

Philip's Panel: November 2008 **Survey Results**

1. Do you believe the British Government was right to pledge so much money to keep British banks afloat?
Strongly Agree **14%** Agree **53%** Don't Know **15%** Disagree **14%** Strongly Disagree **4%**

2. What was the main cause of the banking crisis in Britain?
Global downturn **1%** US sub-prime lending **14%** Risky lending by UK banks **23%** Poor regulation of banks **19%**
All of the above **42%** Don't Know **1%**

3. Do you expect the economy to enter a recession, i.e. for growth to shrink for more than six months, within the next year?
Very likely **77%** Quite likely **22%** No change **1%** Quite unlikely **0%** Very unlikely **0%** No Answer **0%**

4. How important are the following attributes in a Prime Minister?

	Good judgement	Change	Experience	Character
Very Important	97%	41%	39%	71%
Quite Important	2%	43%	46%	21%
Not very Important	0%	11%	10%	5%
Not at all important	0%	2%	1%	1%
No answer	0%	4%	4%	3%

Please say whether each one applies more to David Cameron or to Gordon Brown:

	Good judgement	Change	Experience	Character
David Cameron	70%	81%	10%	75%
Gordon Brown	19%	7%	81%	16%
No answer	11%	12%	9%	10%

5. With Britain's economy facing problems who would you most trust to deal with it in the best interests of our country?

David Cameron/George Osborne **59%** Gordon Brown/Alistair Darling **11%** Neither **15%** Don't know **15%**
No Answer **1%**

6. How do you expect your household income to be affected over the next 12 months?
Improve a lot **1%** Improve a little **4%** No change **21%** Weaken a little **52%** Weaken a lot **22%** No answer **0%**

7. How worried are you about the safety of any money you might have in a bank or building society?
Very worried **7%** Worried **40%** Not worried **51%** Don't know **2%** No answer **0%**

8. Do you expect inflation to rise or fall from the latest rate of 5.2 per cent (Consumer Price Index) in September 2008?
Rise a lot **16%** Rise a bit **31%** Remain at these levels **12%** Fall a bit **28%** Fall a lot **13%** Don't know **1%**
No answer **0%**

9. Do you think your own household bills will rise or fall over the next year?
Rise a lot **42%** Rise a bit **42%** Remain at these levels **10%** Fall a bit **6%** Fall a lot **0%** Don't know **0%**
No answer **0%**

10. Do you expect unemployment to rise or fall from the latest level of 1.72 million (5.7 per cent) in September 2008?
Rise a lot **75%** Rise a bit **25%** Remain at these levels **0%** Fall a bit **0%** Fall a lot **0%** Don't know **0%**
No answer **0%**

11. Are you worried about possible job losses for you or members of your family?
Yes, very **19%** Yes, a little **33%** Not relevant **25%** Not really **18%** Not at all **5%** Don't know **0%**

12. Do you think the Bank of England should change interest rates after the latest half per cent cut to 4.50 per cent in October 2008?
Raise a lot **2%** Raise a bit **5%** Remain at these levels **13%** Lower a bit **37%** Lower a lot **37%** Don't know **5%**
No answer **0%**

13. Who do you hold responsible for the weakening economy?
British Government **38%** Bankers **35%** US housing market **8%** Others **14%** Don't know **1%** No answer **3%**

17. Which do you think best describes Gordon Brown's performance?
Good Chancellor, Good Prime Minister **3%** Good Chancellor, Bad Prime Minister **18%**
Bad Chancellor, Bad Prime Minister **64%** Bad Chancellor, Good Prime Minister **3%** None of the above **11%**
No answer **2%**

Charitable donation

I will again make a donation to the charity which secures the most support from responses to this survey. The results were:

Lingen Davies Cancer Appeal **69%** Hopton Castle Preservation Trust **14%** Astley Abbots Bells Appeal **10%**
No answer **6%**