

YouGov / The Sun Survey Results

Sample Size: 1993 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 18th - 19th January 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	
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Thinking about the level of tax on petrol and diesel, which of the following best reflects your view?

The level of tax on fuel should be increased above inflation each year	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	4	2	1	2	1
The level of tax on fuel should be increased inline with inflation each year	10	11	10	13	9	10	10	11	8	8	14	8	8	12	7	17	9	11	6	8
The level of tax in fuel should be kept as it is	15	18	13	19	15	14	21	15	15	23	14	13	15	17	11	22	16	14	11	12
The level of tax in fuel should be reduced	68	67	70	57	72	68	63	69	67	54	63	73	74	64	74	50	69	68	75	74
Don't know	5	2	5	9	3	5	5	2	8	13	7	4	3	5	6	8	3	6	6	4

Which do you think should be more important, the need for the government to cut the deficit or the need to keep down the cost of petrol and diesel?

It is more important the the cost of petrol and diesel should be kept down	60	50	70	50	52	68	62	57	62	46	55	65	64	54	67	47	59	60	65	63
It is more important that the government reduces the size of the deficit	32	46	22	44	42	24	32	36	28	44	34	27	31	37	25	44	34	30	26	29
Don't know	8	5	8	6	6	9	6	6	10	9	11	8	5	9	8	8	7	10	8	8

Would you support or oppose the introduction of a fuel stabiliser, where the level of tax on petrol was reduced as the cost of oil rose, and increased as the cost of oil fell, so as to maintain the pump price of petrol at roughly the same level?

Strongly support	25	29	26	23	28	27	24	31	20	19	20	29	28	25	26	19	25	23	30	28
Tend to support	48	50	49	54	50	46	54	46	51	59	50	44	48	50	47	51	50	49	44	52
TOTAL SUPPORT	73	79	75	77	78	73	78	77	71	78	70	73	76	75	73	70	75	72	74	80
Tend to oppose	8	9	9	10	9	10	7	10	7	5	8	10	9	9	7	8	8	10	9	8
Strongly oppose	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	1	3	4	2	3	2	5	3	1	2	4
TOTAL OPPOSE	11	11	12	12	11	13	9	13	9	6	11	14	11	12	9	13	11	11	11	12
Don't know	15	10	13	12	12	15	13	9	21	17	18	14	13	13	18	16	15	18	16	8

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The Prime Minister has promised that the Chancellor will address the issue of petrol prices and tax levied on petrol at the next Budget on March 23 in nine weeks time. Which of the following best reflects your view?

The rise in petrol prices is too urgent to leave to the budget and should be addressed now	52	45	62	33	47	60	49	52	53	30	42	57	65	46	61	41	51	52	59	52
Petrol prices should be dealt with as part of the government's wider strategy at the time of the budget	39	49	31	59	47	32	43	41	38	57	44	37	30	46	30	45	42	40	31	43
Petrol prices are not a priority at the moment, and there is no need to address them in the coming budget	4	4	4	2	4	4	4	5	3	3	6	3	3	4	4	7	3	3	4	2
Don't know	5	2	3	5	3	4	3	3	7	11	8	3	2	4	5	7	3	6	6	2

How much does it currently cost you to put a full tank of petrol or diesel in your car?

£40 or less	8	8	7	6	8	7	8	7	9	9	8	7	9	7	9	3	10	10	7	6
Between £41 and £50	17	17	18	26	15	19	23	15	19	16	17	17	19	17	18	14	17	18	20	17
Between £51 and £60	20	20	18	20	21	19	21	19	20	19	16	20	23	21	18	15	23	20	15	26
Between £61 and £70	16	17	16	15	18	16	13	19	14	7	19	16	18	18	13	12	18	12	19	16
Between £71 and £80	10	15	9	4	14	7	9	14	7	7	8	12	12	10	11	8	13	9	9	8
Between £81 and £90	4	5	3	2	5	4	2	4	3	0	3	5	3	3	4	5	3	4	3	2
Between £91 and £100	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2
More than £100	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	2
Don't know	4	4	4	7	3	4	6	4	5	11	4	5	2	4	6	7	4	5	3	3
Not applicable - I do not have a car, don't use a car or have an electric car	18	12	23	18	14	22	16	16	21	29	23	17	12	18	19	33	10	20	20	18

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RECODE: How much does it currently cost you to put a full tank of petrol or diesel in your car?

[Only those who have or use a car which uses petrol or diesel]

£40 or less	10	9	9	8	9	9	10	8	12	13	10	8	10	8	12	5	11	12	8	7
Between £41 and £50	21	20	24	31	18	24	27	18	24	22	23	20	21	21	22	21	19	23	25	20
Between £51 and £60	24	23	23	25	24	24	25	22	26	27	21	24	25	25	22	23	25	25	19	32
Between £61 and £70	20	20	21	18	21	21	16	23	17	11	24	19	21	23	16	18	21	15	24	19
Between £71 and £80	12	17	12	5	16	9	11	16	9	10	10	14	13	12	13	13	14	11	12	10
Between £81 and £90	4	5	4	2	6	5	3	5	4	0	4	6	4	4	5	8	4	5	4	3
Between £91 and £100	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	3
More than £100	1	0	1	2	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	3
Don't know	5	5	5	8	4	5	7	5	6	15	5	6	2	5	7	11	5	7	4	4
AVERAGE	58	58	58	55	59	57	55	60	56	53	57	59	58	58	57	60	57	56	59	59

Which, if any, of the following have you done as a result of the recent rise in petrol/diesel prices?

I have cut back on using my car	41	43	42	31	44	43	39	44	39	36	34	43	48	38	45	32	46	36	41	51
I have replaced my car with a smaller model	5	5	5	4	4	7	3	5	5	4	4	5	7	4	6	1	6	6	4	7
I have cut back on my spending elsewhere	25	23	27	30	25	25	27	24	27	27	30	27	18	22	29	15	27	27	27	25
None of these	39	41	35	48	40	36	41	39	38	46	41	37	36	43	33	54	33	40	38	34
Don't know	2	0	2	0	0	2	2	2	2	9	3	1	0	2	3	3	1	3	3	2