

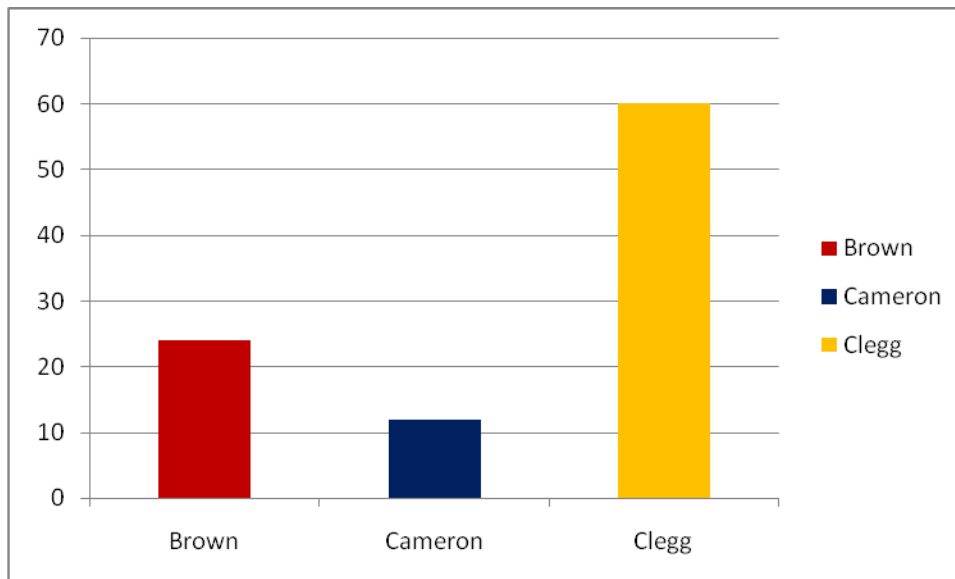
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## **YouElect Polls Finds ‘Muslim Vote’ Up For Grabs after the Leaders Debate**

The historic leaders’ debates being aired on British television have had a dramatic impact on the voters. In response to the second live debate, which took place on the evening of 22 April, YouElect conducted a poll of 123 Muslims from across the country, and to gauge their views on a number of key issues. The poll findings reflected a change in attitude of British Muslim voters.:

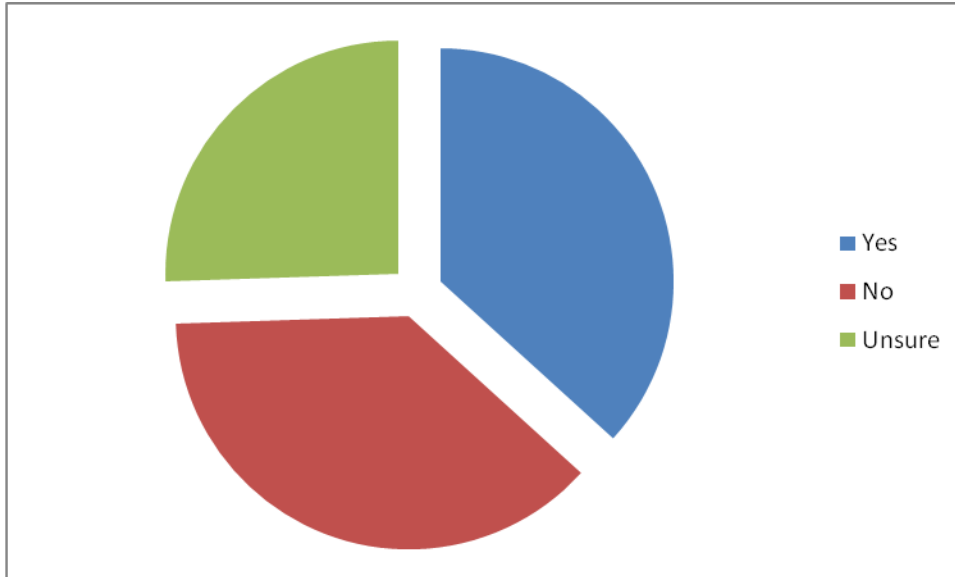
### **Q1. Who do you think performed best on this evening’s debate?**

60% thought that Nick Clegg had performed the best on the debate on Foreign Affairs. With Gordon Brown on 24% and David Cameron a mere 12%.



### **Q2. Did this debate on Foreign Affairs specifically help you confirm how you will vote?**

Interestingly, when asked whether this debate on policies of Foreign Affairs confirm how they will be voting, 36% stated yes with almost equal, 37% saying no and 25% stated that they were unsure and the debate did not help them make their choice.



***Q3. Following the debate, how clear are you now on the positions of each of the parties' on foreign affairs issues which concern you as a Muslim***

When asked if the debate made it clear what the parties' Foreign Policies were, and thus, whether these debates are a real opportunity to gage the parties policies rather than just a lesson in how each of the leaders is able to present themselves in front of an audience, the findings were inconclusive.

The findings of this poll reflect the 'Muslim Vote' is up for grabs and there is an increase in interest within the Muslim community in both the voting and foreign affairs issues.

"The Muslim community is always being told to integrate and participate, and this is an opportunity for the community to show that it is doing both, and so we expect to see many more Muslims at the voting stations than at previous elections," stated Ismail Patel, of YouElect.

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