

## YouGov / The Sun Survey Results

Sample Size: 958 GB Adults  
Fieldwork: 31st May

	Voters			Gender		Age			Social grade		Region					
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
<b>Weighted Sample</b>	<b>958</b>			460	498	283	340	335	527	431	123	311	205	236	83	
Unweighted Sample	958	297	219	227	438	520	245	301	412	561	397	112	343	172	232	99
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

As you probably know, David Laws has resigned from the Cabinet, after it was disclosed that he wrongly claimed expenses as an MP paying rent to his partner – even though the amount he claimed was less than he could have claimed renting on his own.

### Do you think David Laws was right or wrong to resign?

Right - he broke the rules regarding expenses and must now pay the penalty	<b>72</b>	71	84	63	77	67	66	75	73	71	72	63	68	76	73	85
Wrong - he is fundamentally honest and we can ill afford to lose talented ministers from the government	<b>17</b>	22	9	25	15	19	15	16	19	18	15	18	20	13	17	9
Don't know	<b>11</b>	6	7	11	8	14	19	9	7	10	13	19	12	10	9	6

David Cameron has said that he would like Mr Laws to return to the government one day. Assuming his party remains part of the government, do you think Mr Laws should return to the Cabinet...

Within 12 months	<b>23</b>	32	11	30	23	23	20	22	27	24	22	25	30	16	22	17
Within two years	<b>15</b>	17	13	19	17	13	17	12	15	16	13	14	16	15	13	18
After more than two years	<b>14</b>	16	13	12	15	13	11	15	16	14	14	12	11	13	19	17
Never	<b>31</b>	23	48	21	34	28	28	34	30	30	32	24	27	36	33	37
Don't know	<b>17</b>	12	14	18	11	23	23	17	11	15	19	24	17	19	13	12

Responding in the last few days to questions regarding his expenses, Mr Laws disclosed that he is homosexual; previously he had never talked about his sexuality. In general, how do you feel about gay people being cabinet ministers?

It is a good thing for the Cabinet to contain gay ministers	<b>13</b>	10	13	23	12	15	23	12	7	14	13	15	18	10	11	10
I don't mind whether the Cabinet does or does not contain gay ministers	<b>76</b>	81	80	71	73	80	67	79	82	78	75	69	73	79	80	81
It is a bad thing for the Cabinet to contain gay ministers	<b>5</b>	5	4	3	8	2	1	6	8	5	5	7	5	5	4	6
Don't know	<b>5</b>	3	2	3	7	3	9	4	3	4	7	9	4	5	5	3

Do you think that politicians should be open about their sexuality?

Yes - this is something their constituents should know about	<b>22</b>	24	23	18	29	16	17	21	28	21	24	26	23	18	23	23
No - providing that they do not lie or behave hypocritically, they should be allowed to keep their sexuality private	<b>73</b>	72	74	77	65	80	73	74	71	76	69	67	72	77	73	73

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Don't know	5	4	3	4	7	4	10	5	1	3	7	7	5	5	4	4

**If the party you normally support fielded a gay candidate in your constituency, would this make you more likely to less likely to vote for them?**

More likely	3	3	1	7	4	2	5	4	1	3	3	3	3	3	4	0
Less likely	9	10	5	5	12	5	7	6	12	9	8	13	8	9	6	11
Make no difference	86	84	92	85	79	91	83	87	86	86	85	80	86	86	87	88
Don't know	3	2	1	3	4	1	4	3	1	2	4	3	2	3	3	1

**David Laws is a Liberal Democrat MP. Do you think generally, Lib Dem MPs have behaved better or worse than MPs in other parties in claiming expenses over the past few years**

Lib Dem MPs have generally behaved better	17	12	14	35	18	17	21	17	14	16	18	16	19	18	17	14
Lib Dem MPs have generally behaved worse	3	3	5	1	5	2	3	4	3	3	4	5	5	2	1	4
Lib Dem MPs have generally behaved about the same as MPs in other parties	61	69	65	48	63	58	50	60	70	64	57	59	58	57	66	68
Don't know	19	17	17	16	14	23	27	19	13	17	21	21	19	23	17	14

**Do you think Mr Laws's resignation will...**

Cause permanent harm to the coalition government	7	4	14	5	10	5	7	5	10	7	8	8	7	6	5	15
Cause short-term damage but not long-term harm	44	50	46	48	47	41	40	44	48	49	39	41	50	43	43	34
Not cause any significant harm to the coalition government	36	39	28	34	34	38	36	37	35	35	38	35	32	38	40	37
Don't know	12	7	12	13	9	15	17	13	7	10	15	16	11	12	12	14

**Do you think Mr Laws should or should not also resign as a Member of Parliament?**

Yes, he should	34	30	46	28	36	33	33	37	33	32	37	29	32	38	33	42
No, he should not	42	49	32	54	44	41	36	42	49	45	39	46	45	36	45	36
Don't know	23	21	22	18	20	26	32	21	18	23	24	26	23	26	21	22