

## Ipsos MORI September 2016 Political Monitor

### Topline Results

16 September 2016

Fieldwork: 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016

#### Technical Details

Ipsos MORI interviewed a representative sample of 1,000 adults aged 18+ across Great Britain. Interviews were conducted by telephone: 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016. 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 in “peacetime” (non-election periods, such as this one) should be regarded as useful indicators of the political mood rather than predictions of a future electoral result. Voting intentions should be read in conjunction with other political indicators.

#### **Voting intentions: headline indicator**

In recent years, Ipsos MORI’s headline indicator has been based on what voters told us about their likely turnout, in order to account for differing levels of turnout among different groups. Following on from the 2015 General Election, however, in which our final prediction poll placed all other parties within the margin of error but over-estimated Labour voters’ likelihood to vote, Ipsos MORI is carrying out an internal review into improving the accuracy of our polls. As an interim measure, and to preserve our long-term trends on voting intentions, our headline indicator is now changed to take 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). This method would have given us the most accurate results in the 2015 General Election. As our internal review continues, however, and as we learn from the British Polling Council’s own enquiry, we anticipate we will 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.

Please also note that the ‘margin of error’ on these figures is c.±4% for each figure; this means that a party share figure of 30% could actually fall anywhere between 26% and 34%, though it is far more likely to fall at 30% than at the extreme ends of this range. 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 (758)*

	Q1a/b %
Conservative	40
Labour	34
Liberal Democrats (Lib Dem)	6
Scottish/Welsh Nationalist	4
Green Party	5
UK Independence Party	9
Other	1
<b>Conservative lead (<math>\pm</math>%)</b>	<b>+6</b>
<i>Would not vote</i>	1
<i>Undecided</i>	5
<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 in more recent years however, there have been differing turnout levels among the supporters of the various parties.

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?**

	%
Conservative	38
Labour	35
Liberal Democrats (Lib Dem)	7
Scottish/Welsh Nationalist	6
Green Party	4
UK Independence Party	10
Other	1
<b>Conservative lead (<math>\pm</math>%)</b>	<b>+3</b>
<i>Would not vote</i>	7
<i>Undecided</i>	9
<i>Refused</i>	1

**Certainty of voting**

Q2 **And how likely would you be to vote in an immediate 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	67
9	6
8	6
7	5
6	2
5	4
4	2
3	1
2	1
1 – absolutely certain not to vote	6
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?**

	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Don't know	<b>Net satisfaction</b>
	%	%	%	<b>±</b>
Government (Q3)	39	52	9	<b>-13</b>
May (Q4)	54	27	19	<b>+27</b>
Corbyn (Q5)	27	58	15	<b>-31</b>

BASE: PARTY SUPPORTERS ONLY

- 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?

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

		Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Don't know	Net satisfaction
	Base	%	%	%	±
Government* (Q3)	345	72	18	10	+54
May (Q4)	345	81	6	13	+75
Corbyn (Q5)	298	47	46	8	+1

## Economic Optimism Index

- Q8 Do you think that the general economic condition of the country will improve, stay the same, or get worse over the next 12 months?

	Improve	36
	Stay the same	24
	Get worse	37
	Don't know	3
<b>Ipsos MORI Economic Optimism Index (EOI)</b>		<b>-1</b>

**Party Leader Questions**

Q10 I am going to read out some things both favourable and unfavourable that have been said about various politicians. Which of these, if any, do you think apply to...

	Jeremy Corbyn (Sept 2015)	<b>Jeremy Corbyn (Sept 2016)</b>	David Cameron (Sept 2015)	<b>Theresa May (Sept 2016)</b>
	%		%	
<b>Capable leader</b>	32	<b>24</b>	62	<b>68</b>
<b>Good in a crisis</b>	23	<b>18</b>	51	<b>52</b>
<b>Has sound judgement</b>	32	<b>30</b>	46	<b>56</b>
<b>Understands the problems facing Britain</b>	49	<b>44</b>	51	<b>61</b>
<b>Out of touch with ordinary people</b>	39	<b>44</b>	64	<b>43</b>
<b>Has got a lot of personality</b>	41	<b>32</b>	41	<b>37</b>
<b>Has a clear vision for Britain</b>	47	<b>38</b>	56	<b>55</b>
<b>Patriotic</b>	37	<b>49</b>	76	<b>75</b>
<b>More honest than most politicians</b>	54	<b>52</b>	30	<b>44</b>
<b>More style than substance</b>	25	<b>24</b>	45	<b>25</b>
None of these	3	<b>3</b>	2	<b>2</b>
Don't know	9	<b>6</b>	2	<b>4</b>

Q11 Which of these statements comes closest to your views of Theresa May, and the Conservative Party?

	<b>September 2016</b>	September 2015 (David Cameron)
	%	%
I like Theresa May and I like the Conservative Party	32	31
I like Theresa May but I do not like the Conservative Party	28	13
I do not like Theresa May but I like the Conservative Party	6	10
I do not like Theresa May and I do not like the Conservative Party	27	42
Don't Know	7	4
<b>Like Theresa May</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Like the Conservative Party</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Do not like Theresa May</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Do not like the Conservative Party</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>

Q12 Which of these statements comes closest to your views of Jeremy Corbyn, leader of the Labour Party, and the Labour Party?

	September 2016 %	September 2015 %
I like Jeremy Corbyn and I like the Labour Party	23	23
I like Jeremy Corbyn but I do not like the Labour Party	14	14
I do not like Jeremy Corbyn but I like the Labour Party	23	17
I do not like Jeremy Corbyn and I do not like the Labour Party	31	38
Don't Know	8	9
<b>Like Jeremy Corbyn</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Like the Labour Party</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Do not like Jeremy Corbyn</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Do not like the Labour Party</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>52</b>

Q14a How much, if at all, do you trust Theresa May to make the right decisions for Britain on immigration?

	%
A great deal	10
A fair amount	47
Not very much	21
Not at all	17
Don't know	6

Q14b 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?

	%
A great deal	8
A fair amount	23
Not very much	26
Not at all	38
Don't know	4