

# BBC Sunday Politics: Labour Candidates Survey

## METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 73 Labour candidates online from 1st August and 16th September. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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## Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

**Q1. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about televised leaders' debates.**

**Televised leaders' debates should not happen in the run up to the 2015 General Election because of the effect they had on the 2010 campaign**

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Agree	6 8%	5 10%	1 5%
Disagree	61 84%	44 85%	17 81%
Don't know	2 3%	2 4%	- -
Not Stated	4 5%	1 2%	3 14%

## Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

**Q1. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about televised leaders' debates.**

**There should be televised leaders' debates in the run up to the 2015 General Election**

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Agree	64 88%	47 90%	17 81%
Disagree	5 7%	3 6%	2 10%
Don't know	2 3%	2 4%	- -
Not Stated	2 3%	- -	2 10%

## Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

**Q1. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about televised leaders' debates.**

**Ed Miliband and David Cameron should have a one-on-one televised debate in the run up to the 2015 General Election**

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Agree	52 71%	38 73%	14 67%
Disagree	18 25%	12 23%	6 29%
Don't know	3 4%	2 4%	1 5%

## Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

**Q1. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about televised leaders' debates.**

**If televised leaders' debates happen in 2015 Nigel Farage should be allowed to take part in at least one of them**

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Agree	23 32%	18 35%	5 24%
Disagree	43 59%	30 58%	13 62%
Don't know	5 7%	4 8%	1 5%
Not Stated	2 3%	-	2 10%

### Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

**Q2. The Conservatives, Labour and Liberal Democrats have all promised greater powers for the Scottish Government in the event of a "No" vote in September's referendum. If Scotland remains in the United Kingdom but is given greater powers would you support or oppose each of the following?**

#### Reducing the number of MPs from Scottish constituencies in the House of Commons

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Support	5 7%	4 8%	1 5%
Oppose	61 84%	42 81%	19 90%
Don't know	7 10%	6 12%	1 5%

### Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

**Q2. The Conservatives, Labour and Liberal Democrats have all promised greater powers for the Scottish Government in the event of a "No" vote in September's referendum. If Scotland remains in the United Kingdom but is given greater powers would you support or oppose each of the following?**

#### **Not allowing MPs from Scottish constituencies to vote on issues that do not affect Scotland**

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Support	19 26%	13 25%	6 29%
Oppose	48 66%	33 63%	15 71%
Don't know	6 8%	6 12%	- -

**Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)****Q3. If a referendum were held tomorrow on whether or not the UK should stay in or leave the European Union (EU), how would you vote?**

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Remain in the EU	70 96%	49 94%	21 100%
Leave the EU	1 1%	1 2%	- -
Don't know	2 3%	2 4%	- -



### Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

#### Q4. Which of these views about climate change is closest to your own?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Climate change is happening and is mainly caused by human activity	71 97%	50 96%	21 100%
Climate change is happening but human activity is not mainly responsible for it	2 3%	2 4%	- -
Climate change is not happening	-	-	-
Don't know	-	-	-

## Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

## Q5. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

## On the whole, immigration from inside the EU is a good thing for Britain

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Agree	65 89%	46 88%	19 90%
Disagree	3 4%	2 4%	1 5%
Don't know	5 7%	4 8%	1 5%

## Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

## Q5. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

## On the whole, immigration from outside the EU is a good thing for Britain

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Agree	64 88%	46 88%	18 86%
Disagree	3 4%	1 2%	2 10%
Don't know	6 8%	5 10%	1 5%

## Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

## Q5. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

**Britain is too generous to immigrants**

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Agree	5 7%	4 8%	1 5%
Disagree	64 88%	46 88%	18 86%
Don't know	3 4%	2 4%	1 5%
Not Stated	1 1%	-	1 5%

## Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

## Q5. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

**As long as they pay taxes in Britain, people from other countries should be able to access public services such as the NHS for free**

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Agree	68 93%	47 90%	21 100%
Disagree	3 4%	3 6%	- -
Don't know	2 3%	2 4%	- -

## Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

## Q5. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

## The level of immigration is too high in Britain

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Agree	11 15%	8 15%	3 14%
Disagree	42 58%	28 54%	14 67%
Don't know	20 27%	16 31%	4 19%

### Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

#### Q6. Which TWO of the following senior figures would you most like to have canvassing with you on the doorstep in your constituency?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Ed Miliband	47 64%	38 73%	9 43%
Yvette Cooper	28 38%	16 31%	12 57%
Chuka Umunna	22 30%	15 29%	7 33%
Harriet Harman	19 26%	14 27%	5 24%
Tony Blair	8 11%	8 15%	- -
Ed Balls	8 11%	4 8%	4 19%
David Miliband	7 10%	5 10%	2 10%
None of the above	3 4%	2 4%	1 5%

## Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

## Q7. Who would you most like to see as the next leader of the Labour Party?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Yvette Cooper	14 19%	8 15%	6 29%
Ed Miliband	11 15%	9 17%	2 10%
Andy Burnham	9 12%	8 15%	1 5%
Chuka Umunna	5 7%	3 6%	2 10%
Stella Creasey	3 4%	1 2%	2 10%
Tristram Hunt	2 3%	2 4%	- -
Alan Johnson	2 3%	- -	2 10%
David Miliband	2 3%	2 4%	- -
Rachel Reeves	1 1%	1 2%	- -
Douglas Alexander	1 1%	- -	1 5%
Not sure/don't know yet	4 5%	4 8%	- -
Not Stated	19 26%	14 27%	5 24%



### Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

**Q8. If the result of next year's General Election sees Labour holding the most seats in a hung parliament which of the following outcomes would you most like to see?**

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Labour form a minority government	47 64%	33 63%	14 67%
Labour form a Coalition with the Liberal Democrats	25 34%	18 35%	7 33%
Not Stated	1 1%	1 2%	- -

## Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

## Q9. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

## Ed Miliband has what it takes to be a good Prime Minister

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Agree	69 95%	49 94%	20 95%
Disagree	1 1%	1 2%	- -
Don't know	2 3%	2 4%	- -
Not Stated	1 1%	- -	1 5%

## Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

## Q9. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

## Labour would stand a better chance of winning the General Election with someone other than Ed Miliband as Leader

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Agree	11 15%	8 15%	3 14%
Disagree	52 71%	38 73%	14 67%
Don't know	9 12%	5 10%	4 19%
Not Stated	1 1%	1 2%	- -

### Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

**Q10. Thinking back to the thirteen years of Labour government between 1997 and 2010, would you say that the level of public spending during this period was too high, too low or about right?**

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Too high	3 4%	2 4%	1 5%
Too low	7 10%	7 13%	- -
About right	62 85%	42 81%	20 95%
Don't know	- -	- -	- -
Not Stated	1 1%	1 2%	- -

### Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

**Q11. In your opinion, is the Labour Party's relationship with the trade unions too close, about right or not close enough?**

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Too close	- -	- -	- -
About right	52 71%	39 75%	13 62%
Not close enough	21 29%	13 25%	8 38%
Don't know	- -	- -	- -

## Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

**Q12. Do you support or oppose each of the following becoming official Labour manifesto commitments?**

### Promise to hold an EU referendum at some point in the next Parliament

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Support	22 30%	17 33%	5 24%
Oppose	46 63%	31 60%	15 71%
Don't know	4 5%	3 6%	1 5%
Not Stated	1 1%	1 2%	- -

## Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

**Q12. Do you support or oppose each of the following becoming official Labour manifesto commitments?**

**A Mansion Tax on homes valued at more than £2m**

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Support	67 92%	47 90%	20 95%
Oppose	4 5%	3 6%	1 5%
Don't know	1 1%	1 2%	- -
Not Stated	1 1%	1 2%	- -

## Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

**Q12. Do you support or oppose each of the following becoming official Labour manifesto commitments?**

**Scrapping Trident**

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Support	37 51%	21 40%	16 76%
Oppose	27 37%	25 48%	2 10%
Don't know	8 11%	5 10%	3 14%
Not Stated	1 1%	1 2%	- -



## Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

**Q12. Do you support or oppose each of the following becoming official Labour manifesto commitments?**

**Ring fencing the NHS budget from any spending cuts**

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Support	58 79%	41 79%	17 81%
Oppose	8 11%	7 13%	1 5%
Don't know	6 8%	3 6%	3 14%
Not Stated	1 1%	1 2%	- -

## Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

**Q12. Do you support or oppose each of the following becoming official Labour manifesto commitments?**

### Nationalising the railways

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Support	59 81%	40 77%	19 90%
Oppose	7 10%	7 13%	- -
Don't know	5 7%	4 8%	1 5%
Not Stated	2 3%	1 2%	1 5%

### Prospective Parliamentary Candidates Survey (Labour)

#### Q13. Should a Labour government reduce the deficit mainly by raising taxes, cutting public spending or through increased borrowing?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	73 100%	52 100%	21 100%
Raising taxes	31 42%	22 42%	9 43%
Cutting public spending	13 18%	10 19%	3 14%
Increasing borrowing	5 7%	2 4%	3 14%
There is no need to reduce the deficit	3 4%	2 4%	1 5%
Don't know	16 22%	12 23%	4 19%
Not Stated	5 7%	4 8%	1 5%