	46	24	39	49	68	45	49	49	34	36	47	50	43	52			
Don't know	10	7	3	3	4	4	4	3	5	5	5	9	10	8	5	6	6	9	7	14	6	7	10	3	6				
Ambulance staff	Strongly support	33	36	10	58	38	17	63	42	50	22	35	38	43	44	32	24	39	33	36	42	40	37	34	36	36			
	Somewhat support	25	25	23	25	30	22	21	34	25	26	26	25	28	25	27	24	25	26	25	25	30	24	24	31	24			
	TOTAL SUPPORT	58	61	33	83	68	39	84	76	75	48	61	63	71	69	59	48	64	59	61	67	70	61	58	67	60			
	Somewhat oppose	13	12	22	5	13	21	5	11	8	18	13	12	3	10	13	20	12	12	13	10	9	13	14	11	12			
	TOTAL OPPOSE	33	33	66	14	28	59	14	20	22	50	36	32	21	26	38	49	33	34	35	27	25	34	37	31	36			
Don't know	8	4	2	2	4	3	2	4	3	3	4	5	8	5	3	3	3	6	4	6	5	5	4	3	4				

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Thinking about the performance of the NHS now compared to during the COVID-19 pandemic, do you think it has got better, worse, or stayed about the same?

Got better since the COVID-19 pandemic	8	10	8	10	7	8	11	9	6	9	7	10	9	5	7	8	7	8	10	7	6	6	11	8
Got worse since the COVID-19 pandemic	59	62	64	62	64	63	59	59	65	55	63	47	55	65	66	60	59	59	65	59	58	60	51	62
Stayed about the same	23	24	20	19	23	21	21	22	24	25	21	22	24	23	21	22	24	23	18	23	24	26	25	21
Don't know	10	4	8	9	6	8	10	10	5	11	9	21	12	7	6	10	10	10	7	12	13	8	12	9

Which of the following do you think is most to blame for long waiting times in the NHS?

Strikes by doctors and other NHS staff	6	14	3	1	10	1	3	3	10	5	6	2	4	4	11	5	6	6	4	3	6	7	5	6
Backlogs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic	18	28	14	18	24	13	14	17	22	16	20	11	17	21	20	16	21	18	21	17	20	19	15	18
Lack of Government funding for the NHS	42	12	64	47	18	66	54	57	25	39	45	51	50	39	27	45	38	41	41	51	43	39	42	41
Poor management from NHS management	27	40	17	29	43	15	24	18	38	30	23	21	20	30	38	27	26	27	27	24	26	27	28	27
Other	2	2	1	0	2	1	2	2	2	3	1	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	2
Don't know	6	4	1	3	3	3	3	4	3	6	5	13	6	4	3	5	6	6	5	4	4	6	8	6

**Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.*

YouGov Weighting Data

YouGov weights GB political surveys by (1) age interlocked with gender and education, (2) political attention (3) social grade (4) 2019 recalled vote interlocked with region and (5) EU referendum recalled vote. Weighting targets are YouGov estimates, data sources used in the calculation of targets are cited below. General election voting intention figures are additionally weighted by likelihood to vote. The poll was carried out online.

All polls are subject to a wide range of potential sources of error. On the basis of the historical record of the polls at recent general elections, there is a 9 in 10 chance that the true value of a party's support lies within 4 points of the estimates provided by this poll, and a 2 in 3 chance that they lie within 2 points.

	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.	Target %
Age by Gender by Education (Labour Force Survey and ONS Mid Year Estimates)			
Men Over 65	258	221	10.7%
Men 50-64 High education	67	76	3.7%
Men 50-64 Mid education	104	93	4.5%
Men 50-64 Low education	87	81	3.9%
Men 25-49 High education	176	194	9.4%
Men 25-49 Mid education	139	136	6.6%
Men 25-49 Low education	50	89	4.3%
Men Under 25 High education	16	21	1.0%
Men Under 25 Mid & Low education	35	89	4.3%
Women Over 65	321	264	12.8%
Women 50-64 High education	71	72	3.5%
Women 50-64 Mid education	119	105	5.1%
Women 50-64 Low education	87	83	4.0%
Women 25-49 High education	191	209	10.1%
Women 25-49 Mid education	160	147	7.1%
Women 25-49 Low education	103	79	3.8%
Women Under 25 High education	27	25	1.2%
Women Under 25 Mid & Low education	55	83	4.0%
Political Attention (British Election Study face to face element)			
Low (0,1,2)	183	393	19.0%
Medium (3-7)	1400	1240	60.0%
High (8,9,10)	483	434	21.0%
Social Grade (NRS and 2011 census)			
AB	616	578	28.0%
C1	619	599	29.0%
C2	372	434	21.0%
DE	459	455	22.0%
EU Referendum Vote (Election Result)			
Remain	842	728	35.2%
Leave	792	769	37.2%
Don't Know / Did Not Vote	432	569	27.5%

YouGov Weighting Data

YouGov weights GB political surveys by (1) age interlocked with gender and education, (2) political attention (3) social grade (4) 2019 recalled vote interlocked with region and (5) EU referendum recalled vote. Weighting targets are YouGov estimates, data sources used in the calculation of targets are cited below. General election voting intention figures are additionally weighted by likelihood to vote. The poll was carried out online.

All polls are subject to a wide range of potential sources of error. On the basis of the historical record of the polls at recent general elections, there is a 9 in 10 chance that the true value of a party's support lies within 4 points of the estimates provided by this poll, and a 2 in 3 chance that they lie within 2 points.

Region by 2019 Vote (Election Result and ONS Population estimates)

North Con	159	140	6.8%
North Lab	156	153	7.4%
North LD	23	27	1.3%
North BP	14	19	0.9%
North Oth	14	14	0.7%
North DNV	132	145	7.0%
Midlands Con	124	132	6.4%
Midlands Lab	97	81	3.9%
Midlands LD	21	19	0.9%
Midlands BP	5	4	0.2%
Midlands Oth	13	10	0.5%
Midlands DNV	91	97	4.7%
London Con	58	58	2.8%
London Lab	77	89	4.3%
London LD	26	27	1.3%
London BP	1	2	0.1%
London Oth	7	6	0.3%
London DNV	61	68	3.3%
South Con	283	285	13.8%
South Lab	124	122	5.9%
South LD	96	87	4.2%
South BP	3	2	0.1%
South Oth	30	27	1.3%
South DNV	163	169	8.2%
Wales Con	36	27	1.3%
Wales Lab	32	31	1.5%
Wales LD	3	4	0.2%
Wales PC	5	8	0.4%
Wales BP	5	4	0.2%
Wales Oth DNV	22	29	1.4%
Scotland Con	36	33	1.6%
Scotland Lab	23	25	1.2%
Scotland LD	11	12	0.6%
Scotland SNP	67	60	2.9%
Scotland Oth DNV	48	50	2.4%

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