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### VOTING INTENTION

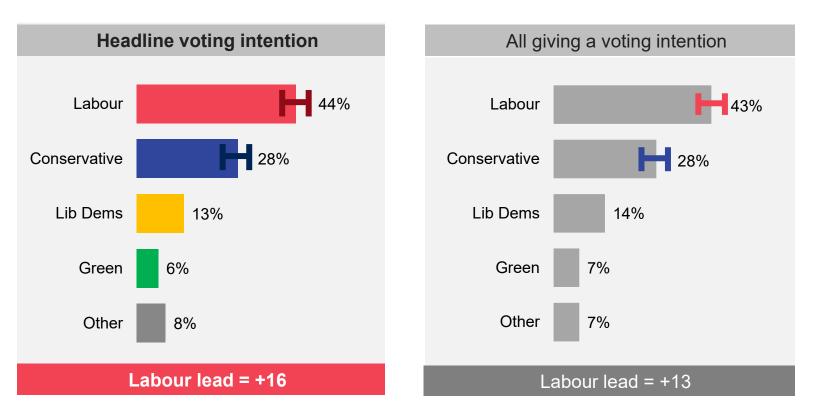


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#### Voting Intention: May 2023

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



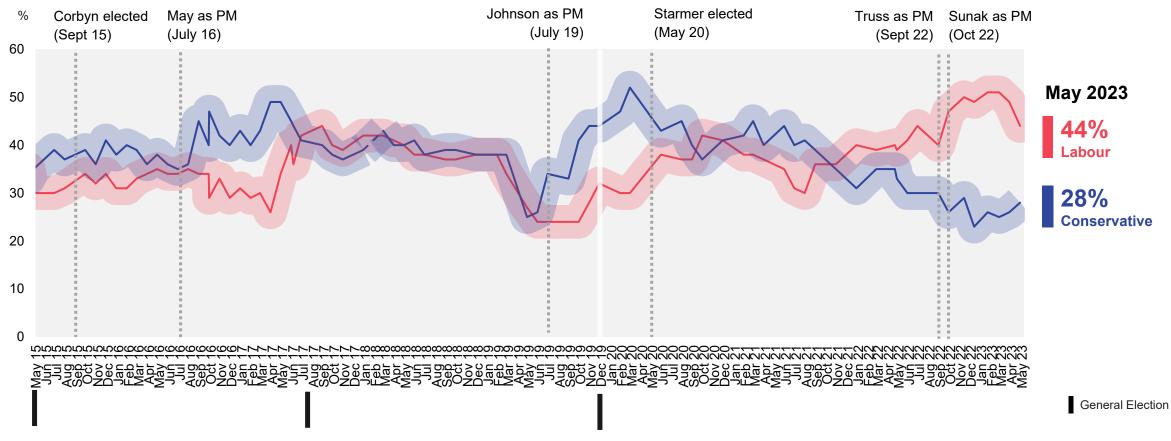


**Base: 1,006** British adults 18+, **10-16 May 2023;** Headline Voting Intention: all 9/10 certain to vote, always/usually/it depends vote in General Elections = **651.** Margin of error is displayed at +/- 4% All polls are subject to a wide range of potential sources of error. On the basis of the historical 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.



#### Headline voting intention: Since the 2015 General Election

How would you vote if there were an election tomorrow?

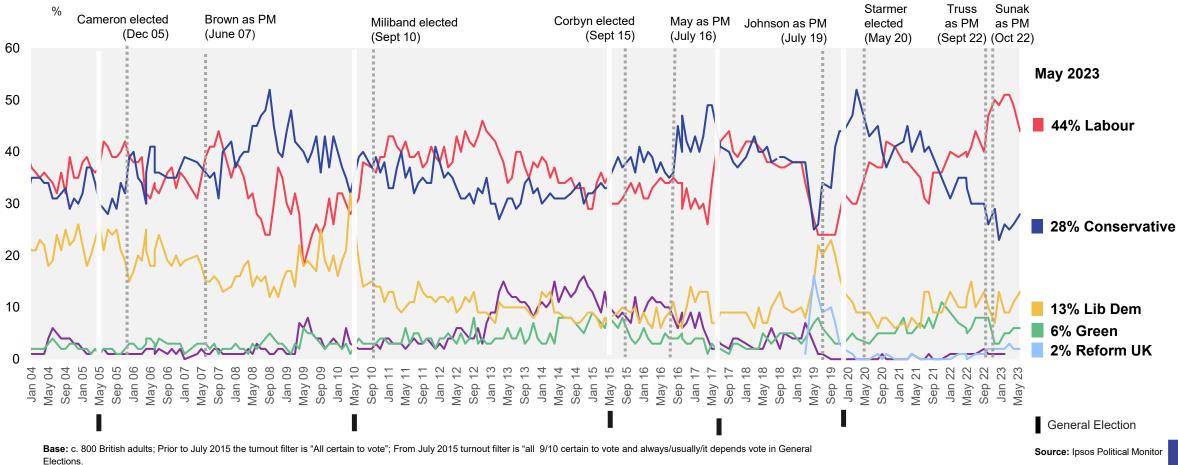


Base: c. :800 British adults 18; Prior to July 2015 the turnout filter is "All certain to vote"; From July 2015 turnout filter is "all 9/10 certain to vote and always/usually/it depends vote in General Elections. Note small change in methodology in approach to prompting Brexit Party in July 2019



#### Headline voting intention: January '04 – May '23

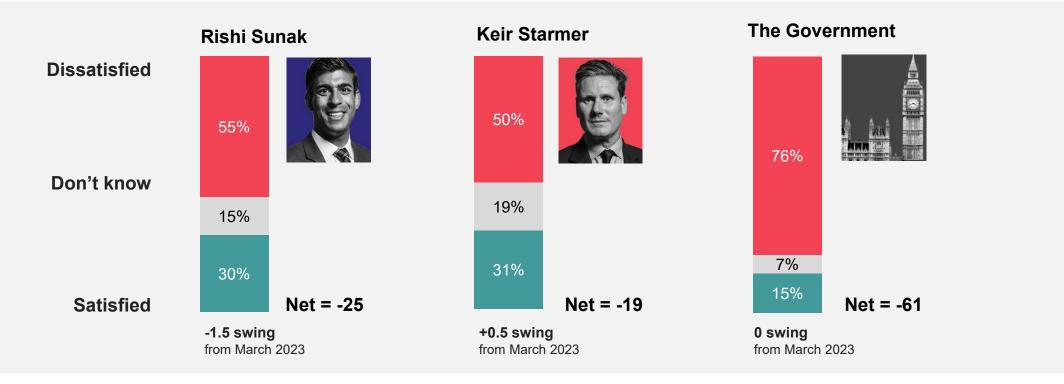
How would you vote if there were an election tomorrow?



#### SATISFACTION WITH GOVERNMENT AND PARTY LEADERS

#### Satisfaction with leaders and the Government: May 2023

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way.... is running the country / doing his job as Prime Minister /Leader of the Labour Party?



Source: Ipsos Political Monitor



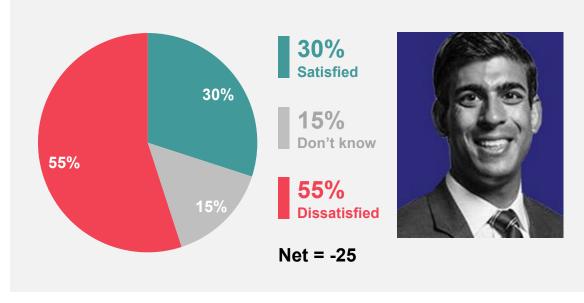
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#### Rishi Sunak: Satisfaction

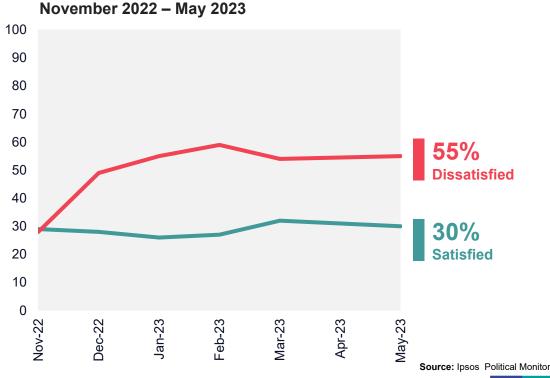
Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Rishi Sunak is doing his job as Prime Minister?

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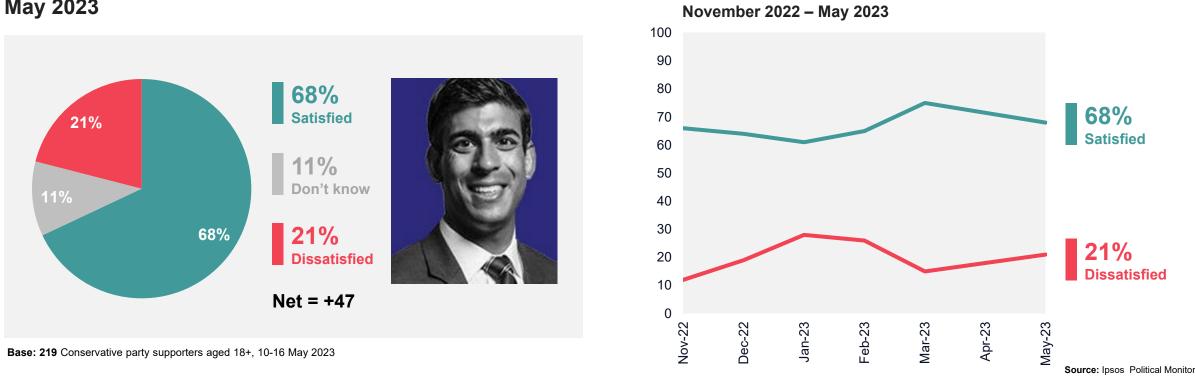
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#### **Rishi Sunak:** Satisfaction amongst Conservative supporters

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Rishi Sunak is doing his job as Prime Minister?



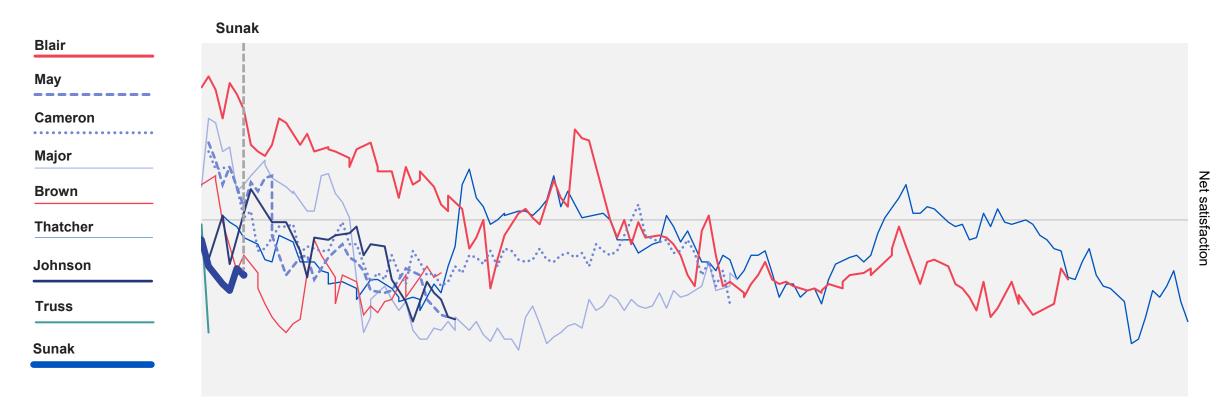
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#### Net satisfaction with Prime Ministers (1979-2023)

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way ... is doing his/her job as Prime Minister?



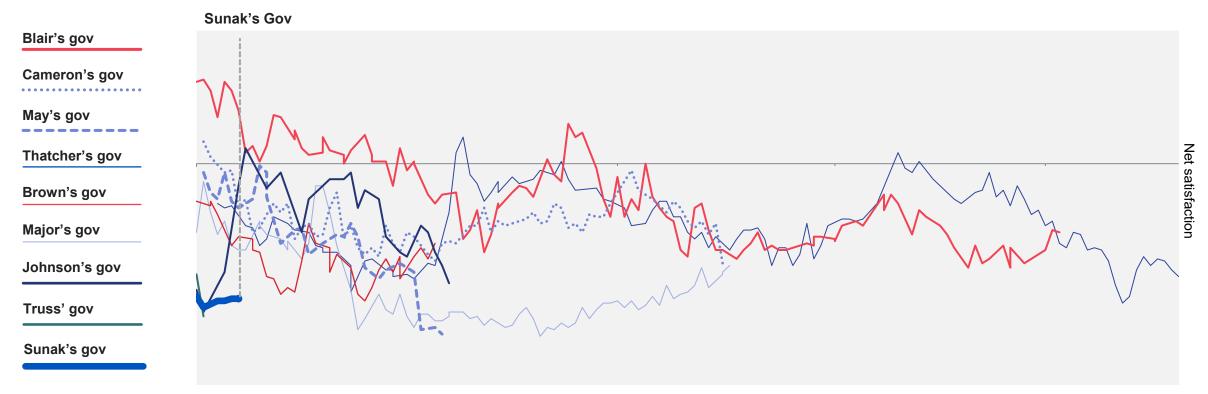
Number of months after becoming prime minister

Note: Data collected prior to February 2008 was collected via face-to-face methodology; data collected from February 2008 was via telephone Base: c.1,000 British adults each month



#### Net satisfaction with the Government (1979 – 2023)

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way the government is running the country?



Number of months after assuming government

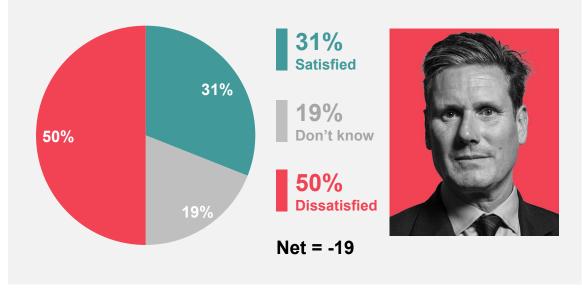
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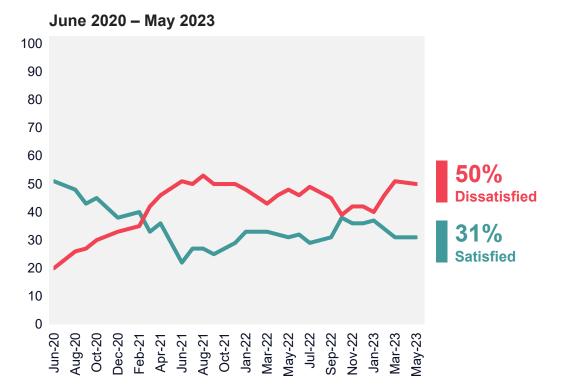
#### Keir Starmer: Satisfaction

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Keir Starmer is doing his job as leader of the Labour Party?

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Base: 1,006 British adults 18+, 10-16 May 2023

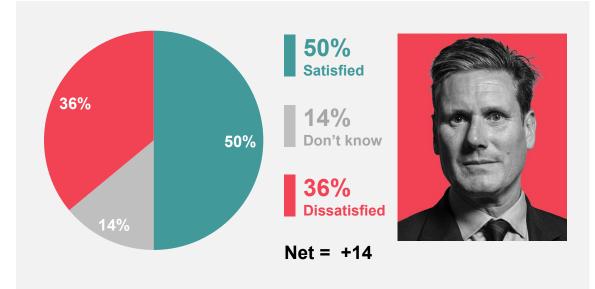




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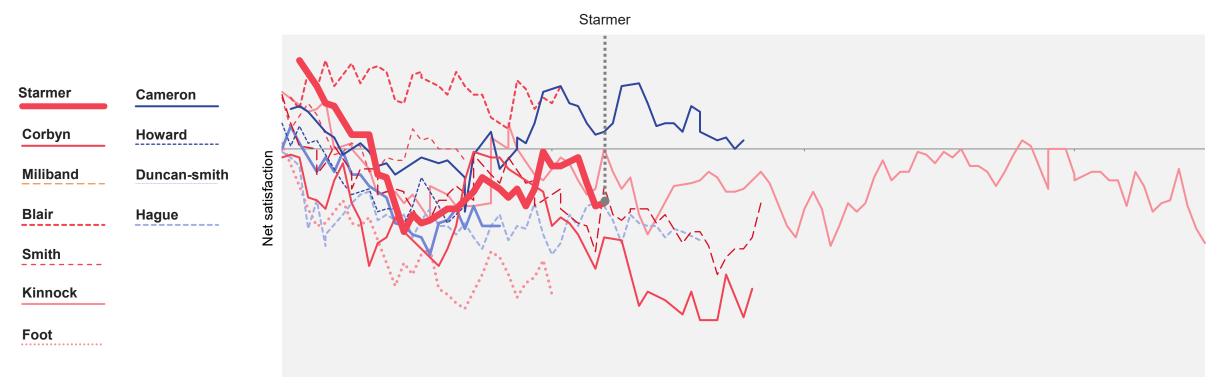
Base: xxx Labour Party supporters aged 18+, xx-xx May 2023





### Net satisfaction with Opposition Leaders (1980 – 2023)

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way ... is doing his job as leader of the ... Party?



Number of months after becoming opposition leader

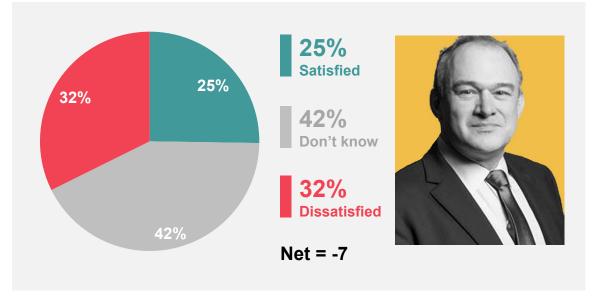
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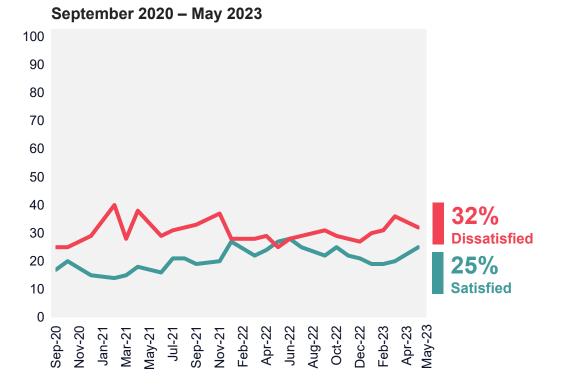
#### Ed Davey: Satisfaction

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Ed Davey is doing his job as leader of the Liberal Democrats?

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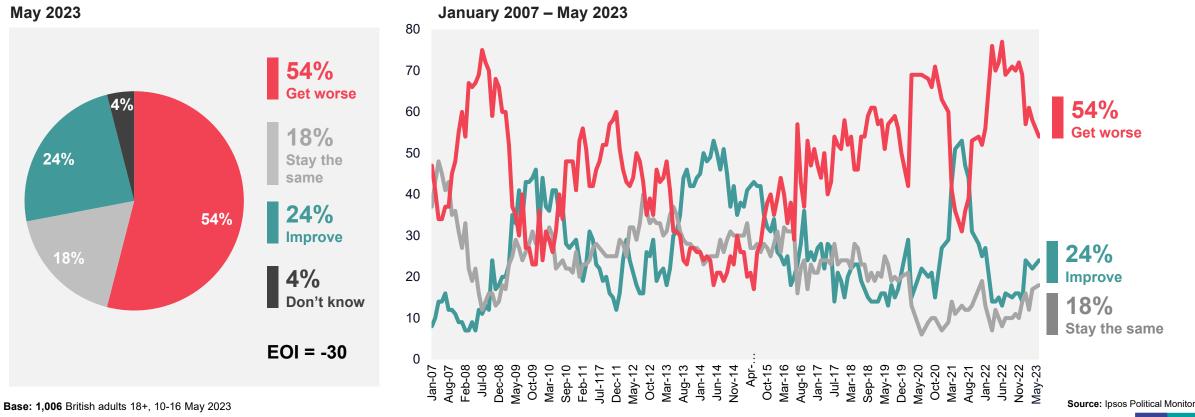
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#### **Economic Optimism Index**

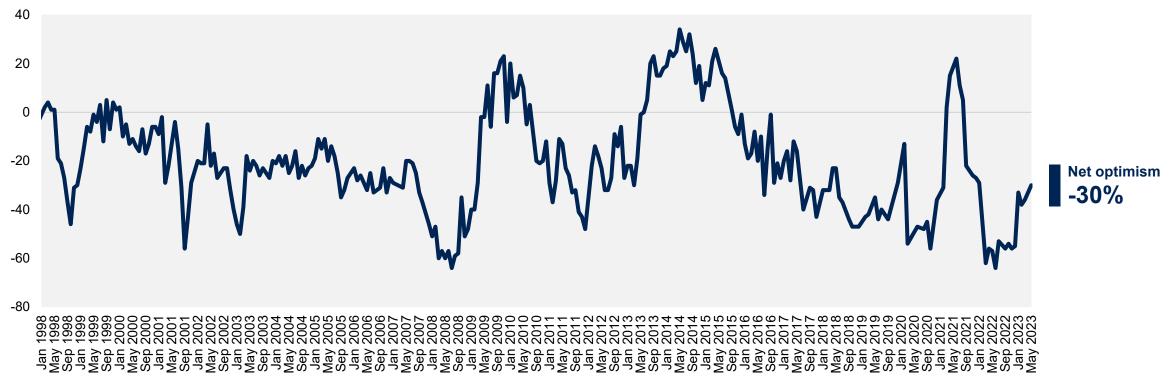
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#### Economic Optimism Index (1998-2023)

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



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Base: c.1,000 British adults 18+ each month

### MOST CAPABLE PM AND PARTY TRACKERS

#### Who would make the most capable **Prime Minister?**

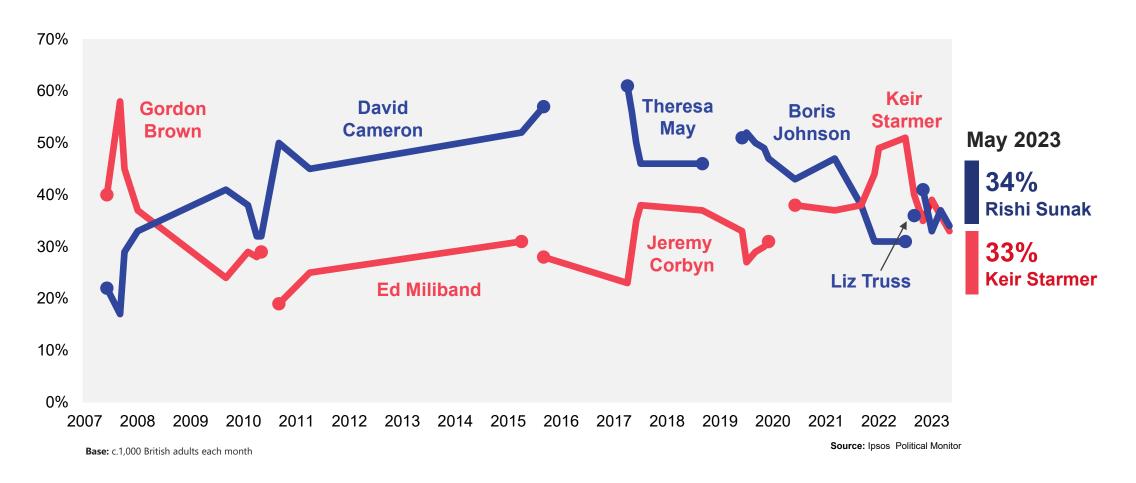
Who do you think would make the most capable Prime Minister, the Conservative's Rishi Sunak, or Labour's Keir Starmer ?

	Rishi Sunak				Keir Starmer
May 2023		34%		33%	
Mar 2023		37%		36%	
Jan 2023		33%		39%	
Nov 2022		41%		35%	
	Liz Truss				Keir Starmer
Sept 2022		36%		40%	
	Boris Johnson				Keir Starmer
July 2022		31%	51%		
Jan 2022		31%	49%		
Dec 2021		31%	44%		
Sept 2021		38%		38%	
March 2021		<u> </u>	D	37%	
June 2020		43%		38%	
	Boris Johnson				Jeremy Corbyn
11 Dec '19		43%		29%	0
6 Dec '19		47%		31%	
Nov 2019			%	30%	
Sept 2019			0%	29%	
July 2019			52%		%
June 2019		Ę	51%	33%	
_	Theresa May				Jeremy Corbyn
Sept 2018		46%		37%	
July 2017		46%		38%	
June 2017		47%		36%	
June 2017		5	0%	35%	
May 2017			56%	29%	
April 2017			61%		23%
0 1 00 1 -	David Cameron				Jeremy Corbyn
Sept 2015			57%	28	%
	Base: 1,006 British adults 18	+, 10-16 May 2023			Source: Ipsos Political Monitor

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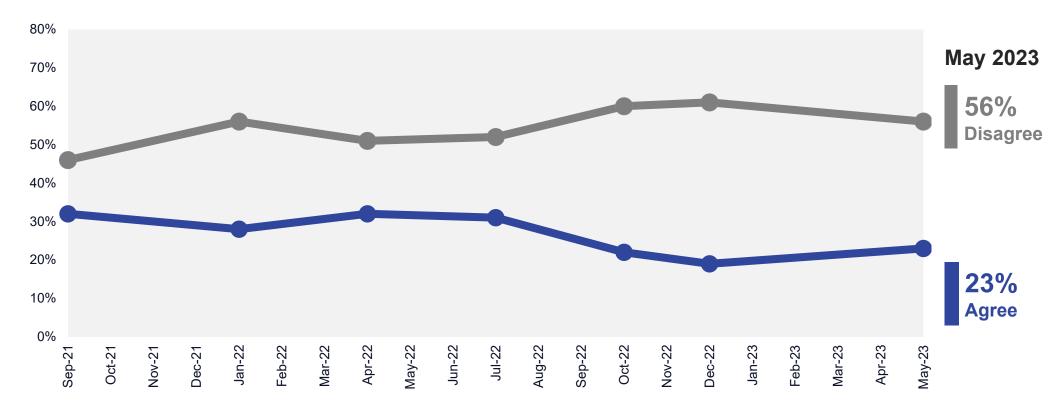
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#### **Does the Conservative Government deserve to be re-elected?**

To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with the following?



The Conservative Government deserves to be re-elected

Base: c.1,000 British adults each month



## Is the leader of the opposition ready to be Prime Minister?

To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with the following?

#### Keir Starmer is ready to be Prime Minister

	Agree					Disagree
	Keir Starmer					•
May '23		36%			40%	
Mar '23		39%			40%	
Jan '23		36%			37%	
Apr '22		34%		44	4%	
Jan '22		38%			40%	
Feb '21		33%			37%	
	Jeremy Corbyn					
Nov '19	24%	_	5%			
Sep '19	27%		63%			
May '17		1%	60%			
May '16	27%		63%			
	Ed Miliband					
Feb '15		33%		52%		
Nov '14	23%		61%			
Jun '14		35%		52%		
Apr '13	29		58%			
May '11		1%	579	6		
	Tony Blair				_	
Apr '97				3%	34%	
Jan '97			5	4%	35%	
Jun '96				56%	32%	6
Jan '96			5	4%	34%	
Dec '94				59%		28%

Base: 1,006 British adults 18+, 10-16 May 2023

#### Is the Opposition ready to form the next Government?

Agree

To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with the following?

Labour is ready to form the next Government

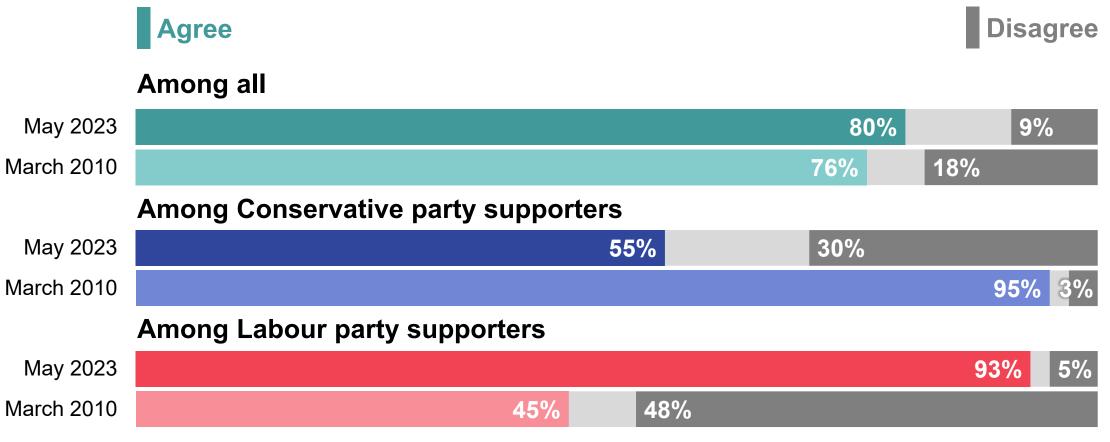
	Under Keir Starmer				5
May '23		41%		37%	
Mar '23		44%		37%	
Dec '22		47%		31%	0
Oct '22		47%		32%	
Jul '22	37	7%	43%	1	
Apr '22	33%		46%		
Jan '22		38%	40	%	
Sep '21	25%		51%		
Feb '21	32%		43%	)	
Aug '20	29%		47%		
	Under Jeremy Corbyn				
Nov '19	32%	59%			
Sep '19	27%	62%			
May '17	30%	60%			
May '16	27%	63%			
Feb '15	Under Ed Miliband		F 20/		
Nov '14	33%		<u>52%</u>		
Jun '14	23%	61%	E 20/		
Apr '13	35% 29%	<b>58%</b>	52%		
May '11	31%	57%	1		
Widy 11	The Conservatives under D				
April '10		47%	41	%	
Mar '10		49%	41		
	Under Tony Blair				
Apr '97			55%	33%	
Jan '96			56%	33%	
Dec '94			669		25%
	Base: 1,006 British adults 18+, 10-16 May 2023				Source: Ipsos Political Monitor

Disagree

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#### **Does Britain need a fresh team of leaders?**

To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with the following? Britain needs a fresh team of leaders



Base: 1,006 British adults 18+, 10-16 May 2023, including (341) Labour supporters, (219) Conservative supporters.

More think Labour have the knowledge to run the economy than don't

To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with the following? Labour do not have the knowledge needed to run the economy properly

#### Agree

May 2023 – Labour do <u>not</u> have the knowledge needed to run the economy properly

33%	43%			
March 2010 – The Conservatives do <u>not</u> have the				
knowledge needed to run the ec	nomy properly			
37%	50%			



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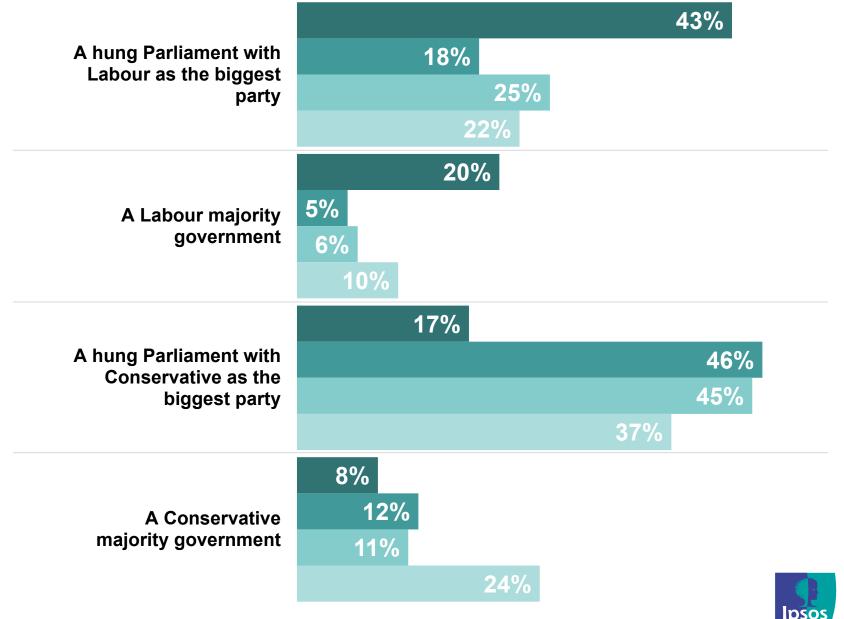
### THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION

## What will the outcome of next election be?

As you probably know, a general election may result in a clear majority for one party that can make decisions without consulting, or it may result in a Hung Parliament where no party has an overall majority so parties must compromise and reach agreement to make decisions.

Thinking ahead to the next general election, which of the following outcomes do you think is most likely?

## May 2023 September 2019 April 2015 March 2010



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