

Opinion Poll

Fieldwork : December 3rd-5th 2004

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

Q.2 Many people currently say that they probably won't vote at all at the next general election, while others say they would definitely vote. How likely are you, personally, to vote at the next election?

Q.3/4 On the basis of your view of the parties at the moment, if there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for?

Data excludes those who score 1/DK/Not registered for likelihood to vote (12%), or who don't know who they would vote for (14%), or who refuse to answer (8%).

THIS TABLE DOES NOT INCLUDE ADJUSTMENT FOR DON'T KNOW/REFUSERS

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid- lands	North Eng- land	Wales & South West	Scot- land	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	826	402	424	59	107	152	162	143	204	262	193	126	245	218	213	192	126	78	251	318	176	206	
Weighted base	830	418	412	73	116	155	151	144	191	221	253	155	202	224	211	193	127	76	279	301	169	212	
Conservative	279 34%	136 33%	143 35%	20 28%	39 34%	55 35%	44 29%	57 40%	64 33%	75 34%	100 40%	58 37%	47 23%	98 44%	73 35%	46 24%	49 39%	13 17%	279 100%	-	-	-	57 27%
Labour	301 36%	153 37%	148 36%	28 39%	36 31%	56 36%	58 38%	44 30%	78 41%	70 32%	77 31%	56 36%	98 48%	63 28%	77 37%	94 49%	40 32%	26 34%	-	301 100%	-	-	71 34%
Liberal	169 20%	77 18%	92 22%	16 21%	25 22%	31 20%	28 18%	34 23%	36 19%	57 26%	50 20%	28 18%	34 17%	49 22%	41 19%	43 22%	23 18%	14 19%	-	-	169 100%	55 26%	
SNP	20 2%	10 2%	9 2%	2 3%	3 3%	1 1%	6 4%	3 2%	4 2%	5 2%	4 2%	4 3%	7 3%	-	1 1%	1 *	1 1%	16 22%	-	-	-	3 1%	
Plaid Cymru	6 1%	2 *	5 1%	-	1 1%	1 *	1 1%	-	3 2%	1 *	-	1 1%	4 2%	-	-	-	6 5%	-	-	-	-	1 1%	
The Green Party	15 2%	10 2%	5 1%	3 4%	5 4%	2 1%	4 3%	1 *	1 *	5 2%	7 3%	2 1%	2 1%	2 1%	4 2%	3 2%	3 2%	4 5%	-	-	-	6 3%	
The United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)	20 2%	12 3%	8 2%	-	3 3%	4 2%	6 4%	5 4%	2 1%	3 1%	8 3%	3 2%	6 3%	8 4%	5 2%	2 1%	3 2%	2 2%	-	-	-	9 4%	
The British National Party (BNP)	5 1%	5 1%	* *	1 1%	-	1 1%	3 2%	-	-	1 *	3 1%	1 1%	* *	1 *	4 2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 1%
The Socialist Alliance	3 *	3 1%	-	2 3%	-	-	-	-	1 *	1 *	2 1%	-	-	-	2 1%	1 *	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 *
The Scottish Socialist Party	1 *	-	1 *	-	-	-	1 1%	-	-	-	1 *	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 1%	-	-	-	-	
Another party	12 1%	11 3%	1 *	1 1%	2 2%	4 3%	2 1%	1 *	2 1%	5 2%	2 1%	1 1%	4 2%	3 1%	4 2%	3 2%	1 1%	1 1%	-	-	-	7 3%	

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Table 2
Published voting intention figures:- 7th December 2004

	<u>Total</u>
Conservative	33%
Labour	37%
Liberal Democrat/ Liberal	20%
Scottish National Party/SNP	2%
Plaid Cymru	1%
Other	7%

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Table 3

Q.6 Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

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Unweighted base	760	349	411	64	112	159	148	117	160	196	199	147	218	201	201	183	107	68	144	196	109	247
Weighted base	777	361	416	79	121	166	137	120	154	165	257	180	175	209	195	193	109	71	160	194	107	259
Britain's economy is strong enough for the government to increase spending on public services further without taxes having to rise	365 47%	177 49%	188 45%	42 53%	67 55%	84 50%	72 53%	51 43%	49 32%	66 40%	123 48%	99 55%	76 44%	102 49%	93 48%	85 44%	52 48%	33 47%	63 40%	107 55%	41 38%	125 48%
Britain's economy cannot afford further increases in public spending without higher taxes	367 47%	170 47%	197 47%	36 45%	48 40%	73 44%	56 41%	63 53%	90 59%	90 55%	121 47%	72 40%	84 48%	90 43%	91 47%	97 50%	52 48%	36 51%	94 59%	81 42%	62 57%	123 48%
Neither of these	12 2%	4 1%	8 2%	-	-	4 2%	4 3%	2 1%	3 2%	4 2%	3 1%	2 1%	4 2%	5 2%	6 3%	1 *	1 1%	-	1 *	1 1%	2 2%	1 1%
Don't know	33 4%	10 3%	23 6%	1 1%	6 5%	6 4%	4 3%	4 3%	12 8%	5 3%	11 4%	7 4%	11 6%	13 6%	5 2%	10 5%	4 4%	1 2%	2 1%	5 2%	3 2%	9 4%

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Table 4

Q.7 If, after the next election, whichever party was in power found it had a choice between raising taxes and cutting spending, which would you prefer to see them do?

Base: All 'Split B' respondents

Weighting: Standard Demographic Weights

	Sex		Age							Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid- lands	North Eng- land	Wales & South West	Scot- land	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters
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Weighted base	734	364	370	87	136	136	120	107	148	213	181	137	202	193	199	179	101	62	154	187	98	229
Raise taxes	189	104	84	20	25	35	35	33	41	65	48	25	50	48	48	49	25	19	25	67	37	52
	26%	29%	23%	23%	18%	26%	29%	31%	28%	31%	27%	18%	25%	25%	24%	28%	25%	30%	16%	36%	38%	23%
Cut spending	465	221	244	59	100	85	73	64	83	124	111	102	128	130	131	106	67	32	115	104	55	157
	63%	61%	66%	68%	74%	62%	61%	60%	56%	58%	61%	74%	63%	67%	66%	59%	66%	51%	75%	55%	56%	69%
Neither	25	13	12	2	3	6	4	5	6	5	8	1	11	3	7	9	5	1	7	4	4	5
	3%	4%	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%	5%	4%	3%	4%	1%	5%	2%	3%	5%	5%	2%	5%	2%	4%	2%
Don't know	55	26	29	6	8	10	8	5	18	18	14	9	13	12	13	15	4	10	6	12	3	15
	7%	7%	8%	7%	6%	8%	7%	5%	12%	9%	8%	7%	7%	6%	7%	8%	4%	17%	4%	6%	3%	7%

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Table 5

Q.8 If, after the next election, whichever party was in power found big savings by cutting wasteful spending, would you prefer to see that money used to?

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Weighting: Standard Demographic Weights

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters
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Cut taxes	225	107	117	30	35	51	32	37	39	38	75	59	53	71	55	57	24	18	60	47	22	80
	29%	30%	28%	38%	29%	30%	24%	31%	25%	23%	29%	33%	30%	34%	28%	30%	22%	25%	38%	24%	21%	31%
Increase spending on public services	531	248	283	49	85	107	101	80	107	123	177	117	114	137	129	132	82	52	95	144	84	174
	68%	69%	68%	62%	70%	65%	74%	67%	70%	74%	69%	65%	65%	65%	66%	69%	75%	73%	60%	75%	78%	67%
Neither	4	1	4	-	-	-	2	-	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
	1%	*	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	2%	1%	*	1%	1%	*	2%	*	-	-	-	-	1%	*
Don't know	18	5	13	-	1	8	1	2	5	4	4	3	7	2	9	2	3	1	5	2	-	5
	2%	1%	3%	-	1%	5%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	4%	1%	5%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%	-	2%

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Table 6

Q.9 Thinking ahead to the period after the next general election, do you expect that taxes will go up, or stay about the same or be cut...?

Base: All 'Split B' respondents

Weighting: Standard Demographic Weights

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Dem-o-crats	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	751	358	393	72	126	138	139	111	165	260	138	109	244	199	196	184	106	66	146	200	101	233
Weighted base	734	364	370	87	136	136	120	107	148	213	181	137	202	193	199	179	101	62	154	187	98	229
<u>If Labour is re-elected</u>																						
Go up	523	270	253	51	91	94	88	82	116	154	127	101	142	140	124	136	81	44	138	102	84	161
	71%	74%	69%	59%	67%	69%	73%	77%	79%	72%	70%	74%	70%	72%	62%	76%	80%	70%	90%	55%	85%	70%
Stay the same	140	71	69	18	26	31	27	18	20	43	38	20	38	33	55	31	13	8	11	66	9	41
	19%	19%	19%	20%	19%	22%	23%	17%	13%	20%	21%	15%	19%	17%	28%	17%	13%	13%	7%	35%	10%	18%
Be cut	23	10	12	12	4	3	1	2	1	4	5	8	5	6	9	4	2	2	4	13	-	14
	3%	3%	3%	14%	3%	2%	1%	2%	*	2%	3%	6%	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%	2%	7%	-	6%
Don't know	48	13	35	6	15	9	4	4	11	11	11	8	18	15	11	9	5	8	-	6	5	14
	7%	3%	10%	7%	11%	6%	3%	4%	7%	5%	6%	6%	9%	8%	6%	5%	5%	13%	-	3%	5%	6%
<u>If the Conservatives are elected</u>																						
Go up	355	174	182	36	72	53	60	50	84	103	74	70	108	81	98	98	49	30	49	103	56	108
	48%	48%	49%	42%	53%	39%	50%	47%	57%	48%	41%	51%	53%	42%	49%	55%	49%	49%	32%	55%	57%	47%
Stay the same	191	108	83	31	26	41	33	29	32	58	56	35	42	64	52	39	22	13	60	32	27	67
	26%	30%	22%	35%	19%	30%	27%	27%	22%	27%	31%	26%	21%	33%	26%	22%	22%	21%	39%	17%	27%	29%
Be cut	94	50	44	7	16	19	18	18	15	28	28	15	22	28	23	19	19	4	35	29	11	23
	13%	14%	12%	8%	12%	14%	15%	17%	10%	13%	15%	11%	11%	14%	12%	11%	19%	7%	23%	16%	12%	10%
Don't know	94	33	61	13	22	23	9	10	17	24	23	17	30	20	25	23	11	14	10	23	4	32
	13%	9%	17%	15%	16%	17%	8%	10%	11%	11%	12%	12%	15%	11%	13%	13%	11%	23%	6%	12%	4%	14%

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Table 7

Q.10 Which of the following is closest to your view?**Base: All 'Split A' respondents****Weighting: Standard Demographic Weights**

	Sex		Age							Social Class				Region				Voting Intention				
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Weighted base	777	361	416	79	121	166	137	120	154	165	257	180	175	209	195	193	109	71	160	194	107	259
Britain's economy is doing well and that is largely because of Gordon Brown's policies as Chancellor	250 32%	133 37%	118 28%	22 28%	35 29%	49 29%	49 36%	36 30%	59 39%	62 37%	70 27%	62 35%	56 32%	69 33%	53 27%	66 34%	39 36%	23 33%	22 13%	123 64%	21 19%	83 32%
Britain's economy is doing well but that is not much to do with Gordon Brown's policies as Chancellor	250 32%	122 34%	128 31%	31 39%	35 29%	64 39%	46 34%	45 37%	29 19%	59 36%	85 33%	63 35%	42 24%	79 38%	64 33%	55 29%	29 26%	22 32%	71 44%	38 20%	34 32%	96 37%
Britain's economy is not doing well and that is largely because of Gordon Brown's policies as Chancellor	89 11%	38 11%	51 12%	4 6%	18 15%	15 9%	12 8%	18 15%	22 14%	14 8%	32 12%	19 11%	24 14%	18 8%	21 11%	22 12%	16 15%	11 16%	31 20%	7 3%	18 17%	26 10%
Britain's economy is not doing well but that is not much to do with Gordon Brown's policies as Chancellor	123 16%	51 14%	71 17%	16 20%	21 17%	27 16%	22 16%	12 10%	25 16%	22 13%	44 17%	24 13%	33 19%	29 14%	34 17%	34 18%	15 14%	11 16%	30 19%	18 9%	23 22%	31 12%
Don't know	66 8%	17 5%	48 12%	6 8%	12 10%	12 7%	9 7%	8 7%	18 12%	8 5%	26 10%	12 7%	19 11%	15 7%	22 11%	15 8%	10 9%	3 4%	6 4%	7 4%	11 10%	24 9%

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Table 8

Q.11 Do you think that the following people have a likable personality or not?

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Weighted base	734	364	370	87	136	136	120	107	148	213	181	137	202	193	199	179	101	62	154	187	98	229
<u>Gordon Brown</u>																						
Yes	370	174	196	31	62	72	63	52	91	111	83	63	114	82	98	102	50	38	63	121	51	122
	50%	48%	53%	35%	46%	53%	52%	49%	61%	52%	46%	46%	56%	43%	49%	57%	50%	61%	41%	65%	52%	53%
No	287	159	128	42	58	54	44	50	39	77	90	54	66	86	82	61	45	13	86	45	42	81
	39%	44%	35%	48%	43%	40%	36%	47%	27%	36%	50%	39%	33%	45%	41%	34%	44%	22%	56%	24%	43%	35%
Don't know	77	31	45	14	15	10	14	5	18	25	9	21	22	25	19	16	6	11	5	21	5	26
	10%	9%	12%	17%	11%	7%	12%	5%	12%	12%	5%	15%	11%	13%	9%	9%	6%	18%	3%	11%	5%	11%
<u>Tony Blair</u>																						
Yes	358	170	188	43	60	70	62	53	70	102	90	65	101	89	99	99	46	25	56	151	36	121
	49%	47%	51%	49%	44%	51%	51%	50%	48%	48%	50%	47%	50%	46%	50%	56%	45%	40%	36%	81%	37%	53%
No	325	170	155	37	68	59	46	49	66	94	82	61	88	92	88	67	49	29	91	27	58	94
	44%	47%	42%	43%	50%	43%	38%	46%	45%	44%	45%	44%	43%	48%	44%	38%	48%	46%	59%	14%	58%	41%
Don't know	51	25	26	7	8	8	13	5	11	17	9	12	13	12	12	7	8	7	9	5	5	14
	7%	7%	7%	8%	6%	6%	10%	4%	7%	8%	5%	9%	7%	6%	6%	7%	7%	13%	4%	5%	5%	6%
<u>Michael Howard</u>																						
Yes	266	140	126	24	49	51	47	41	53	93	60	49	64	81	65	63	41	16	94	57	34	74
	36%	38%	34%	27%	36%	38%	39%	38%	36%	44%	33%	36%	32%	42%	33%	35%	40%	26%	61%	30%	35%	32%
No	352	182	170	43	64	63	59	51	72	96	97	52	108	89	94	86	53	30	46	103	57	115
	48%	50%	46%	49%	47%	46%	49%	48%	49%	45%	53%	38%	53%	46%	47%	48%	52%	49%	30%	55%	58%	50%
Don't know	116	42	73	20	23	22	14	14	23	24	25	36	31	23	40	29	8	16	13	27	7	41
	16%	12%	20%	23%	17%	16%	12%	13%	15%	11%	14%	26%	15%	12%	20%	16%	8%	25%	9%	15%	7%	18%

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<u>Charles Kennedy</u>																						
Yes	366	196	170	31	65	60	75	58	78	120	92	63	91	107	89	85	59	27	81	93	83	120
	50%	54%	46%	35%	48%	44%	62%	55%	53%	56%	51%	46%	45%	55%	45%	47%	58%	43%	53%	50%	84%	52%
No	247	124	123	31	39	58	30	39	50	66	65	41	76	60	78	61	30	19	60	67	12	67
	34%	34%	33%	36%	29%	42%	25%	36%	34%	31%	36%	30%	38%	31%	39%	34%	30%	30%	39%	36%	12%	29%
Don't know	121	43	77	25	32	18	15	10	20	28	24	33	35	26	32	33	13	16	13	28	3	43
	16%	12%	21%	29%	23%	13%	13%	9%	14%	13%	13%	24%	17%	14%	16%	19%	12%	26%	8%	15%	4%	19%

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Table 9

Q.12 Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

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It doesn't matter what politicians do in their private lives as long as it doesn't interfere with how they perform in their jobs	386 50%	182 50%	204 49%	50 64%	69 57%	86 52%	66 48%	54 45%	61 40%	77 46%	127 49%	93 52%	90 51%	108 52%	97 50%	106 55%	44 40%	30 43%	66 41%	116 60%	59 55%	137 53%
Politicians have a responsibility to uphold high standards of behaviour in their private lives as well as in their public duties	381 49%	176 49%	205 49%	29 36%	52 43%	77 46%	69 51%	65 54%	89 58%	87 53%	127 50%	86 48%	81 46%	99 47%	94 48%	86 45%	64 59%	39 55%	94 59%	78 40%	46 43%	121 47%
Neither	4 1%	1 *	3 1%	- -	- -	2 1%	- -	- -	2 1%	1 *	1 1%	- -	2 1%	1 1%	3 1%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1%	1 *
Don't know	6 1%	2 *	4 1%	- -	1 *	1 1%	2 1%	1 1%	2 1%	1 *	1 *	1 1%	3 2%	1 1%	1 1%	1 *	1 1%	2 2%	- -	1 *	2 2%	1 *

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<u>That Mr Blunkett misused his position as Home Secretary to help his lover's nanny acquire a visa to stay in Britain</u>																						
Very serious	271 37%	144 39%	127 34%	32 37%	54 40%	52 38%	45 37%	35 33%	52 35%	79 37%	74 41%	50 36%	68 33%	70 36%	76 38%	60 34%	43 42%	22 35%	78 51%	46 25%	36 36%	78 34%
Quite serious	237 32%	104 28%	133 36%	31 36%	48 35%	47 34%	42 35%	36 34%	32 22%	75 35%	60 33%	48 35%	54 27%	56 29%	63 32%	64 36%	30 29%	24 39%	49 32%	62 33%	32 33%	88 38%
Not serious	186 25%	103 28%	82 22%	22 25%	27 20%	33 24%	27 22%	31 29%	47 32%	51 24%	41 22%	31 23%	63 31%	55 29%	48 24%	48 27%	24 24%	10 17%	24 16%	67 36%	28 28%	48 21%
Don't know	40 5%	14 4%	27 7%	1 2%	7 5%	4 3%	7 5%	5 4%	16 11%	8 4%	6 3%	8 6%	18 9%	13 6%	12 6%	7 4%	4 4%	5 8%	3 2%	12 6%	3 3%	14 6%
<u>That he had an affair with a married woman</u>																						
Very serious	134 18%	61 17%	73 20%	22 25%	16 12%	16 12%	21 17%	18 17%	40 27%	26 12%	25 14%	36 27%	47 23%	31 16%	36 18%	31 17%	25 25%	11 18%	30 19%	25 13%	17 18%	39 17%
Quite serious	176 24%	94 26%	82 22%	26 30%	40 29%	35 26%	24 20%	20 19%	31 21%	48 22%	47 26%	33 24%	49 24%	43 22%	45 23%	47 26%	21 21%	20 31%	46 30%	39 21%	18 19%	57 25%
Not serious	392 53%	201 55%	192 52%	39 45%	76 56%	77 57%	67 55%	66 62%	67 45%	130 61%	105 58%	62 45%	95 47%	114 59%	104 52%	95 53%	52 51%	27 44%	74 48%	115 62%	60 61%	126 55%
Don't know	32 4%	9 2%	23 6%	- -	4 3%	7 5%	8 7%	2 2%	10 7%	9 4%	4 2%	6 4%	12 6%	5 2%	14 7%	5 3%	3 3%	4 7%	4 3%	8 4%	2 2%	7 3%

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Very serious	205 28%	103 28%	102 28%	17 20%	34 25%	34 25%	39 32%	30 28%	52 35%	45 21%	41 23%	49 36%	70 34%	57 30%	42 21%	60 34%	28 28%	18 28%	54 35%	39 21%	25 25%	63 28%
Quite serious	279 38%	135 37%	143 39%	41 47%	57 42%	56 41%	45 37%	41 39%	39 27%	87 41%	79 44%	51 37%	62 31%	67 35%	82 41%	64 36%	37 37%	28 45%	68 44%	67 36%	41 41%	95 41%
Not serious	220 30%	113 31%	107 29%	26 30%	42 31%	43 32%	31 26%	32 30%	46 31%	76 35%	56 31%	30 22%	58 29%	64 33%	64 32%	49 27%	32 32%	11 18%	28 18%	74 39%	31 32%	64 28%
Don't know	30 4%	13 4%	17 5%	3 4%	4 3%	4 3%	5 4%	3 3%	11 7%	6 3%	4 2%	7 5%	13 6%	5 2%	11 5%	5 3%	4 4%	5 8%	3 2%	7 4%	2 2%	7 3%
<u>That he is pursuing a legal case to gain access rights to his lover's two year-old son, of whom he is reportedly the Father</u>																						
Very serious	155 21%	87 24%	68 18%	24 27%	30 22%	27 20%	25 21%	22 20%	27 18%	35 16%	45 25%	36 26%	39 19%	45 23%	28 14%	44 25%	20 20%	17 28%	43 28%	35 19%	19 19%	41 18%
Quite serious	213 29%	92 25%	122 33%	32 37%	36 27%	45 33%	33 27%	21 20%	46 31%	57 27%	48 27%	44 32%	64 32%	55 29%	53 27%	48 27%	39 38%	19 30%	57 37%	49 26%	23 23%	68 30%
Not serious	314 43%	164 45%	150 41%	29 34%	60 44%	58 43%	54 45%	56 52%	57 38%	106 50%	82 45%	49 36%	78 38%	81 42%	100 50%	79 44%	33 33%	21 34%	50 33%	89 48%	52 53%	103 45%
Don't know	51 7%	21 6%	30 8%	2 2%	10 7%	6 4%	8 7%	8 7%	19 13%	15 7%	6 3%	8 6%	22 11%	12 6%	17 9%	8 4%	9 9%	5 8%	3 2%	14 8%	5 5%	16 7%

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<u>That Mr Blunkett misused his position as Home Secretary to help his lover's nanny acquire a visa to stay in Britain</u>																						
Grounds for him to resign	300	168	131	36	46	63	58	43	53	79	83	63	76	83	88	61	49	18	92	53	38	95
	41%	46%	36%	42%	34%	46%	49%	40%	36%	37%	46%	46%	37%	43%	44%	34%	48%	30%	60%	28%	39%	42%
Not grounds for him to resign	393	182	211	51	75	66	55	62	84	122	95	66	110	99	101	107	49	37	58	127	54	117
	54%	50%	57%	58%	55%	48%	46%	58%	57%	57%	53%	48%	55%	51%	51%	60%	49%	60%	38%	68%	55%	51%
Don't know	41	13	28	-	15	7	6	2	11	13	3	9	16	11	10	11	3	7	3	7	6	17
	6%	4%	8%	-	11%	5%	5%	2%	7%	6%	2%	7%	8%	6%	5%	6%	3%	11%	2%	4%	6%	7%
<u>That he had an affair with a married woman</u>																						
Grounds for him to resign	136	77	59	14	16	29	23	16	38	26	32	33	45	31	30	41	22	12	40	21	17	39
	18%	21%	16%	16%	12%	21%	19%	15%	26%	12%	18%	24%	22%	16%	15%	23%	22%	19%	26%	11%	17%	17%
Not grounds for him to resign	565	279	286	69	117	103	90	88	99	179	144	96	145	155	157	131	77	45	108	161	80	180
	77%	77%	78%	79%	86%	76%	75%	83%	67%	84%	80%	70%	72%	80%	79%	73%	76%	73%	71%	86%	82%	79%
Don't know	33	9	24	4	4	5	8	2	11	7	5	9	12	7	12	7	2	5	5	5	1	10
	4%	2%	7%	5%	3%	3%	6%	2%	7%	3%	3%	6%	6%	3%	6%	4%	2%	9%	3%	2%	1%	4%
<u>That he let his lover use an official rail pass provided to him as an MP and arranged for her to travel in a ministerial car</u>																						
Grounds for him to resign	205	108	97	20	30	36	40	27	52	51	39	48	67	52	48	57	30	18	57	35	22	60
	28%	30%	26%	23%	22%	26%	33%	25%	35%	24%	22%	35%	33%	27%	24%	32%	30%	29%	37%	19%	23%	26%
Not grounds for him to resign	489	245	244	66	96	94	73	76	84	154	135	80	120	131	138	115	66	38	93	140	73	158
	67%	67%	66%	76%	71%	69%	61%	72%	57%	73%	74%	58%	59%	68%	70%	65%	66%	61%	61%	75%	74%	69%
Don't know	40	11	28	1	10	6	7	3	12	7	7	10	16	10	13	7	5	6	3	12	3	11
	5%	3%	8%	2%	7%	4%	6%	3%	8%	3%	4%	7%	8%	5%	6%	4%	5%	10%	2%	6%	3%	5%

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<u>That he is pursuing a legal case to gain access rights to his lover's two year-old son, of whom he is reportedly the Father</u>																						
Grounds for him to resign	98 13%	52 14%	46 12%	18 20%	13 9%	12 9%	19 16%	14 13%	22 15%	21 10%	20 11%	30 22%	27 13%	26 14%	20 10%	30 17%	16 16%	5 8%	29 19%	14 8%	10 10%	26 11%
Not grounds for him to resign	605 82%	305 84%	300 81%	69 80%	119 87%	118 86%	95 79%	89 84%	115 78%	185 87%	156 86%	103 75%	161 79%	160 83%	167 84%	145 81%	81 80%	52 83%	121 79%	167 89%	84 85%	194 84%
Don't know	31 4%	7 2%	24 6%	- -	5 4%	7 5%	6 5%	3 3%	11 7%	7 3%	6 3%	4 3%	15 7%	7 4%	11 6%	5 3%	3 3%	5 8%	4 3%	6 3%	5 5%	10 4%

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Table 12

Q.14 As a result of this story do you think that ... has more integrity than you thought or less integrity than you thought, or has it made no real difference to your view?

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<u>David Blunkett personally</u>																						
More	47	24	23	3	11	6	10	5	13	21	6	6	14	10	11	9	10	7	6	17	6	14
	6%	7%	6%	4%	8%	4%	8%	5%	9%	10%	4%	4%	7%	5%	6%	5%	10%	11%	4%	9%	7%	6%
Made no difference	437	210	227	59	91	74	65	62	86	119	106	89	124	107	128	107	58	37	82	114	55	136
	60%	58%	61%	68%	67%	55%	54%	58%	58%	56%	58%	65%	61%	56%	65%	60%	58%	59%	53%	61%	56%	59%
Less	225	120	105	19	30	52	44	36	44	67	64	39	55	66	54	58	32	15	62	50	35	72
	31%	33%	28%	22%	22%	38%	36%	34%	30%	32%	35%	28%	27%	34%	27%	32%	32%	25%	40%	27%	36%	31%
Don't know	25	10	15	5	5	4	2	3	5	6	5	4	10	9	6	5	1	3	3	6	2	7
	3%	3%	4%	6%	4%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	5%	5%	3%	3%	1%	5%	2%	3%	2%	3%
<u>The government as a whole</u>																						
More	43	26	17	10	5	7	6	6	10	14	7	6	16	10	12	10	6	5	12	13	7	14
	6%	7%	5%	11%	4%	5%	5%	6%	7%	6%	4%	4%	8%	5%	6%	6%	6%	8%	8%	7%	7%	6%
Made no difference	473	228	246	57	88	89	87	67	87	144	115	91	124	124	132	114	65	38	72	143	62	144
	65%	63%	66%	65%	65%	65%	72%	63%	59%	68%	63%	66%	61%	64%	66%	64%	64%	62%	47%	76%	63%	63%
Less	194	104	90	19	37	37	26	31	44	47	58	37	52	55	47	49	28	14	69	28	27	63
	26%	28%	24%	22%	27%	27%	22%	29%	30%	22%	32%	27%	26%	29%	24%	27%	28%	23%	45%	15%	27%	27%
Don't know	24	7	17	1	6	4	2	3	7	8	2	3	11	4	8	5	2	5	1	4	3	9
	3%	2%	5%	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	5%	4%	1%	2%	5%	2%	4%	3%	2%	8%	1%	2%	3%	4%

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Table 13
Classification
Base: All respondents

		Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Unweighted base		1511	1511
Weighted base		1511	1511
<u>Sex</u>			
Male		707 47%	725 48%
Female		804 53%	786 52%
<u>Age</u>			
18-24	(21)	136 9%	166 11%
25-34	(29.5)	238 16%	257 17%
35-44	(39.5)	297 20%	302 20%
45-54	(49.5)	287 19%	257 17%
55-64	(59.5)	228 15%	226 15%
65+	(70)	325 22%	302 20%
Average age		47.74	46.56

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Weighted base	1511	1511
<u>Social Class</u>		
AB	456 30%	378 25%
C1	337 22%	438 29%
C2	256 17%	317 21%
DE	462 31%	378 25%
<u>Region</u>		
North	501 33%	504 33%
Midlands	475 31%	471 31%
South	535 35%	536 35%

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Table 13
Classification
Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1511	1511
<u>Working status</u>		
Full-time	678 45%	671 44%
Part-time	193 13%	169 11%
Not working but seeking work or temporarily unemployed/sick	97 6%	110 7%
Not working/not seeking work/retired	505 33%	527 35%
Refused	38 3%	34 2%
<u>Tenure</u>		
Own outright	461 31%	484 32%
Own with a mortgage	542 36%	619 41%
Council	218 14%	197 13%
Rented from someone else	202 13%	141 9%
Rent free	20 1%	15 1%
Refused	68 5%	55 4%

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Base: All respondents

	<u>Unweighted Total</u>	<u>Weighted Total</u>
Weighted base	1511	1511
<u>Foreign Holiday in last 3 years</u>		
Yes	928 61%	937 62%
No	583 39%	574 38%
<u>Number of cars</u>		
None	364 24%	305 20%
1	643 43%	657 43%
2	397 26%	426 28%
3+	107 7%	122 8%

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Table 13
Classification
Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1511	1511
<u>Internet Access</u>		
At all	931 62%	965 64%
At home (net)	763 50%	795 53%
At work (net)	472 31%	465 31%
At home	411 27%	449 30%
At work	120 8%	120 8%
Both at home and at work	352 23%	345 23%
Somewhere else	48 3%	50 3%
Not at all	575 38%	541 36%
Refused	5 *	5 *

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Table 13
Classification
Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1511	1511
<u>Age Finished Full Time Education</u>		
Up to 15	347 23%	323 21%
16	384 25%	403 27%
17	115 8%	121 8%
18	170 11%	176 12%
19 or over	394 26%	387 26%
Still in full time education	41 3%	49 3%
Had no full time education	7 *	7 *
Refused	53 4%	46 3%

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Table 13
Classification
Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1511	1511
<u>Marital Status</u>		
Single	339 22%	339 22%
Married/ co-habiting	816 54%	846 56%
Widowed/ separated/ divorced	316 21%	292 19%
Refused	40 3%	34 2%
<u>Children</u>		
None aged 18 or under	1001 66%	987 65%
NET: Yes	460 30%	482 32%
NET: Yes any aged 15 or under	399 26%	424 28%
- Aged under 5	151 10%	174 12%
- Aged 5-10	196 13%	213 14%
- Aged 11-15	198 13%	201 13%
- Aged 16-18	129 9%	128 8%
Refused	50 3%	42 3%

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Table 14

Q.1 At the last general election, in June 2001, when the Labour Government was elected for the second time, many people did not vote at all. Can you remember - did you vote in that election, or did you not vote?

Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Unweighted base	1511	1511
Weighted base	1511	1511
Voted	970 64%	961 64%
Didn't vote	450 30%	451 30%
Not registered	20 1%	21 1%
Too young	24 2%	28 2%
Can't remember	44 3%	47 3%
Refused	3 *	2 *

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Table 15

Q.1a At that general election, in June 2001, could you tell me which party you actually voted for?

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Unweighted base	777	777
Weighted base	777	773
Conservative	208 27%	232 30%
Labour	377 49%	356 46%
Liberal Democrats	140 18%	131 17%
SNP	13 2%	13 2%
Plaid Cymru	8 1%	8 1%
Other	31 4%	32 4%