

YouGov / The Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 2425 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 4th - 5th August 2011

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Headline Voting Intention

Con	35	100	0	0	87	1	13	35	36	29	37	32	41	40	29	43	43	39	25	21
Lab	44	0	100	0	5	95	39	45	44	46	44	50	37	42	48	43	34	43	59	43
Lib Dem	9	0	0	100	1	1	36	7	11	12	11	7	8	10	8	8	12	9	7	5
Other	12	0	0	0	7	4	11	14	9	14	8	12	14	9	15	6	11	10	8	32

Other Parties Voting Intention

UKIP	4	0	0	0	5	1	2	5	3	1	1	4	6	4	4	4	5	4	3	0
SNP / PCY	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	3	3	2	4	3	2	4	0	0	1	0	28
Green	2	0	0	0	1	0	5	2	2	7	3	2	1	2	3	1	3	2	2	1
BNP	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	1	2	1	1	4	1	5	1	2	3	2	2
Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Non Voters

Would Not Vote	9	0	0	0	3	4	4	7	11	18	12	6	5	7	12	8	10	11	7	5
Don't know	14	0	0	0	13	7	20	10	17	11	14	15	15	13	15	18	13	16	13	9

Do you approve or disapprove of the Government's record to date?

	August 3 - 4	August 4 - 5																			
Approve	30	29	78	4	43	60	4	29	33	25	22	33	25	33	33	23	35	32	30	23	20
Disapprove	56	57	10	90	34	25	88	57	56	58	59	50	61	57	53	62	51	51	55	67	67
Don't know	15	14	13	6	23	16	8	14	11	18	19	17	14	10	13	15	15	17	16	10	13

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	July 28-29	August 4-5																			
Do you think that David Cameron is doing well or badly as Prime Minister?																					
Very well	6	5	18	0	2	14	0	2	6	5	5	6	5	5	6	4	5	6	6	5	5
Fairly well	35	35	74	8	60	62	8	39	34	36	31	40	31	37	39	29	38	42	36	28	22
TOTAL WELL	41	40	92	8	62	76	8	41	40	41	36	46	36	42	45	33	43	48	42	33	27
Fairly badly	30	31	6	45	27	15	42	35	29	32	34	29	31	30	31	30	32	28	28	33	37
Very badly	22	23	0	44	6	7	44	19	26	20	18	17	28	24	18	29	18	18	20	31	31
TOTAL BADLY	52	54	6	89	33	22	86	54	55	52	52	46	59	54	49	59	50	46	48	64	68
Don't know	6	6	2	3	5	3	5	4	5	8	13	8	5	4	6	7	7	6	10	4	5
Do you think Ed Miliband is doing well or badly as leader of the Labour party?																					
Very well	3	3	1	7	1	1	7	2	3	2	3	2	3	3	2	4	2	2	2	4	4
Fairly well	31	29	15	56	24	14	50	30	30	28	26	30	29	29	29	28	32	24	27	33	35
TOTAL WELL	34	32	16	63	25	15	57	32	33	30	29	32	32	32	31	32	34	26	29	37	39
Fairly badly	32	36	48	25	43	44	26	39	38	34	32	33	37	39	39	32	35	38	36	35	33
Very badly	19	18	27	3	17	31	5	13	20	16	11	18	18	20	18	18	17	21	15	16	18
TOTAL BADLY	51	54	75	28	60	75	31	52	58	50	43	51	55	59	57	50	52	59	51	51	51
Don't know	15	15	10	9	16	10	11	16	10	19	27	18	13	9	13	18	14	15	20	12	10
Do you think that Nick Clegg is doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?																					
Very well	2	1	2	0	6	1	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
Fairly well	22	19	40	5	52	33	6	26	19	20	11	20	18	24	22	17	20	23	21	14	17
TOTAL WELL	24	20	42	5	58	34	6	28	20	21	11	22	19	25	23	18	21	24	23	15	18
Fairly badly	32	33	36	30	30	34	30	38	33	34	33	34	33	33	34	32	39	34	30	32	34
Very badly	34	37	15	60	6	22	58	28	41	33	39	31	40	37	35	39	31	32	34	46	44
TOTAL BADLY	66	70	51	90	36	56	88	66	74	67	72	65	73	70	69	71	70	66	64	78	78
Don't know	11	10	8	5	6	9	6	6	6	13	16	13	8	6	8	12	10	10	14	7	4
Do you think the Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition partners are working together well or badly?																					
Very well	3	3	7	0	9	5	1	4	2	3	0	5	2	3	3	2	5	2	3	2	2
Fairly well	34	34	71	10	56	60	8	41	35	32	28	37	31	37	39	27	37	39	34	27	29
TOTAL WELL	37	37	78	10	65	65	9	45	37	35	28	42	33	40	42	29	42	41	37	29	31
Fairly badly	32	33	17	43	27	22	42	35	32	34	38	32	32	34	32	35	33	34	31	35	33
Very badly	23	24	2	44	4	9	46	15	26	21	19	19	30	23	20	29	20	18	24	31	33
TOTAL BADLY	55	57	19	87	31	31	88	50	58	55	57	51	62	57	52	64	53	52	55	66	66
Don't know	7	7	4	3	3	4	4	5	4	9	15	7	6	4	6	7	6	8	9	5	4

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Do you think this coalition government is good or bad for people like you?

Very good	3	3	7	0	8	5	0	5	3	3	3	5	2	2	3	2	4	2	3	2	4
Fairly good	19	20	47	4	45	38	3	27	22	18	14	21	19	24	23	16	23	22	22	16	14
TOTAL GOOD	22	23	54	4	53	43	3	32	25	21	17	26	21	26	26	18	27	24	25	18	18
Fairly bad	24	25	17	31	17	23	31	21	25	26	27	26	25	24	27	23	27	26	24	23	26
Very bad	28	29	4	55	5	12	55	23	31	27	23	23	36	29	24	35	26	22	27	39	35
TOTAL BAD	52	54	21	86	22	35	86	44	56	53	50	49	61	53	51	58	53	48	51	62	61
Won't make much difference either way	20	18	23	8	22	19	9	21	17	20	23	20	16	19	18	20	15	23	17	16	17
Don't know	5	4	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	11	5	3	3	5	4	6	4	6	3	4

Do you think the coalition government is managing the economy well or badly?

Very well	4	3	9	0	4	7	0	2	4	2	4	4	2	2	4	2	4	2	3	3	3
Fairly well	29	31	73	7	52	61	6	33	35	29	27	33	29	35	36	25	33	36	32	27	23
TOTAL WELL	33	34	82	7	56	68	6	35	39	31	31	37	31	37	40	27	37	38	35	30	26
Fairly badly	31	31	12	40	28	19	40	34	28	34	34	31	29	32	29	33	34	29	28	34	33
Very badly	26	26	1	48	5	8	48	21	28	24	17	21	32	26	23	30	20	22	25	30	38
TOTAL BADLY	57	57	13	88	33	27	88	55	56	58	51	52	61	58	52	63	54	51	53	64	71
Don't know	10	9	5	5	10	6	5	9	6	12	17	11	7	5	8	10	9	10	13	6	4

In your opinion how good or bad is the state of Britain's economy at the moment?

Very good	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Quite good	3	3	7	1	5	6	1	3	4	2	4	4	2	3	4	2	4	3	2	3	3
TOTAL GOOD	4	3	8	1	5	7	1	3	4	2	4	5	2	3	4	2	4	3	2	3	4
Neither good nor bad	17	16	28	12	22	23	10	17	18	15	17	22	14	15	19	13	18	18	19	12	12
Quite bad	49	47	49	47	54	46	46	52	48	47	46	45	46	51	47	48	41	51	43	50	47
Very bad	27	30	14	39	18	22	41	27	29	32	24	25	36	30	28	33	34	25	30	33	37
TOTAL BAD	76	77	63	86	72	68	87	79	77	79	70	70	82	81	75	81	75	76	73	83	84
Don't know	3	3	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	4	8	3	2	1	2	3	2	2	5	2	1

How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months?

Get a lot better	1	1	1	1	4	1	0	2	1	1	3	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	0
Get a little better	9	8	13	5	12	10	4	9	10	7	17	13	5	3	9	7	11	7	8	7	13
TOTAL BETTER	10	9	14	6	16	11	4	11	11	8	20	15	5	3	10	8	13	8	9	8	13
Stay about the same	29	28	40	21	35	33	20	32	26	29	32	35	24	25	31	24	27	30	29	24	32
Get a little worse	38	37	35	41	39	38	42	35	38	36	28	29	39	46	38	36	36	39	35	40	31
Get a lot worse	20	22	10	30	8	16	31	19	23	22	11	17	29	24	19	27	20	20	24	25	23
TOTAL WORSE	58	59	45	71	47	54	73	54	61	58	39	46	68	70	57	63	56	59	59	65	54
Don't know	3	4	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	5	8	5	2	2	3	5	4	4	4	4	2

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Thinking about the current state of economy and the deficit, do you think the government should be cutting government spending less, should be cutting government spending more, or do you think they have got the balance about right?

Should be cutting government spending less	40	11	71	28	18	68	43	43	36	39	34	45	40	38	43	37	34	38	48	48
Should be cutting government spending more	26	39	16	26	39	16	20	25	27	23	25	24	32	26	26	28	27	27	24	23
Are getting the balance about right	20	44	4	36	35	5	25	21	19	16	25	19	19	24	15	23	24	18	16	18
Don't know	14	6	9	9	8	11	12	10	18	22	16	13	9	12	16	12	15	17	11	11

Compared with six months ago, do you have more or less confidence in the coalition government's strategy on the economy?

More confidence	5	11	1	15	9	2	7	6	4	9	6	4	4	5	5	6	4	7	3	7
Less confidence	35	17	45	28	29	43	36	38	33	25	31	38	41	33	38	39	34	34	37	37
No difference - I still have some confidence in their economic strategy	28	65	6	39	52	6	29	29	27	25	31	26	30	32	23	30	32	27	25	21
No difference - I did not have any confidence in their strategy to begin with	26	3	44	15	7	45	23	24	27	29	22	28	24	24	28	21	23	24	30	32
Don't know	6	3	4	4	4	4	5	4	8	13	9	5	1	6	6	4	7	9	4	3

Thinking about the number of public sector jobs and the government's attempts to cut them, do you think the government is cutting too many public sector jobs, too few, or are they getting the balance about right?

Cutting too many public sector jobs	48	16	78	35	23	76	52	46	50	51	48	53	41	46	51	45	43	45	57	54
Not cutting enough public sector jobs	20	36	7	18	35	7	13	24	16	11	14	19	29	21	18	21	22	19	18	17
Getting the balance about right	20	42	7	31	35	7	21	22	18	18	24	17	20	23	16	23	22	23	14	16
Don't know	13	6	9	16	6	10	14	8	17	21	14	11	9	11	15	11	13	14	11	13

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The government is seeking changes to public sector pensions that will require public sector workers to work for longer and contribute more to their pensions. The government say that with people living longer the changes are necessary to make public sector pensions affordable in the long term. The trade Unions say that changes have already been made that make current pensions sustainable.

Do you think it is right or wrong for the government to ask public sector workers to contribute more of their salary towards their pension?

Right	48	76	28	62	70	31	50	54	43	35	44	46	60	54	41	51	52	48	42	51
Wrong	35	15	55	23	19	54	34	33	37	37	37	41	27	33	39	30	32	32	44	40
Not sure	17	9	17	15	11	15	16	13	20	28	19	13	13	14	20	19	17	20	15	9

Do you support or oppose public sector workers taking strike action over the proposed changes to their pensions?

Support	36	12	60	28	18	59	39	36	37	36	37	42	29	34	39	35	32	33	44	42
Oppose	49	80	25	60	74	26	49	52	46	41	44	46	60	53	43	51	53	50	43	45
Don't know	15	7	14	12	9	15	12	12	17	23	19	12	11	13	17	14	15	17	13	13

It has been reported that 291 civil servants earned more than the Prime Minister last year. Do you believe it is justified or unjustified for anybody in the public sector to earn more than the prime minister?

Justified - it is right that some very senior public sector employees should earn more than the Prime Minister	17	12	23	21	12	21	19	18	16	28	21	15	12	20	13	21	16	16	19	16
Unjustified - there is no need for any public sector employees to be paid more than the Prime Minister earns	71	83	66	73	82	66	73	73	70	55	66	73	82	71	72	64	75	71	70	73
Don't know	11	5	12	6	6	13	8	8	14	16	13	12	7	9	15	15	9	13	11	10

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Next year the government will be consulting on whether or not planes should be allowed to take off and land at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted at night. Some people think it is necessary to increase capacity at airports by allowing night flights, other people think night flights cause unacceptable noise for residents under flightpaths. Do you think planes should or should not be allowed to take off and land during the night?

Should	43	45	46	37	43	44	39	49	38	58	51	40	35	42	45	37	41	41	51	47
Should not	40	43	37	45	44	37	44	37	42	20	32	43	50	42	36	47	45	37	31	36
Don't know	17	12	16	18	13	19	17	14	20	22	17	18	15	16	19	15	14	22	18	17

Some people have suggested that a new main airport for the UK should be build in the Thames estuary, either in North Kent or on a man made island. Would you support or oppose the building of a new airport in the Thames estuary?

Support	36	45	33	41	43	32	36	44	29	36	35	35	39	38	34	46	38	38	30	28
Oppose	27	27	27	25	28	26	29	25	29	22	30	28	25	29	25	28	29	24	26	28
Don't know	37	28	40	34	29	42	35	31	42	42	35	38	36	34	41	26	32	38	45	44

Which do you think should be the greater priority for government spending on transport - building the proposed High Speed Rail link between London and Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds, building a new airport to expand capacity, or would you support neither of these?

The high speed rail link	43	46	48	56	42	46	50	45	42	60	46	42	36	46	40	34	41	40	55	41
A new airport	16	20	14	14	19	15	13	19	12	12	14	14	20	16	14	26	18	15	8	13
Neither of these	29	27	28	19	30	28	26	27	31	14	26	33	34	27	32	29	28	30	29	32
Don't know	12	8	10	10	9	11	11	8	15	13	15	11	10	11	14	11	13	15	8	13

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On a different subject...

Thinking about the recent unrest in Syria and the Syrian government's use of force against protesters, would you support or oppose the international community sending troops into Syria to protect civilians?

Support	27	29	31	31	25	32	31	35	20	37	30	25	24	29	25	24	27	27	29	30
Oppose	49	50	47	49	53	45	48	49	49	32	38	54	60	48	50	48	48	50	49	51
Not sure	24	21	22	20	21	23	21	16	31	31	31	21	16	23	25	27	25	23	22	19

If the UN approved military intervention in Syria, would you support or oppose British troops taking part in action against Syria?

Support	29	30	33	31	27	34	31	36	22	37	33	27	23	31	26	26	28	26	30	35
Oppose	52	53	48	49	57	46	50	51	52	34	40	55	65	49	55	53	51	52	51	49
Not sure	20	17	18	20	17	20	18	14	25	29	27	18	12	20	20	20	20	21	18	15

Moving on,

Thinking about planning laws and the restrictions upon building in the countryside, do you think it is current too difficult to build in rural areas, too easy to build in rural areas, or is the balance about right?

It is currently too difficult to build in rural areas - the rules should be relaxed	15	13	17	21	14	17	15	19	12	13	18	15	14	15	15	17	13	16	16	17
It is currently too easy to build in rural areas - the rules should be tightened	29	36	24	22	37	25	27	26	32	19	22	29	40	28	30	28	34	26	29	23
The current rules on building in rural areas are about right	34	36	37	42	35	36	40	36	33	35	34	35	34	37	31	28	34	37	35	38
Don't know	22	14	23	15	14	23	18	19	24	33	26	21	13	20	23	27	20	21	21	22

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Charlie Gilmour, the son of the Pink Floyd singer, was sentenced to 16 months for violent disorder during the student fee protests. Mr Gilmour was photographed swinging from the Cenotaph, smashed a window and threw a bin at a convoy carrying the Prince of Wales.

Do you think the punishment given to Mr Gilmour was too harsh, too soft, or about right?

Too harsh	24	15	32	24	16	29	31	23	24	28	24	25	19	26	20	25	23	22	28	17
Too soft	26	35	22	18	34	23	17	33	20	16	23	24	35	23	30	21	25	28	26	29
About right	43	47	40	52	47	41	46	38	48	40	44	44	43	45	42	46	45	41	40	48
Don't know	7	3	6	7	3	6	7	7	8	16	8	6	3	6	9	8	7	8	6	5

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	81	150
Male 25 to 39	292	310
Male 40 to 59	486	410
Male 60 +	330	308
Female 18 to 24	102	143
Female 25 to 39	311	308
Female 40 to 59	499	420
Female 60 +	324	376
Region		
North England	535	597
Midlands	360	398
East England	239	233
London	336	310
South England	581	555
Wales	142	121
Scotland	232	211
Social Grade		
AB	815	679
C1	677	703
C2	464	509
DE	469	534
Newspaper Type		
Express / Mail	497	364
Sun / Star	356	521
Mirror / Record	157	376
Guardian / Independent	163	73
FT / Times / Telegraph	178	206
Other Paper	309	279
No Paper	765	606
Political Party Identification		
Labour	738	788
Conservative	658	691
Liberal Democrat	251	291
Others	156	73
None/ DK	622	582

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