

Ipsos MORI May 2018 Political Monitor

Topline Results

25th May 2018

Fieldwork: 18th – 22nd May 2018

Technical Details

Ipsos MORI interviewed a representative sample of 1015 adults aged 18+ across Great Britain. Interviews were conducted by telephone: 18th – 22nd May 2018. Data are weighted to match the profile of the population.

Where percentages do not sum to 100 this may be due to computer rounding, the exclusion of “don’t know” categories, or multiple answers. An asterisk (*) denotes any value of less than half a per cent. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote, are undecided or refuse to name a party and in the headline figures, are filtered as discussed below. Data are based on all adults unless otherwise stated.

Voting intention

Voting intention polls between elections are a measurement of how a representative sample of the public think they would vote at a given point in time. Voting intentions should be read in conjunction with other political indicators.

Voting intentions: headline indicator

Our headline indicator takes into account past voting behaviour (do people always or usually vote in general elections, or say it depends) as well as stated likelihood to vote in an upcoming election (those who say they are at least 9 out of 10 certain to vote). We continually review our methods, and may make further refinements to our methodology in the future.

As previously, please note that this measure is not based on the assumption that this is the group who will vote at the next general election, as this population is not accurately identifiable at this stage of a parliament. Rather, it includes only those voters whose past behaviour and frame of mind is nearest to those who actually vote at elections.

All polls are subject to a wide range of potential sources of error. On the basis of the historical record of the polls at recent general elections, there is a 9 in 10 chance that the true value of a party’s support lies within 4 points of the estimates provided by this poll, and a 2 in 3 chance that they lie within 2 points. This is especially important to keep in mind when calculating party lead figures.

Q1a **How would you vote if there were a General Election tomorrow?**

IF UNDECIDED OR REFUSED AT Q1a

Q1b **Which party are you most inclined to support?**

Base: All 9-10 certain to vote and always/usually/depends vote in General Elections (756)

	Q1a/b May %	Q1a/b Apr %
Conservative	40	41
Labour	40	40
Liberal Democrats (Lib Dem)	7	10
Scottish/Welsh Nationalist	5	4
Green Party	5	2
UK Independence Party	2	2
Other	*	1
Conservative lead (+%)	0	+1
<i>Would not vote</i>	1	*
<i>Undecided</i>	4	4
<i>Refused</i>	1	*

Voting intentions: all naming a party

The voting intention figures based on all those giving a voting intention is the measure with the longest pedigree; our regular trends on this basis go back to the 1970s. When turnouts were much higher than is usual today, this offered a good approximation to actual voting behaviour; in more recent years however, there have been differing turnout levels among the supporters of the various parties.

Q1a **How do you intend to vote in the General Election? Will you vote...?**

IF UNDECIDED OR REFUSED AT Q1a

Q1b **Which party are you most inclined to support?**

	%
Conservative	40
Labour	39
Liberal Democrats (Lib Dem)	9
Scottish/Welsh Nationalist	4
Green Party	4
UK Independence Party	3
Other	*
Conservative lead (+%)	+1
<i>Would not vote</i>	10
<i>Undecided</i>	7
<i>Refused</i>	1

Certainty of voting

- Q2 And how likely would you be to vote in the General Election, on a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 means you would be absolutely certain to vote, and 1 means that you would be absolutely certain not to vote?

	%
10 – absolutely certain to vote	61
9	7
8	7
7	3
6	3
5	6
4	1
3	1
2	1
1 – absolutely certain not to vote	9
Don't know	1

Satisfaction Ratings

Satisfaction among general public aged 18+

- Q3 Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the Government is running the country?
- Q4 Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Theresa May is doing her job as Prime Minister?
- Q5 Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Jeremy Corbyn is doing his job as leader of the Labour party?
- Q6 Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Vince Cable is doing his job as leader of the Liberal Democrats?

	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Don't know	Net satisfaction
	%	%	%	±
Government (Q3) May '18	33	60	7	-27
<i>Apr '18</i>	30	63	8	-33
May (Q4) May '18	37	56	7	-19
<i>Apr '18</i>	38	55	7	-17
Corbyn (Q5) May '18	32	56	12	-24
<i>Apr '18</i>	32	59	10	-27
Cable (Q6) May '18	28	33	39	-5
<i>Apr '18</i>	28	35	37	-7

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Base: All party supporters (*Government is based on Conservative supporters)

		Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Don't know	Net satisfaction
	Base	%	%	%	±
Government (Q3) May '18	365	65	30	4	+35
<i>Apr '18</i>	340	60	33	7	+27
May (Q4) May '18	365	70	27	3	+43
<i>Apr '18</i>	340	77	19	4	+56
Corbyn (Q5) May '18	307	60	30	9	+30
<i>Apr '18</i>	325	60	34	6	+26

Economic Optimism Index

- Q7 Do you think that the general economic condition of the country will improve, stay the same, or get worse over the next 12 months?

	May %	April %
Improve	23	23
Stay the same	27	28
Get worse	46	46
Don't know	5	3
Ipsos MORI Economic Optimism Index (EOI)	-23	-23

Brexit

- Q8 Please tell me how confident, if at all, you are that Theresa May will get a good deal for Britain in negotiations with other European Union leaders?

	Very confident %	Fairly confident %	Not very confident %	Not confident at all %	Don't know %	Confident %	Not confident %
May '18	5	29	33	30	3	34	63
Mar '18	6	31	28	31	4	37	59
Oct '17	5	30	31	29	4	35	60
Jul '17	6	30	31	29	3	36	60
Mar '17	11	33	28	23	5	44	51

Q9 Regardless of how you voted in the EU referendum, do you believe Britain's exit from the European Union is working out better or worse, or about the same as you expected?

	%
Better	9
About the same as expected	48
Worse	39
Don't know	4

Immigration

Q10a How much, if at all, do you trust Theresa May to make the right decisions for Britain on immigration?

	May 2018 %	<i>September</i> <i>2016</i> %
A great deal	8	<i>10</i>
A fair amount	28	<i>47</i>
Not very much	31	<i>21</i>
Not at all	31	<i>17</i>
Don't know	2	<i>6</i>

Q10b And if Jeremy Corbyn was Prime Minister, how much, if at all, would you trust him to make the right decisions for Britain on immigration?

	May 2018 %	<i>September</i> <i>2016</i> %
A great deal	7	<i>8</i>
A fair amount	26	<i>23</i>
Not very much	20	<i>26</i>
Not at all	40	<i>38</i>
Don't know	6	<i>4</i>

Q11 Some employers say they need to recruit more skilled professionals from outside of the EU to fill empty posts. The Government says it has to cap the number of immigrants, including doctors and other skilled workers.

For each of the following types of skilled workers who have recently had visa applications refused, what do you think the government policy should be?

	Doctors	Engineers	Teachers	Computer and technology experts
	%	%	%	%
There should be no cap on the numbers at all	37	27	27	21
The cap should be increased so that more visas are issued	27	22	21	20
The cap should remain at the present level	19	28	30	30
The cap should be reduced so that fewer visas are issued	9	13	11	16
No visas should be issued to this group at all	3	4	5	6
Don't know	5	6	6	7