

Weighted Sample
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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 candidates 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	37	37	31	38	66	43	32	35	39	39	35	41	33	42	39	34	34	44
I would vote in favour of keeping first-past-the-post	38	39	57	42	21	39	39	31	31	39	50	39	40	34	39	43	38	42
I wouldn't vote	7	5	1	3	1	4	6	7	8	4	3	5	5	6	6	3	8	1
Don't know	17	18	11	17	12	13	23	27	22	17	12	15	22	19	17	20	20	13

Do you think British troops are winning the war with the Taliban in Afghanistan, or not?

Yes, the British troops are winning	7	7	7	10	3	10	4	15	8	6	5	7	7	11	6	8	5	11
No, they are not winning yet, but victory is possible eventually	26	23	27	28	22	26	21	20	24	23	24	22	24	23	22	27	19	28
No, they are not winning, and victory is not possible	54	55	58	52	62	55	55	37	48	59	66	55	55	51	56	49	63	54
Don't know	13	15	8	10	12	9	20	28	20	13	6	15	13	16	16	16	13	7

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Should British troops be brought home from Afghanistan?																		
Yes - all troops should be withdrawn immediately	31	30	27	29	24	27	32	20	23	33	36	25	37	28	28	29	36	25
Yes - most troops should be withdrawn soon, and the rest within the next year or so	45	42	49	40	49	40	44	40	41	43	42	43	40	40	45	43	40	33
No - British troops should remain in Afghanistan as long as Afghanistan's government wants them there	17	19	18	23	22	25	12	19	20	17	19	21	15	21	18	18	15	30
Don't know	8	10	6	8	5	7	13	21	16	7	3	11	8	12	9	11	9	12
Thinking about the way the government is cutting spending to reduce the government's deficit, do you think this is... Good or bad for the economy?																		
Good for the economy	44	43	79	11	50	44	41	38	42	39	49	48	35	43	50	48	35	25
Bad for the economy	38	39	8	81	29	44	34	38	36	43	37	36	44	36	31	33	47	62
Don't know	18	19	13	9	21	12	25	24	22	18	14	17	21	20	20	19	18	13
Being done fairly or unfairly?																		
Fairly	36	32	67	4	40	34	30	30	34	29	36	36	27	32	37	35	28	20
Unfairly	46	48	14	91	38	51	46	46	44	52	48	44	54	50	38	45	58	64
Don't know	18	19	19	5	23	15	24	24	22	19	16	20	19	18	24	20	14	16
Having an impact on your own life, or not having an impact on your own life?																		
Having an impact on my life	56	59	55	70	63	60	58	47	57	65	58	58	60	53	56	62	62	58
Not having an impact on my life	29	25	32	19	29	28	23	28	26	22	28	28	23	28	29	23	21	27
Don't know	15	16	13	11	8	13	19	25	17	14	13	14	18	19	15	14	16	16
And who do you think is most to blame for the current spending cuts?																		
The Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition	22	23	2	60	11	24	21	18	19	28	21	20	26	21	16	22	28	34
The last Labour government	45	45	91	5	53	46	44	41	42	41	54	49	39	44	55	43	39	26
Both	21	20	4	24	26	19	22	22	22	20	19	18	23	21	17	23	24	18
Neither	6	6	2	10	7	7	4	2	7	7	5	7	5	4	6	5	4	17
Don't know	7	6	1	1	2	4	8	17	10	4	1	6	7	10	6	6	6	5

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Thinking about the next two or three years, how worried are you that people like you will...

not have enough money to live comfortably

Very worried	25	24	18	33	18	22	27	16	25	32	19	21	30	23	24	23	29	19
Fairly worried	43	42	40	40	46	42	41	50	41	39	42	40	44	40	40	47	40	44
TOTAL WORRIED	68	66	58	73	64	64	68	66	66	71	61	61	74	63	64	70	69	63
Not very worried	24	24	30	20	32	24	24	15	23	23	30	28	18	25	25	24	23	21
Not at all worried	5	6	9	5	4	8	5	3	8	5	8	8	3	6	7	3	5	13
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	29	30	39	25	36	32	29	18	31	28	38	36	21	31	32	27	28	34
Don't know	2	4	2	2	0	4	4	16	4	2	1	3	5	5	4	3	3	3

be victims of burglary, robbery or mugging

Very worried	12	9	7	10	6	9	10	7	7	13	8	8	11	10	10	9	10	6
Fairly worried	33	33	38	36	21	32	34	23	30	34	40	32	35	42	29	37	35	24
TOTAL WORRIED	45	42	45	46	27	41	44	30	37	47	48	40	46	52	39	46	45	30
Not very worried	41	42	41	42	55	42	42	43	46	41	40	43	39	32	45	44	39	49
Not at all worried	10	10	10	9	16	12	9	8	12	10	10	13	7	10	11	7	10	16
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	51	52	51	51	71	54	51	51	58	51	50	56	46	42	56	51	49	65
Don't know	4	5	4	3	1	5	5	18	6	3	1	4	7	8	5	3	6	6

suffer directly from cuts in spending on public services such as health, education and welfare

Very worried	26	24	12	41	13	23	26	15	21	32	22	21	29	24	21	24	30	20
Fairly worried	43	45	45	40	54	42	47	42	41	43	52	45	44	40	45	50	41	47
TOTAL WORRIED	69	69	57	81	67	65	73	57	62	75	74	66	73	64	66	74	71	67
Not very worried	23	23	34	14	27	26	20	25	28	20	22	26	19	26	27	20	20	23
Not at all worried	3	4	5	2	4	4	3	1	6	3	4	4	3	4	3	3	4	6
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	26	27	39	16	31	30	23	26	34	23	26	30	22	30	30	23	24	29
Don't know	4	4	3	2	2	5	4	17	4	3	1	4	6	6	4	3	4	4

lose out because foreign factories and/or workers from abroad can do the same job more cheaply

Very worried	24	23	20	27	16	22	24	12	16	28	28	18	30	23	22	22	25	20
Fairly worried	32	33	31	31	37	33	34	32	32	35	34	32	36	22	33	41	35	30
TOTAL WORRIED	56	56	51	58	53	55	58	44	48	63	62	50	66	45	55	63	60	50
Not very worried	27	27	31	26	28	26	27	30	33	24	23	31	20	32	27	26	22	30
Not at all worried	12	11	13	12	15	13	10	10	14	10	11	15	7	15	12	7	10	16
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	39	38	44	38	43	39	37	40	47	34	34	46	27	47	39	33	32	46
Don't know	4	6	4	4	4	6	5	17	6	4	3	5	7	7	6	4	7	4

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lose their job / have difficulty finding work																			
	Very worried	25	25	18	33	25	23	27	25	22	31	21	21	31	28	23	25	28	20
	Fairly worried	38	38	38	35	37	40	36	42	43	36	33	40	36	39	37	38	38	36
	TOTAL WORRIED	63	63	56	68	62	63	63	67	65	67	54	61	67	67	60	63	66	56
	Not very worried	22	20	25	17	22	18	22	9	24	20	21	23	15	18	24	21	16	19
	Not at all worried	10	11	15	11	12	12	11	6	7	9	20	12	10	8	10	11	11	21
	TOTAL NOT WORRIED	32	31	40	28	34	30	33	15	31	29	41	35	25	26	34	32	27	40
	Don't know	4	6	4	4	4	6	5	18	4	3	5	4	9	6	6	5	6	4
lose their home																			
	Very worried	16	16	11	24	10	14	18	12	12	21	16	12	22	15	15	16	20	14
	Fairly worried	28	28	27	27	30	26	29	22	30	26	31	25	32	30	25	29	30	24
	TOTAL WORRIED	44	44	38	51	40	40	47	34	42	47	47	37	54	45	40	45	50	38
	Not very worried	34	33	35	28	37	34	32	36	41	29	29	38	27	34	35	35	29	28
	Not at all worried	19	18	23	17	22	20	15	10	13	21	22	21	13	16	19	14	16	31
	TOTAL NOT WORRIED	53	51	58	45	59	54	47	46	54	50	51	59	40	50	54	49	45	59
	Don't know	3	6	4	4	2	6	5	20	5	3	3	5	7	6	6	5	6	3
suffer discrimination or unfair treatment by employers or landlords or local councils or public authorities																			
	Very worried	15	12	7	18	8	14	11	14	8	16	11	9	17	14	11	13	13	12
	Fairly worried	21	24	19	26	28	21	26	15	24	24	27	22	26	28	24	24	23	16
	TOTAL WORRIED	36	36	26	44	36	35	37	29	32	40	38	31	43	42	35	37	36	28
	Not very worried	39	36	39	35	36	35	37	39	38	34	34	38	33	34	36	38	35	36
	Not at all worried	19	22	30	18	26	25	20	14	24	22	24	26	17	16	24	19	22	33
	TOTAL NOT WORRIED	58	58	69	53	62	60	57	53	62	56	58	64	50	50	60	57	57	69
	Don't know	5	6	5	4	2	6	6	17	5	4	5	5	8	8	6	5	7	3

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suffer ill-health																			
	Very worried	17	14	9	20	9	13	16	7	7	19	19	10	21	14	14	15	14	14
	Fairly worried	30	34	31	38	33	31	36	17	27	38	40	33	34	28	33	33	42	23
	TOTAL WORRIED	47	48	40	58	42	44	52	24	34	57	59	43	55	42	47	48	56	37
	Not very worried	40	38	45	30	47	41	36	48	46	32	34	42	33	42	40	38	32	43
	Not at all worried	9	7	9	7	9	8	7	8	13	6	4	10	4	6	8	8	6	13
	TOTAL NOT WORRIED	49	45	54	37	56	49	43	56	59	38	38	52	37	48	48	46	38	56
	Don't know	5	6	6	5	2	7	6	19	7	4	3	5	8	10	5	6	6	7

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	51	95
Male 25 to 39	178	196
Male 40 to 54	264	265
Male 55 +	251	195
Female 18 to 24	63	92
Female 25 to 39	243	202
Female 40 to 54	288	266
Female 55 +	210	238
Region		
North England	322	375
Midlands	212	251
East England	135	149
London	221	203
South England	456	356
Wales	66	76
Scotland	136	137
Social Grade		
AB	582	427
C1	436	442
C2	213	320
DE	294	336
Newspaper Type		
Express / Mail	312	233
Sun / Star	159	329
Mirror / Record	111	237
Guardian / Independent	144	51
FT / Times / Telegraph	211	132
Other Paper	155	179
No Paper	456	387
Political Party Identification		
Labour	507	503
Conservative	429	443
Liberal Democrat	178	185
Others	159	48
None/ DK	275	370

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