

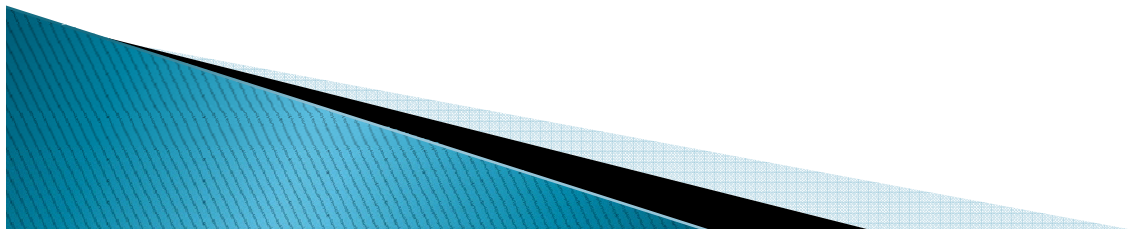
Issues in British Politics

**I. Britain in the Age of
Terrorism**

**II. Transatlantic
Relations**

**III. Britain and the
Single Currency**

**IV. The Future of the
“United” Kingdom**



I. Britain in the Age of Terrorism

- ▶ July 7, 2005 London Transport Bombings
 - Three bombs on Tube; one on a bus
 - 52 killed; 700 injured
- ▶ Britain as a Multicultural Society
- ▶ Dealing with Terrorism: Tougher Anti-Terror Laws and a Quest for Assimilation



II. Transatlantic Relations

- ▶ The ‘Special Relationship’
- ▶ The Bush-Blair relationship
- ▶ 9/11 changes everything
- ▶ Desire for more independent foreign policy
- ▶ Change with Brown?

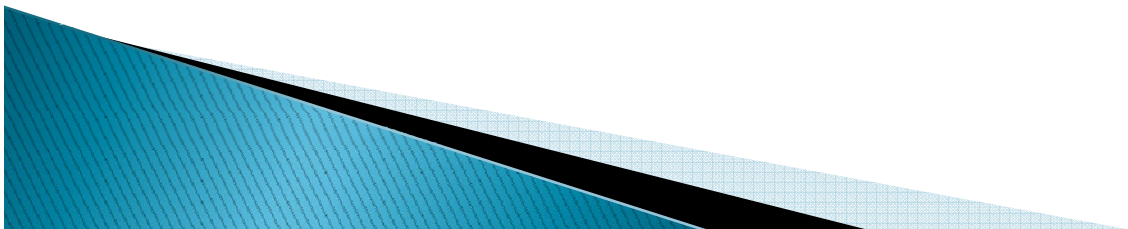
Britons express their opinion of the Iraq War



Brown's Foreign Secretary David Miliband
Any change from the Blair years???

III. The Pound or the Euro?

- ▶ Euro since January 1, 2000
- ▶ Monetary policy via ECB (Frankfurt)
- ▶ UK, Denmark, Sweden not participants
- ▶ Swedish referendum in September 2003 rejected Euro
- ▶ Rejection of EU Constitution in French and Dutch Referenda in June 2005
- ▶ UK Referendum CANCELLED



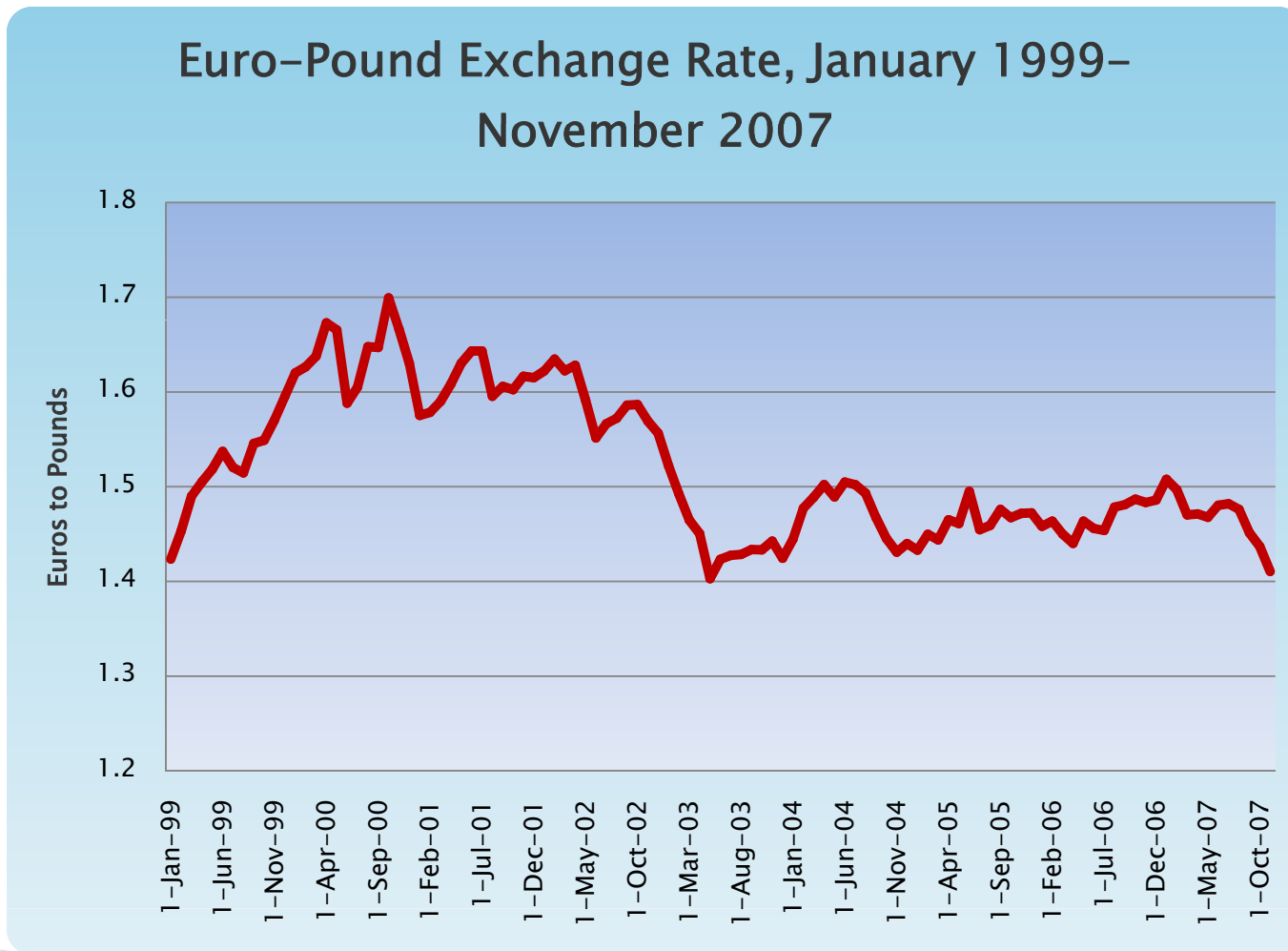
Gordon Brown's 'Five Tests' for the UK Joining the Single Currency

- ▶ “sustainable convergence between Britain and the economies of a single currency;
- ▶ whether there is sufficient flexibility to cope with economic change;
- ▶ the effect on investment;
- ▶ the impact on our financial services industry; and
- ▶ whether it is good for employment.”

Source: HM Treasury Website



Value of the Euro to the Pound



IV. The Future of the United Kingdom

- ▶ Devolution to Dissolution?
- ▶ English Regionalism as Federalism?
- ▶ What to do with Northern Ireland?
- ▶ Britain's role in a 'United States of Europe'?

