

## Ipsos MORI February 2019 Political Monitor Topline Results

8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Fieldwork: 1<sup>st</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### Technical Details

Ipsos MORI interviewed a representative sample of 1,005 adults aged 18+ across Great Britain. Interviews were conducted by telephone: 1<sup>st</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019. 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 (754)

|                               | Q1a/b<br>February<br>% | Q1a/b<br>December<br>% |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Conservative                  | 38                     | 38                     |
| Labour                        | 38                     | 38                     |
| Liberal Democrats (Lib Dem)   | 10                     | 9                      |
| Scottish/Welsh Nationalist    | 5                      | 5                      |
| Green Party                   | 3                      | 5                      |
| UK Independence Party         | 4                      | 4                      |
| Other                         | 3                      | 1                      |
| <b>Conservative lead (±%)</b> | <b>+0</b>              | <b>+0</b>              |
| <i>Would not vote</i>         | 1                      | *                      |
| <i>Undecided</i>              | 4                      | 4                      |
| <i>Refused</i>                | 3                      | *                      |

### 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                  | 39        |
| Labour                        | 35        |
| Liberal Democrats (Lib Dem)   | 12        |
| Scottish/Welsh Nationalist    | 4         |
| Green Party                   | 3         |
| UK Independence Party         | 5         |
| Other                         | 2         |
| <b>Conservative lead (±%)</b> | <b>+4</b> |
| <i>Would not vote</i>         | 9         |
| <i>Undecided</i>              | 7         |
| <i>Refused</i>                | 2         |

## 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    | <b>64</b> |
| 9                                  | <b>5</b>  |
| 8                                  | <b>4</b>  |
| 7                                  | <b>5</b>  |
| 6                                  | <b>3</b>  |
| 5                                  | <b>4</b>  |
| 4                                  | <b>1</b>  |
| 3                                  | <b>1</b>  |
| 2                                  | <b>2</b>  |
| 1 – absolutely certain not to vote | <b>10</b> |
| Don't know                         | <b>1</b>  |

## 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) <b>Jan '19</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>71</b>    | <b>8</b>   | <b>-49</b>       |
| <i>Dec '18</i>                 | 24        | 69           | 7          | -45              |
| May (Q4) <b>Jan '18</b>        | <b>33</b> | <b>58</b>    | <b>9</b>   | <b>-25</b>       |
| <i>Dec '18</i>                 | 35        | 57           | 8          | -22              |
| Corbyn (Q5) <b>Jan '19</b>     | <b>17</b> | <b>72</b>    | <b>11</b>  | <b>-55</b>       |
| <i>Dec '18</i>                 | 27        | 59           | 14         | -32              |
| Cable (Q6) <b>Jan '19</b>      | <b>24</b> | <b>41</b>    | <b>35</b>  | <b>-17</b>       |
| <i>Dec '18</i>                 | 24        | 38           | 38         | -14              |

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

|                         | Base | Satisfied<br>% | Dissatisfied<br>% | Don't know<br>% | Net satisfaction<br>± |
|-------------------------|------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Government (Q3) Jan '19 | 352  | 46             | 47                | 7               | -1                    |
| Dec '18                 | 382  | 55             | 39                | 6               | +16                   |
| May (Q4) Dec '18        | 352  | 64             | 30                | 6               | +34                   |
| Oct '18                 | 382  | 66             | 31                | 3               | +35                   |
| Corbyn (Q5) Dec '18     | 292  | 44             | 46                | 9               | -2                    |
| Oct '18                 | 320  | 49             | 40                | 11              | +9                    |

## 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?

|                                                 | Dec '18<br>% | Dec '18<br>% |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Improve                                         | 14           | 14           |
| Stay the same                                   | 21           | 19           |
| Get worse                                       | 57           | 61           |
| Don't know                                      | 9            | 6            |
| <b>Ipsos MORI Economic Optimism Index (EOI)</b> | <b>-43</b>   | <b>-47</b>   |

## Brexit

I'd now like to ask you some questions about the ongoing negotiations on Britain's future relationship with the European Union after it leaves in March next year.

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?

*\*Asked in December 2019 as: Please tell me how confident, if at all, you are that Theresa May has got 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 |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
|                | %              | %                | %                  | %                    | %          | %         | %             |
| <b>Feb '19</b> | <b>2</b>       | <b>19</b>        | <b>36</b>          | <b>41</b>            | <b>3</b>   | <b>21</b> | <b>77</b>     |
| Dec '18*       | 3              | 20               | 30                 | 39                   | 7          | 23        | 69            |
| Oct '18        | 2              | 17               | 35                 | 43                   | 3          | 19        | 78            |
| Sep '18        | 4              | 24               | 37                 | 33                   | 2          | 28        | 70            |
| Jul '18        | 4              | 21               | 36                 | 36                   | 3          | 25        | 72            |
| Jun '18        | 5              | 25               | 34                 | 33                   | 2          | 30        | 67            |
| 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            |

**Base: Conservative party supporters (352)**

|                | Very confident | Fairly confident | Not very confident | Not confident at all | Don't know | Confident | Not confident |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
|                | %              | %                | %                  | %                    | %          | %         | %             |
| <b>Feb '19</b> | <b>2</b>       | <b>34</b>        | <b>41</b>          | <b>21</b>            | <b>2</b>   | <b>36</b> | <b>62</b>     |
| Dec '18        | 6              | 33               | 29                 | 25                   | 7          | 39        | 54            |
| Oct '18        | 4              | 30               | 41                 | 23                   | 2          | 34        | 64            |
| Sep '18        | 7              | 38               | 40                 | 13                   | 2          | 45        | 53            |
| Jul '18        | 7              | 40               | 39                 | 12                   | 3          | 47        | 51            |
| Jun '18        | 11             | 45               | 32                 | 11                   | 2          | 56        | 43            |
| May '18        | 10             | 57               | 23                 | 9                    | 1          | 67        | 32            |
| Mar '18        | 16             | 51               | 23                 | 10                   | 1          | 67        | 33            |
| Oct '17        | 12             | 54               | 22                 | 8                    | 4          | 66        | 30            |
| Jul '17        | 14             | 59               | 15                 | 11                   | 2          | 73        | 26            |

Q9 How much, if at all, do you trust each of the following to make the right decisions for Britain about its exit from the European Union?

|                                       |                | A great deal | A fair amount | Not very much | Not at all | Don't know | Trust a great deal/fair amount | Trust not very much/at all |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                       |                | %            | %             | %             | %          | %          | %                              | %                          |
| <b>Theresa May</b>                    | <b>Feb '19</b> | <b>7</b>     | <b>27</b>     | <b>29</b>     | <b>35</b>  | <b>3</b>   | <b>34</b>                      | <b>64</b>                  |
|                                       | <i>Jul '18</i> | 10           | 31            | 26            | 32         | 1          | 41                             | 58                         |
| <b>Jeremy Corbyn</b>                  | <b>Feb '19</b> | <b>5</b>     | <b>15</b>     | <b>25</b>     | <b>51</b>  | <b>4</b>   | <b>20</b>                      | <b>76</b>                  |
|                                       | <i>Jul '18</i> | 7            | 24            | 24            | 41         | 3          | 31                             | 65                         |
| <b>Members of Parliament as whole</b> | <b>Feb '19</b> | <b>3</b>     | <b>22</b>     | <b>39</b>     | <b>31</b>  | <b>4</b>   | <b>25</b>                      | <b>70</b>                  |

Q10 Do you think ... has provided strong or weak leadership when handling Britain's exit from the European Union? Is that very or fairly strong/weak?

|                      | Very strong | Fairly strong | Neither strong nor weak | Fairly weak | Very weak | Don't know | Strong    | Weak      |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
|                      | %           | %             | %                       | %           | %         | %          | %         | %         |
| <b>Theresa May</b>   | <b>8</b>    | <b>27</b>     | <b>12</b>               | <b>22</b>   | <b>28</b> | <b>2</b>   | <b>35</b> | <b>50</b> |
| <b>Jeremy Corbyn</b> | <b>3</b>    | <b>13</b>     | <b>9</b>                | <b>26</b>   | <b>43</b> | <b>5</b>   | <b>16</b> | <b>69</b> |

Base: own party supporters

|                      |                    | Very strong | Fairly strong | Neither strong nor weak | Fairly weak | Very weak | Don't know | Strong    | Weak      |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
|                      |                    | %           | %             | %                       | %           | %         | %          | %         | %         |
| <b>Theresa May</b>   | <i>Base</i><br>352 | <b>14</b>   | <b>46</b>     | <b>10</b>               | <b>17</b>   | <b>12</b> | <b>1</b>   | <b>60</b> | <b>29</b> |
| <b>Jeremy Corbyn</b> | 292                | <b>9</b>    | <b>27</b>     | <b>15</b>               | <b>27</b>   | <b>20</b> | <b>2</b>   | <b>36</b> | <b>47</b> |

Q11 When thinking about the ongoing negotiations on Britain's withdrawal from the European Union, whose interests do you think ... puts first?

|                                        | Theresa May<br>% | Conservative<br>MPs<br>% |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| The country's                          | 36               | 13                       |
| The Conservative party's               | 33               | 29                       |
| Her/their own                          | 25               | 47                       |
| Different MPs have different interests | -                | 6                        |
| Other                                  | 1                | *                        |
| None of these                          | 1                | 1                        |
| Don't know                             | 4                | 5                        |

Q12 When thinking about the ongoing negotiations on Britain's withdrawal from the European Union, whose interests do you think ... puts first?

|                                        | Jeremy<br>Corbyn<br>% | Labour<br>MPs<br>% |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| The country's                          | 18                    | 18                 |
| The Labour party's                     | 27                    | 30                 |
| His/their own                          | 47                    | 38                 |
| Different MPs have different interests | -                     | 7                  |
| Other                                  | 1                     | 1                  |
| None of these                          | 1                     | 1                  |
| Don't know                             | 6                     | 6                  |

Q13 How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

|                                                                                                  |         | Strongly<br>agree<br>% | Somewhat<br>agree<br>% | Neither<br>agree<br>not<br>disagree<br>% | Somewhat<br>disagree<br>% | Strongly<br>disagree<br>% | Don't<br>know<br>% | Agree<br>% | Disa<br>gree<br>% |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------|
| <b>The Conservative party is divided on how to handle Britain's exit from the European Union</b> | Feb '19 | 57                     | 19                     | 8                                        | 8                         | 6                         | 3                  | 76         | 14                |
|                                                                                                  | Dec '16 | 36                     | 31                     | 9                                        | 10                        | 7                         | 7                  | 67         | 17                |
| <b>The Labour party is divided on how to handle Britain's exit from the European Union</b>       | Feb '19 | 41                     | 23                     | 12                                       | 8                         | 9                         | 5                  | 64         | 17                |
|                                                                                                  | Dec '16 | 37                     | 27                     | 8                                        | 9                         | 10                        | 9                  | 64         | 19                |

Q14 As you may know Britain is set to leave the European Union on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March. In your opinion, how likely or unlikely do you think it is that the Government will ask to delay Britain's exit from the EU to after this date?

|                 | Feb '19<br>% |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Very likely     | 38           |
| Fairly likely   | 34           |
| Fairly unlikely | 13           |
| Very unlikely   | 9            |
| Don't know      | 6            |
| <b>Likely</b>   | <b>72</b>    |
| <b>Unlikely</b> | <b>22</b>    |

Q15 And how strongly, if at all, would you support or oppose delaying Britain's departure from the EU if an agreement on the terms of Britain's exit from the EU is not reached by the 29<sup>th</sup> of March?

|                            | Feb '19<br>% | By party support |               |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|
|                            |              | Con: 352<br>%    | Lab: 292<br>% |
| Strongly support           | 38           | 25               | 57            |
| Tend to support            | 12           | 14               | 9             |
| Neither support nor oppose | 9            | 7                | 5             |
| Tend to oppose             | 8            | 10               | 6             |
| Strongly oppose            | 29           | 41               | 18            |
| Don't know                 | 4            | 2                | 4             |
| <b>Support</b>             | <b>50</b>    | <b>39</b>        | <b>66</b>     |
| <b>Oppose</b>              | <b>37</b>    | <b>51</b>        | <b>24</b>     |

Q16 When thinking about the possibility of Britain leaving the EU without a deal, do you think the Government has done a good job or a bad job preparing for this situation?

|            | Feb '19<br>% |
|------------|--------------|
| Good job   | 15           |
| Bad job    | 77           |
| Don't know | 8            |