

GREAT BRITAIN POLITICAL SCENE

# Steady Tories Keep 16-Point Lead Over Labour in Britain

*Governing party retakes second place among voters aged 18 to 34.*

[LONDON – Jan. 28, 2010] – The Conservative Party maintains a large advantage as the 2010 United Kingdom General Election draws near, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll conducted in cooperation with PoliticalBetting.com has found.

## Voting Intention

Across Great Britain, 40 per cent of decided voters and leaners would support the Conservative candidate in their constituency if a General Election were held tomorrow.

The governing Labour Party remains in second place with 24 per cent, followed by the Liberal Democrats with 19 per cent (-1 since early January).

The United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) is fourth with five per cent (-2), followed by the British National Party (BNP) at four per cent, and the Green Party with two per cent.

## Regional Breakdowns

At least 42 per cent of decided voters and leaners in London, South of England and Midlands and Wales would support the Tories in the next General Election.

Labour has its best showing in Scotland (35%, nine points ahead of the Scottish National Party) and the North (30%, six points behind the Tories).

The Lib-Dems stand at 24 per cent in the South of England, trailing the Conservatives but ahead of Labour.

## KEY FINDINGS

- **Voting Intention: Con. 40%, Lab. 24%, Lib-Dem 19%, UKIP 5%, BNP 4%, Grn. 3%, SNP 2%, PC 1%, Oth. 1%**

Full topline results are at the end of this release.

*From January 26 to January 27, 2010, Angus Reid Strategies conducted an online survey among 2,004 randomly selected British adults who are Springboard UK panelists. The margin of error—which measures sampling variability—is +/- 2.2%. The results have been statistically weighted according to the most current education, age, gender and region data to ensure samples representative of the entire adult population of Great Britain. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.*

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## Other Demographics

The Tories remain the dominant party for respondents aged 35 to 54 (41%, practically doubling Labour's level of support) and those over the age of 55 (42%).

Labour is now the second most popular choice for people aged 18 to 34 (27%, five points ahead of the Lib-Dems). However, the Conservatives are the first choice for the youngest voters (34%).

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	Jan. 26-27	Jan. 8-10	Dec. 16-18
<b>Conservative</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Labour</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>United Kingdom Independence Party</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>British National Party</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Green Party</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Scottish National Party</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Plaid Cymry</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>1%</b>

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	Region					
	United Kingdom	London	South of England	Midlands and Wales	North	Scotland
Conservative	40%	42%	45%	44%	36%	19%
Labour	24%	30%	15%	22%	30%	35%
Liberal Democrats	19%	17%	24%	15%	20%	14%
Scottish National Party	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	26%
Other	15%	11%	16%	20%	14%	6%

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	Gender		Age		
	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
Conservative	40%	40%	34%	41%	42%
Labour	25%	22%	27%	22%	24%
Liberal Democrats	17%	21%	22%	19%	18%
Other	18%	17%	17%	18%	16%

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