

YouGov / The Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 1930 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 11th - 12th November 2010

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Headline Voting Intention

[Excluding Don't Know and Wouldn't Vote]

Con	39	100	0	0	34	45	36	35	35	50	42	36	40	52	37	32	20
Lab	41	0	100	0	44	38	44	48	45	30	38	46	42	28	40	57	46
Lib Dem	10	0	0	100	11	10	15	10	9	10	12	9	10	12	12	7	9
Other	9	0	0	0	11	7	5	7	10	11	9	9	8	7	11	5	25

Other Parties Voting Intention

Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Green	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	1	0	2	1	2	2	1	1	0
BNP	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	1	2	1	3	1	2	1	0
SNP / PCY	2	0	0	0	3	1	3	1	2	3	2	2	0	0	2	0	20
UKIP	3	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	4	6	3	4	3	4	4	2	3
Other	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2

Non Voters

Would Not Vote	7	0	0	0	4	9	9	11	6	3	5	9	4	8	6	7	7
Don't know	15	0	0	0	10	20	18	13	15	16	15	15	17	15	15	14	13

Do you approve or disapprove of the Government's record to date?

		10-11 Oct	11-12 Nov		10-11 Oct		11-12 Nov		10-11 Oct		11-12 Nov		10-11 Oct		11-12 Nov		10-11 Oct		11-12 Nov	
Approve	38	37	87	6	52	39	35	35	34	33	46	41	32	39	45	39	29	23		
Disapprove	46	47	4	89	20	50	45	39	49	55	41	45	51	48	39	46	55	61		
Don't know	16	15	9	5	28	10	20	26	17	13	13	14	17	13	16	15	16	16		

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Do you think the Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition partners are working together well or badly?

Very well	10	10	24	2	12	11	8	11	6	8	15	11	8	6	13	12	8	5
Fairly well	41	42	69	19	65	42	41	39	42	37	48	46	36	41	48	44	35	30
TOTAL WELL	51	52	93	21	77	53	49	50	48	45	63	57	44	47	61	56	43	35
Fairly badly	23	23	4	38	16	24	22	21	26	24	19	21	26	19	19	23	27	27
Very badly	17	17	0	37	3	18	17	13	15	23	14	16	19	24	12	15	21	28
TOTAL BADLY	40	40	4	75	19	42	39	34	41	47	33	37	45	43	31	38	48	55
Don't know	8	9	2	4	4	6	11	17	11	8	4	7	11	10	9	6	9	9

Do you think this coalition government will be good or bad for people like you?

Very good	6	6	16	1	7	7	5	4	5	3	11	6	6	4	8	8	4	4
Fairly good	23	22	48	3	44	23	21	23	20	20	25	25	18	20	25	20	22	16
TOTAL GOOD	29	28	64	4	51	30	26	27	25	23	36	31	24	24	33	28	26	20
Fairly bad	23	22	8	33	19	22	22	23	24	22	19	22	22	21	20	23	22	28
Very bad	25	26	2	53	6	28	23	17	25	33	20	23	28	26	18	25	31	37
TOTAL BAD	48	48	10	86	25	50	45	40	49	55	39	45	50	47	38	48	53	65
Won't make much difference either way	15	17	21	7	21	15	19	18	18	14	19	17	17	18	22	14	14	11
Don't know	7	8	5	3	3	5	10	15	8	6	5	6	9	11	7	9	7	4

Do you think the coalition government is managing the economy well or badly?

Very well	9	9	25	1	7	10	8	7	9	6	13	10	7	9	10	10	8	6
Fairly well	34	35	67	9	61	36	34	40	32	32	40	38	32	33	43	39	28	20
TOTAL WELL	43	44	92	10	68	46	42	47	41	38	53	48	39	42	53	49	36	26
Fairly badly	26	25	4	44	13	26	25	20	26	30	22	22	29	22	22	23	33	28
Very badly	18	18	0	39	5	18	17	14	18	22	15	18	18	22	13	17	19	28
TOTAL BADLY	44	43	4	83	18	44	42	34	44	52	37	40	47	44	35	40	52	56
Don't know	13	13	4	8	14	10	15	19	16	10	10	12	14	14	11	11	13	17

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In your opinion how good or bad is the state of Britain's economy at the moment?

Very good	1	1	1	0	4	2	0	5	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0
Quite good	4	4	9	2	4	4	4	6	2	4	6	4	4	3	4	5	5	2
TOTAL GOOD	5	5	10	2	8	6	4	11	3	4	6	4	6	3	5	6	6	2
Neither good nor bad	20	20	23	21	28	19	21	20	23	19	20	19	22	19	23	19	20	18
Quite bad	47	47	46	52	48	50	44	42	47	44	54	49	45	47	46	52	45	46
Very bad	24	24	20	23	15	21	27	16	22	31	19	25	23	27	22	20	25	32
TOTAL BAD	71	71	66	75	63	71	71	58	69	75	73	74	68	74	68	72	70	78
Don't know	4	3	0	2	2	3	4	12	4	2	1	2	5	3	4	3	4	1

How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months?

Get a lot better	1	2	2	1	7	2	1	5	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1
Get a little better	10	9	15	5	16	12	7	16	13	8	4	12	6	12	9	10	8	8
TOTAL BETTER	11	11	17	6	23	14	8	21	14	9	5	14	8	14	10	12	10	9
Stay the same	25	26	38	17	30	24	27	23	30	24	24	26	24	23	26	29	26	19
Get a little worse	39	40	36	47	36	40	40	31	32	39	53	38	43	38	42	38	39	46
Get a lot worse	20	18	7	26	6	17	19	10	17	26	14	18	19	19	17	18	18	24
TOTAL WORSE	59	58	43	73	42	57	59	41	49	65	67	56	62	57	59	56	57	70
Don't know	6	5	2	3	3	4	6	15	6	3	2	4	7	6	5	3	7	3

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The government has proposed increasing the cap on university tuition fees to £9000. Students would not have to pay the fees upfront, but would instead pay them using student loans that they would have to pay back as graduates once they were earning £21000. Wealthier graduates would have to pay a higher interest rate on their loans.

Do you support or oppose these proposals?

Support	35	61	16	49	39	31	32	32	29	45	34	36	32	38	36	30	39
Oppose	52	29	75	39	50	54	52	54	57	43	55	49	55	48	51	58	50
Don't know	13	10	9	12	10	16	16	13	13	11	11	16	14	14	13	12	11

During the general election the Liberal Democrats campaigned against university tuition fees and some people have accused them of breaking promises by backing tuition fees. The Liberal Democrats have since said that the economic situation means tuition fees are unavoidable. Do you think the Liberal Democrats are right or wrong to go back on their pledge to oppose tuition fees?

Right	29	60	5	52	32	27	23	26	23	42	31	26	31	32	32	22	27
Wrong	62	31	91	36	63	61	64	63	69	52	61	63	60	56	61	69	69
Don't know	9	9	3	11	6	12	14	11	8	6	8	11	9	12	8	9	4

Earlier this week there was a violent demonstration against the proposed rise in tuition fees, which included protesters invading and damaging the building containing the Conservative party's headquarters. How much sympathy do you have with the demonstration?

I sympathise both with the demonstration and the direct action against the Conservative party headquarters	13	5	22	11	17	10	20	21	12	6	13	13	18	10	17	14	9
I sympathise with the demonstration, but not the damage caused to the Conservative party headquarters	52	35	65	55	48	55	47	48	57	51	54	49	52	51	50	51	61
I do not sympathise with the demonstration, nor the damage caused	32	60	12	31	32	31	23	26	30	42	30	33	28	35	31	31	27
Don't know	3	0	1	3	2	5	10	6	1	0	3	4	2	3	3	4	3

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Do you think this week's demonstration against tuition fees and the violent scenes at Conservative party headquarters helped or damaged the protesters' cause?

Helped their cause	11	3	19	5	14	7	18	12	10	7	12	9	12	8	11	13	7
Damaged their cause	69	92	51	83	68	71	58	65	67	79	70	68	63	75	68	65	71
Neither	16	4	26	12	15	16	12	17	19	13	14	17	20	12	15	18	16
Don't know	5	1	4	1	4	6	13	6	4	1	4	6	6	5	6	4	6

More generally, do you think VIOLENT protest is ever justified in a democratic country?

There are instances when violent protest is acceptable in a democracy	19	7	29	21	28	11	28	26	19	10	19	19	23	15	22	20	20
There are no instances when violent protest is acceptable in a democracy	75	90	67	78	67	83	57	70	77	87	77	74	71	80	74	73	77
Don't know	5	2	4	1	5	6	15	5	4	3	4	7	6	5	4	7	4

How likely do you think it is that there will be further violent protests against the government's policies of cuts?

Very likely	28	16	39	23	33	24	23	26	34	26	26	32	35	25	25	33	29
Fairly likely	59	70	51	67	56	62	60	57	56	63	62	55	52	62	65	53	59
TOTAL LIKELY	87	86	90	90	89	86	83	83	90	89	88	87	87	87	90	86	88
Not very likely	6	7	5	5	5	6	7	8	4	5	6	4	4	5	5	7	5
Not likely at all	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL NOT LIKELY	7	8	5	5	6	7	8	10	4	5	7	5	5	6	6	8	6
Don't know	6	6	4	3	5	8	9	7	6	5	5	8	8	7	5	6	6

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Some people believe that the gap between the earnings of the richest and the poorest in Britain is now unacceptably large and unfair. Other people think this the natural and acceptable result of a free economy, and that very successful people should be allowed to get rich. Which of the following best reflects your view?

The gap between the poorest and the richest is unacceptably large and unfair	57	34	77	59	59	55	49	51	62	59	54	62	58	49	61	59	72
The gap between the poorest and the richest is an acceptable part of a successful economy	26	49	13	25	29	23	32	29	22	26	31	20	24	33	26	22	16
Neither	11	12	7	13	8	14	6	13	12	11	11	12	14	13	8	12	8
Don't know	6	5	3	3	3	8	13	7	3	4	4	7	4	6	5	7	4

Would you support or oppose increasing taxation on the very rich to reduce the difference in earnings between the richest and the poorest?

Strongly support	38	20	55	45	44	32	32	38	40	37	35	42	40	30	41	38	57
Tend to support	39	45	32	37	36	42	29	34	41	46	41	37	35	43	39	40	31
TOTAL SUPPORT	77	65	87	82	80	74	61	72	81	83	76	79	75	73	80	78	88
Tend to oppose	12	22	5	12	12	11	11	14	11	11	14	8	12	16	8	11	6
Strongly oppose	5	8	3	4	5	4	11	5	3	3	5	4	7	4	7	3	2
TOTAL OPPOSE	17	30	8	16	17	15	22	19	14	14	19	12	19	20	15	14	8
Don't know	7	4	5	2	3	10	16	9	5	3	5	9	6	7	6	8	4

On a different issue,

David Cameron has recently been on a trade mission to China. While he was there he spoke of the UK's "deeply held concerns" over China's human rights record and urged them to embrace democracy. Do you think Mr Cameron went too far in criticising China, not far enough or did he get the balance about right?

Too far - his criticisms of China risked undermining trade relations	13	11	15	14	15	12	11	14	10	18	11	16	15	14	14	12	14
Not far enough - he should have been more forthright in criticising China's human rights record	30	17	45	28	36	25	26	33	34	26	30	31	32	27	32	31	37
He got the balance about right	38	63	24	48	39	38	27	35	38	47	44	31	32	45	38	37	31
Don't know	18	9	15	11	11	25	36	18	18	10	15	22	21	15	17	21	18

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Do you think David Cameron's visit to China was worthwhile or not?

Was worthwhile	37	62	25	50	47	27	38	33	34	43	41	32	28	43	40	32	34
Was not worthwhile	30	13	44	25	28	32	21	31	33	29	27	33	30	27	31	31	35
Don't know	33	26	31	25	25	41	41	36	33	27	32	35	42	30	29	37	31

Moving on,

David Cameron has employed a personal photographer at Downing Street. Critics have said this is a waste of taxpayers money and should be funded by the Conservative party rather than the taxpayer. The government have said it is necessary to have photographs of many official government events and that the appointment will save money compared to using freelance photographers. Do you think Mr Cameron is right or wrong to employ an official government photographer?

Right	18	38	6	29	21	16	19	23	17	15	20	16	20	21	20	16	9
Wrong	65	39	89	51	67	64	58	63	69	67	63	68	58	59	67	70	83
Don't know	16	22	5	19	12	20	23	14	14	18	17	16	22	20	13	14	8

Mr Cameron has also been criticised for employing as civil servants other aides who were previously employed by the Conservative party. Many of these were employed on short term contracts without open interviews. Which of the following best reflects your view?

It is reasonable for David Cameron to employ in government people who he knows and trusts from his time in opposition	26	49	12	38	27	26	26	29	23	29	28	24	25	30	31	21	20
It is wrong for David Cameron to appoint Conservative party workers to taxpayer funded jobs	55	32	77	51	60	51	51	48	63	54	55	55	59	50	53	57	71
Neither	7	9	5	5	6	9	6	9	5	9	8	7	5	8	6	9	5
Don't know	11	10	6	6	7	14	17	14	9	7	9	13	11	12	10	12	3

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Thinking about the last Labour government under Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, do you think the present coalition government has behaved better or worse in appointing its political friends and allies to government jobs?

The last Labour government behaved worse in appointing its political friends and allies to government jobs	24	58	1	33	27	22	21	20	21	34	26	23	20	33	26	17	14
The current coalition government is behaving worse in appointing its political friends and allies to government jobs	14	1	37	6	15	13	16	14	17	10	14	14	19	9	12	20	18
They are both as bad as each other	46	29	50	51	48	44	32	46	50	48	45	48	45	44	44	49	49
Neither has behaved wrongly	2	4	2	0	2	2	5	2	2	1	3	2	4	1	3	1	3
Don't know	13	9	9	10	8	18	27	18	11	7	13	14	12	13	15	13	15

Phil Woolas has been disqualified as an MP after an election court found he had broken the law by making false statements about one of his rivals in his election literature. Mr Woolas accused his Liberal Democrat opponent of not moving to the constituency, refusing to condemn death threats against him and of seeking the support of Muslim extremists, none of which were true.

Phil Woolas is seeking to appeal against the judges' verdict. Do you think he should appeal or should he accept the judges' verdict?

Woolas should accept the judges verdict and move on	67	81	57	80	70	64	63	62	67	73	67	67	59	71	68	66	64
This is an important point of law and Woolas is right to appeal	17	10	29	14	22	13	16	14	20	17	19	15	21	14	15	19	22
Don't know	16	9	14	6	8	23	21	24	13	10	14	18	20	14	17	15	15

Thinking about Mr Woolas's behaviour, which of the following statements best reflects your view?

Mr Woolas's case was an isolated example - many other politicians make robust criticisms of their rivals, but they don't actually lie	26	38	22	31	28	24	26	25	24	31	30	21	27	29	26	25	20
Mr Woolas was just unlucky that his rival took the case to court, many other politicians from other parties are just as bad	49	40	58	46	56	41	43	44	53	50	45	54	44	45	50	53	53
Neither	7	7	7	6	6	8	3	8	7	8	8	5	10	7	6	6	8
Don't know	18	14	13	17	10	26	28	24	16	11	16	20	19	19	18	16	19

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Labour's deputy leader Harriet Harman has condemned Mr Woolas and said that, having been found to have lied he would not be welcome back in the Labour party even if he won his appeal. Many other Labour MPs have backed Mr Woolas and have criticised Harriet Harman for not waiting till his appeal before acting against him. Do you think Harriet Harman acted too swiftly in condemning Mr Woolas, or was she right to do so?

Harriet Harman has acted too swiftly and should have waited for Mr Woolas' appeal before condemning him

Harriet Harman has acted correctly, whatever the appeal ruling, Mr Woolas' behaviour is totally unacceptable

Don't know

34	28	45	30	40	27	28	30	38	34	33	35	34	30	33	40	33
47	57	39	59	49	45	43	45	45	53	49	44	45	47	54	41	46
20	15	16	12	11	27	29	25	17	13	18	21	21	23	14	18	21

Some Labour MPs are helping fund Mr Woolas' appeal. Which of the following best reflects your view?

Raising money for Woolas' appeal shows some Labour MPs are out of touch and don't understand the seriousness of lying to the public

Mr Woolas has the same right as anyone else to appeal against a court verdict, and there is nothing wrong with friends and former colleagues helping him raise the money

Neither

Don't know

45	62	31	58	50	41	48	44	43	48	47	43	40	47	49	42	44
34	22	51	28	38	30	27	29	39	35	33	35	40	31	32	37	32
7	7	6	5	5	9	3	8	6	8	7	7	6	7	8	6	8
14	9	12	8	8	20	22	19	12	9	13	16	14	15	11	15	16

On a different subject

The next Ashes series starts in Australia later this month. Do you think the England cricket team will or will not retain the Ashes?

Will retain the Ashes

Will not retain the Ashes

Don't know

29	31	34	28	37	21	26	28	31	27	28	29	26	28	31	34	12
28	27	32	27	31	25	26	32	28	26	27	29	27	29	28	25	31
44	42	35	45	32	54	48	41	41	47	45	41	47	43	40	41	56

YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and political party identification:

		Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Age and Gender			
	Male 18 to 24	54	118
	Male 25 to 39	179	246
	Male 40 to 54	405	326
	Male 55 +	282	246
	Female 18 to 24	75	113
	Female 25 to 39	293	248
	Female 40 to 54	392	334
	Female 55 +	250	299
Region			
	North England	480	475
	Midlands	266	315
	East England	182	186
	London	246	247
	South England	458	442
	Wales	107	96
	Scotland	191	169
Social Grade			
	AB	685	533
	C1	515	552
	C2	337	400
	DE	368	419
Newspaper Type			
	Express / Mail	374	294
	Sun / Star	215	413
	Mirror / Record	142	296
	Guardian / Independent	163	58
	FT / Times / Telegraph	211	164
	Other Paper	218	221
	No Paper	607	484
Political Party Identification			
	Labour	625	627
	Conservative	481	550
	Liberal Democrat	221	229
	Others	245	63
	None/ DK	358	461

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