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Putting aside your party preference, which of the three main party leaders do you feel would make the better Prime Minister to lead Britain forward after the next election?

	Total	T&GWU	Amicus	Pre Merger		Gender		Region				
				Another trade union	No trade union	Male	Female	South East (inc London)	Midlands	North	Wales & South West	Scotland
Gordon Brown	153	52	73	11	17	123	30	35	26	49	17	26
	29%	29%	28%	36%	31%	30%	26%	25%	28%	30%	29%	38%
David Cameron	176	62	90	9	16	137	39	44	40	53	20	19
	34%	34%	35%	28%	30%	34%	34%	32%	42%	32%	34%	27%
Nick Clegg	71	26	39	5	2	60	11	25	10	19	8	9
	14%	14%	15%	15%	4%	15%	10%	18%	11%	12%	13%	13%
Don't know	124	42	57	7	19	89	35	34	18	44	14	15
	24%	23%	22%	22%	35%	22%	30%	25%	19%	26%	24%	22%

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		Total	T&GWU	Amicus	Pre Merger		Gender	
					Another trade union	No trade union	Male	Female
It is time for a change	Agree strongly	273	96	134	17	26	212	61
		52%	52%	52%	55%	49%	52%	53%
	Agree slightly	150	47	76	9	18	113	38
		29%	26%	30%	29%	36%	28%	33%
	Disagree slightly	47	18	23	3	3	39	8
		9%	10%	9%	9%	6%	10%	7%
People who play by the rules always get a raw deal	Disagree strongly	37	12	20	1	4	30	7
		7%	7%	8%	3%	7%	7%	6%
	Don't know	14	9	3	1	1	13	1
		3%	5%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%
	Agree strongly	234	91	112	14	18	192	42
		45%	50%	43%	45%	33%	47%	36%
Society is broken in Britain	Agree slightly	195	56	103	12	25	153	43
		37%	30%	40%	38%	47%	37%	37%
	Disagree slightly	63	25	27	4	7	43	20
		12%	14%	10%	13%	14%	11%	18%
	Disagree strongly	25	4	17	1	3	15	9
		5%	2%	6%	3%	5%	4%	8%
Society is broken in Britain	Don't know	7	7	0	0	0	6	1
		1%	4%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%
	Agree strongly	220	85	99	15	21	177	43
		42%	47%	38%	49%	39%	43%	37%
	Agree slightly	187	56	102	7	22	143	43
		36%	31%	40%	23%	41%	35%	38%
Society is broken in Britain	Disagree slightly	68	27	30	6	5	50	18
		13%	15%	12%	19%	9%	12%	15%
	Disagree strongly	43	11	23	3	6	31	12
		8%	6%	9%	9%	11%	8%	10%
	Don't know	7	3	4	0	0	7	0
		1%	2%	2%	0%	0%	2%	0%

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Politics is broken in Britain	Agree strongly	250	95	111	15	29	198	53
		48%	52%	43%	49%	56%	48%	46%
	Agree slightly	188	60	101	12	16	150	38
		36%	33%	39%	38%	30%	37%	33%
	Disagree slightly	59	16	36	2	6	38	21
		11%	9%	14%	7%	11%	9%	18%
I hardly recognise the country I'm living in any more	Disagree strongly	22	9	9	2	2	18	4
		4%	5%	3%	6%	4%	5%	3%
	Don't know	5	3	2	0	0	5	0
		1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	Agree strongly	205	86	87	16	17	166	39
		39%	47%	34%	50%	31%	41%	34%
I hardly recognise the country I'm living in any more	Agree slightly	172	51	91	9	21	132	40
		33%	28%	35%	28%	40%	32%	34%
	Disagree slightly	96	28	56	4	8	76	20
		18%	15%	22%	13%	15%	19%	18%
	Disagree strongly	44	14	21	3	6	30	14
		8%	8%	8%	9%	11%	7%	12%
I hardly recognise the country I'm living in any more	Don't know	9	3	4	0	2	6	3
		2%	2%	2%	0%	3%	2%	2%

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		South East (inc London)	Midlands	North	Wales & South West	Scotland
It is time for a change	Agree strongly	75	51	90	29	28
		55%	55%	55%	49%	40%
	Agree slightly	40	28	42	16	25
		29%	30%	25%	27%	36%
	Disagree slightly	11	5	15	6	10
		8%	5%	9%	10%	15%
People who play by the rules always get a raw deal	Disagree strongly	7	7	13	4	6
		5%	7%	8%	7%	9%
	Don't know	4	2	4	4	0
		3%	2%	2%	7%	0%
	Agree strongly	62	50	72	25	24
		45%	53%	44%	43%	35%
Society is broken in Britain	Agree slightly	51	29	64	22	29
		37%	31%	39%	37%	42%
	Disagree slightly	16	10	18	10	10
		11%	10%	11%	17%	14%
	Disagree strongly	7	3	8	1	6
		5%	3%	5%	2%	9%
Society is broken in Britain	Don't know	2	2	2	1	0
		1%	2%	1%	2%	0%
	Agree strongly	61	51	64	22	21
		44%	54%	39%	38%	31%
	Agree slightly	53	28	56	23	27
		38%	30%	34%	40%	39%
Society is broken in Britain	Disagree slightly	14	8	21	11	14
		10%	9%	13%	18%	20%
	Disagree strongly	9	6	21	1	6
		6%	6%	13%	2%	9%
	Don't know	1	1	3	1	1
		1%	1%	2%	2%	1%

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Politics is broken in Britain	Agree strongly	73	47	72	27	31
		53%	50%	44%	46%	45%
	Agree slightly	40	33	64	23	28
		29%	35%	39%	39%	41%
	Disagree slightly	18	11	17	6	8
		13%	12%	10%	10%	11%
Disagree strongly		6	2	10	2	2
		4%	2%	6%	3%	3%
Don't know		1	1	2	1	0
		1%	1%	1%	2%	0%
I hardly recognise the country I'm living in any more	Agree strongly	59	42	61	21	21
		43%	45%	37%	36%	30%
	Agree slightly	42	33	52	23	21
		30%	35%	32%	39%	31%
	Disagree slightly	23	14	33	10	16
		17%	15%	20%	17%	23%
Disagree strongly		12	3	16	4	9
		9%	3%	10%	7%	13%
Don't know		2	2	2	1	2
		1%	2%	1%	2%	3%

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Thinking about Britain today and the challenges we face as a country, what do you think we need most, change or experience?

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				Another trade union	No trade union	Male	Female	South East (inc London)	Midlands	North	Wales & South West	Scotland
Change	341	122	161	20	38	263	78	87	63	108	37	46
	65%	67%	62%	64%	72%	64%	67%	63%	67%	65%	63%	67%
Experience	155	53	79	11	13	125	30	44	23	50	17	21
	30%	29%	31%	36%	24%	31%	26%	32%	25%	30%	29%	31%
Don't know	29	8	19	0	2	21	7	7	8	7	5	2
	6%	4%	7%	0%	4%	5%	6%	5%	9%	4%	8%	3%

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Many trades unions maintain a 'political fund', which they use to provide financial support for political campaigns and parties. Union members have the right to opt out of these political funds, which stops any of their union membership fees going towards the political fund. Some people think that the rules should be changed so that members have to opt IN to the political fund if they want some of their membership fee to go towards political campaigns and parties, rather than requiring members to opt OUT of the fund if they don't want this to happen. Which do you think would be the best and fairest system?

	Total	T&GWU	Amicus	Pre Merger		Gender		Region				
				Another trade union	No trade union	Male	Female	South East (inc London)	Midlands	North	Wales & South West	Scotland
For members to opt OUT if they don't want to support the political fund	154 29%	52 28%	80 31%	12 38%	11 21%	130 32%	24 21%	34 25%	29 31%	47 29%	19 33%	24 35%
For members to opt IN if they do want to support the political fund	327 62%	110 60%	161 62%	17 53%	40 76%	250 61%	78 67%	92 67%	62 66%	99 60%	33 56%	42 61%
Don't know	44 8%	21 12%	18 7%	3 9%	2 4%	30 7%	14 12%	12 9%	3 3%	19 11%	7 12%	3 4%

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Over the last two years, according to official figures from the Electoral Commission, the union Unite has donated over £8m to the Labour Party – by far the biggest donation to any party by any organisation. Do you agree or disagree with the decision to make these donations to the Labour Party?

	Total	T&GWU	Pre Merger		Gender		Region					
			Amicus	Another trade union	No trade union	Male	Female	South East (inc London)	Midlands	North	Wales & South West	Scotland
Agree strongly	59	30	26	3	0	56	3	13	13	20	8	4
	11%	16%	10%	10%	0%	14%	2%	10%	14%	12%	14%	6%
Agree somewhat	122	33	66	9	14	97	25	31	19	40	10	22
	23%	18%	26%	29%	26%	24%	22%	22%	21%	24%	17%	32%
Disagree somewhat	151	47	73	11	21	106	44	36	29	48	17	20
	29%	26%	28%	34%	39%	26%	38%	26%	31%	29%	29%	29%
Disagree strongly	159	60	79	5	15	123	36	46	26	47	19	21
	30%	33%	31%	15%	28%	30%	31%	33%	28%	29%	32%	30%
Don't know	34	12	14	4	4	27	7	11	7	9	5	2
	6%	7%	5%	12%	7%	7%	6%	8%	7%	6%	8%	3%

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Do you think that giving millions of pounds to the Labour Party is the best way for unions to spend money in the interests of their members, or do you think there are better and more effective ways they could use their funds?

	Total	T&GWU	Amicus	Pre Merger Another trade union	No trade union	Gender		South East (inc London)	Midlands	Region North	Wales & South West	Scotland
Giving money to the Labour Party is the best way for unions to spend money in the interests of their members	87	30	48	4	5	75	12	22	14	29	12	9
	17%	17%	18%	12%	9%	18%	10%	16%	15%	18%	21%	13%
There are better and more effective ways unions can use their funds than donating to the Labour Party	398	141	189	24	44	302	96	108	71	124	40	55
	76%	77%	73%	78%	84%	74%	83%	78%	76%	75%	67%	81%
Don't know	40	11	22	3	4	33	7	8	9	12	7	4
	8%	6%	9%	9%	7%	8%	6%	6%	9%	7%	12%	6%

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Do you think that the Labour government is doing a good job or a bad job of representing the interests and addressing the concerns of ordinary working people in Britain?

	Total	T&GWU	Pre Merger			Gender		Region				
			Amicus	Another trade union	No trade union	Male	Female	South East (inc London)	Midlands	North	Wales & South West	Scotland
Very good job	20	10	7	1	2	17	3	7	4	5	1	3
	4%	6%	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	5%	4%	3%	2%	4%
Quite a good job	128	46	61	8	13	101	27	25	21	41	17	24
	24%	25%	24%	26%	24%	25%	23%	18%	22%	25%	29%	35%
Quite a bad job	184	56	94	13	20	133	51	57	22	58	25	22
	35%	31%	37%	40%	39%	33%	44%	42%	23%	35%	42%	32%
Very bad job	169	63	82	9	16	140	29	42	44	52	12	19
	32%	34%	32%	27%	30%	34%	25%	30%	47%	32%	20%	27%
Don't know	24	7	14	1	2	17	6	7	3	9	4	1
	5%	4%	5%	3%	4%	4%	6%	5%	3%	5%	7%	1%

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					Another trade union	No trade union	Male	Female
Derek Simpson, Unite joint General Secretary, Amicus section	Very satisfied	37	5	29	1	2	33	5
		7%	3%	11%	3%	4%	8%	4%
	Fairly satisfied	141	55	67	6	13	114	28
		27%	31%	26%	19%	24%	28%	24%
	Fairly dissatisfied	110	38	59	8	5	90	20
		21%	21%	23%	25%	9%	22%	18%
Tony Woodley, Unite joint General Secretary, T&G section	Very dissatisfied	70	20	38	3	8	59	10
		13%	11%	15%	10%	15%	15%	9%
	Don't know	162	61	62	14	25	111	52
		31%	34%	24%	43%	48%	27%	45%
	Very satisfied	37	17	20	0	0	33	5
		7%	9%	8%	0%	0%	8%	4%
Charlie Whelan, Unite political director	Fairly satisfied	153	71	60	9	13	129	24
		29%	39%	23%	29%	24%	32%	21%
	Fairly dissatisfied	110	43	51	8	8	84	26
		21%	24%	20%	25%	15%	21%	22%
	Very dissatisfied	65	20	36	5	4	55	10
		12%	11%	14%	16%	8%	14%	9%
Charlie Whelan, Unite political director	Don't know	158	31	89	10	28	107	51
		30%	17%	35%	31%	54%	26%	44%
	Very satisfied	19	5	12	1	1	18	1
		4%	3%	5%	3%	2%	5%	1%
	Fairly satisfied	124	57	51	6	11	99	25
		24%	31%	20%	19%	20%	24%	22%
Charlie Whelan, Unite political director	Fairly dissatisfied	120	39	62	8	10	99	20
		23%	22%	24%	25%	19%	24%	18%
	Very dissatisfied	78	27	37	5	8	70	8
		15%	15%	15%	16%	15%	17%	7%
	Don't know	181	54	92	12	23	122	59
		35%	30%	36%	37%	44%	30%	52%

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Gordon Brown, the Prime Minister	Very satisfied	30	9	17	1	3	26	5
		6%	5%	7%	3%	5%	6%	4%
	Fairly satisfied	133	55	56	10	12	109	25
		26%	30%	22%	33%	22%	27%	22%
	Fairly dissatisfied	127	45	58	7	18	90	37
		24%	25%	22%	21%	33%	22%	32%
Brendan Barber, the General Secretary of the TUC	Very dissatisfied	191	63	104	10	15	160	31
		37%	34%	40%	30%	28%	39%	27%
	Don't know	41	10	22	4	6	25	17
		8%	5%	8%	12%	11%	6%	15%
	Very satisfied	15	6	9	0	0	13	2
		3%	3%	4%	0%	0%	3%	2%
Bob Crow, the General Secretary of the RMT union	Fairly satisfied	140	59	65	4	13	117	23
		27%	32%	25%	13%	24%	29%	20%
	Fairly dissatisfied	102	35	45	12	10	81	21
		20%	19%	18%	38%	19%	20%	18%
	Very dissatisfied	48	16	26	2	3	42	6
		9%	9%	10%	7%	6%	10%	5%
Bob Crow, the General Secretary of the RMT union	Don't know	217	65	113	13	26	154	64
		42%	36%	44%	43%	51%	38%	55%
	Very satisfied	20	10	10	0	0	18	2
		4%	6%	4%	0%	0%	5%	2%
	Fairly satisfied	108	41	53	4	10	89	19
		21%	23%	21%	12%	18%	22%	17%
Bob Crow, the General Secretary of the RMT union	Fairly dissatisfied	102	38	46	9	9	80	22
		20%	21%	18%	28%	17%	20%	19%
	Very dissatisfied	71	22	38	5	5	62	8
		14%	13%	15%	16%	9%	15%	7%
	Don't know	218	68	108	14	29	156	63
		42%	38%	42%	43%	55%	38%	55%

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Dave Prentis, the General Secretary of Unison	Very satisfied	14	7	6	1	0	12	2
		3%	4%	2%	3%	0%	3%	2%
	Fairly satisfied	123	44	62	5	12	100	23
		24%	25%	24%	16%	22%	25%	20%
	Fairly dissatisfied	92	33	42	9	8	72	20
		18%	18%	16%	30%	15%	18%	18%
Alistair Darling, the Chancellor of the Exchequer	Very dissatisfied	47	15	25	2	4	42	5
		9%	8%	10%	7%	8%	10%	4%
	Don't know	245	82	120	13	29	180	65
		47%	45%	47%	44%	56%	44%	56%
	Very satisfied	21	7	12	1	1	17	4
		4%	4%	5%	3%	2%	4%	3%
Alistair Darling, the Chancellor of the Exchequer	Fairly satisfied	113	43	49	10	11	89	24
		22%	24%	19%	32%	20%	22%	21%
	Fairly dissatisfied	157	49	81	10	17	119	38
		30%	27%	32%	31%	31%	29%	33%
	Very dissatisfied	173	68	83	6	16	145	28
		33%	38%	33%	18%	30%	36%	24%
Alistair Darling, the Chancellor of the Exchequer	Don't know	56	13	30	5	9	36	20
		11%	7%	12%	15%	16%	9%	18%

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Derek Simpson, Unite joint General Secretary, Amicus section	Very satisfied	9	9	14	1	4
		7%	10%	9%	2%	6%
	Fairly satisfied	39	30	38	15	19
		28%	32%	23%	26%	28%
	Fairly dissatisfied	24	21	41	10	14
		18%	22%	25%	17%	20%
Very dissatisfied	15	13	23	10	9	
	11%	14%	14%	17%	13%	
Don't know	49	21	47	23	23	
	36%	22%	29%	38%	33%	
Tony Woodley, Unite joint General Secretary, T&G section	Very satisfied	14	7	8	3	5
		10%	8%	5%	5%	7%
	Fairly satisfied	48	22	44	17	22
		35%	24%	27%	29%	32%
	Fairly dissatisfied	22	20	36	13	19
		16%	22%	22%	22%	28%
Very dissatisfied	18	15	20	6	6	
	13%	16%	12%	10%	9%	
Don't know	36	29	57	20	17	
	26%	31%	34%	34%	25%	
Charlie Whelan, Unite political director	Very satisfied	6	4	4	2	3
		5%	4%	2%	3%	4%
	Fairly satisfied	35	25	35	10	19
		26%	27%	21%	17%	28%
	Fairly dissatisfied	28	17	44	13	18
		21%	18%	26%	22%	26%
Very dissatisfied	20	15	29	7	7	
	15%	16%	17%	12%	10%	
Don't know	45	33	55	27	22	
	34%	35%	33%	45%	32%	

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Gordon Brown, the Prime Minister	Very satisfied	7	5	10	2	6
		5%	5%	6%	3%	9%
	Fairly satisfied	30	21	37	18	27
		22%	22%	23%	31%	39%
	Fairly dissatisfied	38	22	38	16	14
		28%	23%	23%	27%	20%
Brendan Barber, the General Secretary of the TUC	Very dissatisfied	52	39	61	20	19
		38%	42%	37%	34%	27%
	Don't know	11	7	18	3	3
		8%	7%	11%	5%	4%
	Very satisfied	6	5	2	0	2
		4%	5%	1%	0%	3%
Bob Crow, the General Secretary of the RMT union	Fairly satisfied	46	19	36	14	24
		34%	20%	22%	24%	36%
	Fairly dissatisfied	20	21	34	12	15
		15%	22%	21%	20%	22%
	Very dissatisfied	11	8	19	3	6
		8%	9%	12%	5%	9%
Bob Crow, the General Secretary of the RMT union	Don't know	53	41	73	30	21
		39%	43%	44%	50%	31%
	Very satisfied	8	3	6	0	3
		6%	3%	4%	0%	4%
	Fairly satisfied	30	21	30	13	14
		22%	23%	18%	23%	20%
Bob Crow, the General Secretary of the RMT union	Fairly dissatisfied	30	15	31	8	18
		22%	16%	19%	14%	26%
	Very dissatisfied	20	10	24	10	7
		15%	11%	14%	17%	10%
	Don't know	48	43	74	27	27
		35%	47%	45%	46%	39%

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Finally, please say how satisfied you are with the way each of the following represent your interests as a worker and a trade union member?

		Region				
		South East (inc London)	Midlands	North	Wales & South West	Scotland
Dave Prentis, the General Secretary of Unison	Very satisfied	6	2	2	0	4
		4%	2%	1%	0%	6%
	Fairly satisfied	35	22	36	13	17
		26%	24%	22%	22%	25%
	Fairly dissatisfied	26	14	32	6	14
		19%	15%	19%	10%	21%
Alistair Darling, the Chancellor of the Exchequer	Very dissatisfied	8	8	19	6	5
		6%	9%	12%	10%	7%
	Don't know	62	45	76	34	28
		45%	49%	46%	57%	41%
	Very satisfied	9	4	6	0	2
		7%	4%	4%	0%	3%
Alistair Darling, the Chancellor of the Exchequer	Fairly satisfied	27	16	36	15	19
		20%	17%	22%	26%	28%
	Fairly dissatisfied	41	28	42	22	24
		30%	30%	26%	38%	35%
	Very dissatisfied	42	34	63	15	19
		31%	36%	38%	26%	27%
Alistair Darling, the Chancellor of the Exchequer	Don't know	17	12	17	6	5
		12%	13%	10%	10%	7%

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		Total	T&GWU	Pre Merger			Gender	
				Amicus	Another trade union	No trade union	Male	Female
Pre Merger	T&GWU	182	182	0	0	0	156	27
		35%	100%	0%	0%	0%	38%	23%
	Amicus	258	0	258	0	0	204	55
		49%	0%	100%	0%	0%	50%	47%
	Another trade union	31	0	0	31	0	18	13
	6%	0%	0%	100%	0%	5%	11%	
	No trade union	53	0	0	0	53	32	21
		10%	0%	0%	0%	100%	8%	18%
Gender	Male	410	156	204	18	32	410	0
		78%	85%	79%	59%	60%	100%	0%
	Female	116	27	55	13	21	0	116
		22%	15%	21%	41%	40%	0%	100%
Region	South East (inc London)	138	59	58	5	16	104	33
		26%	32%	23%	16%	30%	26%	29%
	Midlands	94	29	49	4	12	76	18
		18%	16%	19%	12%	22%	19%	16%
	North	165	43	100	12	10	132	33
		31%	24%	39%	38%	19%	32%	29%
	Wales & South West	59	23	22	6	8	48	11
		11%	13%	9%	19%	15%	12%	10%
	Scotland	69	28	28	5	8	49	19
		13%	15%	11%	16%	15%	12%	17%

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Pre Merger	T&GWU	59	29	43	23	28
		43%	31%	26%	39%	41%
	Amicus	58	49	100	22	28
		42%	52%	61%	38%	41%
	Another trade union	5	4	12	6	5
No trade union		4%	4%	7%	10%	7%
		16	12	10	8	8
Gender	Male	11%	12%	6%	13%	12%
		104	76	132	48	49
	Female	76%	80%	80%	81%	72%
		33	18	33	11	19
Region	South East (inc London)	24%	20%	20%	19%	28%
		138	0	0	0	0
		100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Midlands	0	94	0	0	0
		0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
	North	0	0	165	0	0
		0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
Wales & South West	0	0	0	59	0	
	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	
Scotland	0	0	0	0	69	
	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	
