

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1115

Fieldwork: 1st - 4th March 2007

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Where would you place yourself on the following scale?

Very left-wing	7	7	6	17	0	0	6	8	8	5	11	8	5	5
Fairly left-wing	32	38	29	83	0	0	31	35	35	26	36	31	31	36
Slightly left-of-centre	33	39	29	0	100	0	37	25	36	28	29	33	35	32
Centre	11	8	13	0	0	51	12	10	8	17	14	9	11	12
Slightly right-of-centre	6	3	8	0	0	29	6	6	5	8	4	6	8	3
Fairly right-wing	3	1	5	0	0	15	4	2	3	4	0	3	3	6
Very right-wing	1	0	2	0	0	6	1	1	1	2	0	2	1	1
Not sure	7	4	9	0	0	0	4	14	5	11	7	8	6	5

How do you rate Tony Blair's performance as Prime Minister?

Outstanding	11	19	5	9	17	8	12	8	11	10	17	9	9	13
Good	28	37	21	26	37	22	28	28	30	26	37	26	26	33
Fair	27	28	27	28	25	25	24	34	27	26	26	28	27	26
Poor	17	11	23	22	12	19	19	14	18	16	14	20	18	13
Bad	16	7	23	16	9	27	17	15	13	22	5	16	20	16
Don't know	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	2	1	1	0

How do you rate Gordon Brown's performance as Chancellor of the Exchequer?

Outstanding	26	41	15	30	35	11	27	23	29	20	31	20	22	41
Good	37	39	35	40	43	25	36	40	39	33	43	38	38	29
Fair	21	14	28	21	16	27	22	21	20	24	18	24	24	12
Poor	8	4	11	4	4	19	8	8	6	12	5	8	8	9
Bad	7	2	11	4	2	18	8	6	6	10	1	9	7	9
Don't know	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	2	0	1	0

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Compared with ten years ago, when Labour came to power, do you think Britain is a fairer society, or less fair, or has there been little change?

Fairer	49	67	36	57	61	22	49	49	53	40	63	49	43	49
Less fair	27	13	36	21	16	49	27	26	22	34	13	25	32	29
Little change	23	19	26	21	22	27	24	22	23	24	21	25	24	22
Don't know	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	2	3	2	1	1

Do you agree or disagree with this statement: 'Tony Blair has been George W Bush's poodle'?

Agree	55	41	64	62	42	61	55	55	55	55	45	60	56	50
Disagree	38	52	30	32	50	34	40	34	39	37	48	33	36	45
Don't know	7	8	6	6	8	6	5	11	7	8	7	7	8	5

How much influence do you think trade unions have on the current government?

A great deal of influence	3	3	3	1	1	7	3	2	3	3	5	3	2	3
Some influence	36	43	33	31	41	40	37	35	36	38	39	33	34	46
Not much influence	52	47	54	59	52	42	51	55	54	47	47	54	56	46
No influence	7	4	8	7	5	8	8	4	6	8	5	8	7	5
Not sure	2	3	3	1	1	4	2	4	1	5	5	2	2	0

And how much influence do you think trade unions SHOULD have on the government?

A great deal of influence	13	11	15	20	6	11	14	13	12	16	15	15	12	11
Some influence	62	63	61	68	65	48	61	63	64	58	60	61	65	59
Not much influence	19	20	16	9	26	27	18	19	20	15	17	19	18	21
No influence	4	4	5	1	2	13	5	2	3	6	3	3	4	9
Not sure	2	2	3	1	0	3	2	4	1	4	6	2	1	0

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How much influence do you think the people who run large companies have on the current government?

A great deal of influence	44	35	50	55	37	35	45	43	45	42	44	47	44	41
Some influence	40	48	34	34	50	40	40	38	41	37	39	39	39	43
Not much influence	11	12	10	8	11	15	11	11	10	13	9	10	11	13
No influence	3	3	4	2	2	6	2	5	3	4	2	3	4	2
Not sure	3	3	3	1	1	5	2	5	2	5	6	2	2	0

And how much influence do you think the people who run large companies SHOULD have on the government?

A great deal of influence	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	3
Some influence	36	40	34	29	44	42	39	31	39	32	38	38	35	35
Not much influence	39	40	39	44	42	31	39	41	40	37	39	38	40	42
No influence	21	17	23	25	13	22	19	24	19	25	16	21	23	20
Not sure	2	2	2	1	0	3	2	3	1	4	5	1	1	0

Turning to policy issues, which of these statements comes closest to your view?

'So much needs to be done to improve public services and reduce poverty that the overall tax burden needs to rise'	50	56	45	74	44	22	49	52	55	40	54	48	50	50
'It's important to encourage enterprise, and it would do more harm than good to increase the overall tax burden'	41	34	45	20	45	69	43	35	37	49	30	42	42	46
Don't know	10	10	10	7	11	9	8	13	9	11	16	10	9	4

Do you think the current tax system is broadly fair, or should it be made more 'redistributive' - that is, with better-off people paying higher taxes, and less well-off people paying lower taxes?

Current system is broadly fair	18	20	17	8	22	29	19	15	21	13	18	21	16	15
System should be made a little more redistributive	46	49	44	41	61	37	45	49	48	43	44	45	50	43
System should be made much more redistributive	32	29	34	49	17	23	32	31	30	37	31	30	31	39
Don't know	4	3	5	1	1	11	4	4	2	7	6	4	3	3

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Are you in favour of, or opposed to, the introduction of a system of identity cards in Britain?

In favour	45	50	41	36	49	49	45	45	41	51	36	36	48	63
Opposed	45	38	49	52	41	42	47	40	47	40	46	54	42	29
Don't know	11	12	10	12	10	9	9	15	12	9	18	10	10	8

Which of these statements comes closer to your view?

'Green taxes, for example on petrol and airline flights, should rise significantly in order to cut carbon emissions and pollution'	50	61	43	65	56	23	51	46	59	32	61	53	45	47
'Taxes on private motoring and air travel are high enough already'	42	30	50	27	37	71	42	44	32	62	26	40	49	46
Don't know	8	9	7	8	8	6	7	10	9	7	12	7	6	7

Which of the following policies would you favour most, regarding the replacement of Britain's Trident nuclear missile system, when it reaches the end of its useful life?

Britain should replace Trident with an equally powerful nuclear missile system	23	21	24	13	24	38	27	14	19	30	29	21	21	27
Britain should retain a minimum nuclear system, but it should be less powerful and cost less than replacing Trident	40	42	39	34	48	40	40	41	40	41	37	44	39	38
Britain should give up nuclear weapons completely	31	31	31	49	23	15	30	34	35	23	24	30	34	32
Don't know	6	7	5	4	5	8	4	12	6	6	11	6	5	2

Which of these policies would you favour most, regarding Britain's troops in Iraq?

All British troops should all be brought home immediately	21	14	25	23	10	29	20	23	18	26	11	23	23	21
All British troops should be brought home before the end of this year	36	34	38	40	37	29	35	39	38	33	26	35	41	40
Britain should keep troops in Iraq as long as Iraq's government wants	37	45	31	31	48	36	40	31	38	34	54	36	31	37
Don't know	6	7	6	6	5	6	6	7	5	8	10	6	6	2

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If the US were to launch a military attack on Iran, in order to prevent Iran acquiring nuclear weapons, do you think Britain's government should...?

Send British troops to support the American attack	7	6	7	4	5	12	7	6	5	9	8	8	6	3
Not send troops, but not condemn the attack either	34	33	35	22	40	45	36	30	30	42	41	34	34	32
Publicly condemn the American attack	52	52	51	70	48	33	51	55	58	41	40	51	55	58
Not sure	7	9	7	5	7	9	6	10	7	9	12	7	6	6

The United States is planning a new missile-defence system, to provide early warning of missile launches by 'rogue' states and other possible enemies.

A number of special radar systems will need to be installed in different countries. Would you support or oppose such a station being located in Britain?

Support	39	37	40	23	46	56	45	25	35	48	28	38	40	47
Oppose	47	47	47	65	37	33	43	56	51	39	52	49	46	42
Don't know	14	16	13	12	17	11	12	18	14	14	20	13	14	11

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Here are some proposals that have been made for action by the Government over the next two or three years.

Among these proposals, which three or four should be the top priorities for Labour's new leader? [Please tick up to four options]

Increase taxes on people earning more than £100,000 a year	53	51	53	67	47	37	51	58	55	49	49	54	50	60
Seek tougher international action to reduce climate change	50	56	47	59	60	28	50	51	58	35	57	52	51	39
Reduce immigration	34	20	43	15	28	64	34	32	24	53	19	30	41	37
Bring British troops home from Iraq	32	25	37	33	29	35	31	37	31	36	12	33	37	38
Increase benefits paid to pensioners, lone parents and unemployed people	31	35	29	38	30	23	30	34	32	30	27	23	32	53
Make the House of Lords more democratic	31	39	23	38	37	17	34	24	33	26	36	31	26	38
Increase aid to Africa, and work to lower trade barriers faced by Africa countries	29	36	24	38	36	10	27	34	36	15	39	30	26	26
Build more prisons	23	16	28	13	20	43	25	20	18	34	19	24	24	23
Commit Britain to a new generation of nuclear power stations	20	20	20	9	27	35	25	9	20	22	16	18	22	27
Reform schools and hospitals further to give parents and patients more choice	19	23	16	14	20	23	18	21	18	20	31	19	15	15
Restore to the trade unions the rights and powers they had before 1979	18	14	20	25	12	14	18	17	16	20	15	19	19	13
Abolish the special status given to City Academy schools and Foundation Hospitals	17	17	17	23	15	10	18	14	19	12	17	17	17	14
Not sure	3	3	3	2	2	4	2	5	2	5	6	3	2	1