

YouGov / The Sun Survey Results

Sample Size: 2278 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 6th - 7th February 2011

	Voting intention			2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample 2278	655	756	162	732	568	508	1106	1172	277	583	779	639	1299	979	289	734	483	555	196	
Unweighted Sample 2278	716	614	183	800	450	553	1156	1122	203	672	774	629	1614	664	379	770	438	504	166	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

The Conservative-Liberal Democrat government are committed to holding a referendum on changing the electoral system from first-past-the-post (FPTP) to the Alternative Vote (AV)

At the moment, under first-past-the-post (FPTP), voters select ONE candidate, and the candidate with the most votes wins.

It has been suggested that this system should be replaced by the Alternative Vote (AV). Voters would RANK a number of candidates from a list. If a candidate wins more than half of the '1st' votes, a winner is declared. If not, the least popular candidates are eliminated from the contest, and their supporters' subsequent preferences counted and shared accordingly between the remaining candidates. This process continues until an outright winner is declared.

If a referendum were held tomorrow on whether to stick with first-past-the-post or switch to the Alternative Vote for electing MPs, how would you vote?

I would vote in favour of switching to the Alternative Vote	38	28	37	84	28	34	64	44	33	46	41	35	36	42	33	34	41	39	37	35
I would vote in favour of keeping first-past-the-post	39	55	44	8	54	50	19	41	36	22	30	43	49	38	40	39	38	37	40	45
I wouldn't vote	7	3	3	1	4	2	4	5	9	14	8	6	5	5	9	9	7	6	6	5
Don't know	16	14	15	6	14	14	12	10	21	18	21	16	10	15	18	18	14	18	17	14