

Times Poll

Fieldwork : April 13th-15th 2007

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Table 1

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Unweighted base	1503	739	764	122	214	263	292	284	328	452	354	245	452	398	391	373	207	134	320	337	185
Weighted base	1503	723	780	165	253	296	252	225	312	383	436	310	374	402	400	363	211	127	344	293	196
Conservative	344 23%	184 25%	160 20%	17 10%	45 18%	52 18%	53 21%	58 26%	119 38%	110 29%	98 22%	55 18%	81 22%	103 26%	100 25%	70 19%	56 27%	14 11%	344 100%	-	-
Labour	293 19%	153 21%	140 18%	35 21%	49 19%	53 18%	54 21%	47 21%	56 18%	64 17%	73 17%	77 25%	79 21%	73 18%	72 18%	84 23%	36 17%	27 22%	-	293 100%	-
Liberal Democrat	196 13%	87 12%	109 14%	18 11%	43 17%	32 11%	39 15%	32 14%	33 11%	58 15%	58 13%	34 11%	45 12%	45 11%	68 17%	52 14%	25 12%	6 5%	-	-	196 100%
SNP	32 2%	14 2%	18 2%	-	6 2%	11 4%	10 4%	5 2%	1 *	8 2%	8 2%	10 3%	5 1%	-	-	-	-	32 25%	-	-	-
Plaid Cymru	17 1%	10 1%	7 1%	3 2%	-	6 2%	3 1%	3 1%	2 1%	4 1%	6 1%	3 1%	4 1%	-	-	-	17 8%	-	-	-	-
The Green Party	47 3%	19 3%	28 4%	3 2%	10 4%	13 4%	10 4%	6 3%	4 1%	7 2%	18 4%	12 4%	10 3%	21 5%	12 3%	7 2%	5 2%	2 1%	-	-	-
The United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)	18 1%	13 2%	5 1%	-	2 1%	5 2%	2 1%	3 1%	6 2%	4 1%	5 1%	2 1%	7 2%	4 1%	7 2%	5 1%	1 *	1 1%	-	-	-
The British National Party (BNP)	20 1%	16 2%	4 *	6 4%	1 *	3 1%	3 1%	3 1%	4 1%	4 1%	4 1%	5 2%	6 2%	6 1%	4 1%	9 2%	1 *	-	-	-	-
The Socialist Alliance	2 *	* *	1 *	-	1 1%	-	-	* *	-	* *	1 *	-	-	* *	-	1 *	-	-	-	-	-
The Scottish Socialist Party	1 *	-	1 *	-	-	-	-	-	1 *	-	-	-	1 *	-	-	-	-	1 1%	-	-	-
The Natural Law Party	1 *	1 *	-	-	-	-	1 *	-	-	-	-	-	1 *	-	-	1 *	-	-	-	-	-
Robert Kilroy Silk's Veritas party	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Respect	3 *	2 *	2 *	-	1 *	1 *	1 *	1 *	-	2 *	1 *	-	1 *	2 *	1 *	1 *	-	-	-	-	-
Some other party	22 1%	11 1%	11 1%	* *	7 3%	4 1%	4 2%	2 1%	3 1%	4 1%	4 1%	8 2%	6 2%	8 2%	3 1%	9 2%	1 1%	1 1%	-	-	-

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Would not vote at all	216	99	117	53	58	38	23	28	16	34	68	56	58	55	59	60	23	18	-	-	-
	14%	14%	15%	32%	23%	13%	9%	12%	5%	9%	16%	18%	15%	14%	15%	16%	11%	14%	-	-	-
Refused	123	48	75	8	9	27	23	16	41	35	34	16	39	32	31	27	24	10	-	-	-
	8%	7%	10%	5%	4%	9%	9%	7%	13%	9%	8%	5%	10%	8%	8%	7%	12%	8%	-	-	-
Don't know	170	67	103	22	22	52	28	21	26	49	58	32	31	51	44	38	22	15	-	-	-
	11%	9%	13%	13%	9%	17%	11%	9%	8%	13%	13%	10%	8%	13%	11%	10%	10%	12%	-	-	-

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Table 2

Q.1 Many people currently say that they probably won't vote at all, while others say they would definitely vote.

How likely are you, personally, to vote at the next election?

Q.2 If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for?

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

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Weighted base	830	429	401	58	133	149	153	137	199	232	233	168	197	219	220	197	122	73	303	233	166
Conservative	303	165	138	15	38	48	44	52	106	101	86	48	69	93	87	60	50	13	303	-	-
	37%	39%	34%	26%	29%	32%	29%	38%	54%	44%	37%	28%	35%	43%	39%	31%	42%	17%	100%	-	-
Labour	233	123	110	20	39	41	46	40	48	54	57	60	61	56	53	70	29	24	-	233	-
	28%	29%	27%	34%	29%	27%	30%	29%	24%	23%	24%	36%	31%	26%	24%	36%	24%	33%	-	100%	-
Liberal Democrat	166	75	91	13	35	28	34	27	29	52	50	28	36	40	57	42	22	6	-	-	166
	20%	17%	23%	23%	26%	19%	22%	20%	14%	23%	22%	16%	18%	18%	26%	21%	18%	8%	-	-	100%
SNP	26	11	15	-	4	8	9	4	1	6	7	8	5	-	-	-	-	26	-	-	-
	3%	2%	4%	-	3%	5%	6%	3%	*	3%	3%	5%	3%	-	-	-	-	35%	-	-	-
Plaid Cymru	13	7	6	2	-	4	3	2	1	1	5	3	4	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-
	2%	2%	2%	4%	-	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	-	-	-	10%	-	-	-	-
The Green Party	35	15	20	3	8	9	8	5	3	6	15	9	5	14	9	5	5	2	-	-	-
	4%	3%	5%	4%	6%	6%	5%	4%	1%	3%	6%	6%	3%	7%	4%	3%	4%	2%	-	-	-
The United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)	17	12	5	-	2	5	2	3	5	4	5	2	6	3	7	5	*	1	-	-	-
	2%	3%	1%	-	1%	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%	2%	*	2%	-	-	-
The British National Party (BNP)	12	9	3	6	-	1	2	1	2	1	3	4	4	4	3	5	1	-	-	-	-
	1%	2%	1%	10%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	-	-	-	-
The Socialist Alliance	1	*	1	-	1	-	-	*	-	*	1	-	-	*	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	*	*	*	-	1%	-	-	*	-	*	*	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-
The Scottish Socialist Party	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-
The Natural Law Party	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	*	*	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-
Respect	3	1	2	-	1	1	1	*	-	2	1	-	*	2	1	*	-	-	-	-	-
	*	*	*	-	1%	1%	*	*	-	1%	*	-	*	1%	*	*	-	-	-	-	-
Some other party	19	10	10	*	6	4	4	2	3	4	4	7	5	6	3	8	1	1	-	-	-
	2%	2%	2%	1%	5%	3%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	4%	3%	3%	1%	4%	1%	2%	-	-	-

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Table 3
Published voting intention figures:- April 2007

	<u>Total</u>
Conservative	37%
Labour	29%
Liberal Democrat/ Liberal	20%
Scottish National Party/SNP	3%
Plaid Cymru	1%
Other	10%

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Table 4

Q.5 Now I'd like you to think ahead to the next election. Imagine that the Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown takes over from Tony Blair as Labour leader and the Conservatives are led by David Cameron and the Liberal Democrats by Ming Campbell. Which party would you vote for - or would you vote for another party or not vote at all?

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Weighted base	738	375	363	69	95	148	135	114	177	184	201	150	203	202	193	179	102	63	176	146	97
Conservative	211	118	93	11	27	27	32	40	72	63	51	37	60	63	64	43	31	9	166	3	7
	29%	31%	26%	16%	29%	19%	24%	35%	41%	34%	25%	25%	30%	31%	33%	24%	31%	15%	94%	2%	7%
Labour	173	90	83	17	24	35	28	32	38	40	35	44	54	49	38	45	26	16	4	128	4
	23%	24%	23%	24%	25%	24%	20%	28%	22%	22%	17%	30%	27%	24%	19%	25%	25%	25%	2%	88%	4%
Liberal Democrat	101	37	63	7	10	24	24	12	23	24	28	24	23	19	31	26	15	10	-	3	76
	14%	10%	17%	11%	10%	16%	18%	11%	13%	13%	14%	16%	12%	10%	16%	15%	14%	15%	-	2%	79%
The Green Party	11	6	5	-	-	3	6	1	1	3	5	1	1	7	1	1	1	-	-	1	-
	1%	2%	1%	-	-	2%	4%	*	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	4%	1%	1%	1%	-	-	1%	-
the United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)	9	7	1	-	1	2	1	1	3	1	4	1	3	1	2	5	-	1	-	-	-
	1%	2%	*	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	*	2%	1%	1%	*	1%	3%	-	1%	-	-	-
the British National Party (BNP)	9	7	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	4	1	3	2	3	2	3	1	-	1	-	-
	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	*	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	1%	-	-
the Socialist Alliance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
the Scottish Socialist Party	4	-	4	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
	1%	-	1%	-	-	2%	1%	-	-	-	1%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	6%	-	-	-
the Natural Law Party	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	*	*	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-
Veritas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Respect	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	*	-	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Another party	15	12	3	-	2	2	8	1	2	4	5	2	3	6	-	2	4	4	1	*	-
	2%	3%	1%	-	2%	1%	6%	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%	-	1%	3%	6%	1%	*	-
Wouldn't vote	90	53	37	22	16	19	10	14	9	16	30	18	25	20	27	23	11	8	4	7	2
	12%	14%	10%	32%	17%	13%	7%	12%	5%	9%	15%	12%	12%	10%	14%	13%	11%	13%	2%	5%	2%

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Weighted base	738	375	363	69	95	148	135	114	177	184	201	150	203	202	193	179	102	63	176	146	97
Refused	37	14	24	2	4	6	10	6	10	13	13	3	8	9	11	8	4	5	-	-	-
	5%	4%	7%	3%	4%	4%	8%	5%	6%	7%	6%	2%	4%	5%	6%	4%	4%	8%	-	-	-
Don't know	77	31	47	8	9	25	12	7	17	16	27	13	22	25	17	21	8	7	-	4	7
	10%	8%	13%	11%	10%	17%	9%	6%	9%	9%	14%	8%	11%	12%	9%	12%	8%	11%	-	3%	8%

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Table 5

Q.6 Now I'd like you to think ahead to the next election. Imagine that the Environment Secretary David Miliband takes over from Tony Blair as Labour leader and the Conservatives are led by David Cameron and the Liberal Democrats by Ming Campbell. Which party would you vote for - or would you vote for another party or not vote at all?

Base: All 'Sample B' respondents

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DF	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat
Unweighted base	750	359	391	68	136	132	135	140	139	230	187	126	207	199	195	187	102	67	155	169	91
Weighted base	765	348	417	96	158	148	117	111	135	198	236	160	171	200	207	184	109	64	168	146	99
Conservative	209	101	107	10	37	36	29	30	66	75	68	28	37	57	62	44	35	10	158	8	9
	27%	29%	26%	10%	24%	25%	25%	27%	49%	38%	29%	18%	22%	29%	30%	24%	32%	16%	94%	5%	9%
Labour	151	76	74	16	30	27	31	23	24	32	43	38	38	36	31	48	18	16	4	116	6
	20%	22%	18%	17%	19%	19%	26%	21%	18%	16%	18%	24%	22%	18%	15%	26%	17%	26%	2%	80%	6%
Liberal Democrat	105	47	58	17	31	15	19	17	6	32	32	17	24	26	36	26	11	6	-	5	75
	14%	13%	14%	17%	20%	10%	16%	15%	4%	16%	13%	11%	14%	13%	18%	14%	10%	9%	-	4%	76%
Other	62	30	32	6	16	17	11	7	5	14	16	16	17	18	12	7	10	15	1	2	3
	8%	8%	8%	6%	10%	11%	9%	7%	4%	7%	7%	10%	10%	9%	6%	4%	9%	23%	1%	2%	3%
Wouldn't vote	116	48	67	30	28	22	13	11	12	18	38	34	25	32	31	28	14	9	2	10	3
	15%	14%	16%	31%	17%	15%	11%	10%	9%	9%	16%	22%	14%	16%	15%	13%	15%	1%	7%	7%	3%
Refused	44	19	25	4	4	12	4	8	12	10	16	6	12	12	11	12	7	1	-	-	-
	6%	5%	6%	4%	3%	8%	4%	7%	9%	5%	7%	4%	7%	6%	5%	6%	7%	2%	-	-	-
Don't know	79	27	52	14	12	18	11	15	10	18	24	20	18	18	23	18	14	6	3	5	3
	10%	8%	13%	14%	8%	12%	9%	14%	7%	9%	10%	12%	11%	9%	11%	10%	13%	9%	2%	3%	3%

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Do you think the sailors should or should not have been allowed to sell their stories?																					
Should	166 23%	91 24%	75 21%	30 44%	30 32%	46 31%	29 21%	14 12%	18 10%	35 19%	55 27%	36 24%	40 20%	42 21%	47 25%	45 25%	17 17%	15 24%	18 10%	39 27%	24 25%
Should not	536 73%	265 71%	270 74%	33 48%	55 58%	93 63%	100 74%	99 86%	156 88%	136 74%	133 66%	109 73%	157 77%	143 71%	137 71%	129 72%	79 78%	48 76%	151 86%	99 68%	72 75%
Refused	2 *	2 1%	-	-	2 2%	-	1 1%	-	-	1 *	2 1%	-	-	1 *	2 1%	-	-	-	-	-	1 1%
Don't know	34 5%	16 4%	18 5%	5 8%	8 9%	9 6%	6 5%	2 1%	3 2%	12 7%	11 5%	5 3%	6 3%	16 8%	7 4%	5 3%	5 5%	* 1%	7 4%	9 6%	-
Do you think the Secretary of State for Defence Des Browne should or should not lose his job because of this?																					
Should	221 30%	128 34%	93 26%	11 16%	20 21%	32 21%	37 28%	49 43%	73 41%	53 29%	47 24%	53 36%	67 33%	60 30%	59 31%	44 25%	37 37%	21 33%	82 46%	33 23%	18 18%
Should not	434 59%	214 57%	219 60%	51 74%	62 66%	102 69%	76 56%	60 52%	82 47%	113 61%	121 60%	89 59%	111 55%	114 57%	115 60%	119 67%	51 50%	35 55%	76 43%	107 73%	75 78%
Refused	6 1%	4 1%	2 *	2 3%	-	2 1%	1 1%	-	1 *	2 1%	3 1%	-	1 *	1 *	1 *	-	2 2%	2 4%	2 1%	-	-
Don't know	78 11%	29 8%	49 13%	5 7%	13 13%	12 8%	20 15%	6 5%	21 12%	16 9%	29 14%	8 5%	24 12%	27 13%	18 9%	16 9%	12 12%	6 9%	17 9%	6 4%	4 4%

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Weighted base	738	375	363	69	95	148	135	114	177	184	201	150	203	202	193	179	102	63	176	146	97
<u>Do you think there should or should not now be a full enquiry into how this all happened?</u>																					
Should	484	231	253	52	57	84	86	78	127	117	126	98	142	129	115	120	72	47	141	87	54
	66%	62%	70%	75%	60%	57%	63%	68%	72%	64%	63%	66%	70%	64%	60%	67%	71%	75%	80%	60%	56%
Should not	230	132	98	11	31	63	47	34	44	60	67	48	54	68	72	53	23	14	29	58	40
	31%	35%	27%	16%	33%	42%	35%	30%	25%	33%	34%	32%	27%	34%	37%	30%	22%	22%	17%	40%	42%
Refused	3	3	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-
	*	1%	-	3%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	2%	-	-	-	1%	-	2%	-	1%	-	-
Don't know	21	9	12	4	5	1	3	2	5	7	3	3	7	5	4	5	5	2	4	1	3
	3%	2%	3%	6%	5%	1%	2%	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	5%	3%	2%	1%	3%

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Table 7

Q.7b Which of the following do you think is most to blame for this situation?**Base: All 'Sample A' respondents**

	Sex		Age							Social Class				Region					Voting Intention		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C.1	C.2	DF	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat
Unweighted base	753	380	373	54	78	131	157	144	189	222	167	119	245	199	196	186	105	67	165	168	94
Weighted base	738	375	363	69	95	148	135	114	177	184	201	150	203	202	193	179	102	63	176	146	97
The media	178 24%	80 21%	98 27%	12 17%	26 28%	52 35%	31 23%	26 23%	30 17%	42 23%	47 23%	46 30%	43 21%	43 21%	51 27%	45 25%	24 24%	15 23%	26 15%	43 29%	35 36%
The Ministry of Defence	114 16%	59 16%	56 15%	1 2%	19 20%	19 13%	22 16%	25 22%	28 16%	31 17%	33 17%	22 15%	28 14%	32 16%	31 16%	27 15%	15 15%	9 15%	30 17%	22 15%	16 16%
Tony Blair	101 14%	50 13%	50 14%	14 21%	10 11%	12 8%	25 18%	18 16%	21 12%	29 15%	26 13%	15 10%	31 15%	21 11%	26 13%	28 16%	18 18%	7 11%	36 20%	9 6%	11 11%
The Royal Navy	94 13%	60 16%	34 9%	12 18%	12 12%	16 11%	13 10%	13 12%	28 16%	28 15%	25 12%	18 12%	23 11%	24 12%	18 9%	27 15%	14 14%	11 18%	26 15%	23 16%	9 9%
The Defence Secretary Des Browne	79 11%	52 14%	27 8%	7 10%	8 9%	14 10%	9 7%	11 10%	30 17%	15 8%	19 10%	20 13%	25 12%	19 9%	30 15%	16 9%	13 13%	2 3%	29 16%	15 10%	4 4%
The sailors themselves	45 6%	17 4%	29 8%	9 13%	4 4%	8 6%	5 4%	8 7%	11 6%	10 5%	9 4%	11 7%	16 8%	9 4%	12 6%	8 4%	5 5%	11 18%	6 3%	11 7%	8 8%
None of these	41 6%	27 7%	14 4%	3 4%	3 3%	16 11%	9 7%	2 1%	9 5%	12 7%	14 7%	4 3%	10 5%	18 9%	6 3%	8 5%	5 5%	3 4%	5 3%	9 6%	8 8%
Refused	5 1%	2 *	3 1%	2 3%	- -	- -	2 1%	- -	1 1%	1 1%	3 2%	1 *	- -	2 1%	- -	- -	2 2%	1 2%	3 2%	- -	- -
Don't know	81 11%	30 8%	51 14%	9 13%	12 13%	11 8%	20 14%	10 9%	19 11%	16 9%	24 12%	13 9%	28 14%	34 17%	19 10%	20 11%	5 4%	4 6%	16 9%	14 9%	7 7%

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Table 8

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Base: All respondents

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DF	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat
Unweighted base	1503	739	764	122	214	263	292	284	328	452	354	245	452	398	391	373	207	134	320	337	185
Weighted base	1503	723	780	165	253	296	252	225	312	383	436	310	374	402	400	363	211	127	344	293	196
If Labour does badly in the May elections it will more than anything else be a reflection of how people feel about Tony Blair personally.	354 24%	165 23%	189 24%	42 25%	76 30%	67 22%	58 23%	38 17%	74 24%	88 23%	109 25%	68 22%	89 24%	95 24%	77 19%	87 24%	51 24%	44 35%	72 21%	89 30%	37 19%
If Labour does badly in the May elections it will more than anything else be a reflection of how people feel about Gordon Brown personally as much as about Tony Blair.	246 16%	122 17%	124 16%	35 21%	33 13%	52 17%	44 17%	40 18%	42 14%	51 13%	72 16%	58 19%	64 17%	79 20%	59 15%	63 17%	26 12%	19 15%	55 16%	53 18%	39 20%
If Labour does badly in the May elections it will more than anything else be a reflection of the record of the Labour government overall.	581 39%	290 40%	291 37%	55 33%	89 35%	121 41%	101 40%	96 43%	119 38%	164 43%	181 42%	108 35%	127 34%	153 38%	168 42%	135 37%	88 42%	37 29%	171 50%	74 25%	87 45%
If Labour does badly in the May elections it will more than anything else be a reflection of local factors, not the party nationally.	205 14%	108 15%	97 12%	17 10%	36 14%	42 14%	37 15%	34 15%	38 12%	56 15%	55 13%	49 16%	45 12%	42 11%	67 17%	50 14%	29 14%	16 12%	29 8%	58 20%	28 14%
None of these	30 2%	17 2%	13 2%	- -	8 3%	4 1%	3 1%	5 2%	10 3%	11 3%	1 *	11 4%	7 2%	10 2%	5 1%	7 2%	3 2%	5 4%	6 2%	7 2%	- -
Refused	5 *	1 *	5 1%	- -	1 *	2 1%	- -	1 *	2 1%	1 *	2 *	- -	3 1%	3 1%	2 *	1 *	- -	- -	1 *	- -	- -

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	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
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Weighted base	1503	723	780	165	253	296	252	225	312	383	436	310	374	402	400	363	211	127	344	293	196
Don't know	82	21	61	17	10	9	10	10	26	12	16	15	39	20	21	21	14	7	10	12	4
	5%	3%	8%	10%	4%	3%	4%	5%	8%	3%	4%	5%	10%	5%	5%	6%	6%	5%	3%	4%	2%

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Table 9

Q.9 There have recently been reports that Gordon Brown rejected the advice of some senior Treasury civil servants when he decided to raise money in his first budget, ten years ago, by scrapping pension credits. These stories have prompted debate about the extent to which this decision by Gordon Brown is or is not responsible for problems that have arisen since in Britain's private pension system. Many final salary pension schemes have been cancelled and many pension funds do not have enough money in them to pay out the pensions people are expecting. Some people say that Gordon Brown has caused this problem, while others say that it is really caused by fluctuations in the stock market that are nothing to do with Mr Brown. From what you know and have heard to what extent do you think that Gordon Brown, because of his decisions as Chancellor, is to blame for the problems in Britain's private pension system?

Base: All 'Sample B' respondents

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DF	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Dem-ocrat
Unweighted base	750	359	391	68	136	132	135	140	139	230	187	126	207	199	195	187	102	67	155	169	91
Weighted base	765	348	417	96	158	148	117	111	135	198	236	160	171	200	207	184	109	64	168	146	99
NET: To blame	283 37%	154 44%	128 31%	17 18%	44 28%	53 36%	49 42%	49 44%	70 52%	73 37%	90 38%	49 30%	71 41%	76 38%	78 38%	70 38%	42 38%	17 27%	101 60%	35 24%	33 33%
Completely to blame	(5) 20%	85 24%	65 16%	10 10%	19 12%	25 17%	24 20%	27 24%	45 34%	39 20%	39 17%	34 21%	38 22%	39 20%	39 19%	38 21%	26 24%	7 12%	59 35%	15 10%	18 18%
Significantly to blame	(4) 17%	69 20%	63 15%	7 7%	25 16%	28 19%	25 22%	22 20%	25 19%	34 17%	51 21%	15 9%	33 19%	36 18%	39 19%	32 17%	15 14%	10 15%	42 25%	20 14%	15 15%
Somewhat to blame	(3) 15%	45 13%	69 17%	13 14%	26 16%	29 19%	14 12%	16 14%	16 12%	35 18%	39 17%	22 14%	18 10%	37 19%	30 14%	26 14%	13 12%	7 11%	22 13%	20 14%	19 19%
Very little to blame	(2) 8%	25 7%	36 9%	8 8%	12 8%	10 6%	11 10%	13 12%	7 5%	18 9%	19 8%	14 9%	11 6%	10 5%	17 8%	15 8%	12 11%	8 12%	5 3%	19 13%	9 10%
Not to blame at all	(1) 13%	51 15%	46 11%	12 12%	23 14%	15 10%	20 17%	12 11%	16 12%	32 16%	25 11%	24 15%	17 10%	33 16%	20 10%	18 10%	10 9%	16 25%	11 7%	41 28%	11 12%
NET: Little/ not to blame	159 21%	76 22%	83 20%	20 21%	35 22%	25 17%	31 27%	25 22%	23 17%	49 25%	44 19%	38 24%	28 17%	43 22%	37 18%	33 18%	22 20%	24 37%	16 9%	60 41%	21 21%
Don't know	209 27%	72 21%	137 33%	46 48%	53 33%	41 28%	23 19%	22 19%	25 18%	41 21%	63 27%	51 32%	55 32%	44 22%	62 30%	55 30%	33 30%	16 24%	29 17%	32 22%	26 26%
Mean	3.32	3.41	3.23	2.91	3.04	3.36	3.24	3.44	3.69	3.20	3.35	3.19	3.54	3.25	3.41	3.45	3.46	2.68	3.95	2.56	3.26
Standard deviation	1.43	1.47	1.38	1.45	1.40	1.32	1.48	1.40	1.44	1.45	1.33	1.54	1.41	1.45	1.37	1.39	1.43	1.50	1.21	1.45	1.38
Standard error	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.25	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.14	0.11	0.11	0.16	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.17	0.21	0.11	0.13	0.17

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Table 10

Q.10 Tony Blair will be standing down as Labour leader soon and there is a debate going on within the Labour Party and the media about what type of person the Labour Party should look for when choosing a new leader. The Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown has long been seen as the most likely person to take over from Tony Blair and many regard him as by far the best qualified and most experienced candidate. But some people are now suggesting that Labour should instead choose one of the government's rising stars - someone in their early 40s who is more identified with new concerns like the environment and less tarnished by association with unpopular decisions the government has taken over the years.

Do you think Labour would be better off going with Gordon Brown or with one of these rising stars who is younger and newer but less experienced and largely unknown?

Base: All respondents

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
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Weighted base	1503	723	780	165	253	296	252	225	312	383	436	310	374	402	400	363	211	127	344	293	196
Better off with Gordon Brown	524 35%	286 40%	238 31%	52 32%	91 36%	108 37%	91 36%	73 32%	108 35%	130 34%	127 29%	127 41%	140 37%	137 34%	140 35%	117 32%	64 30%	66 52%	90 26%	167 57%	67 34%
Better off with rising star younger and newer	801 53%	358 50%	442 57%	99 60%	133 53%	150 51%	136 54%	128 57%	155 50%	198 52%	250 57%	164 53%	189 50%	212 53%	216 54%	208 57%	119 56%	46 36%	213 62%	114 39%	114 58%
Neither	68 5%	35 5%	33 4%	- -	12 5%	14 5%	9 4%	11 5%	21 7%	24 6%	27 6%	4 1%	13 3%	21 5%	15 4%	15 4%	11 5%	6 5%	21 6%	1 *	9 5%
Refused	2 *	1 *	2 *	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1%	1 *	- -	1 *	1 *	1 *	1 *	2 *	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 *	- -
Don't know	108 7%	43 6%	65 8%	14 9%	16 6%	24 8%	16 6%	11 5%	27 9%	31 8%	32 7%	14 4%	32 9%	31 8%	27 7%	23 6%	17 8%	10 8%	20 6%	11 4%	5 3%

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Table 11
Classification
Base: All respondents

		Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Unweighted base		1503	1503
Weighted base		1503	1503
<u>Sex</u>			
Male		739 49%	722 48%
Female		764 51%	781 52%
<u>Age</u>			
18-24	(21)	122 8%	165 11%
25-34	(29.5)	214 14%	256 17%
35-44	(39.5)	263 17%	301 20%
45-54	(49.5)	292 19%	256 17%
55-64	(59.5)	284 19%	225 15%
65+	(70)	328 22%	300 20%
Average age		48.95	46.56

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Table 11
Classification
Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1503	1503
<u>Social Class</u>		
AB	452 30%	376 25%
C1	354 24%	436 29%
C2	245 16%	316 21%
DE	452 30%	376 25%
<u>Region</u>		
North	507 34%	502 33%
Midlands	467 31%	468 31%
South	529 35%	533 35%

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Table 11
Classification
Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1503	1503
<u>Working status</u>		
Full-time	657 44%	667 44%
Part-time	186 12%	168 11%
Not working but seeking work or temporarily unemployed/sick	70 5%	80 5%
Not working/not seeking work	115 8%	132 9%
Retired	426 28%	389 26%
Student	48 3%	66 4%
Refused	1 *	* *

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Table 11
Classification
Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1503	1503
<u>Tenure</u>		
Own outright	479 32%	481 32%
Own with a mortgage	539 36%	616 41%
Council	176 12%	195 13%
Housing Assoc.	68 5%	46 3%
Rented from someone else	154 10%	111 7%
Rent free	24 2%	15 1%
Refused	63 4%	38 3%

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Table 11
Classification
Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1503	1503
<u>Foreign Holiday in last 3 years</u>		
Yes	972 65%	932 62%
No	531 35%	571 38%
<u>Number of cars</u>		
None	310 21%	304 20%
1	685 46%	654 44%
2	384 26%	424 28%
3+	124 8%	122 8%

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Table 11
Classification
Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1503	1503
<u>Internet Access</u>		
At all	1048 70%	1066 71%
At home (net)	941 63%	954 64%
At work (net)	497 33%	501 33%
At home	521 35%	532 35%
At work	77 5%	79 5%
Both at home and at work	420 28%	422 28%
Somewhere else	30 2%	32 2%
Not at all	453 30%	436 29%
Refused	2 *	2 *

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Table 11
Classification
Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1503	1503
<u>What is the highest educational level that you have achieved to date?</u>		
Secondary/ high school/ NVQ 1-3	772 51%	799 53%
University degree or equivalent professional qualification/ NVQ4	439 29%	446 30%
Higher university degree/ Doctorate/ MBA/ NVQ 5 or equivalent	115 8%	105 7%
None of these	124 8%	115 8%
Refused	53 4%	38 3%

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Table 11
Classification
Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1503	1503
<u>Marital Status</u>		
Single	339 23%	372 25%
Married/ co-habiting	799 53%	811 54%
Widowed/ separated/ divorced	322 21%	294 20%
Refused	43 3%	26 2%
<u>Children</u>		
None aged 18 or under	1045 70%	1030 69%
NET: Yes	408 27%	443 29%
NET: Yes any aged 15 or under	355 24%	390 26%
- Aged under 5	144 10%	178 12%
- Aged 5-10	148 10%	167 11%
- Aged 11-15	170 11%	172 11%
- Aged 16-18	117 8%	114 8%
Refused	50 3%	31 2%

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Table 11
Classification
Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1503	1503
<u>Grocery shopping status</u>		
I am the main grocery shopper in the household	987 66%	963 64%
I regularly do the main grocery shop	1047 70%	1027 68%
I regularly do top up grocery shopping (buy items or a basket of items as they are needed)	1119 74%	1120 75%
I do not do grocery shopping	172 11%	183 12%
Refused	36 2%	24 2%

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Table 12

Q.3 At the general election in May last year, many people didn't vote. If you did vote in the general election could you tell me which party you voted for?

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Unweighted base	1503	1503
Weighted base	1503	1503
Conservative	260 17%	297 20%
Labour	452 30%	361 24%
Liberal Democrat	166 11%	192 13%
SNP	16 1%	14 1%
Other	51 3%	50 3%
Did not vote	414 28%	439 29%
Refused	87 6%	87 6%
Don't know	57 4%	62 4%