

PRIME MINISTER

The Sunday Times has done an opinion poll which gives you an 8% lead: Conservative 43%/Labour 35%/Alliance 19%/Others 3%.

Michael Jones tells me that within the poll there are some interesting results about the Labour Party and violence on the picket line.

Asked whether their opinion had gone up or down about the Labour Party in the light of its conference, 8% said it had gone up and 39% said it had gone down. Opinion unchanged: 44%.

Asked whether their opinion of the Labour Party had gone up on account of the miners' strike, 7% said it had gone up and 46% said it had gone down. Opinion unchanged: 41%.

Asked who was to blame for violence the answers were: Scargill 44%; miners 30%; Government 12%; police 9%; media 3%; MacGregor 2%; don't know 3%.

Michael Jones tells me that 52% think you are doing a good job in handling the miners' strike and 27% think you are doing a bad job. Those with no opinion number 21%.

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