

YouGov / Channel 4 Survey Results

Sample Size: 396 Current Liberal Democrat Party Members and 118 Former Members
Fieldwork: 9th - 11th May 2011

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Weighted Sample	396	242	154	91	304	118
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How did you vote in the recent referendum on the voting system?

Yes - for the Alternative Vote	92	93	91	92	92	84
No - against the Alternative Vote	5	4	6	5	5	8
Did not vote	3	4	2	3	3	8

For each of the following, please indicate whether you think they were an asset or liability during the recent referendum campaign.

David Cameron, Prime Minister and Conservative leader, for the No campaign

Asset	55	59	49	66	51	58
Liability	35	31	41	26	37	26
Don't know	10	11	10	8	11	16

Nick Clegg, Deputy Prime Minister and Liberal Democrat leader, for the Yes campaign

Asset	33	30	39	30	34	13
Liability	56	61	48	64	53	76
Don't know	11	10	13	6	13	11

Ed Miliband, leader of the Labour Party, for the Yes campaign

Asset	31	30	33	31	31	35
Liability	53	57	46	57	51	39
Don't know	16	13	21	13	17	26

George Osborne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, for the No campaign

Asset	22	22	21	26	20	21
Liability	54	53	56	53	55	42
Don't know	24	25	23	21	25	37

William Hague, Foreign Secretary, for the No campaign

Asset	30	32	27	39	27	30
Liability	39	40	37	31	41	27
Don't know	31	28	36	29	32	42

Vince Cable, Business Secretary, for the Yes campaign

Asset	72	74	68	67	73	59
Liability	14	14	14	14	13	18
Don't know	15	12	18	19	13	24

Chris Huhne, Climate Change Secretary, for the Yes campaign

Asset	70	71	69	62	72	49
Liability	14	14	13	22	11	20
Don't know	16	15	19	16	16	31

John Reid, for the No campaign

Asset	18	18	19	27	16	18
Liability	51	55	44	46	52	33
Don't know	31	27	38	27	32	49

Some people suggested that the referendum should also have offered Proportional Representation as a choice. If the referendum had offered the choice of First Past the Post, Alternative Vote or Proportional Representation how would you have voted?

To keep First Past the Post	1	1	1	1	1	2
To change to the Alternative Vote	7	6	7	9	5	7
To change to Proportional Representation	92	92	92	87	94	84
Would not have voted	0	1	0	1	0	2
Don't know	1	1	0	1	0	4

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The Liberal Democrats insisted on last week's referendum as a condition for joining the coalition last year. Which of these statements comes closer to your view, following the result of last week's referendum?

'Voting reform is off the agenda for some years to come; the Lib Dems should put the issue to one side for the foreseeable future and concentrate on other issues'	27	25	31	25	28	24
'Voting reform is so important that the Lib Dems should continue to fight hard for change; it should figure prominently in the party's next general election manifesto'	66	70	61	71	65	63
Neither	5	4	6	1	6	9
Don't know	2	1	2	3	1	4

Turning to the current state of British politics more generally, how well or badly are the following doing?

David Cameron, Prime Minister and Conservative leader

Very well	11	10	12	15	9	9
Fairly well	66	68	61	59	68	44
TOTAL WELL	77	78	73	74	77	53
Fairly badly	17	16	20	13	19	23
Very badly	6	5	7	13	3	20
TOTAL BADLY	23	21	27	26	22	43
Don't know	1	1	0	0	1	4

Nick Clegg, Deputy Prime Minister and Liberal Democrat leader

Very well	13	12	14	13	13	3
Fairly well	37	41	32	34	39	13
TOTAL WELL	50	53	46	47	52	16
Fairly badly	33	30	36	30	33	39
Very badly	17	17	16	23	15	41
TOTAL BADLY	50	47	52	53	48	80
Don't know	1	0	1	0	1	4

Ed Miliband, leader of the Labour Party

Very well	1	1	1	2	1	2
Fairly well	24	19	31	23	25	33
TOTAL WELL	25	20	32	25	26	35
Fairly badly	53	57	46	48	55	47
Very badly	19	21	16	25	17	10
TOTAL BADLY	72	78	62	73	72	57
Don't know	3	1	4	1	3	8

George Osborne, Chancellor of the Exchequer

Very well	4	3	6	7	3	4
Fairly well	36	35	37	39	35	20
TOTAL WELL	40	38	43	46	38	24
Fairly badly	37	38	35	26	40	33
Very badly	17	19	14	24	16	36
TOTAL BADLY	54	57	49	50	56	69
Don't know	6	4	8	4	6	7

William Hague, Foreign Secretary

Very well	13	9	19	17	11	5
Fairly well	45	45	45	43	46	39
TOTAL WELL	58	54	64	60	57	44
Fairly badly	26	28	22	24	27	26
Very badly	10	13	5	10	10	19
TOTAL BADLY	36	41	27	34	37	45
Don't know	6	5	9	5	6	11

Vince Cable, Business Secretary

Very well	20	18	25	17	21	8
Fairly well	57	57	57	52	58	44
TOTAL WELL	77	75	82	69	79	52
Fairly badly	16	18	14	25	14	25
Very badly	4	6	2	4	5	17
TOTAL BADLY	20	24	16	29	19	42
Don't know	2	2	2	2	2	6

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Chris Huhne , Climate Change Secretary

Very well	26	29	22	28	25	8
Fairly well	51	49	54	47	52	40
TOTAL WELL	77	78	76	75	77	48
Fairly badly	14	14	13	16	13	27
Very badly	2	2	1	3	2	7
TOTAL BADLY	16	16	14	19	15	34
Don't know	8	6	10	6	8	17

Some people talk about 'left', 'right' and 'centre' to describe parties and politicians. With this in mind, where would you place each of the following...?

David Cameron

Very left-wing	0	0	1	1	0	0
Fairly left-wing	1	1	1	1	0	2
Slightly left-of-centre	1	1	1	2	0	1
Centre	5	4	7	4	6	5
Slightly right-of-centre	28	29	26	33	26	21
Fairly right-wing	50	53	45	52	49	45
Very right-wing	12	11	13	4	14	19
Don't know	3	1	7	2	4	6
AVERAGE	55	56	53	49	58	59

To obtain average, very left-wing counts as -100, fairly left-wing as -67, slightly left of centre as -33, centre as 0, slightly right of centre as +33, fairly right-wing as +67 and very right-wing as +100

Nick Clegg

Very left-wing	0	0	1	2	0	0
Fairly left-wing	5	4	7	9	4	5
Slightly left-of-centre	27	26	29	22	29	27
Centre	34	39	26	41	32	24
Slightly right-of-centre	25	24	27	19	27	32
Fairly right-wing	4	5	2	5	4	5
Very right-wing	1	1	2	1	1	1
Don't know	3	1	7	2	4	6
AVERAGE	0	1	-3	-5	0	3

Ed Miliband

Very left-wing	8	5	13	10	7	5
Fairly left-wing	34	34	33	29	35	25
Slightly left-of-centre	39	41	34	36	39	39
Centre	9	12	4	10	9	19
Slightly right-of-centre	3	3	4	8	2	3
Fairly right-wing	2	2	1	2	1	1
Very right-wing	1	1	0	0	1	0
Don't know	5	2	10	4	6	7
AVERAGE	-42	-39	-50	-39	-44	-36

George Osborne

Very left-wing	0	0	1	1	0	0
Fairly left-wing	0	1	0	1	0	1
Slightly left-of-centre	1	0	2	2	1	1
Centre	4	2	6	5	4	7
Slightly right-of-centre	10	10	9	12	9	5
Fairly right-wing	37	38	34	48	33	33
Very right-wing	42	45	38	29	46	44
Don't know	6	3	10	2	7	9
AVERAGE	74	76	69	64	76	73

William Hague

Very left-wing	1	1	1	2	0	1
Fairly left-wing	0	0	0	1	0	1
Slightly left-of-centre	0	0	1	1	0	1
Centre	4	1	8	3	4	5
Slightly right-of-centre	18	16	21	23	16	19
Fairly right-wing	42	46	35	44	41	42
Very right-wing	32	35	27	23	34	23
Don't know	4	2	8	3	5	8
AVERAGE	67	71	60	59	70	60

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Vince Cable						
Very left-wing	2	1	3	4	1	4
Fairly left-wing	26	26	27	22	27	28
Slightly left-of-centre	47	52	40	44	48	29
Centre	14	13	15	19	13	19
Slightly right-of-centre	6	5	7	5	6	7
Fairly right-wing	1	0	1	0	1	3
Very right-wing	0	0	0	1	0	0
Don't know	5	3	7	5	4	10
AVERAGE	-34	-35	-34	-32	-34	-31
Chris Huhne						
Very left-wing	1	1	1	2	1	3
Fairly left-wing	22	22	22	22	22	27
Slightly left-of-centre	44	48	37	44	43	26
Centre	20	19	22	22	19	22
Slightly right-of-centre	4	4	4	3	5	6
Fairly right-wing	1	1	1	2	1	1
Very right-wing	0	0	0	0	0	1
Don't know	8	5	13	5	9	13
AVERAGE	-31	-31	-30	-30	-30	-30
Yourself						
Very left-wing	3	3	3	4	3	6
Fairly left-wing	24	21	28	29	23	32
Slightly left-of-centre	40	42	37	34	42	36
Centre	21	22	19	25	19	13
Slightly right-of-centre	8	9	7	7	8	7
Fairly right-wing	1	1	1	0	1	1
Very right-wing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	3	1	6	2	3	5
AVERAGE	-30	-28	-33	-33	-30	-38
How well or badly do you think the coalition government is managing the following issues?						
Public spending						
Very well	12	12	11	18	10	5
Fairly well	55	59	49	49	57	27
TOTAL WELL	67	71	60	67	67	32
Fairly badly	22	21	24	20	23	30
Very badly	9	8	11	12	8	33
TOTAL BADLY	31	29	35	32	31	63
Don't know	2	0	4	1	2	4
Taxation						
Very well	13	12	14	18	11	4
Fairly well	62	65	59	55	65	39
TOTAL WELL	75	77	73	73	76	43
Fairly badly	17	16	18	16	17	31
Very badly	7	7	7	8	6	21
TOTAL BADLY	24	23	25	24	23	52
Don't know	1	1	1	3	1	5
The National Health Service						
Very well	2	2	2	5	1	1
Fairly well	21	22	20	23	20	12
TOTAL WELL	23	24	22	28	21	13
Fairly badly	40	47	30	32	42	32
Very badly	33	26	43	31	34	49
TOTAL BADLY	73	73	73	63	76	81
Don't know	4	4	5	8	3	6
Crime						
Very well	5	6	4	10	4	3
Fairly well	59	61	56	51	61	42
TOTAL WELL	64	67	60	61	65	45
Fairly badly	18	17	18	17	18	24
Very badly	6	6	5	8	5	13
TOTAL BADLY	24	23	23	25	23	37
Don't know	12	10	16	14	12	18

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Student fees						
Very well	3	3	3	6	2	4
Fairly well	19	20	18	17	20	10
TOTAL WELL	22	23	21	23	22	14
Fairly badly	33	35	30	28	34	19
Very badly	44	42	49	49	43	67
TOTAL BADLY	77	77	79	77	77	86
Don't know	0	1	0	1	0	1
Europe						
Very well	4	4	4	11	2	1
Fairly well	55	57	53	48	57	32
TOTAL WELL	59	61	57	59	59	33
Fairly badly	24	25	22	28	23	32
Very badly	6	6	6	4	6	19
TOTAL BADLY	30	31	28	32	29	51
Don't know	11	8	16	9	12	16
Immigration						
Very well	2	1	3	6	1	1
Fairly well	42	47	34	37	43	22
TOTAL WELL	44	48	37	43	44	23
Fairly badly	36	36	36	34	36	32
Very badly	13	13	13	15	12	33
TOTAL BADLY	49	49	49	49	48	65
Don't know	8	4	14	8	8	11
Overseas aid						
Very well	12	16	6	21	9	6
Fairly well	51	50	52	45	52	41
TOTAL WELL	63	66	58	66	61	47
Fairly badly	17	17	17	19	17	18
Very badly	10	12	8	6	11	23
TOTAL BADLY	27	29	25	25	28	41
Don't know	10	5	17	9	10	12
Climate change						
Very well	4	4	4	7	3	1
Fairly well	46	46	46	43	47	28
TOTAL WELL	50	50	50	50	50	29
Fairly badly	31	32	29	29	31	30
Very badly	9	10	7	9	8	24
TOTAL BADLY	40	42	36	38	39	54
Don't know	11	8	14	11	10	16
Schools						
Very well	3	2	4	5	2	3
Fairly well	41	45	35	42	41	24
TOTAL WELL	44	47	39	47	43	27
Fairly badly	35	36	35	32	37	25
Very badly	12	11	14	9	13	34
TOTAL BADLY	47	47	49	41	50	59
Don't know	8	6	12	12	7	13
British banks						
Very well	2	2	1	4	1	1
Fairly well	25	27	22	40	21	16
TOTAL WELL	27	29	23	44	22	17
Fairly badly	37	36	38	27	39	30
Very badly	32	33	32	24	35	49
TOTAL BADLY	69	69	70	51	74	79
Don't know	4	2	6	5	4	5

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Looking back to this time last year, do you think the Liberal Democrats were right or wrong to join the coalition with the Conservatives?

Right - but they should have insisted on the coalition adopting more of the Lib Dem manifesto	34	32	37	30	35	35
Right - it was broadly the right deal in the circumstances	57	58	55	61	55	27
Wrong - the Lib Dems should not have joined the coalition	9	10	7	8	9	35
Don't know	0	0	1	0	0	3

How good or bad do you think the coalition is for...?

The Conservative Party

Excellent	25	21	32	22	26	30
Good	63	65	60	61	63	57
TOTAL GOOD	88	86	92	83	89	87
Neither good nor bad	10	12	7	13	9	10
Bad	2	2	2	3	2	1
Disastrous	0	1	0	1	0	1
TOTAL BAD	2	3	2	4	2	2
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0	0

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The Liberal Democrats

Excellent	2	2	2	5	2	1
Good	16	16	17	14	17	8
TOTAL GOOD	18	18	19	19	19	9
Neither good nor bad	15	15	14	7	17	5
Bad	45	47	42	49	44	38
Disastrous	21	20	24	24	21	48
TOTAL BAD	66	67	66	73	65	86
Don't know	0	1	0	1	0	0

Britain as a whole

Excellent	14	14	15	20	12	4
Good	65	68	60	58	67	33
TOTAL GOOD	79	82	75	78	79	37
Neither good nor bad	12	10	16	13	12	21
Bad	7	7	7	7	7	27
Disastrous	1	1	1	2	1	14
TOTAL BAD	8	8	8	9	8	41
Don't know	0	0	1	1	0	1

Do you think the Liberal Democrat MPs should...

Remain in the coalition for the full, planned, five-year term of this parliament	63	65	60	62	63	36
Remain in the coalition for the next two or three years, but pull out long enough before the election to fight it as an independent party	21	19	25	19	22	19
Remain in the coalition for the next year or so, but not much longer	6	6	6	8	6	10
Leave the coalition in the next few months and restore the party's independence	7	8	6	8	7	30
Don't know	2	2	3	3	2	5

Leaving aside what you would LIKE to happen, what do you think WILL happen?

The coalition will last the full five years	42	44	39	43	42	28
The coalition will end shortly before a 2015 general election	33	34	31	29	34	30
The coalition will last two or three more years, but no longer	19	14	25	18	19	33
The coalition will end within the next few months	3	4	2	6	2	2
Don't know	3	4	2	3	4	7

Do you think Nick Clegg should lead the Liberal Democrats at the next general election?

Yes, he should lead the Liberal Democrats into the next election	45	45	47	42	47	24
No, he should stand down before the election	35	39	30	49	31	59
Not sure	19	17	24	9	22	16

If Nick Clegg were to step down before the next election, which of these do you think would make the best leader of the Liberal Democrats?

Vince Cable, Business Secretary	23	23	23	19	24	25
Tim Farron, Party president	28	29	27	39	25	21
Chris Huhne, Climate Change Secretary	31	29	34	30	31	25
Not sure	18	19	16	12	20	28