

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2601 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 15th - 16th May 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 2601	804	871	210	798	682	589	1264	1337	315	663	890	733	1483	1118	333	845	557	640	226	
Unweighted Sample 2601	805	785	221	803	609	625	1222	1379	206	685	982	728	1770	831	454	879	501	520	247	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

David Laws resigned from the government shortly after the election when it was revealed that he had broken Parliamentary rules by claiming rent on his expenses for a room hired from his partner. Mr Laws said he made the claims because he wanted to keep his sexuality private, and that he did not benefit financially, as had he registered his partnership he could have claimed for the mortgage of the house instead.

The House of Commons authorities have now decided that Mr Laws did break the rules and have suspended him from the Commons for 7 days. Mr Laws has also repayed the expenses claimed. It has been suggested that Mr Laws could return to the government in the future. Which of the following best reflects your view?

He has now paid the price for his earlier errors and should be able to return to the government	19	20	16	35	20	18	22	17	21	26	21	17	16	20	17	20	21	18	17	18
He should be able to return to government in a year or two, but right now it is too soon	23	30	21	26	29	20	24	22	24	21	20	23	27	26	20	27	27	20	20	19
It would never be appropriate for him to return to government	48	45	55	27	47	55	43	53	43	34	43	53	51	46	49	42	42	54	52	51
None of these	2	1	2	4	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	2
Don't know	8	3	5	7	3	6	8	6	10	17	13	5	3	6	11	9	7	6	9	11