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Audit of Political Engagement 3 (December 2005)
The Electoral Commission (J26166)
All to be asked in GB (n=1,000), except Q1/2 and Q4/5 (n=2,000)
FINAL Questionnaire (omnibus version)
(23 November 2005)

Q1./ **Voting Intentions**

Q2.

*Demographic Question (0 QU)*Q3. **How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way the Government is running the country?**

Satisfied

Dissatisfied

Don't know

*PM Question (0 QU)*Q4. **How likely would you be to vote in a immediate general election, on a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 means you would be absolutely certain to vote, and 1 means that you would be absolutely certain not to vote? SINGLE CODE ONLY**

	%
10 (Absolutely certain to vote)	1
9	2
8	3
7	4
6	5
5	6
4	7
3	8
2	9
1 (Absolutely certain not to vote)	10
Don't know	11
Refused	12

*PM Question (0 QU)*Q5. **Which, if any, of the things on this list have you done in the last two or three years. Just read out the letters that apply. SHOWCARD. MULTICODE OK**

	%
A Presented my views to a local councillor or MP	1
B Written a letter to an editor	2
C Urged someone outside my family to vote	3
D Urged someone to get in touch with a local councillor or MP	4
E Made a speech before an organised group	5
F Been an officer of an organisation or club	6
G Stood for public office	7
H Taken an active part in a political campaign	8
I Helped on fund raising drives	9
J Voted in the last general election	10
K Flown on business overseas	11
L Flown on a business trip within the UK	12
None of these	13

Demographic question (0 QU)

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Q6. **And which of these, if any, have you done in the last two or three years? Just read out the letters that apply. SHOWCARD. MULTICODE OK**

		%
A	Been to any political meeting	1
B	Boycotted certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons	2
C	Contacted my local council	3
D	Discussed politics or political news with someone else	4
E	Donated money or paid a membership fee to a charity or campaigning organisation	5
F	Donated money or paid a membership fee to a political party	6
G	Done voluntary work	7
H	Helped organise a charity event	8
I	Served as a local magistrate	9
J	Served as a school or hospital governor	10
K	Signed a petition	11
L	Taken an active part in a party's campaign at a general election	12
M	Taken an active part in a party's campaign at a local election	13
N	Taken part in a demonstration, picket or march	14
O	Taken part in a sponsored event	15
P	Taken part in a strike	16
Q	Voted in the last local council election	17
	None	18
	Don't know	19

EC Question (1.25 QU + 2SC)

How interested would you say you are in the following...? SHOWCARD
SINGLE CODE ONLY FOR EACH. ASK Q7 FIRST, ROTATE Q 7-10

		Very interested	Fairly interested	Not very interested	Not at all interested	Don't know
Q7.	Politics	1	2	3	4	5
Q8.	Local issues	1	2	3	4	5
Q9.	National issues	1	2	3	4	5
Q10.	International Issues	1	2	3	4	5

EC Question (1.5 QU + 1SC)

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Q11. What do you understand by “politics”? MULTICODE OK. PROBE FULLY

	%
Arguments between parties/politicians	1
Campaigning	2
Choices for society/how the country should be run	3
Cronyism/jobs for the boys/nepotism	4
Disagreement/confrontation/argument	5
Elections/voting	6
Important issues of the day - unspecified	7
Important issue of the day - specified	8
Irrelevant/doesn't involve me/something for other people	9
Local government/councils	10
Not listening/ignoring public opinion	11
Old fashioned/out of date	12
Parliament	13
People with power/people who run things	14
Popularity contest	15
Posturing/playing games	16
Public link with/control over government/representation	17
Sleaze/corruption/they are all crooks	18
Spin/lies	19
Talking/people discussing issues/reaching agreement	20
The way the country is governed/running the country/what the government does	21
Way of making decisions	22
Other	23
WRITE IN	
None of these	24
Don't know	25

EC Question (1QU +£250)

Q12. How much, if anything, do you feel you know about politics? SHOWCARD. SINGLE CODE ONLY

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not very much	Nothing at all	Don't know
	1	2	3	4	5

EC Question (1 QU + 1SC)

Q13. What is the name of your local Member of Parliament for this constituency since May 2005? SINGLE CODE ONLY

CAPI AUTO ENTER NAME	1
CAPI AUTO ENTER SECOND NAME HERE	2
GIVE NAME BUT NOT SAME AS ABOVE	3
DON'T KNOW	4

EC Question (1 QU)

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? SHOWCARD. SINGLE CODE ONLY,

ROTATE Q14/Q15. Q16 ALWAYS LAST.

Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
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Q14.	When people like me get involved in politics, they really can change the way that the country is run	1	2	3	4	5	6
Q15.	I want to have a say in how the country is run	1	2	3	4	5	6
Q16.	I have a say in how the country is run at the moment	1	2	3	4	5	6

EC Question (1.5 QU + 1SC)

Q17. Which of these statements best describes your opinion on the present system of governing Britain? SHOWCARD. SINGLE CODE ONLY

Works extremely well and could not be improved	1
Could be improved in small ways but mainly works well	2
Could be improved quite a lot	3
Needs a great deal of improvement	4
Don't know	5

EC Question (1 QU + 1SC)

Q18. Which of these, if any, do you think you might be willing to do to influence or protest against a decision by a local or national government body? SHOWCARD. MULTICODE OK

Q19. And which, if any, of these have you ever done for that reason? SHOWCARD. MULTICODE OK

		Q18 %	Q19 %
A	Attend a demonstration	1	1
B	Contribute money to an organisation campaigning on your side of the issue	2	2
C	Present your case at a public enquiry	3	3
D	Sign a petition	4	4
E	Stand for election to Parliament or your local council	5	5
F	Start a court case against the government or your local council	6	6
G	Vote against the party you would normally support	7	7
H	Write to a newspaper	8	8
I	Contact your MP or local councillor	9	9
J	Take part in a governmental or parliamentary consultation	10	10
	Other	11	11
	WRITE IN		
	None	12	12
	Don't know	13	13

New Question (2 QU + 1SC + £250 for other specify)

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Q20. Now thinking of MPs, which of the following qualities shown on this card would you say are important for an MP to have? You may choose more than one, none, or suggest others. SHOWCARD. MULTICODE OK

	%
A To be well-educated	1
B To know what being poor means	2
C To have business experience	3
D To have trade union experience	4
E To have been brought up in the area he or she represents	5
F To be loyal to the party he or she represents	6
G To be independent minded	7
Other WRITE IN	8
None	9
Don't know	10

BSA Question (1 QU + 1SC +£125 for asking "other" specify)



An audit of political engagement 3

Research report, March 2006



This is the third annual audit of political engagement undertaken jointly by the Electoral Commission and the Hansard Society.

Like the first, it measures the extent and nature of the UK public's political engagement and does so via our annual Political Engagement Poll, but it is a smaller, update audit and focuses on how political engagement has changed in the last 12 months.

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Preface

This is the third audit of political engagement undertaken jointly by the Electoral Commission and the Hansard Society. It measures how central the UK public think politics is to their lives via our annual Political Engagement Poll.

Bucking the downward trend of recent years, voting turnout increased at the 2005 general election – although only by two percentage points. The long-term trend remains uncertain. Worryingly, post-election research by the Electoral Commission pointed to evidence of a cohort of young people who failed to participate in the 2001 election and are continuing not to vote as they get older.

Analysis of elections adds considerably to our knowledge of democratic participation. But political engagement is more than just voting and this year's audit provides a valuable adjunct to studies of voting behaviour. We have also extended the scope of the audit by, for example, using new survey questions aimed at increasing our understanding of the public's attitude towards, and expectations of, its elected representatives. We have also explored the extent to which people are willing to get involved in the political process and how, if at all, they would be prepared to do so.

As we continue to monitor the health of UK political life through our annual audits, we are conscious that the world of politics moves on. We will be fascinated to see in future audits whether political developments, such as changes in party leaderships, have any impact upon political engagement in the UK.

Our audits have proved to be important reference points for the Commission and the Society as we take forward our own respective programmes of work. We hope that others will equally draw on them to generate practical responses. Reflection and discussion are

necessary preconditions of action. With this in mind, if you have any comments about what this research says or what might be done in response to it, please contact us by email at info@politicalengagement.org.uk.

Finally, we would again like to acknowledge the expertise and assistance provided by the Ipsos MORI team. While overall responsibility for the content of this report rests with us, we have drawn heavily on Ipsos MORI's own analysis of the survey data.



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Executive summary

Overall, this year's audit found political engagement, as defined by six key indicators, to be little changed since the last audit in early 2005. Importantly, it further highlights the considerable disparities in the depth and breadth of political engagement among different social groups.

The dramatic slump in voter turnout between the 1997 and 2001 UK Parliamentary general elections prompted concerns about the health of UK democracy. Since then, considerable research has been undertaken by the Electoral Commission, the Hansard Society and many others into why growing numbers of people have become disconnected from the formal political process. The 61% turnout recorded at the 2005 general election, while a slight improvement on four years ago, remains historically low and underlines the continuing need for such research. This year's audit, like its predecessors, provides a broader analysis of political engagement.

According to our audit:

- Most UK adults do not feel they know much about politics.
- Just under four in 10 (39%) say they know at least 'a fair amount' about politics, down from the 45% recorded by our previous audit.
- Over half say they are interested in politics and a similar proportion say they would be 'absolutely certain' to vote at an immediate general election.
- A third feel that the present system of governing Britain works well and that 'When people like me get involved in politics, they really can change the way the country is run'.
- Only a minority, 14%, are politically active.

The general election does not appear to have made an enduring impact on the national political consciousness. Certainly, it has left no obvious legacy in terms of political engagement – our indicators, for the most part, have returned to what now appears to be the 'normal' level of political engagement.

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One striking feature of this year's audit is that, beneath the headline figures, there are considerable disparities in levels of political engagement among certain social groups. In particular, political disengagement appears entrenched and widespread among those living in 'very deprived' areas.¹ Our findings add to the growing body of evidence that suggests social and political exclusion are strongly related and mutually reinforcing:

- Professional/non-manual workers (ABC1s) are much more likely to feel knowledgeable than manual workers/non-working people (C2DEs).
- Likewise, interest is twice as high among ABs than among DEs.
- Among those living in 'very deprived' areas, a minority say they are interested in politics and one-quarter appear unwilling to engage in any form of activity aimed at influencing decisions.
- Nearly seven in 10 ABs say they would be certain to vote at an immediate general election compared to less than half of C2DEs.

Among young people, levels of political knowledge, interest, action and participation are lower than among the population as a whole. There is also worrying evidence of the emergence of a cohort of young people who did not take part at the 2001 general election and who are not voting as they get older. However, our audit underlines that any attempts to re-engage people with politics ought to be addressed to society generally and not simply at the younger age

groups only. It also underlines the necessity for political parties to recast themselves as creative forces in UK politics and to work to improve their public standing.

Finally, the audit provides some valuable insights about the extent to which people **want** to become involved in politics. It shows that while a majority of the public express a desire to have a say in how the country is run, they are less enthusiastic about the prospect of acting out this desire. Significantly, this is most true of people who are currently least engaged, suggesting that opening up new and more direct channels for involvement may be insufficient if the goal is to increase political engagement among the wider population.

The findings from our latest audit highlight some of the significant challenges facing those with an interest in creating an active and well-formed political culture in the UK. At the same time, they show that the prognosis for future political engagement is not entirely gloomy and there are several positives to build on.

¹ Our analysis uses the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) which is an official classification of wards across England on the basis of their 'deprivation'. For a full description, see footnote 8.

1 About this report

This report provides detailed commentary on six key indicators of political engagement. They were designed by the Electoral Commission and the Hansard Society and collected in December 2005 via the annual Political Engagement Poll conducted on our behalf by the Ipsos MORI Social Research Institute.

The indicators

1.1 The six indicators featured in this report were selected from the original 16 used in the first audit, carried out in 2003. A full list of all indicators from the first audit is in Appendix A. The focus of this report is the six indicators that formed the basis of last year's survey, chosen on the basis that they provide salient core measures:

- **knowledge and interest:** percentage feeling they know about politics, percentage interested in politics
- **action and participation:** percentage 'absolutely certain' to vote at an immediate general election, percentage politically 'active'
- **efficacy and satisfaction:** percentage believing that 'getting involved works', percentage who think that the present system of governing works well

1.2 The detailed statistical analysis we conducted in 2003–4 and reported in our second audit provided a deeper understanding of political engagement and the factors that make people likely to vote and to take part in other political activities.² This has helped to inform our choice of which indicators should be repeated on a regular basis.

1.3 The six key indicators of political engagement have been supplemented this year by further survey questions including: measures of people's interest in issues; their desire to have a say; their perceptions of important qualities for

² MORI (2004) *Rules of engagement? Participation, involvement and voting in Britain*, available to download from www.electoralcommission.org.uk/about-us/publications.cfm.

MPs to have; and their understanding of the term ‘politics.’ Some of those asked were also surveyed in the first audit, enabling us to measure change in political engagement over time.

Research methodology

1.4 The Political Engagement Poll, undertaken for us by Ipsos MORI, involved interviews with a representative sample of 1,209 adults aged 18+ across the UK. Interviewing took place face-to-face, in respondents’ homes between 1–5 December 2005 across the UK, including Northern Ireland. The data have been weighted to the known national population profile. The survey fieldwork took place shortly before the announcement of David Cameron’s election as new Conservative Party leader, at a time when there was considerable speculation about the outcome of the leadership election.

1.5 The full topline survey results can be found in Appendix C of this report. Further technical information relating to the interpretation of the data and social class definitions is also provided.

1.6 The Political Engagement Poll was designed to provide data at a UK-wide level. As such, it cannot substitute for targeted research in particular parts of the UK. The Electoral Commission will be conducting research in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland in the year ahead as part of its preparatory work leading up to the elections scheduled for 2007.

1.7 Other Electoral Commission and Hansard Society research projects have looked in detail at political engagement among specific social groups. For example, the Society carried out

research into young people’s views about the 2005 general election, hosting an online forum for pupils aged between 11–17 in 17 schools across the UK.³ The Commission conducted extensive survey research among black and minority ethnic communities after the election and the sample size involved provides greater potential for robust analysis than is afforded by this audit.⁴

1.8 All survey findings and comparisons of findings between the first and second audits are subject to sampling tolerances depending, in part, on sample sizes. This means that not all differences are ‘statistically significant’ and, where they are not, we cannot be certain that there has been any real change. Full details are provided in Appendix B.

Next steps and future audits

1.9 Following publication of this report, we will log the full survey dataset at the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) archive at the University of Essex, thereby making it available for others to use. As part of our respective research programmes, we may undertake further research projects investigating electoral and political engagement and will publish the findings from these on our websites.

We encourage others to use our datasets, and would also be grateful for information regarding research by others on this subject, via info@politicalengagement.org.uk.

³ HeadsUp Forum (2005) *Turnout or turn off? General election 2005*, available to download at www.headsup.org.uk.

⁴ See Ipsos MORI (2005) *Black and minority ethnic survey*, available to download from www.electoralcommission.org.uk.

1.10 Looking further ahead, we are planning a 'full' audit towards the end of 2006, similar in scale and content to the first and utilising all 16 original indicators of political engagement. This will be reported in our fourth audit to be published in spring 2007.



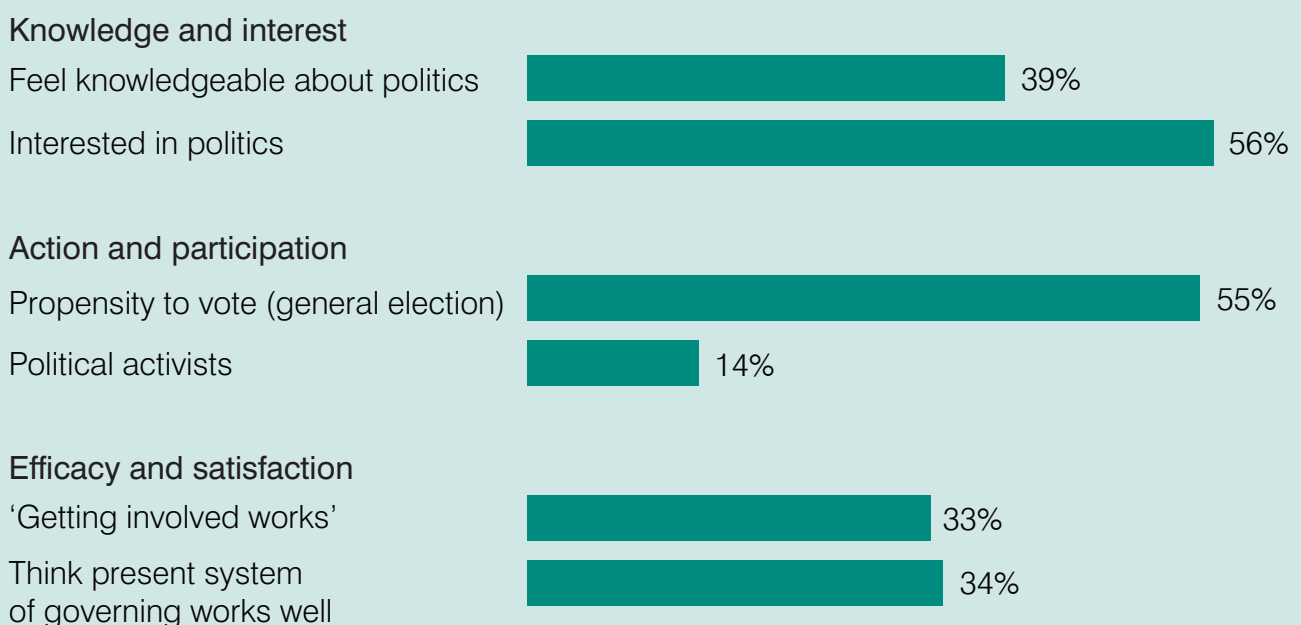
2 Political engagement indicators

This section of the report provides detailed information on the six core 'update' indicators of political engagement. There are two key indicators from each of the three broad groups: knowledge and interest, action and participation, and efficacy and satisfaction. In the next section, the findings are analysed and some conclusions drawn.

Summary of indicators

2.1 The six indicators used in this audit of political engagement are shown in Figure 1. As last year, most of the public do not feel they know much about politics and still only a minority of people are politically active. While just over half say they would be 'absolutely certain' to vote at an immediate UK parliamentary general election, political activism remains very much a minority pursuit. A third feel that the present system of governing Britain works well and a similar proportion believe that 'When people like me get involved in politics, they really can change the way the country is run'.

Figure 1: Political engagement indicators



Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December 2005.
Source: Ipsos MORI.

Knowledge and interest

2.2 The first of the three groupings of indicators is people's knowledge of, and interest in, politics and as part of this year's audit we updated two indicators.

2.3 Perceived knowledge of politics (39%) is lower than it was in both 2004 (45%) and 2003 (42%) and this represents the most significant change among all of our six political engagement indicators. Interest in politics (56%) has not risen to a statistically significant degree compared to last year, essentially a finding of no change (full details of statistical significance are provided in Appendix B). However, it should be noted that the longer-term trend confined to our three December measures is one of increasing interest in politics: up from 50% in 2003 to 53% in 2004 and 56% in 2005.

Perceived knowledge of politics

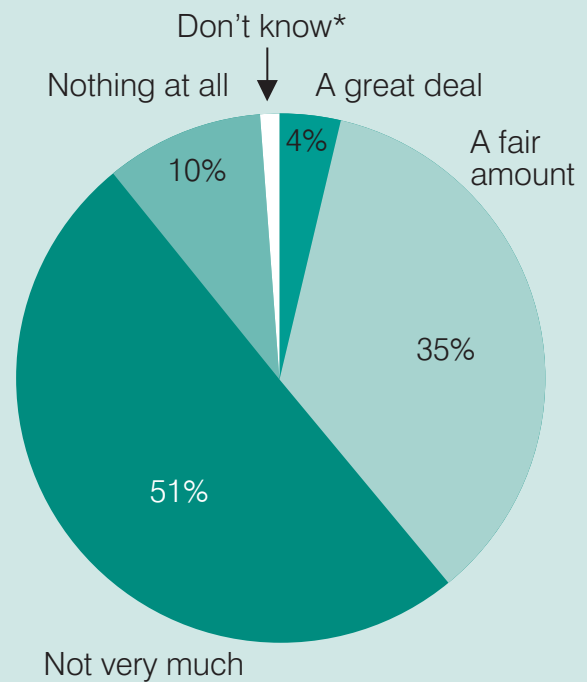
2.4 More than half of the public feel they know at best 'not very much' about politics (Figure 2, opposite). Just under four in 10 (39%) say they know at least 'a fair amount' about politics, down from 45% last time. This fall is statistically significant but, at this stage, it is difficult to draw firm conclusions about the reasons behind it.

2.5 Men are much more likely to claim knowledge about politics (49%) than are women (30%), but this 'gap' has narrowed – the respective figures were 58% and 33% last time. There is also a certain amount of differentiation in the perceived level of knowledge between age groups. Older people tend to claim greater knowledge than their younger counterparts; 44% of those aged 55+ say they know 'a great deal' or 'a fair amount' compared to only 22% of 18–24-year-olds.

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Figure 2: Perceived knowledge of politics

How much, if anything, do you feel you know about politics?



Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December 2005.

Note: *Less than 0.5%.

Source: Ipsos MORI.

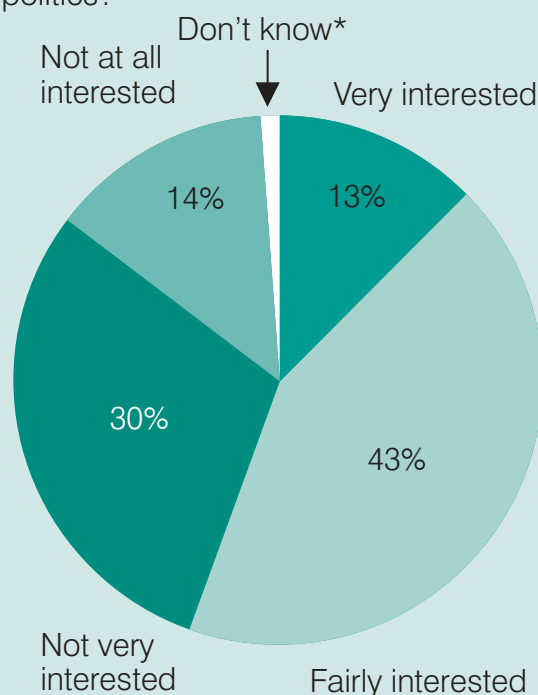
2.6 Echoing findings from the second audit, there is a strong association between perceived knowledge and educational attainment. Those who have achieved academic qualifications at A-level or above are twice as likely as those with no formal qualifications to feel they know 'a fair amount' or a 'great deal' about politics (52% compared to 24% respectively). There is also a strong difference by occupational class. Professional/non-manual workers are more likely to feel knowledgeable than manual workers/non-working people: 60% of ABs, 22% of DEs.

Interest in politics

2.7 Just over half the public (56%) say that they are either very or fairly interested in politics (Figure 3, below). This is the highest level of interest in politics recorded in any of the three audits. It represents an improvement on the 50% recorded in 2003 and 53% in 2004. However, the year-on-year increase is not statistically significant and is lower than the levels of interest recorded during the 2005 general election campaign.

Figure 3: Interest in politics

How interested would you say you are in politics?



Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December 2005.

Note: *Less than 0.5%.

Source: Ipsos MORI.

2.8 Interest in politics is, unsurprisingly, closely associated with professed knowledge of politics and the same demographic patterns mostly apply as in previous audits (and for other indicators). Interest is higher among men than among women (62% as compared to 51%), with twice as many men as women 'very interested in politics'. It is also higher among ABs than among DEs (76% to 37%) and lower among people from black communities. It also increases with educational attainment.

2.9 In our last audit, we observed that while our December measures had found historically low levels of interest, the Electoral Commission's June 2004 measure, taken immediately after the European Parliamentary elections, found quite the opposite. These findings pointed to the existence of a seasonal effect and suggested that political engagement can be boosted with adequate stimulation, particularly at election time. This is again evident if we compare our December findings with data compiled during the 2005 general election campaign. At that time, an Ipsos MORI survey found 61% of British adults 'very' or 'fairly interested' – a figure that has since fallen back to 56% in our poll. It can be seen, then, that like the European Parliamentary elections the year before, the general election provided temporary stimulus but left no enduring legacy in terms of levels of political engagement. Although the level of interest in politics is higher in this audit than those recorded by the first and second audits, it has fallen back from the high-water mark achieved in the midst of the general election campaign.

Action and participation

2.10 This year's audit focuses on two of the six indicators used in the first audit: being 'absolutely certain' to vote at an immediate general election and broad political activism. The overall impression from a comparison of the three audits is that there has been no significant change.

Propensity to vote

2.11 Just over half the public (55%) say they would be 'absolutely certain' to vote (10 on a 10-point scale) at an immediate general election, (Figure 4, opposite). This represents a slight, although not statistically significant, increase on the 52% who said the same in last year's audit. As previously, the percentage certain to vote increases significantly with age.

2.12 This applies equally if the strictness of the definition is relaxed: in the December 2004 survey, 67% rated their chances of voting at eight or better on a 10-point scale; now the figure is 69% (although it was as low as 65% in December 2003). Such a measure should not be seen as a prediction of future turnout levels – past experience suggests that the number 'certain' to vote will increase as an election approaches.

2.13 In terms of differences among demographic groups, older people and professional/non-manual workers are the most certain to vote. Younger age groups and black and minority ethnic communities are less certain (see Figure 4). Those aged 55+ are twice as likely as 18–24-year-olds to say they would be certain to vote (72% compared to 29%). Again there are large differences between those from

higher and lower socio-economic groups – 69% of ABs say they would be certain to vote compared to 45% of C2DEs. This is, however, one of the few political indicators where women score as highly as men (55% against 54%) and similar patterns can be found in evidence of actual turnout.

Political activism

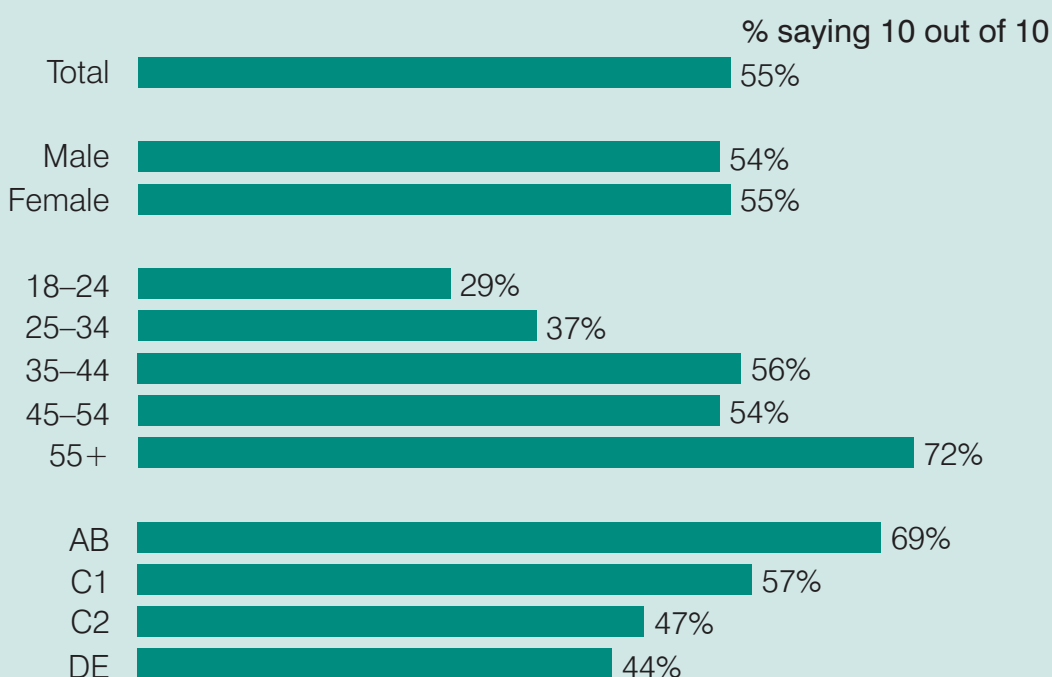
2.14 One in every six adults (14%) is politically 'active' according to our definition, i.e. they have done at least three from a list of eight political activities (these are shown in Figure 5, page 16, and exclude voting and other directly election-related activities) in the last two or three years. This is down from the 16% we recorded in 2004 but the same as the 14% found in the first audit.

2.15 While there has been a small movement downwards over the past 12 months, there has been little change in any of the activities recorded since the second audit in 2004 (shown in Figure 5). There have been two percentage point falls in the proportions boycotting products and presenting their views to a councillor or MP. Meanwhile petition signing was the only activity for which there was an increase and it remains the most widespread of the eight activities, performed by 45%. The same proportion of the public has performed **none** of the activities listed.

2.16 There is no significant difference between men and women in terms of political activism: 14% of men are activists compared to 13% of women. However, there is certainly a notable age effect: 45–54-year-olds are the most politically active group (22% are political

Figure 4: Propensity to vote

How likely would you be to vote in an immediate general election, on a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 means you would be absolutely certain to vote and 1 means that you would be absolutely certain not to vote?



Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December 2005.

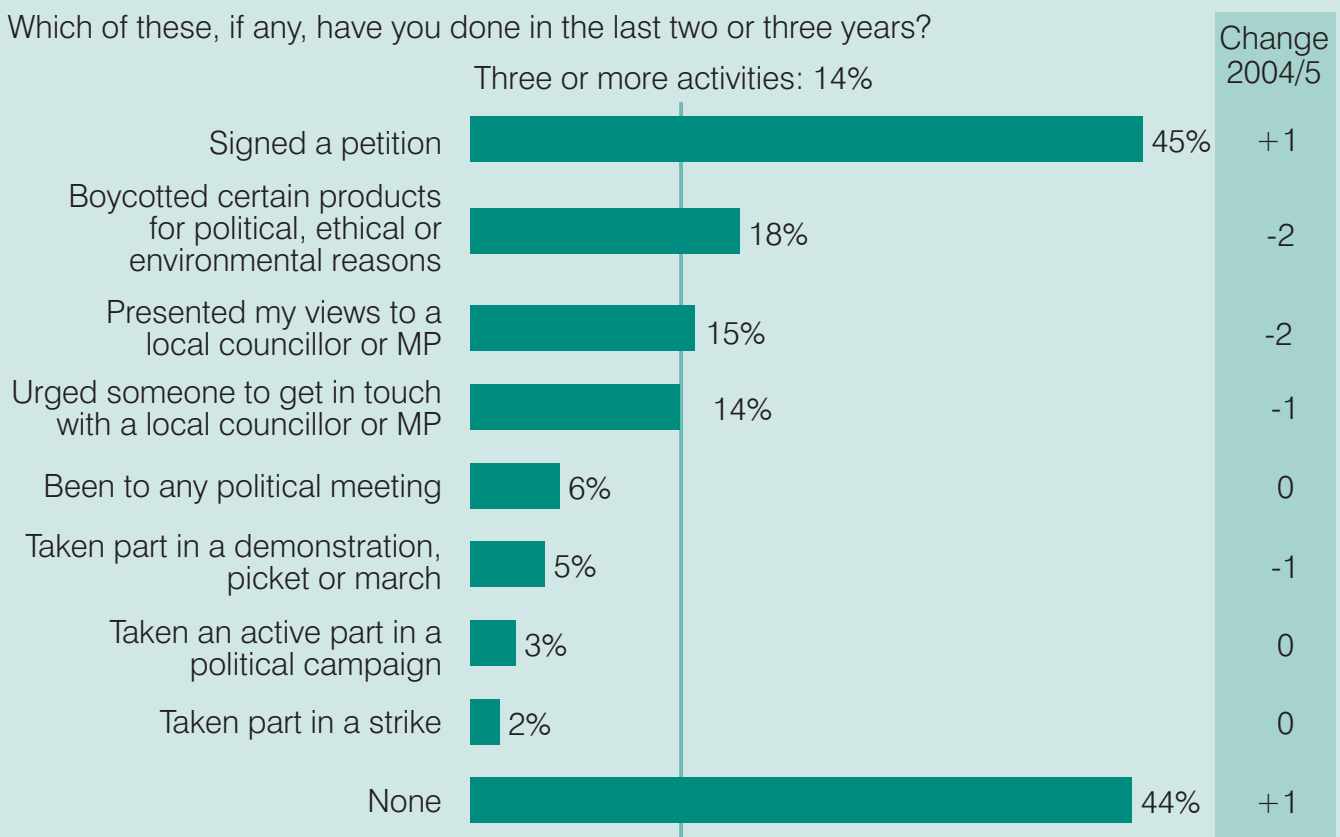
Source: Ipsos MORI.

activists) while 18–24-year-olds are the least active age groups with only 9% classified as activists. Nonetheless, there is much less of a difference in political activism by age when we look at those who say they have signed a petition – the most widespread activity – in the last two or three years. As many as 40% of 18–24-year-olds have signed a petition, not far below the average of 45%, but none of the other political activities have been done by more than 6% of this age group.

Efficacy and satisfaction

2.17 The final two indicators are attitudinal; one measures the public's perception of the efficacy of political participation and the other assesses overall satisfaction with the way the system of governing Britain works. Neither has changed significantly in the past year.

Figure 5: Political activism



Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December 2005.
Source: Ipsos MORI.

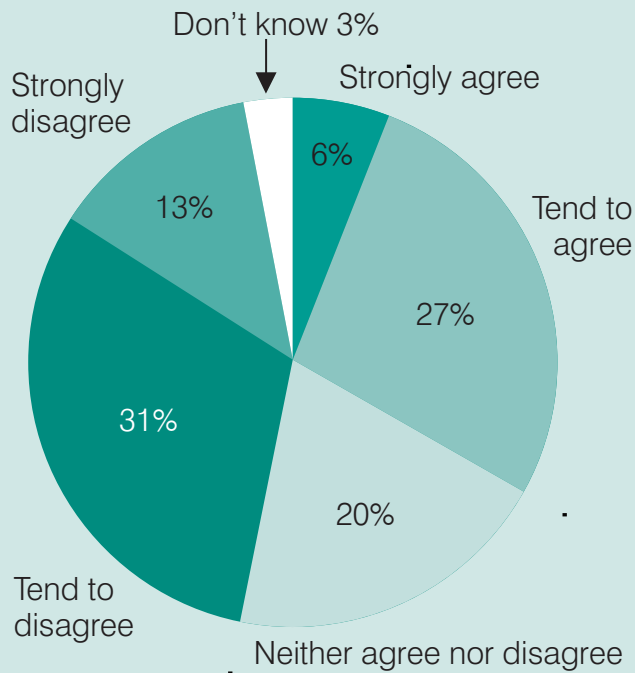
‘Getting involved works’

2.18 Just one-third of the public (33%) feel that ‘when people like me get involved in politics, they really can change the way the country is run’, and almost half (44%) disagree, see Figure 6, opposite. Comparison with the past two audits suggests there may be an emerging trend of declining belief in the efficacy of political participation: in 2003, 37% had agreed that ‘getting involved works’, roughly the same as in 2004 (36%).

2.19 As with our other indicators, responses differ according to social class, ethnicity and age group (although responses are less strongly distinguished by age than for other indicators). Some of the strongest differences are related to other feelings about the political system, for example, those who express an interest in politics are more likely to believe they can make a difference – 42% as compared to just 22% of those uninterested – as are those who consider themselves to be knowledgeable.

Figure 6: 'Getting involved works'

To what extent do you agree 'When people like me get involved in politics, they really can change the way the country is run'?



Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December 2005.
Source: Ipsos MORI.

Ratings of the present system of governing the UK

2.20 Just a third of the public (34%) feel that the present system of governing the UK works well and only 1% see no room for improvement.⁵ As in the past two audits, the majority – 62% this time – feel that the present system of governing needs improvement (see Figure 7, page 19). Since the last audit there has been an increase, albeit not a statistically significant one, in the number of people saying the system actually needs 'a great deal of improvement' – up from 18% in 2004 to 21% in 2005.

2.21 Table 1 (page 18) provides trend data for this indicator since 1973 and shows that the current level of approval is at the lowest level since April 1997. As we observed last year, opinion on the system of governing Britain is likely to be linked to support for the governing party. While three-quarters (75%) of those certain **not** to vote say that the system of governing the UK is in need of improvement, so too do 59% of those certain to vote. As we reported in 2005, political behaviour, knowledge and attitudes are not synonymous and do not work in a linear way.

⁵ This question was asked as '...the system of governing Britain' in England, Scotland and Wales (to ensure consistency with past measures) and as '...the system of governing the UK' in Northern Ireland.

Table 1: Ratings of the system of governing the UK*

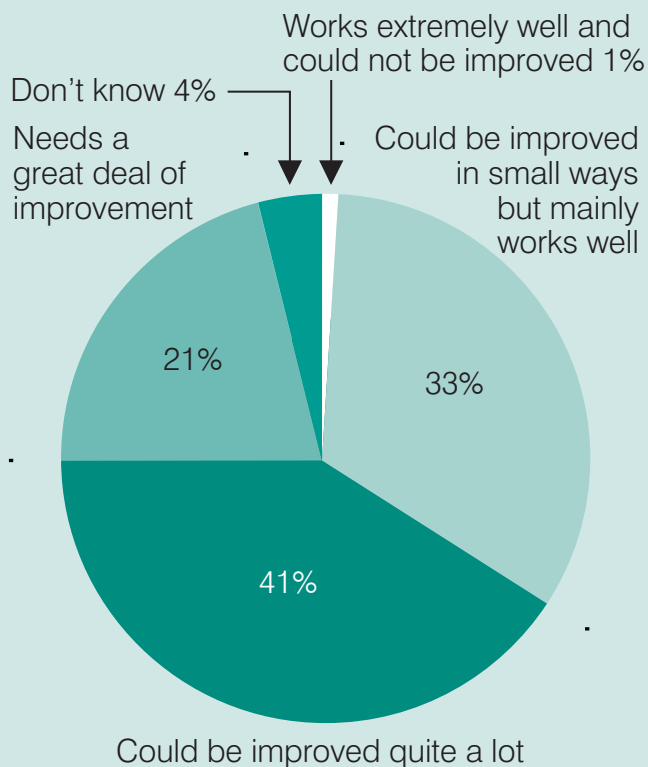
Which of these statements best describes your opinion on the present system of governing the UK?

	1973 %	1991 %	1995 %	1997 %	1998 %	Apr 2003 %	Dec 2003 Audit 1 %	Dec 2004 Audit 2 %	Dec 2005 Audit 3 %
Works extremely well and could not be improved	5	4	3	2	4	3	2	2	1
Could be improved in small ways but mainly works well	43	29	19	26	37	42	34	32	33
Could be improved quite a lot	35	40	40	40	39	38	42	45	41
Needs a great deal of improvement	14	23	35	29	15	13	18	18	21
Don't know	4	5	3	3	5	3	4	3	4
Works well	48	33	22	28	41	45	36	34	34
Needs improving	49	63	75	69	54	51	60	63	62

Note: *All figures are based on GB adults, except December 2003, 2004 and 2005, based on UK adults.
Source: Ipsos MORI.

Figure 7: Ratings of the system of governing the UK*

Which of these statements best describes your opinion on the present system of governing the UK?



Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December 2005.

Note: *Britain asked in England, Scotland and Wales. UK asked in Northern Ireland.

Source: Ipsos MORI.

2.22 Nearly two-thirds (64%) of people aged 55+ believe that the system could either be improved 'quite a lot' or 'a great deal', compared to 56% of 18–24-year-olds. Six in 10 (59%) 25–34-year-olds and the same proportion of 45–54-year-olds share this view. Those aged between 35–44 are slightly more negative – 63% think the system is in need of some improvement. Those from higher socio-economic groups are more likely to be satisfied with the system: 38% of ABs and 37% of C1s, compared to 32% of C2s and 30% of DEs.



3 Analysis

This third annual audit of political engagement presents a similar picture to that identified in previous audit reports. Most adults in the UK do not feel they know much about politics, many do not find it of interest and only a minority are politically active. The audit also suggests that the boost to political engagement provided by the general election has largely dissipated.

3.1 As last year, well over half the public, 61%, feel they know either 'not very much' or 'nothing at all' about politics and still only a minority of people, 14%, are politically active. Just over half, 55%, say they would be 'absolutely certain' to vote at an immediate general election. A third, 34%, feel that the present system of governing Britain works well and a very similar proportion, 33%, believe that 'When people like me get involved in politics, they really can change the way the country is run'.

3.2 As Table 2, overleaf, shows, the headline findings suggest a broadly stable level of political engagement, but with some noteworthy fluctuations. Perceived knowledge of politics – the extent to which people consider they know 'a great deal' or 'a fair amount' about politics – has fallen from 45% in 2004 to 39% in 2005. It is difficult to draw conclusions about the reasons behind this fall but one possible explanation is that the general election in May 2005 and subsequent political events, including the prospect of party leadership changes, have sensitised some people to their perceived lack of knowledge. At the same time there has been a detectable increase in interest in politics and, albeit less pronounced, a rise in propensity to vote. At this stage it should be remembered that this is only the third in our series of audits, therefore it is difficult to judge whether such minor fluctuations are evidence of emerging trends or merely temporary blips in response to changes in the prevailing political climate. As things stand, the latter assessment seems more likely to be accurate.

Table 2: Political engagement indicators, audits 1–3

	Audit 1 (survey: Dec 2003) %	Audit 2 (survey: Dec 2004) %	Audit 3 (survey: Dec 2005) %	Change since 2004 %
Knowledge and interest				
Feel knowledgeable about politics	42	45	39	-6 *
Interested in politics	50	53	56	+3
Action and participation				
Propensity to vote (general election)	51	52	55	+3
Political activists	14	16	14	-2
Efficacy and satisfaction				
'Getting involved works'	36	36	33	-3
Think present system of governing works well	36	34	34	0

Base: 1,976 UK adults 18+, 2003; 2,065 UK adults 18+, 2004; 1,209 UK adults 18+, 2005.

Note: *This change is statistically significant. For further details see Appendix A of this report.

Source: Ipsos MORI.

3.3 As we said in last year's audit, the 'political pulse' of the body politic beats slowly and steadily, but responds to external stimulation. We have seen that the excitement generated during the 2005 general election prompted certain 'political indicators' to increase. For example, Ipsos MORI's polling found interest in politics to be much higher in April 2005 than in December 2004 and they recorded a sharp rise in propensity to vote. However, these indicators have since returned to what could be termed 'normal' levels.

3.4 It is clearly good news that people are as receptive to the general election as they have been in the past. Moreover, this audit, like its predecessors, continues to challenge the

simplistic notion that the UK public is politically apathetic. It is also encouraging that the dramatic slump in turnout between 1997 and 2001 has not continued. Further, other forms of political engagement have remained broadly unchanged and in some cases there are positive trends – just as interest in politics following the 2005 general election was the highest recorded since 1974, this third audit found a higher level of interest than in both December 2003 and December 2004.

3.5 However, it is important not to overplay the positives. The 61% turnout at 2005's general election was barely an improvement on 2001 and is still low in historical terms (as recently as

1997, turnout was 71.4%). Post-election research undertaken by the Electoral Commission also reported ‘something of a mismatch between people’s expectations and what actually transpired’,⁶ while Professor John Curtice at the University of Strathclyde, a leading electoral analyst, concluded that the election appears to have been ‘similar to 2001 in its failure to provide voters with a stimulus to vote’.⁷

3.6 Beneath the headline figures of our latest audit, we find considerable diversity – and an entrenchment of trends identified previously – in terms of who is politically engaged and who is not. Our audits have identified age and socio-economic status as being strongly associated with political engagement. Time and time again we find younger age groups and those groups categorised as socially excluded to be the least politically engaged. In our second audit report, we identified a section of the population who we labelled ‘utterly disengaged’, characterised by Ipsos MORI as a ‘don’t know, don’t see the point’ group. Similarly, our third audit continues to find evidence of a group of people who are not interested in politics, do not take part and do not want to do so:

- 14% are ‘not at all interested’ in politics
- 17% do not want to have a say in how the country is run
- 12% would not be willing to do any from a list of 10 different activities to influence or protest against a decision by a local or national government body

6 The Electoral Commission (2005) *Election 2005: Turnout*, p53.

7 J. Curtice ‘Turnout: Electors Stay Home – Again’ in P. Norris (ed) *Britain votes 2005*.

3.7 More generally, our findings reveal serious disparities among social groups and convince us of the imperative need to look beyond averages and headline figures. For example, among those living in ‘very deprived’ areas, a minority say they are interested in politics and one-quarter appear unwilling to engage in any form of activity aimed at influencing decisions.⁸ We also ought to be troubled by the growing evidence – present in the Electoral Commission’s post-election analysis as well as academic studies by Alison Park, of the National Centre for Social Research, and Edward Phelps, of Sussex University, – of a ‘cohort effect’ with younger age groups apparently losing (or never gaining) the habit of voting and carrying forward their lack of interest in voting into older age.⁹

3.8 Such findings reinforce the need for organisations such as the Electoral Commission and the Hansard Society to continue to work in concert with politicians and others attempting to reconnect politics with people and vice-versa,

8 Our analysis uses the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) which is an official classification of wards across England on the basis of their ‘deprivation’, calculated by combining statistics from a number of different sources. For the purposes of analysing the Political Engagement Poll data by this variable, the deprivation scores of all of Ipsos MORI’s sampling point base units were ranked, with the most deprived 10% classed as ‘very deprived’, the next 15% ‘deprived’, the middle 50% ‘middle England/average’, the next 15% ‘affluent’ and the least deprived 10% as ‘very affluent’.

9 The Electoral Commission (2005) *Election 2005: Turnout*, pp35-36 (a trend subsequently labelled ‘Generation no-X’ by the Commission); A. Park (2004) ‘Has modern politics disenchanting the young?’ *British Social Attitudes – the 21st report*; E. Phelps (2005) ‘Young voters at the 2005 British General Election’ *The Political Quarterly*, Vol.76, No.4.

and to draw disconnected groups into the formal political process. To be effective, this needs to happen during **and between** elections. It means finding ways of helping people to see politics – generally viewed in dry mechanical terms, though encouragingly not as an overtly negative pursuit (see Table 3) – as an important activity directly relevant to the various issues about which they are concerned. It is significant that our audit found some 36% of those expressing an interest in local issues to say they are not interested in ‘politics’. Making people aware of the connection between ‘issues’ and ‘politics’ is therefore paramount. This is something that informs the Hansard Society’s work in helping Parliament with their outreach programme, and the Electoral Commission to develop its regular public awareness campaigns.¹⁰

3.9 Traditionally, political parties, as the prime mobilising agencies that connect people to the formal political process (and vice-versa), have provided the necessary stimulus and helped the population make the connection between abstract politics and political institutions, as well as the issues that matter to individuals, their families and the wider community. But these have, to some extent, fallen into disrepair. Parties have far fewer members than they once did and, consequently, fewer activists. This constitutes a significant problem as we know that political ‘foot soldiers’ play a pivotal role in mobilising voters (even in today’s era of modern campaigning techniques). Moreover, it comes at a time when, as a result of devolution, parties have more

¹⁰ The Electoral Commission’s 2004–5 campaign used the strapline ‘If you don’t do politics, there’s not much you do do,’ and sought to make politics personal and reconnect it with issues and with people.

elections to contest than ever before in some parts of the UK.

Table 3: What people understand by ‘politics’

Q. What do you understand by the term politics? (top 10 mentions)	
	%
What government does/running the country/way country is governed	37
Arguments between parties and/or politicians	14
Choices for society/how country should be governed	14
Parliament	11
Local government/councils	11
Elections/voting	10
Discussing issues/reaching agreement	10
Ways of making decisions	9
Public link with/control over government/representation	6
Sleaze/corruption	5

Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December 2005.
Notes: Percentages do not total 100 as analysis was based on multiple responses.
The top 10 mentions only are illustrated in this table.
Source: Ipsos MORI.

3.10 The decline in numbers of members and activists is indicative of the wider loss of public esteem that parties seem to have suffered in recent years. In fact, anti-party sentiment in Britain is nothing new. Historians such as Jon Lawrence have traced it as far back as the nineteenth century and the very birth of modern political parties. Recent work has shown that, even in the ‘golden age’ of representative

politics during the 1940s and 50s, when party membership reached record levels and electoral turnout exceeded 80%, underlying scepticism towards parties remained.¹¹ Since then, profound changes in UK society and the way people work and live have created a more diverse population, serving to blur traditional perceptions of class and social identity on which political affiliations had previously been strongly based.

3.11 This has created a more complex and, in many respects, more difficult environment for parties to cope with and allowed deep-seated anti-party sentiment to bubble to the surface. This is illustrated by an Ipsos MORI poll at the 2005 general election which found a three-to-one margin of negative ‘advocacy’ of political parties – that is, three times as many people were proactively talking down a political party to other people than were talking them up.¹² While our third audit did not look specifically at people’s perceptions of political parties, we have some evidence which does appear to confirm such trends. As Figure 8, overleaf, shows, we asked people to choose, from a list, which qualities they think are important for an MP to have. The most popular attribute (cited by 58% of respondents) was independent-mindedness, an increase from only 37% in 1983 and 48% in 1994. In contrast, but perhaps relatedly, people valued party loyalty less than they once did (39% in 2005 compared to 42% in 1983).

11 J. Lawrence (1991) *Speaking for the people: Party, language and popular politics in England, 1867–1914*; J. Healey; M. Gill and D. McHugh (2005), *MPs and politics in our time*.

12 R. Worcester, R. Mortimore and P. Bains (2005) *Explaining Labour’s Landslip*, pp283–4.

3.12 Such findings pose some significant challenges for the political community. The formal, representative political system relies on political parties for its operation and parties clearly need to find ways of recasting themselves as a creative force. But this is a far from easy task. For one thing, parties face a diverse electorate that holds many contradictory views. Survey results that ostensibly suggest a majority of the public would prefer an independent-minded MP to a party loyalist might be viewed with scepticism given the poor electoral record of disunited parties.

3.13 Moreover, it is notable that respondents were almost as likely to say that party loyalty is important if they valued independence, as if they did not. Reinforcing our earlier point about the deep rooted nature of anti-party sentiment, it is worth noting that such contradictions are nothing new. Hugh Gaitskell, the former Labour leader, highlighted exactly the same ambiguities in popular attitudes in a lecture he gave in 1954, ‘In Defence of Politics’. In this he noted how public condemnation of political parties took two completely opposing forms: some people complained that the differences between the parties ‘are too great; there is too much back-biting, too much abuse, and the whole thing is a bear garden’, while others expressed resentment that ‘they really agree on almost everything, that the whole thing is much too like a tea-party; that it makes no difference who is in power; and that in consequence the electors are apathetic’.¹³

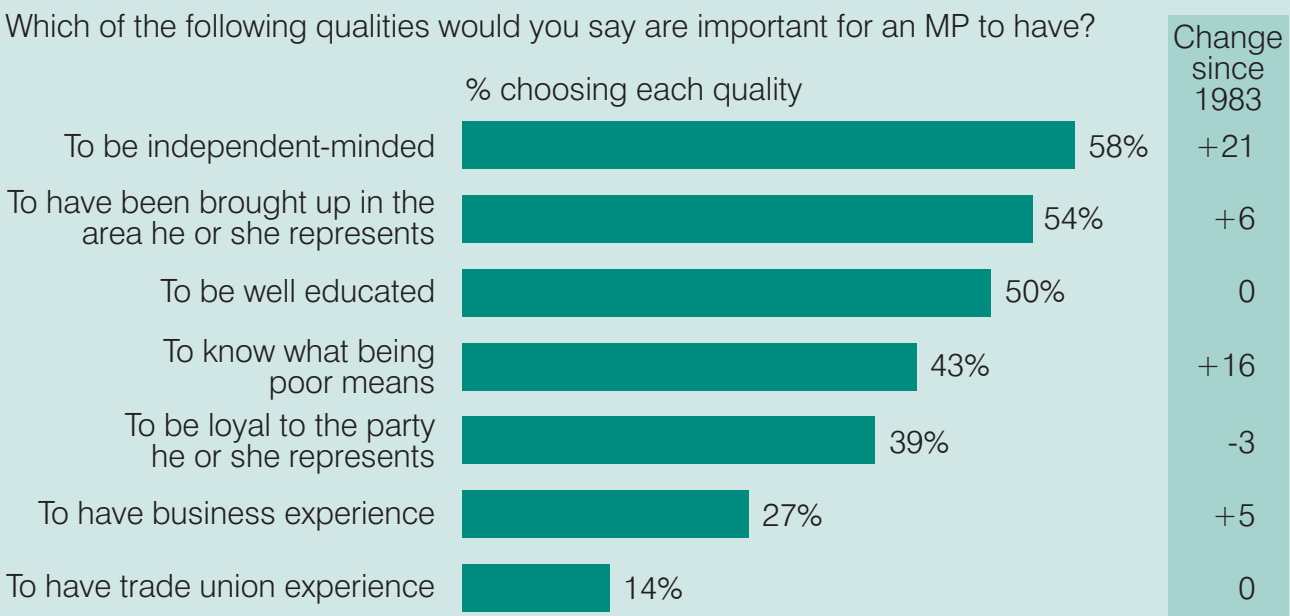
13 H. Gaitskell, ‘In Defence of Politics,’ lecture delivered at Birkbeck College, University of London, 2 December 1954.

3.14 The enduring nature of such inconsistent views suggests a need for the political community to ‘explain and reconcile the public to its apparent imperfections’.¹⁴ As constitutional researcher Meg Russell argued in *Must Politics Disappoint?*:

‘Politics is fundamentally about difficult choices. It is the way in which complex societies weigh up competing demands and choose between them...The only real answer is to build a new culture of politics...rebuilding trust in politics requires us to admit that it is hard’.¹⁵

3.15 One aspect of the solution to rebuild trust and involvement in politics must be to increase people’s familiarity with political institutions and actors. In our first audit we reported findings from our Political Engagement Poll which confirmed two wider principles that research has frequently found to apply to many areas of public life: that specific opinions of individuals tend to be more favourable than generalised views of institutions, and that familiarity breeds favourability, not contempt. That same poll

Figure 8: What people want from MPs



Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December 2005.

Note: Omits ‘other’ (6%), ‘none’ (2%), ‘don’t know’ (2%).

Source: Ipsos MORI and British Social Attitudes surveys (NCSR) 1983.

¹⁴ The Electoral Commission (2005) *Audit of political engagement 2*.

¹⁵ M. Russell ‘Time to speak up’, *The House Magazine*, 20 June 2005. This summarised M. Russell (March 2005) *Must Politics Disappoint?*, The Fabian Society.

found 42% of people were able to correctly name their MP. This time, seven months after the 2005 general election, we found 44% able to do so (see Figure 9, overleaf).

3.16 This level of knowledge is consistent with other recent measurements. In May 2001, 41% of people could correctly recall the name of their MP and in December 2003 the figure was 42%. In December 2005 we recorded 44% (see Figure 9). It can be seen then that there is no noticeable difference between a mid-election measure (2001), a mid-Parliament measure (2003) and a post-election measure (2005). However, surveys up until the early 1990s regularly put recall of an MP's name at over 50%.

3.17 This fall has occurred despite the fact that information from and about MPs has increased exponentially in the meantime. The huge expansion of television and radio channels and the advent of 24-hour news have massively increased the amount of media coverage that MPs receive. In terms of direct personal communication, Members of Parliament today have more contact with their constituents – in the form of emails, letters, phone calls, faxes, blogs, surgeries etc. – than at any time in history.¹⁶ Almost every MP now has a personal website, when 10 years ago none existed. In addition, numerous independent websites provide accessible information about MPs, their beliefs, background, attendance in Parliament, speeches and voting records. Yet awareness of elected representatives has fallen over the last decade.

3.18 In line with other indicators, the least aware are the young, who are less likely to be able to name their MP than their older counterparts (22% of 18–24-year-olds, 54% of those aged 45 and over). Likewise, those in manual occupations or not working have a lower recall than managers and professionals. Also, recall was higher in England and Northern Ireland than in either Scotland or Wales, possibly reflecting devolution arrangements. Among those living in a constituency where there had been a change in MP, only 28% of people could come up with the right name some seven months after the election.

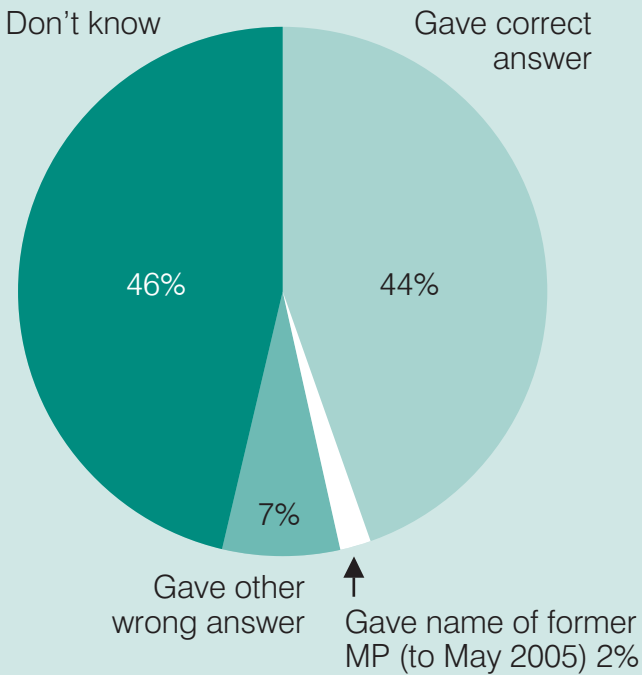
3.19 These are important findings. They do not simply represent a test of knowledge; they begin to tell us something about the relationship (or lack of it) between electors and representatives, and the reluctance of a growing number of people to make the effort to find out who their MP is and what they do. They may also indicate a potential change in the way some people view the function of their elected MPs, less as universal representatives and more as an extra layer of social services, for example; people to be approached in times of crisis. Outside such times, what need is there to find out who they are? Indeed, perhaps one of our most striking findings is that even among those adults making up 13% of the adult population who describe themselves as **very** interested in politics, only 54% can correctly name their MP.

3.20 As well as measuring public knowledge and expectations of MPs, our third audit sought further to investigate findings which suggested there is a strong aspiration on the part of most of the public to have a say in how the country is run.

¹⁶ J. Healey, M. Gill and D. McHugh (2005) *MPs and politics in our time*, pp28–29.

Figure 9: Knowledge of own MP

What is the name of your local Member of Parliament for this constituency since May 2005?



Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December 2005. Source: Ipsos MORI.

How deeply felt is this desire? What cost would people be willing to bear to 'have a say'? We thought it important to seek answers to these questions because some believe representative democracy is already in terminal decline and advocate the introduction of new, more direct methods of decision making under the banner of 'direct democracy'.

3.21 As Figure 10, opposite, shows, almost three-quarters of people, 72%, say they would be willing to sign a petition to influence or protest against a decision by a local or national governing body.

However, only half of these say that they have actually already done so. The next most popular activity to petition-signing was contacting a local MP or councillor (46%), although only a quarter have actually done this in the last few years.

3.22 This general unwillingness to actively raise concerns could create a need for government to consult with the public more directly if it wishes to be responsive to the people. Yet as only 13% of the public say they would be willing to take part in a government or Parliamentary consultation, this is not likely to prove an easy undertaking. Overall, the findings suggest that most people have limited enthusiasm for energy-intensive political action, preferring 'passive action' if they prefer any action at all.

3.23 As with our core indicators, there are some significant differences among different sub-groups on this issue. For example, 63% of ABs would be willing to contact their local councillor or MP, almost twice the proportion of DEs (32%). Younger people are also less likely to engage in any of the activities listed, but only 8% say 'none'. At the same time, there is evidence that once some people reach their mid-50s they are likely to be less willing to participate; 54% of 45–54-year-olds say they would do one of the activities listed but this drops to 45% of 55+ year olds.

3.24 Over-reliance on 'direct' mechanisms could therefore risk magnifying the voice of those who are already politically involved and are most willing to use additional methods of participation, while excluding older people and yet still failing to involve disengaged groups. This is something the political community ought to consider carefully when contemplating democratic reform. The importance of enhancing

existing representative decision-making democratic structures, rather than replacing them, should not be overlooked.¹⁷

3.25 This is not to say that additional opportunities for increasing public involvement in political decisions should not be provided. On the contrary, as we have said, innovative action

is needed. These findings point clearly to the potential utility of, for example, developing the way Parliament handles public petitions (perhaps by studying the experience of the Petitions Committee in the Scottish Parliament) and building on recent initiatives such as the large deliberative consultation in Birmingham undertaken by the Department for Health.

Figure 10: Potential and actual political activity

Which of these, if any, do you think you might be willing to do to influence or protest against a decision by a local or national governing body? And which, if any, have you done?



Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December 2005.

Note: Omits 'none' (12%).

Source: Ipsos MORI.

¹⁷ This argument is further developed in D. McHugh and P. Parvin (Hansard Society 2005) *Neglecting Democracy: participation and representation in 21st century Britain*.

3.26 A post-general election survey of non-voters by Opinion Leader Research on behalf of the Power Inquiry found strong support for participative events and referendums.¹⁸ However, our new evidence provides a dose of realism as to what can be achieved, particularly in terms of the number of people likely to participate. It is, perhaps, all too easy to overstate the public's willingness to take up opportunities for closer involvement in the political process: our findings show that some people simply do not have the appetite for active, energetic involvement in the political process.

Conclusion

3.27 Where then does this leave us in terms of the state of political engagement today? While this audit consolidates what we already know about political engagement, it also takes our understanding a little further. We have seen some movement in the different facets of political engagement during the middle part of the last 12 months – namely, the general election period – but year-on-year there is little significant change.

3.28 Our research has identified a number of key challenges facing political parties, politicians and representative institutions. At the same time, it has pointed to an apparent desire on the part of most people to become involved but a reluctance of many to actually do so. This is something Professor Gerry Stoker recently described:

'[In Britain]...the idea of equal, democratic citizenship is taken far more seriously [than it once was]. That has raised expectations.

People believe that they are entitled to have their voice heard, yet for many reasons... fewer are prepared to make the effort to play a meaningful part in the increasingly technocratic arguments of formal politics. People expect a veto right over a game they no longer play... [They are] more demanding and more apathetic.'¹⁹

3.29 Democracy may be 'government of the people, by the people, for the people', but just how much do people want to be involved? If people want a more interactive, responsive type of politics, how far are they willing to play their part, if at all? Does it matter if they don't? More fundamentally, how can politics best adapt to the changing social environment and a more demanding public? Specifically, what can political parties do to recast themselves as creative forces?

3.30 These are important questions and ones we will return to in the year ahead (as well as asking others to give their views). Our findings seem to suggest that part of the solution to political disengagement must be to begin to manage expectations of politics, how it is done and what it can deliver. Also, if 'politics' is to be recast, it could usefully blend the best components of representative democracy with more direct, participatory mechanisms, provided that the direct forms of participation do not undermine or supplant established representative institutions. It is clear that more work still needs to be done in this area, and in the areas of political education, if we are to encourage not only **increased** political engagement, but also **informed** engagement.

¹⁸ www.powerinquiry.org/publications/documents/Non-Voterspoll-Summary_000.pdf.

¹⁹ G. Stoker 'Immature democrats', *Prospect*, January 2006.

Appendix A

Full indicators from the first audit

Below is the full list of the original 16 indicators of political engagement that were included in the first audit.

Knowledge and interest

Percentage of people who:

- feel they know about politics
- are interested in politics
- know their MP's name
- 'passed' a political knowledge quiz
- feel they know about the role of MPs

Action and participation

Percentage of people who:

- are 'absolutely certain' to vote at an immediate general election
- have discussed politics
- have contacted their MP or councillor
- are classified as electoral activists
- are classified as non-electoral activists
- paid money to or joined a political party

Efficacy and satisfaction

Percentage of people who:

- believe that 'getting involved works'
- think that the present system of governing works well
- trust politicians generally
- are satisfied with Parliament
- are satisfied with their own MP

Appendix B

Technical details

Survey methodology

The Political Engagement Poll, undertaken by Ipsos MORI, involved interviews with a representative sample of 1,209 adults aged 18+ across the UK. Interviewing took place face-to-face, in respondents' homes between 1 and 5 December 2005. The data have been weighted to the known national population profile.

Interpretation of the data

It should be noted that Ipsos MORI interviewed a sample, not the entire population of the UK. As a result, all survey results are subject to sampling tolerances, and where differences between sub-groups do occur these are not necessarily statistically significant – a guide to statistical reliability is included below. It is also important to note that the Ipsos MORI survey records public perceptions, which may, or may not, accord with reality and that it represents a snapshot of opinion at one particular moment in time.

Where percentages do not sum to 100, this may be due to computer rounding, the exclusion of 'don't know' categories, or multiple answers. Throughout this report, we have noted where a value of less than 0.5% but greater than zero applies.

Statistical reliability

The respondents to the Political Engagement Poll are only samples of the total population, so we cannot be certain that the figures obtained are exactly those we would have if everybody had been interviewed (the 'true' values). We can, however, predict the variation between the sample results and the 'true' values from a

knowledge of the size of the samples on which the results are based and the number of times that a particular answer is given. The confidence with which we can make this prediction is usually chosen to be 95%, that is, the chances are 95 in 100 that the 'true' value will fall within a specified range. Table B1, opposite, illustrates the predicted ranges for different sample sizes and percentage results at the '95% confidence interval'.

When results are compared between separate groups within a sample or between different surveys, this may highlight differences. These may be 'real', or it may occur by chance (because not everyone in the population has been interviewed). To test if a difference is a real one i.e. if it is 'statistically significant', we again have to know the size of the samples, the percentage giving a certain answer and the degree of confidence chosen. If we assume the '95% confidence interval', the differences between the results of two separate groups must be greater than the values given in Table B2, opposite.

Table B1: Sampling tolerances

Size of sample on which survey result is based	Approximate sampling tolerances applicable to percentages at or near these levels		
	10% or 90% +/-	30% or 70% +/-	50% +/-
100	6	9	10
500	3	4	4
1,000	2	3	3
1,209	2	3	3

Source: Ipsos MORI.

Table B2: Sampling tolerances

Size of samples compared	Differences required for significance at or near these percentage levels		
	10% or 90% +/-	30% or 70% +/-	50% +/-
100 and 400	6	9	10
400 and 400	4	6	7
500 and 1,000	3	5	5
1,000 and 1,000	3	4	4
1,000 and 2,000	2	4	4

Source: Ipsos MORI.

Appendix C

Political Engagement Poll 'topline' findings

- *Audit of political engagement (APE)* 3 topline results are based on 1,209 adults aged 18+ in the UK.
- APE 1 results were based on interviews conducted face-to-face with 1,976 adults aged 18+ in Great Britain between 11–17 December 2003 and in Northern Ireland between 6–15 December 2003.
- APE 2 results were based on interviews conducted face-to-face with 2,065 adults aged 18+ in Great Britain between 2–6 December 2004 and in Northern Ireland between 14–21 December 2004.
- Results are based on all respondents unless otherwise stated.
- Data are weighted to the profile of the population.
- Percentages do not add up to exactly 100%. This may be due to computer rounding, the exclusion of 'don't knows' or to multiple answers.

Q1. How likely would you be to vote in an immediate general election, on a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 means you would be absolutely certain to vote, and 1 means that you would be absolutely certain not to vote?

	%
10 (absolutely certain to vote)	55
9	7
8	7
7	7
6	2
5	6
4	1
3	2
2	1
1 (absolutely certain not to vote)	10
Don't know	1

Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December 2005.
Source: Ipsos MORI.

Q2. Which, if any, of the things on this list have you done in the last two or three years?

	%
Voted in the last general election	70
Helped on fundraising drives	22
Urged someone outside my family to vote	17
Presented my views to a local councillor or MP	15
Urged someone to get in touch with a local councillor or MP	14
Made a speech before an organised group	13
Been an officer of an organisation or club	9
Written a letter to an editor	8
Flown on business overseas	8
Flown on a business trip within the UK	5
Taken an active part in a political campaign	3
Stood for public office	1
None	20
Don't know	0

Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December 2005.
Source: Ipsos MORI.

Q3. And which of these, if any, have you done in the last two or three years?

	%
Voted in the last local council election	55
Signed a petition	45
Donated money or paid a membership fee to a charity or campaigning organisation	44
Discussed politics or political news with someone else	39
Contacted my local council	28
Done voluntary work	22
Helped organise a charity event	20
Taken part in a sponsored event	19
Boycotted certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons	18
Been to any political meeting	6
Donated money or paid a membership fee to a political party	6
Taken part in a demonstration, picket or march	5
Taken an active part in a party's campaign at a general election	2
Taken an active part in a party's campaign at a local election	2
Taken part in a strike	2
Served as a school or hospital governor*	2
Served as a local magistrate	1
None	17
Don't know	**

Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December, 2005.

Notes: *Hospital governor question not asked in Northern Ireland.

**Less than 0.5%.

Source: Ipsos MORI.

Q4.–Q7. How interested would you say you are in the following...?

	Very interested %	Fairly interested %	Not very interested %	Not at all interested %	Don't know %
Politics	13	43	30	14	*
Local issues	30	51	13	5	*
National issues	23	52	18	7	*
International issues	18	47	26	9	*

Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December, 2005.

Note: *Less than 0.5%.

Source: Ipsos MORI.

Q8. What do you understand by the term politics? (top 10 mentions)

	%
What government does/running the country/way country is governed	37
Arguments between parties and/or politicians	14
Choices for society/how country should be governed	14
Parliament	11
Local government/councils	11
Elections/voting	10
Discussing issues/reaching agreement	10
Ways of making decisions	9
Public link with/control over government/representation	6
Sleaze/corruption	5

Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December 2005.

Notes: Percentages do not total 100 as analysis was based on multiple responses.

The top 10 mentions only are illustrated in this table.

Source: Ipsos MORI.

Q9. How much, if anything, do you feel you know about politics?

	%
A great deal	4
A fair amount	35
Not very much	51
Nothing at all	10
Don't know	*

Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December 2005.

Note: *Less than 0.5%.

Source: Ipsos MORI.

Q10. What is the name of your local Member of Parliament for this constituency since May 2005?

	%
Gave correct answer	44
Gave name of former MP (to May 2005)	2
Gave other wrong answer	7
Don't know	46

Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December 2005.

Source: Ipsos MORI.

Q11.–Q13. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree %	Tend to agree %	Neither agree nor disagree %	Tend to disagree %	Strongly disagree %	Don't know %
When people like me get involved in politics, they really can change the way the country is run	6	27	20	31	13	3
I want to have a say in how the country is run	23	45	14	12	5	1
I have a say in how the country is run at the moment	2	21	14	33	30	1

Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December 2005.

Source: Ipsos MORI.

Q14. Which of these statements best describes your opinion on the present system of governing the UK?*

	%
Works extremely well and could not be improved	1
Could be improved in small ways but mainly works well	33
Could be improved quite a lot	41
Needs a great deal of improvement	21
Don't know	4

Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December 2005.

Note: *Britain asked in England, Scotland and Wales. UK asked in Northern Ireland.

Source: Ipsos MORI.

Q15. Which of these, if any, do you think you might be willing to do to influence or protest against a decision by a local or national government body?

Q16. And which, if any, of these have you ever done for that reason?

	Q15.	Q16.
Sign a petition	72	50
Contact your MP or local councillor	46	24
Vote against the party you normally would support	32	15
Write to a newspaper	31	13
Attend a demonstration	26	13
Contribute money to an organisation campaigning on your side of the issue	16	10
Present your case at a public inquiry	15	4
Take part in a governmental or Parliamentary consultation	13	4
Start a court case against the government or your local council	4	0
Stand for election to Parliament or your local council	3	1
Other	*	*
None	12	36
Don't know	2	1

Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December 2005.

Note: *Less than 0.5%

Source: Ipsos MORI.

**Q17. Which of the following qualities would you say are important for an MP to have?
You may choose more than one, none, or suggest others**

	%
To be independent-minded	58
To have been brought up in the area he or she represents	54
To be well educated	50
To know what being poor means	43
To be loyal to the party he or she represents	39
To have business experience	27
To have trade union experience	14
Other	6
None	2
Don't know	2

Base: 1,209 UK adults 18+, 1–5 December 2005.

Source: Ipsos MORI.



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Table 1

QPol10.

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Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
10 (Absolutely certain to vote)	644	303	340	39	76	127	104	297	196	198	115	135	265	79	299	97	422	124	179	464	154	264
	55%	54%	55%	29%	37%	56%	54%	72%	69%	57%	47%	44%	50%	59%	58%	38%	58%	61%	44%	60%	55%	62%
9	82	36	46	11	14	16	14	26	17	34	16	16	42	4	36	25	44	13	29	53	23	34
	7%	6%	7%	8%	7%	7%	7%	6%	6%	10%	6%	5%	8%	3%	7%	10%	6%	7%	7%	7%	8%	8%
8	85	47	38	16	20	14	11	23	20	24	17	24	41	13	31	21	51	13	35	50	12	30
	7%	8%	6%	12%	9%	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%	7%	8%	8%	9%	6%	8%	7%	6%	9%	6%	4%	7%
7	80	38	42	22	20	13	9	16	13	29	18	20	37	12	31	28	43	9	33	47	13	26
	7%	7%	7%	16%	10%	6%	5%	4%	5%	8%	7%	6%	7%	9%	6%	11%	6%	5%	8%	6%	5%	6%
6	28	16	12	8	7	7	3	3	2	4	9	13	23	1	4	12	14	2	12	16	7	5
	2%	3%	2%	6%	3%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%	4%	4%	1%	1%	5%	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%
5	75	39	36	7	20	10	21	17	12	16	16	32	32	7	36	14	50	11	28	47	20	19
	6%	7%	6%	5%	10%	4%	11%	4%	4%	5%	7%	10%	6%	5%	7%	6%	7%	5%	7%	6%	7%	5%
4	17	10	7	2	8	3	3	1	1	2	8	7	9	2	7	2	10	5	9	9	2	5
	1%	2%	1%	1%	4%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%
3	21	4	17	4	12	1	3	2	2	6	6	8	13	3	6	11	7	2	9	13	5	7
	2%	1%	3%	3%	6%	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	4%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%
2	14	7	7	2	3	3	3	2	3	2	4	5	7	1	6	5	8	1	9	5	2	2
	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
1 (Absolutely certain not to vote)	122	62	60	19	27	29	21	26	18	28	34	42	59	12	51	32	70	20	57	65	37	30
	10%	11%	10%	14%	13%	13%	11%	6%	6%	8%	14%	14%	11%	9%	10%	13%	10%	10%	14%	8%	13%	7%
Don't know	12	3	8	4	1	4	1	1	1	4	1	6	4	2	6	6	5	1	5	7	4	3
	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%

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Table 1 (CONT.)

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Base: All respondents

	Government		GO Region												Ethnicity				Interest in politics			
	Total	Satis-fied	Dissat-isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot-land	Wales	N.Ire-land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
10 (Absolutely certain to vote)	644	196	397	627	52	71	75	26	78	90	55	53	51	47	29	16	625	5	12	1	459	183
	55%	55%	59%	55%	61%	68%	52%	48%	56%	55%	57%	49%	52%	49%	50%	48%	56%	23%	34%	13%	69%	36%
9	82	28	51	82	4	4	18	4	5	18	9	6	6	6	2	1	75	1	5	1	51	31
	7%	8%	8%	7%	5%	4%	12%	7%	3%	11%	10%	5%	6%	7%	3%	2%	7%	7%	15%	10%	8%	6%
8	85	34	39	82	7	6	7	3	12	12	6	10	6	8	7	2	77	1	7	-	44	40
	7%	9%	6%	7%	8%	5%	5%	5%	8%	7%	6%	10%	6%	8%	12%	7%	7%	5%	20%	-	7%	8%
7	80	29	40	76	3	3	11	1	13	14	9	7	6	7	4	4	70	3	5	3	36	44
	7%	8%	6%	7%	3%	3%	8%	2%	9%	9%	9%	6%	6%	7%	7%	11%	6%	12%	14%	25%	5%	9%
6	28	11	11	28	3	1	4	2	3	1	2	3	5	2	2	0	25	1	1	-	10	18
	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	4%	2%	1%	2%	3%	5%	2%	3%	1%	2%	7%	4%	-	2%	3%
5	75	17	43	73	9	7	6	4	8	10	8	6	9	5	3	2	69	3	2	1	23	52
	6%	5%	6%	6%	10%	6%	4%	7%	6%	6%	8%	6%	9%	5%	5%	6%	6%	13%	6%	7%	4%	10%
4	17	4	11	17	1	3	-	-	4	1	-	5	-	2	1	1	16	-	1	-	4	13
	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	-	-	3%	1%	-	5%	-	2%	1%	2%	1%	-	3%	-	1%	3%
3	21	6	8	21	1	2	4	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	0	21	-	-	-	2	19
	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	4%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	4%	1%	2%	-	-	-	0%	4%
2	14	5	5	13	1	2	2	0	-	2	3	-	-	2	1	0	11	2	-	-	3	10
	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	3%	-	-	2%	2%	1%	1%	10%	-	-	1%	2%
1 (Absolutely certain not to vote)	122	26	65	116	4	6	13	11	13	13	4	17	14	13	8	6	115	2	0	3	29	93
	10%	7%	10%	10%	5%	6%	9%	22%	9%	8%	4%	15%	14%	13%	13%	19%	10%	11%	1%	30%	4%	18%
Don't know	12	3	4	11	1	-	5	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	-	1	6	3	1	2	1	10
	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	4%	-	0%	-	-	-	1%	3%	-	2%	1%	13%	2%	15%	0%	2%

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Table 1 (CONT.)

QPol10.

How likely would you be to vote in an immediate general election, on a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 means you would be absolutely certain to vote, and 1 means that you would be absolutely certain not to vote?

Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
10 (Absolutely certain to vote)	644	-	644	322	321	246	377	131	513	39	60	309	93	50	108	150	370	350	294	671
	55%	-	89%	70%	45%	61%	52%	80%	50%	44%	59%	54%	61%	60%	63%	58%	52%	67%	45%	56%
9	82	-	82	38	44	29	54	12	70	9	8	34	12	11	9	18	54	44	38	81
	7%	-	11%	8%	6%	7%	7%	7%	7%	10%	8%	6%	8%	13%	6%	7%	8%	8%	6%	7%
8	85	-	-	23	62	36	48	4	80	4	4	45	11	4	7	20	55	28	57	82
	7%	-	-	5%	9%	9%	7%	3%	8%	5%	4%	8%	7%	5%	4%	8%	8%	5%	9%	7%
7	80	-	-	21	59	38	40	3	77	5	7	42	7	6	7	14	55	25	55	77
	7%	-	-	4%	8%	9%	6%	2%	8%	5%	7%	7%	4%	7%	4%	6%	8%	5%	8%	6%
6	28	-	-	6	23	6	22	2	26	3	3	17	1	-	1	3	24	4	24	25
	2%	-	-	1%	3%	1%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	1%	-	1%	1%	3%	1%	4%	2%
5	75	-	-	18	56	16	52	4	71	7	4	43	7	3	11	21	41	27	48	75
	6%	-	-	4%	8%	4%	7%	3%	7%	8%	4%	8%	5%	4%	6%	8%	6%	5%	7%	6%
4	17	-	-	3	14	4	14	-	17	1	2	9	3	-	2	5	10	6	12	18
	1%	-	-	1%	2%	1%	2%	-	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	-	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%
3	21	-	-	2	19	9	13	-	21	2	3	11	1	1	3	4	14	5	16	20
	2%	-	-	0%	3%	2%	2%	-	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%
2	14	14	-	-	14	2	9	1	12	1	2	5	2	-	3	4	7	5	9	15
	1%	10%	-	-	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	-	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
1 (Absolutely certain not to vote)	122	122	-	28	94	18	92	5	117	13	8	50	15	8	19	21	76	31	91	130
	10%	90%	-	6%	13%	5%	13%	3%	11%	15%	8%	9%	10%	10%	11%	8%	11%	6%	14%	11%
Don't know	12	-	-	1	10	1	5	-	12	4	2	3	-	-	-	1	10	-	12	15
	1%	-	-	0%	1%	0%	1%	-	1%	4%	2%	0%	-	-	-	0%	1%	-	2%	1%

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Table 2

Act1.

Which, if any of the things on this list have you done in the last two or three years?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
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Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Presented my views to a local councillor or MP	178	101	77	8	25	28	41	75	74	60	25	19	85	14	78	32	120	26	50	128	15	96
	15%	18%	12%	6%	12%	12%	21%	18%	26%	17%	10%	6%	16%	11%	15%	13%	17%	13%	12%	16%	5%	23%
Written a letter to an editor	92	53	39	4	9	20	22	37	26	32	21	12	43	5	44	15	64	13	25	67	9	48
	8%	9%	6%	3%	4%	9%	11%	9%	9%	9%	9%	4%	8%	4%	9%	6%	9%	6%	6%	9%	3%	11%
Urged someone outside my family to vote	202	104	98	17	34	48	47	56	69	66	37	31	113	26	63	32	137	33	69	133	29	110
	17%	18%	16%	13%	16%	21%	24%	14%	24%	19%	15%	10%	21%	20%	12%	13%	19%	16%	17%	17%	10%	26%
Urged someone to get in touch with a local councillor or MP	163	74	89	8	22	32	41	61	65	53	23	22	85	23	55	20	123	20	49	114	22	85
	14%	13%	15%	6%	10%	14%	21%	15%	23%	15%	10%	7%	16%	17%	11%	8%	17%	10%	12%	15%	8%	20%
Made a speech before an organised group	154	95	59	14	23	42	31	44	68	54	18	14	92	15	46	29	106	19	58	96	6	101
	13%	17%	10%	11%	11%	18%	16%	11%	24%	16%	7%	5%	17%	11%	9%	11%	15%	10%	14%	12%	2%	24%
Been an officer of an organisation or club	106	72	34	2	7	18	25	55	50	29	14	14	52	5	49	11	82	13	30	76	11	65
	9%	13%	6%	1%	3%	8%	13%	13%	17%	8%	6%	4%	10%	4%	10%	4%	11%	6%	7%	10%	4%	15%
Stood for public office	9	5	4	-	-	-	2	7	4	3	1	1	1	-	8	1	6	2	1	8	2	6
	1%	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	-	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%
Taken an active part in a political campaign	38	21	17	3	6	6	9	15	21	10	4	3	18	1	19	8	26	4	10	29	5	25
	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	3%	5%	4%	7%	3%	2%	1%	3%	1%	4%	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%	2%	6%
Helped on fund raising drives	261	126	134	22	41	55	48	95	90	82	49	40	112	35	113	43	175	42	95	165	38	129
	22%	22%	22%	17%	20%	24%	24%	23%	32%	24%	20%	13%	21%	26%	22%	17%	24%	21%	24%	21%	13%	30%
Voted in the last general election	822	391	432	48	115	162	139	358	226	255	164	178	361	99	363	132	536	153	245	577	199	322
	70%	69%	70%	36%	55%	71%	71%	86%	79%	74%	67%	58%	68%	73%	71%	52%	74%	76%	61%	74%	71%	76%
None of these	251	120	131	69	71	44	35	32	32	58	60	101	128	20	103	92	128	31	113	138	64	62
	21%	21%	21%	52%	34%	19%	18%	8%	11%	17%	25%	33%	24%	15%	20%	36%	18%	15%	28%	18%	23%	15%
Total Mentions	2025	1041	984	126	282	411	405	802	693	644	356	333	962	225	839	322	1377	325	633	1393	336	988
Average No. mentions	2.2	2.3	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.1	2.7	2.2	1.9	1.6	2.4	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.3	1.9	2.2	2.2	1.5	2.7

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Act1.

Which, if any of the things on this list have you done in the last two or three years?

Base: All respondents

	Government		GO Region													Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Total	Satis- fied	Dissat- isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot- land	Wales	N.Ire -land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
Presented my views to a local councillor or MP	178	34	129	175	11	17	19	4	20	24	26	16	19	12	8	3	170	-	7	1	154	24
	15%	9%	19%	15%	12%	16%	13%	8%	14%	15%	27%	14%	19%	12%	14%	10%	15%	-	21%	8%	23%	5%
Written a letter to an editor	92	18	65	90	3	8	6	1	10	24	11	8	10	5	3	2	88	-	2	1	78	14
	8%	5%	10%	8%	4%	8%	4%	3%	7%	15%	11%	8%	10%	5%	5%	5%	8%	-	6%	11%	12%	3%
Urged someone outside my family to vote	202	53	129	197	16	18	8	13	25	37	24	18	17	13	7	5	196	-	5	1	176	26
	17%	15%	19%	17%	19%	17%	6%	25%	18%	23%	25%	17%	17%	14%	12%	16%	18%	-	15%	11%	27%	5%
Urged someone to get in touch with a local councillor or MP	163	40	111	159	11	17	13	9	13	36	18	13	11	13	6	4	158	-	4	1	138	25
	14%	11%	17%	14%	13%	16%	9%	17%	9%	22%	19%	12%	11%	14%	10%	12%	14%	-	11%	11%	21%	5%
Made a speech before an organised group	154	40	103	149	8	19	11	3	17	30	15	12	13	14	7	5	148	2	4	1	136	18
	13%	11%	15%	13%	9%	18%	8%	6%	13%	19%	15%	11%	13%	14%	12%	15%	13%	9%	11%	6%	20%	4%
Been an officer of an organisation or club	106	31	64	101	10	13	5	2	8	22	8	8	10	12	3	5	104	-	1	1	90	16
	9%	9%	9%	9%	12%	13%	4%	5%	6%	13%	8%	7%	10%	13%	4%	14%	9%	-	4%	6%	14%	3%
Stood for public office	9	3	6	9	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	2	1	1	2	-	9	-	-	-	9	-
	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	-	1%	0%	-	2%	1%	1%	3%	-	1%	-	-	-	1%	-
Taken an active part in a political campaign	38	9	28	38	2	5	5	1	5	11	2	1	1	2	3	1	36	-	2	-	37	1
	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	5%	3%	1%	3%	7%	2%	1%	1%	2%	5%	2%	3%	-	6%	-	6%	0%
Helped on fund raising drives	261	70	165	253	17	24	22	4	26	49	24	24	26	26	11	8	251	2	6	1	185	76
	22%	20%	24%	22%	20%	23%	15%	8%	19%	30%	25%	22%	26%	27%	18%	24%	23%	9%	19%	6%	28%	15%
Voted in the last general election	822	242	513	806	67	76	94	33	99	120	82	67	69	58	40	16	786	10	24	1	536	286
	70%	68%	76%	70%	78%	73%	65%	64%	71%	74%	85%	61%	70%	61%	68%	46%	71%	47%	71%	7%	81%	56%
None of these	251	84	107	240	11	15	42	16	30	26	13	32	17	20	17	11	226	10	7	8	71	179
	21%	23%	16%	21%	13%	15%	29%	31%	22%	16%	13%	29%	18%	21%	29%	33%	20%	44%	22%	68%	11%	35%
Total Mentions	2025	540	1313	1976	146	198	184	72	224	353	209	169	176	156	89	49	1946	14	56	7	1538	486
Average No. mentions	2.2	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.0	2.2	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.6	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	1.2	2.1	2.1	2.6	1.5

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Which, if any of the things on this list have you done in the last two or three years?

Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Total	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes		No
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Presented my views to a local councillor or MP	178	7	157	122	56	59	119	105	73	8	20	91	24	11	27	40	107	119	59	182
	15%	6%	22%	26%	8%	15%	16%	64%	7%	10%	19%	16%	16%	13%	16%	15%	15%	23%	9%	15%
Written a letter to an editor	92	6	73	67	25	29	63	54	38	5	13	44	11	9	13	23	55	50	42	95
	8%	5%	10%	14%	4%	7%	9%	33%	4%	5%	13%	8%	7%	11%	8%	9%	8%	10%	6%	8%
Urged someone outside my family to vote	202	3	168	117	85	82	121	80	122	16	19	98	30	14	21	54	122	112	90	193
	17%	2%	23%	25%	12%	20%	17%	49%	12%	18%	18%	17%	20%	17%	13%	21%	17%	21%	14%	16%
Urged someone to get in touch with a local councillor or MP	163	8	136	102	61	57	105	112	51	12	15	83	16	14	19	38	102	104	59	166
	14%	6%	19%	22%	9%	14%	14%	68%	5%	14%	14%	15%	11%	17%	11%	15%	14%	20%	9%	14%
Made a speech before an organised group	154	11	119	106	48	71	82	62	92	10	10	72	24	12	28	32	89	94	60	155
	13%	8%	16%	23%	7%	18%	11%	38%	9%	12%	10%	13%	16%	14%	17%	12%	12%	18%	9%	13%
Been an officer of an organisation or club	106	6	88	77	29	45	60	46	60	5	5	48	16	12	29	23	50	74	32	118
	9%	5%	12%	17%	4%	11%	8%	28%	6%	6%	5%	8%	11%	15%	17%	9%	7%	14%	5%	10%
Stood for public office	9	-	9	8	1	5	4	6	3	-	2	4	-	1	1	3	6	8	1	10
	1%	-	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	3%	0%	-	2%	1%	-	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
Taken an active part in a political campaign	38	1	36	31	7	11	28	33	5	2	2	20	8	2	1	9	28	31	7	41
	3%	1%	5%	7%	1%	3%	4%	20%	1%	2%	2%	3%	5%	3%	0%	3%	4%	6%	1%	3%
Helped on fund raising drives	261	21	190	135	126	105	152	73	188	15	20	119	36	25	49	52	152	127	134	267
	22%	15%	26%	29%	18%	26%	21%	45%	18%	17%	20%	21%	24%	30%	29%	20%	21%	24%	20%	22%
Voted in the last general election	822	7	648	382	440	294	508	146	676	55	73	395	121	65	128	199	479	418	404	841
	70%	5%	89%	83%	61%	73%	70%	90%	66%	63%	70%	70%	80%	78%	75%	77%	67%	80%	62%	70%
None of these	251	94	46	40	209	71	150	1	250	25	25	122	19	13	28	45	167	58	193	256
	21%	69%	6%	9%	29%	18%	21%	0%	25%	29%	24%	22%	12%	15%	17%	17%	23%	11%	29%	21%
Total Mentions	2025	71	1625	1147	879	757	1242	717	1309	128	179	974	286	165	316	471	1189	1138	887	2068
Average No. mentions	2.2	1.7	2.4	2.7	1.7	2.3	2.2	4.4	1.7	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4	1.9	2.2

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Table 3

Act2.

Level of activism

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Activist (5+ activities)	267	149	119	13	36	53	58	107	112	90	37	28	128	26	113	38	190	40	73	194	30	147
	23%	26%	19%	10%	17%	23%	30%	26%	40%	26%	15%	9%	24%	19%	22%	15%	26%	20%	18%	25%	11%	34%
Semi-Activist (3 or 4 activities)	662	297	364	52	102	131	101	276	140	197	147	178	276	90	296	124	406	131	218	444	187	217
	56%	53%	59%	39%	49%	57%	52%	67%	49%	57%	60%	58%	52%	66%	58%	49%	56%	65%	54%	57%	66%	51%
Non-Activist (0-2 activities)	251	120	131	69	71	44	35	32	32	58	60	101	128	20	103	92	128	31	113	138	64	62
	21%	21%	21%	52%	34%	19%	18%	8%	11%	17%	25%	33%	24%	15%	20%	36%	18%	15%	28%	18%	23%	15%

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Table 3 (CONT.)

Act2.

Level of activism

Base: All respondents

	Government		GO Region													Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Total	Satis- fied	Dissat- isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot- land	Wales	N.Ire -land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
Activist (5+ activities)	267	62	186	262	14	27	15	9	28	50	36	25	24	21	11	6	259	-	6	2	236	31
	23%	17%	28%	23%	17%	26%	11%	18%	20%	31%	38%	23%	25%	22%	19%	16%	23%	-	18%	17%	36%	6%
Semi-Activist (3 or 4 activities)	662	212	381	644	60	62	87	27	81	86	47	51	57	55	31	17	627	12	21	2	357	304
	56%	59%	57%	56%	70%	59%	60%	51%	58%	53%	49%	47%	58%	57%	52%	51%	56%	56%	61%	15%	54%	59%
Non-Activist (0-2 activities)	251	84	107	240	11	15	42	16	30	26	13	32	17	20	17	11	226	10	7	8	71	179
	21%	23%	16%	21%	13%	15%	29%	31%	22%	16%	13%	29%	18%	21%	29%	33%	20%	44%	22%	68%	11%	35%

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Table 3 (CONT.)

Act2.

Level of activism

Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti-vist	Non-Acti-vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Activist (5+ activities)	267	8	227	172	95	101	164	132	135	12	29	129	37	23	45	63	153	158	109	274
	23%	6%	31%	37%	13%	25%	23%	81%	13%	14%	28%	23%	24%	27%	27%	24%	21%	30%	17%	23%
Semi-Activist (3 or 4 activities)	662	34	452	250	412	232	410	30	632	49	50	316	96	48	97	152	396	309	353	679
	56%	25%	62%	54%	58%	57%	57%	19%	62%	57%	48%	56%	63%	58%	57%	58%	55%	59%	54%	56%
Non-Activist (0-2 activities)	251	94	46	40	209	71	150	1	250	25	25	122	19	13	28	45	167	58	193	256
	21%	69%	6%	9%	29%	18%	21%	0%	25%	29%	24%	22%	12%	15%	17%	17%	23%	11%	29%	21%

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Table 4

Q6.

And which of these, if any, have you done in the last two or three years?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Voted in the last local council election	650	301	349	26	85	130	118	292	198	204	127	121	283	82	286	78	454	118	195	456	141	268
	55%	53%	57%	19%	41%	57%	61%	70%	70%	59%	52%	40%	53%	60%	56%	31%	63%	58%	48%	59%	50%	63%
Signed a petition	527	251	277	53	73	115	109	177	157	172	103	95	254	70	203	84	368	75	178	349	70	237
	45%	44%	45%	40%	35%	50%	56%	43%	55%	50%	42%	31%	48%	52%	40%	33%	51%	37%	44%	45%	25%	56%
Donated money or paid a membership fee to a charity or campaigning organisation	522	238	284	43	81	106	98	194	179	178	89	77	244	65	214	90	341	92	157	365	74	247
	44%	42%	46%	33%	39%	46%	50%	47%	63%	51%	37%	25%	46%	48%	42%	35%	47%	46%	39%	47%	26%	58%
Discussed politics or political news with someone else	457	243	214	39	63	90	101	165	174	153	67	63	229	46	183	78	312	67	124	333	48	240
	39%	43%	35%	29%	30%	39%	52%	40%	61%	44%	28%	20%	43%	34%	36%	31%	43%	33%	31%	43%	17%	56%
Contacted my local council	334	163	171	15	53	64	74	128	114	106	60	54	154	42	139	47	241	47	116	218	47	150
	28%	29%	28%	12%	25%	28%	38%	31%	40%	31%	25%	18%	29%	31%	27%	18%	33%	23%	29%	28%	17%	35%
Done voluntary work	264	124	140	22	45	44	53	100	101	77	40	46	113	39	113	41	180	43	88	176	26	142
	22%	22%	23%	16%	21%	19%	27%	24%	36%	22%	16%	15%	21%	29%	22%	16%	25%	21%	22%	23%	9%	33%
Helped organise a charity event	239	108	131	23	32	46	56	82	93	76	39	30	124	25	90	36	172	31	85	154	22	139
	20%	19%	21%	17%	15%	20%	29%	20%	33%	22%	16%	10%	23%	18%	18%	14%	24%	15%	21%	20%	8%	33%
Taken part in a sponsored event	218	109	109	27	41	54	48	49	68	77	51	22	132	32	54	44	150	24	95	123	15	121
	19%	19%	18%	20%	20%	24%	25%	12%	24%	22%	21%	7%	25%	24%	11%	17%	21%	12%	24%	16%	5%	28%
Boycotted certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons	215	103	112	7	36	50	48	72	93	69	29	23	112	29	73	24	164	27	68	146	19	133
	18%	18%	18%	6%	17%	22%	25%	17%	33%	20%	12%	7%	21%	22%	14%	9%	23%	13%	17%	19%	7%	31%
Donated money or paid a membership fee to a political party	69	45	25	7	10	10	13	30	29	19	12	9	29	5	35	19	41	10	26	44	10	29
	6%	8%	4%	5%	5%	4%	7%	7%	10%	5%	5%	3%	5%	4%	7%	7%	6%	5%	6%	6%	4%	7%
Been to any political meeting	68	30	38	5	9	8	15	30	28	22	8	9	26	3	39	15	44	9	14	54	6	44
	6%	5%	6%	4%	4%	4%	8%	7%	10%	6%	3%	3%	5%	2%	8%	6%	6%	4%	3%	7%	2%	10%
Taken part in a demonstration, picket or march	57	33	23	8	15	9	14	10	21	23	5	7	35	4	17	20	32	5	14	43	2	37
	5%	6%	4%	6%	7%	4%	7%	3%	7%	7%	2%	2%	7%	3%	3%	8%	4%	3%	3%	6%	1%	9%
Taken part in a strike	26	17	9	1	10	4	10	2	5	9	7	5	19	3	4	5	17	4	11	15	0	9
	2%	3%	1%	1%	5%	2%	5%	0%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	0%	2%

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Q6.

And which of these, if any, have you done in the last two or three years?

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Taken an active part in a party's campaign at a general election	25 2%	13 2%	12 2%	1 1%	1 0%	3 1%	6 3%	15 4%	14 5%	3 1%	1 1%	6 2%	7 1%	1 1%	18 3%	2 1%	18 2%	5 3%	6 2%	19 2%	6 2%	12 3%
Taken an active part in a party's campaign at a local election	24 2%	16 3%	8 1%	- -	2 1%	1 1%	4 2%	16 4%	13 5%	6 2%	2 1%	3 1%	5 1%	2 1%	17 3%	3 1%	17 2%	4 2%	3 1%	21 3%	4 1%	12 3%
Served as a school or hospital governor	24 2%	11 2%	12 2%	- -	1 1%	4 2%	11 5%	7 2%	13 4%	6 2%	3 1%	3 1%	13 3%	4 3%	7 1%	3 1%	17 2%	4 2%	8 2%	16 2%	- -	14 3%
Served as a local magistrate	6 1%	3 1%	3 1%	- -	2 1%	- -	1 1%	4 1%	3 1%	2 1%	1 1%	0 0%	2 0%	- -	4 1%	1 0%	5 1%	- -	3 1%	4 0%	1 0%	3 1%
None	206 17%	109 19%	97 16%	46 34%	46 22%	41 18%	25 13%	48 12%	26 9%	52 15%	42 17%	86 28%	99 19%	16 12%	90 18%	77 30%	94 13%	35 17%	84 21%	122 16%	77 27%	49 12%
Don't know	1 0%	0 0%	1 0%	1 1%	- -	- -	- -	0 0%	- -	1 0%	- -	0 0%	- -	- -	1 0%	1 0%	- -	0 0%	- -	1 0%	0 0%	- -
Activist	163 14%	82 14%	82 13%	12 9%	23 11%	29 13%	42 21%	57 14%	77 27%	51 15%	19 8%	16 5%	82 15%	17 13%	63 12%	25 10%	121 17%	17 8%	47 12%	117 15%	11 4%	107 25%
Non-Activist	1017 86%	484 86%	533 87%	122 91%	186 89%	199 87%	153 79%	358 86%	207 73%	295 85%	225 92%	290 95%	450 85%	118 87%	449 88%	228 90%	603 83%	185 92%	357 88%	660 85%	271 96%	319 75%
Total Mentions	3935	1919	2016	324	606	778	805	1421	1330	1256	689	661	1879	467	1589	666	2667	601	1275	2660	570	1886
Average No. mentions	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.4	2.9	3.4	4.1	3.4	4.7	3.6	2.8	2.2	3.5	3.5	3.1	2.6	3.7	3.0	3.2	3.4	2.0	4.4

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And which of these, if any, have you done in the last two or three years?

Base: All respondents

	Government		GO Region													Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Total	Satis- fied	Dissat- isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot- land	Wales	N.Ire -land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
Voted in the last local council election	650	173	418	634	46	68	53	27	74	104	69	56	60	47	30	16	633	4	10	2	447	203
	55%	48%	62%	55%	55%	65%	36%	52%	53%	64%	72%	52%	61%	49%	51%	46%	57%	20%	29%	18%	67%	39%
Signed a petition	527	126	358	515	32	51	40	28	61	85	54	43	44	49	30	12	519	-	7	1	380	146
	45%	35%	53%	45%	37%	48%	27%	53%	44%	52%	57%	40%	45%	51%	50%	35%	47%	-	21%	11%	57%	28%
Donated money or paid a membership fee to a charity or campaigning organisation	522	123	348	513	27	49	40	20	60	91	65	48	46	39	27	10	513	-	7	2	355	167
	44%	34%	52%	45%	32%	47%	28%	37%	43%	56%	68%	44%	47%	41%	46%	29%	46%	-	21%	17%	54%	32%
Discussed politics or political news with someone else	457	113	306	447	28	52	41	21	49	72	46	35	44	34	24	10	445	-	10	2	383	74
	39%	32%	45%	39%	33%	50%	28%	40%	35%	45%	48%	32%	44%	36%	41%	30%	40%	-	31%	15%	58%	14%
Contacted my local council	334	87	227	330	16	42	36	9	40	54	40	24	34	22	14	4	321	2	8	2	256	78
	28%	24%	34%	29%	19%	40%	25%	16%	29%	33%	42%	22%	35%	23%	23%	12%	29%	10%	25%	19%	39%	15%
Done voluntary work	264	67	171	256	15	29	33	10	26	42	28	22	22	18	12	8	254	2	7	1	204	60
	22%	19%	25%	22%	18%	28%	23%	19%	18%	26%	29%	20%	23%	18%	20%	25%	23%	7%	21%	13%	31%	12%
Helped organise a charity event	239	55	161	233	14	24	22	11	16	35	27	25	21	22	15	6	231	-	8	-	193	46
	20%	15%	24%	20%	17%	23%	15%	22%	12%	21%	28%	23%	21%	24%	25%	18%	21%	-	23%	-	29%	9%
Taken part in a sponsored event	218	59	143	214	12	29	16	7	27	39	25	17	14	15	11	4	213	-	5	-	166	52
	19%	17%	21%	19%	15%	28%	11%	14%	20%	24%	26%	15%	14%	16%	18%	13%	19%	-	14%	-	25%	10%
Boycotted certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons	215	52	150	211	10	22	18	8	23	37	28	16	23	17	9	4	213	-	2	-	184	30
	18%	14%	22%	18%	12%	21%	12%	15%	16%	23%	29%	14%	23%	18%	16%	11%	19%	-	5%	-	28%	6%
Donated money or paid a membership fee to a political party	69	24	39	67	7	4	11	5	8	14	5	3	4	4	4	2	66	1	1	1	59	11
	6%	7%	6%	6%	8%	4%	7%	9%	6%	8%	5%	3%	4%	4%	7%	6%	6%	5%	3%	11%	9%	2%
Been to any political meeting	68	20	46	67	3	7	12	5	6	13	6	4	3	6	3	1	66	1	1	-	63	5
	6%	6%	7%	6%	3%	6%	8%	10%	4%	8%	7%	3%	3%	6%	4%	3%	6%	5%	3%	-	9%	1%
Taken part in a demonstration, picket or march	57	11	39	55	0	5	16	2	6	9	5	1	4	6	2	1	53	-	4	-	52	5
	5%	3%	6%	5%	1%	4%	11%	3%	4%	6%	6%	1%	4%	6%	3%	3%	5%	-	11%	-	8%	1%
Taken part in a strike	26	2	16	24	2	2	1	1	6	2	1	2	4	2	1	2	25	-	1	-	16	11
	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	5%	1%	1%	1%	4%	2%	2%	6%	2%	-	4%	-	2%	2%

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	Government			GO Region												Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
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UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
Taken an active part in a party's campaign at a general election	25 2%	6 2%	17 2%	24 2%	2 2%	4 4%	5 3%	- -	4 3%	4 2%	1 2%	- -	3 3%	2 2%	- -	1 3%	23 2%	- -	2 6%	- -	22 3%	4 1%
Taken an active part in a party's campaign at a local election	24 2%	10 3%	14 2%	24 2%	2 2%	5 5%	2 2%	2 3%	5 4%	5 3%	- -	- -	1 1%	2 2%	- -	0 1%	22 2%	- -	2 6%	- -	24 4%	- -
Served as a school or hospital governor	24 2%	5 1%	17 2%	24 2%	- -	2 2%	1 1%	- -	4 3%	8 5%	1 1%	4 3%	1 1%	1 1%	3 5%	- -	24 2%	- -	- -	- -	23 3%	1 0%
Served as a local magistrate	6 1%	1 0%	5 1%	6 1%	- -	- -	3 2%	- -	- -	- -	- -	0 0%	1 1%	1 1%	2 3%	- -	6 1%	- -	- -	- -	4 1%	2 0%
None	206 17%	82 23%	77 11%	198 17%	23 27%	15 15%	47 33%	5 10%	34 24%	18 11%	7 7%	17 16%	10 10%	12 13%	10 16%	8 23%	173 16%	14 63%	13 37%	6 52%	50 8%	155 30%
Don't know	1 0%	1 0%	- -	1 0%	- -	- -	1 1%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	0 1%	0 0%	- -	- -	1 9%	0 0%	1 0%
Activist	163 14%	33 9%	118 18%	160 14%	10 12%	17 16%	20 14%	8 15%	15 11%	31 19%	21 22%	9 8%	13 13%	11 11%	6 11%	3 9%	158 14%	- -	5 14%	- -	149 22%	14 3%
Non-Activist	1017 86%	325 91%	555 82%	986 86%	75 88%	88 84%	125 86%	45 85%	124 89%	132 81%	75 78%	100 92%	85 87%	85 89%	53 89%	31 91%	953 86%	22 100%	29 86%	11 100%	515 78%	500 97%
Total Mentions	3935	1016	2551	3844	239	409	397	162	449	629	410	315	339	298	196	91	3799	24	89	18	2881	1050
Average No. mentions	3.3	2.8	3.8	3.4	2.8	3.9	2.7	3.1	3.2	3.9	4.3	2.9	3.4	3.1	3.3	2.7	3.4	1.1	2.6	1.7	4.3	2.0

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And which of these, if any, have you done in the last two or three years?

Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti-vist	Non-Acti-vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Voted in the last local council election	650	10	526	320	330	244	393	137	513	36	49	319	98	55	109	161	364	356	294	669
	55%	7%	72%	69%	46%	60%	54%	84%	50%	42%	47%	56%	65%	66%	64%	62%	51%	68%	45%	55%
Signed a petition	527	36	376	270	257	170	353	150	377	23	37	254	81	42	87	135	293	274	253	529
	45%	26%	52%	58%	36%	42%	49%	92%	37%	26%	36%	45%	53%	51%	51%	52%	41%	52%	39%	44%
Donated money or paid a membership fee to a charity or campaigning organisation	522	47	364	251	272	181	331	132	390	14	40	246	93	53	99	124	290	270	253	521
	44%	35%	50%	54%	38%	45%	46%	81%	38%	16%	39%	43%	61%	64%	58%	48%	40%	51%	39%	43%
Discussed politics or political news with someone else	457	26	349	274	183	176	278	139	318	21	40	206	80	42	73	107	267	251	206	455
	39%	19%	48%	59%	26%	44%	38%	85%	31%	24%	39%	36%	53%	50%	43%	41%	37%	48%	31%	38%
Contacted my local council	334	17	258	183	151	116	214	107	227	23	33	167	44	29	53	73	204	176	159	346
	28%	13%	36%	40%	21%	29%	30%	66%	22%	26%	32%	29%	29%	34%	31%	28%	29%	34%	24%	29%
Done voluntary work	264	18	195	150	114	93	169	93	172	12	16	140	39	20	47	47	161	146	118	273
	22%	14%	27%	33%	16%	23%	23%	57%	17%	13%	16%	25%	26%	24%	28%	18%	23%	28%	18%	23%
Helped organise a charity event	239	13	186	140	98	83	154	75	164	12	12	118	34	20	43	51	139	132	107	235
	20%	9%	26%	30%	14%	20%	21%	46%	16%	13%	11%	21%	22%	25%	25%	19%	19%	25%	16%	19%
Taken part in a sponsored event	218	13	150	109	109	81	136	63	156	9	19	108	33	18	28	59	127	113	105	207
	19%	10%	21%	24%	15%	20%	19%	38%	15%	11%	18%	19%	22%	22%	16%	23%	18%	22%	16%	17%
Boycotted certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons	215	15	161	137	78	74	139	111	104	8	18	108	37	13	39	54	118	123	92	217
	18%	11%	22%	30%	11%	18%	19%	68%	10%	10%	17%	19%	25%	16%	23%	21%	17%	24%	14%	18%
Donated money or paid a membership fee to a political party	69	2	50	48	22	27	41	29	40	2	6	34	9	9	7	20	40	40	29	74
	6%	2%	7%	10%	3%	7%	6%	18%	4%	2%	6%	6%	6%	11%	4%	8%	6%	8%	4%	6%
Been to any political meeting	68	2	61	45	23	24	43	52	16	2	6	38	6	7	11	14	41	43	25	73
	6%	1%	8%	10%	3%	6%	6%	32%	2%	2%	6%	7%	4%	8%	6%	6%	6%	8%	4%	6%
Taken part in a demonstration, picket or march	57	4	46	38	18	18	37	41	16	5	5	31	5	2	5	7	43	30	26	57
	5%	3%	6%	8%	3%	4%	5%	25%	2%	6%	5%	5%	3%	3%	3%	3%	6%	6%	4%	5%
Taken part in a strike	26	2	14	12	15	8	17	13	14	1	1	17	2	-	2	6	17	12	14	25
	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	8%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	-	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%

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	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
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Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Taken an active part in a party's campaign at a general election	25 2%	- -	24 3%	19 4%	7 1%	8 2%	17 2%	18 11%	7 1%	2 2%	1 1%	11 2%	6 4%	3 3%	3 2%	6 2%	16 2%	18 3%	7 1%	28 2%
Taken an active part in a party's campaign at a local election	24 2%	- -	24 3%	22 5%	2 0%	10 3%	13 2%	20 12%	4 0%	3 4%	2 2%	10 2%	5 3%	3 3%	1 1%	6 2%	16 2%	18 4%	6 1%	27 2%
Served as a school or hospital governor	24 2%	3 2%	20 3%	18 4%	5 1%	10 2%	13 2%	12 7%	12 1%	- -	1 1%	14 2%	3 2%	2 3%	2 1%	7 3%	14 2%	19 4%	5 1%	23 2%
Served as a local magistrate	6 1%	- -	4 1%	4 1%	2 0%	3 1%	3 0%	3 2%	3 0%	- -	- -	4 1%	- -	- -	1 0%	2 1%	4 1%	3 1%	3 1%	7 1%
None	206 17%	55 41%	77 11%	33 7%	171 24%	64 16%	113 16%	- -	206 20%	31 36%	25 24%	96 17%	15 10%	9 11%	22 13%	40 15%	136 19%	51 10%	155 24%	224 19%
Don't know	1 0%	- -	0 0%	0 0%	- -	0 0%	- -	- -	1 0%	1 1%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 0%	1 0%	- -	1 0%	2 0%
Activist	163 14%	6 5%	142 20%	113 25%	50 7%	50 12%	112 15%	163 100%	- -	7 8%	18 17%	89 16%	19 13%	10 12%	23 14%	36 14%	101 14%	105 20%	58 9%	165 14%
Non-Activist	1017 86%	129 95%	583 80%	348 75%	666 93%	354 88%	612 85%	- -	1017 100%	80 92%	85 83%	478 84%	132 87%	73 88%	147 86%	224 86%	615 86%	420 80%	597 91%	1044 86%
Total Mentions	3935	263	2887	2074	1858	1388	2467	1194	2741	205	310	1921	587	326	633	919	2292	2077	1857	3992
Average No. mentions	3.3	1.9	4.0	4.5	2.6	3.4	3.4	7.3	2.7	2.4	3.0	3.4	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.2	4.0	2.8	3.3

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Table 5

Q7.

How interested would you say you are in Politics?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Very interested	(4) 154	99	54	9	24	23	26	72	65	53	21	15	74	9	71	30	107	16	41	113	20	94
		13%	18%	6%	12%	10%	13%	17%	23%	15%	9%	5%	14%	6%	14%	12%	15%	8%	10%	15%	7%	22%
Fairly interested	(3) 510	254	257	56	87	100	94	173	151	166	97	97	241	60	209	97	326	87	171	340	85	222
		43%	45%	42%	42%	44%	48%	42%	53%	48%	40%	32%	45%	44%	41%	38%	45%	43%	42%	44%	30%	52%
Not very interested	(2) 350	144	206	40	59	77	48	127	57	98	82	113	150	52	148	68	213	69	118	232	100	93
		30%	25%	34%	30%	28%	34%	24%	20%	28%	34%	37%	28%	38%	29%	27%	29%	34%	29%	30%	36%	22%
Not at all interested	(1) 164	69	95	30	39	27	26	42	11	28	43	81	66	14	84	58	76	30	74	90	75	16
		14%	12%	15%	22%	18%	12%	14%	4%	8%	18%	27%	12%	11%	16%	23%	10%	15%	18%	12%	27%	4%
Don't know	2	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	2	1	1
		0%	-	0%	-	-	1%	0%	-	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	0%	0%
Interested	664	353	311	64	111	123	120	246	216	218	118	112	315	69	280	127	434	104	212	452	105	316
		56%	62%	51%	48%	53%	54%	62%	76%	63%	48%	37%	59%	51%	55%	50%	60%	51%	52%	58%	37%	74%
Not interested	514	213	302	69	98	104	74	169	68	126	125	194	216	66	232	127	288	99	192	322	175	109
		44%	38%	49%	52%	47%	46%	38%	24%	36%	51%	63%	41%	49%	45%	50%	40%	49%	48%	42%	62%	26%
Net interested	150	141	9	-5	14	19	46	77	147	92	-7	-82	99	3	49	-0	146	5	20	130	-70	207
		13%	25%	2%	-4%	6%	8%	24%	52%	27%	-3%	-27%	19%	2%	10%	-0%	20%	3%	5%	17%	-25%	49%
Mean score	2.56	2.68	2.44	2.32	2.46	2.52	2.61	2.67	2.95	2.70	2.39	2.15	2.61	2.47	2.52	2.39	2.64	2.45	2.44	2.61	2.18	2.93
Std. Deviation	0.89	0.90	0.86	0.89	0.93	0.83	0.88	0.88	0.77	0.82	0.88	0.87	0.87	0.77	0.93	0.97	0.86	0.84	0.90	0.87	0.91	0.76
Std. Error	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.07	0.04	0.07	0.03	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.04

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Very interested	(4) 154	36	108	149	8	19	24	5	19	18	15	9	15	13	6	5	146	-	5	3	154	-
		10%	16%	13%	9%	18%	16%	9%	13%	11%	15%	8%	15%	13%	11%	14%	13%	-	16%	23%	23%	-
Fairly interested	(3) 510	154	310	498	38	47	48	24	62	78	44	42	38	48	27	13	491	4	11	3	510	-
		43%	46%	43%	45%	45%	33%	46%	45%	48%	46%	39%	38%	50%	46%	38%	44%	18%	33%	26%	77%	-
Not very interested	(2) 350	120	183	344	28	28	47	14	39	48	28	46	29	22	15	6	324	10	11	6	-	350
		30%	27%	30%	33%	27%	32%	27%	28%	30%	29%	42%	30%	23%	25%	19%	29%	44%	32%	50%	-	68%
Not at all interested	(1) 164	47	70	154	12	10	25	10	18	18	10	12	17	13	10	9	150	7	6	0	-	164
		14%	10%	13%	14%	10%	18%	18%	13%	11%	10%	11%	17%	14%	18%	28%	14%	33%	19%	2%	-	32%
Don't know	2	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
		0%	0%	0%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2%	0%	6%	-	-	-	-
Interested	664	190	418	646	46	66	71	29	81	97	59	51	52	61	34	18	637	4	17	5	664	-
		56%	62%	56%	54%	64%	49%	55%	58%	59%	61%	47%	53%	63%	57%	52%	57%	18%	49%	48%	100%	-
Not interested	514	168	254	498	39	38	72	24	58	66	37	58	46	35	25	16	474	17	17	6	-	514
		44%	38%	43%	46%	36%	50%	45%	42%	41%	39%	53%	47%	37%	43%	46%	43%	76%	51%	52%	-	100%
Net interested	150	23	164	148	7	28	-1	5	23	31	21	-6	6	26	9	2	162	-13	-1	-0	664	-514
		13%	24%	13%	8%	27%	-1%	10%	17%	19%	22%	-6%	6%	27%	14%	6%	15%	-59%	-2%	-3%	100%	-100%
Mean score	2.56	2.50	2.68	2.56	2.49	2.72	2.48	2.45	2.59	2.60	2.66	2.44	2.51	2.63	2.51	2.39	2.57	1.84	2.46	2.69	3.23	1.68
Std. Deviation	0.89	0.85	0.87	0.88	0.84	0.87	0.97	0.90	0.88	0.83	0.86	0.80	0.95	0.88	0.91	1.06	0.88	0.73	0.98	0.88	0.42	0.47
Std. Error	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.14	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.09	0.11	0.08	0.13	0.13	0.03	0.17	0.18	0.27	0.02	0.02

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Q7.

How interested would you say you are in Politics?

Base: All respondents

	Total	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
		Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209	
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180	
Very interested	(4) 154	8	130	141	13	61	91	62	91	13	11	69	23	14	26	30	93	92	62	162	
		13%	6%	18%	31%	2%	15%	13%	38%	9%	15%	11%	12%	15%	17%	15%	11%	13%	18%	9%	13%
Fairly interested	(3) 510	24	380	259	251	199	307	87	423	30	48	234	77	33	69	121	308	265	245	512	
		43%	18%	52%	56%	35%	49%	42%	53%	42%	35%	46%	41%	51%	40%	41%	47%	43%	51%	37%	42%
Not very interested	(2) 350	38	173	46	302	110	225	14	336	25	25	192	39	26	53	72	218	132	218	346	
		30%	28%	24%	10%	42%	27%	31%	8%	33%	29%	24%	34%	26%	31%	28%	30%	25%	33%	29%	
Not at all interested	(1) 164	65	41	16	147	34	101	-	164	19	19	73	11	10	22	37	95	35	129	187	
		14%	48%	6%	3%	21%	8%	14%	-	16%	22%	18%	13%	7%	12%	13%	14%	13%	7%	20%	15%
Don't know	2	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	2	
		0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	0%	
Interested	664	32	510	400	264	260	398	149	515	43	59	302	101	48	95	151	401	358	307	674	
		56%	24%	70%	87%	37%	64%	55%	92%	51%	49%	57%	67%	57%	56%	58%	56%	68%	47%	56%	
Not interested	514	103	215	62	450	144	326	14	500	44	43	265	50	35	76	109	314	167	347	533	
		44%	76%	30%	13%	63%	36%	45%	8%	49%	51%	42%	47%	33%	44%	42%	44%	32%	53%	44%	
Net interested	150	-71	295	338	-185	116	72	136	14	-1	15	37	50	12	19	42	87	191	-41	141	
		13%	-52%	41%	73%	-26%	29%	10%	83%	1%	-1%	15%	33%	15%	11%	16%	12%	36%	-6%	12%	
Mean score	2.56	1.82	2.83	3.14	2.18	2.71	2.54	3.30	2.44	2.42	2.50	2.53	2.75	2.63	2.58	2.55	2.56	2.79	2.37	2.54	
Std. Deviation	0.89	0.94	0.79	0.72	0.77	0.82	0.88	0.62	0.87	0.99	0.92	0.87	0.81	0.91	0.90	0.87	0.88	0.81	0.90	0.91	
Std. Error	0.03	0.09	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.11	0.10	0.04	0.07	0.10	0.07	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	

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Table 6

Q8.

How interested would you say you are in local issues?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Very interested	(4) 357	165	191	30	58	67	61	141	98	120	66	72	152	40	164	54	252	50	126	230	65	157
		30%	29%	31%	22%	28%	29%	34%	35%	35%	27%	23%	29%	30%	32%	21%	35%	25%	31%	30%	23%	37%
Fairly interested	(3) 601	282	319	67	113	128	102	191	143	172	127	159	286	79	236	137	354	110	214	387	136	215
		51%	50%	52%	50%	54%	56%	46%	50%	50%	52%	52%	54%	58%	46%	54%	49%	54%	53%	50%	48%	50%
Not very interested	(2) 155	78	78	23	28	19	20	66	30	39	35	51	66	13	76	39	85	31	38	117	50	44
		13%	14%	13%	17%	13%	9%	10%	11%	11%	14%	17%	12%	10%	15%	15%	12%	15%	9%	15%	18%	10%
Not at all interested	(1) 63	38	25	11	9	13	13	17	12	14	16	21	26	3	33	19	32	11	24	39	30	10
		5%	7%	4%	8%	4%	6%	7%	4%	4%	6%	7%	5%	2%	7%	8%	4%	5%	6%	5%	10%	2%
Don't know	4	3	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	2	4	0	-	1	3	1	-
		0%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	-	-	-	-	1%	0%	-	0%	1%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	-
Interested	958	447	510	96	171	196	162	332	242	292	193	231	438	119	401	191	606	160	340	617	200	371
		81%	79%	83%	72%	82%	86%	80%	85%	84%	79%	75%	82%	88%	78%	76%	84%	79%	84%	79%	71%	87%
Not interested	218	115	103	34	37	32	32	82	42	54	51	72	92	16	110	58	117	42	62	156	80	54
		19%	20%	17%	26%	18%	14%	17%	15%	16%	21%	23%	17%	12%	21%	23%	16%	21%	15%	20%	28%	13%
Net interested	739	332	407	62	134	163	130	250	200	238	142	159	346	103	291	133	488	118	278	461	121	317
		63%	59%	66%	47%	64%	72%	67%	70%	69%	58%	52%	65%	76%	57%	53%	67%	58%	69%	59%	43%	74%
Mean score	3.06	3.02	3.10	2.88	3.06	3.10	3.08	3.10	3.16	3.15	3.00	2.93	3.06	3.15	3.04	2.91	3.14	2.99	3.10	3.05	2.84	3.22
Std. Deviation	0.80	0.84	0.77	0.86	0.77	0.77	0.82	0.81	0.77	0.78	0.82	0.82	0.78	0.68	0.86	0.82	0.79	0.79	0.80	0.81	0.90	0.72
Std. Error	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.04	0.06	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.04

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Q8.

How interested would you say you are in local issues?

Base: All respondents

	Government		GO Region													Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Total	Satis-fied	Dissat-ified	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot-land	Wales	N.Ire-land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
Very interested	(4) 357	95	230	346	22	39	44	18	41	45	35	33	22	31	16	11	344	0	7	4	283	74
		30%	34%	30%	26%	37%	30%	34%	29%	28%	36%	30%	23%	33%	27%	32%	31%	2%	21%	34%	43%	14%
Fairly interested	(3) 601	186	340	586	46	48	68	18	71	90	46	58	55	52	33	15	560	16	21	3	330	269
		51%	52%	51%	54%	46%	47%	35%	51%	55%	47%	54%	56%	55%	56%	45%	50%	75%	61%	29%	50%	52%
Not very interested	(2) 155	60	75	150	11	12	21	9	19	24	13	9	15	10	7	6	147	2	4	2	47	108
		13%	17%	13%	13%	11%	15%	17%	13%	14%	13%	9%	15%	10%	12%	17%	13%	10%	12%	21%	7%	21%
Not at all interested	(1) 63	15	25	61	6	6	10	8	8	4	3	5	6	2	3	2	58	2	1	1	4	59
		5%	4%	5%	7%	6%	7%	15%	6%	2%	3%	5%	6%	2%	6%	7%	5%	10%	4%	11%	1%	11%
Don't know	4	1	3	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	1	0	1	1	3
		0%	0%	0%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	3%	-	-	-	-	0%	3%	1%	5%	0%	1%
Interested	958	282	570	931	68	86	112	36	112	135	80	91	77	84	49	26	904	17	28	7	613	343
		81%	79%	81%	80%	83%	77%	68%	81%	83%	84%	84%	78%	88%	83%	76%	81%	77%	83%	63%	92%	67%
Not interested	218	75	100	210	17	18	32	17	27	27	16	15	21	12	10	8	205	4	5	4	51	167
		19%	21%	18%	20%	17%	22%	32%	19%	17%	16%	14%	22%	12%	17%	24%	18%	20%	16%	32%	8%	33%
Net interested	739	206	469	721	51	69	80	19	86	108	65	77	56	72	39	18	699	12	23	3	562	176
		63%	58%	63%	60%	66%	55%	37%	62%	67%	67%	70%	57%	75%	65%	53%	63%	57%	67%	30%	85%	34%
Mean score	3.06	3.01	3.16	3.07	2.99	3.15	3.01	2.88	3.05	3.09	3.17	3.12	2.95	3.18	3.04	3.01	3.07	2.72	3.01	2.90	3.34	2.70
Std. Deviation	0.80	0.78	0.76	0.80	0.81	0.84	0.87	1.05	0.81	0.71	0.77	0.77	0.79	0.70	0.79	0.88	0.80	0.68	0.72	1.07	0.63	0.86
Std. Error	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.16	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.07	0.11	0.11	0.03	0.16	0.14	0.34	0.03	0.04

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Q8.

How interested would you say you are in local issues?

Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total		
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No			
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209	
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180	
Very interested	(4) 357	18	269	196	161	129	224	88	269	22	26	173	49	29	50	81	214	189	167	369	
		30%	13%	37%	42%	23%	32%	31%	54%	26%	25%	30%	32%	35%	29%	31%	30%	36%	26%	31%	
Fairly interested	(3) 601	59	366	235	366	216	366	66	535	42	54	283	76	45	98	136	352	268	333	606	
		51%	44%	50%	51%	51%	54%	51%	40%	53%	49%	52%	50%	50%	54%	57%	52%	49%	51%	51%	50%
Not very interested	(2) 155	29	75	29	126	44	96	10	146	11	17	74	24	7	15	28	106	55	100	159	
		13%	21%	10%	6%	18%	11%	13%	6%	14%	12%	13%	16%	8%	9%	11%	15%	10%	15%	13%	
Not at all interested	(1) 63	29	15	2	58	12	37	-	63	11	5	34	2	3	7	14	39	13	50	71	
		5%	21%	2%	0%	8%	3%	5%	-	6%	12%	5%	6%	1%	3%	4%	5%	5%	2%	8%	6%
Don't know	4	0	1	-	4	3	-	-	4	0	1	2	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	4	
		0%	0%	0%	-	1%	-	-	0%	0%	1%	0%	-	-	-	-	1%	-	1%	0%	
Interested	958	77	635	431	527	345	591	153	804	65	80	456	125	74	148	217	567	457	501	975	
		81%	57%	87%	93%	74%	85%	82%	94%	79%	75%	77%	83%	89%	87%	84%	79%	87%	76%	81%	
Not interested	218	58	90	31	185	56	133	10	209	22	22	109	26	10	23	43	145	68	151	230	
		19%	43%	12%	7%	26%	14%	18%	6%	21%	25%	22%	19%	17%	13%	16%	20%	13%	23%	19%	
Net interested	739	19	545	400	342	289	457	144	596	43	57	348	98	64	125	175	422	389	350	745	
		63%	14%	75%	87%	48%	72%	63%	88%	59%	50%	56%	65%	77%	73%	67%	59%	74%	53%	62%	
Mean score	3.06	2.49	3.23	3.35	2.88	3.15	3.07	3.48	3.00	2.89	2.98	3.05	3.13	3.21	3.12	3.09	3.04	3.21	2.95	3.06	
Std. Deviation	0.80	0.97	0.71	0.61	0.85	0.73	0.80	0.61	0.81	0.94	0.80	0.82	0.73	0.72	0.74	0.80	0.82	0.72	0.85	0.82	
Std. Error	0.02	0.09	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.11	0.08	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	

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Table 7

Q9.

How interested would you say you are in national issues?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Very interested	(4) 271	157	114	17	45	44	53	112	101	103	36	31	124	21	127	48	189	34	73	198	28	156
		23%	28%	13%	21%	19%	27%	27%	36%	30%	15%	10%	23%	15%	25%	19%	26%	17%	18%	25%	10%	37%
Fairly interested	(3) 611	280	331	72	107	135	96	202	151	176	133	152	295	82	234	130	381	100	215	397	130	223
		52%	50%	54%	51%	59%	50%	49%	53%	51%	54%	50%	55%	60%	46%	51%	53%	49%	53%	51%	46%	52%
Not very interested	(2) 218	90	127	27	45	36	32	78	25	52	54	86	82	26	110	48	112	57	80	137	82	39
		18%	16%	21%	20%	22%	16%	16%	9%	15%	22%	28%	15%	19%	21%	19%	15%	28%	20%	18%	29%	9%
Not at all interested	(1) 78	38	40	16	12	13	13	23	7	15	21	35	32	7	39	25	41	11	33	44	40	7
		7%	7%	6%	12%	6%	6%	7%	2%	4%	9%	11%	6%	5%	8%	10%	6%	6%	8%	6%	14%	2%
Don't know	2	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	2	0	-	2	1	1	-
		0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	0%	1%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	-
Interested	882	437	445	89	151	179	150	314	252	278	169	183	419	102	361	178	570	134	288	595	158	379
		75%	77%	73%	67%	72%	78%	77%	89%	81%	69%	60%	79%	76%	71%	70%	79%	66%	71%	77%	56%	89%
Not interested	295	128	167	44	57	49	45	101	32	67	75	121	113	33	149	73	153	68	114	182	122	46
		25%	23%	27%	33%	27%	21%	23%	11%	19%	31%	39%	21%	24%	29%	29%	21%	34%	28%	23%	43%	11%
Net interested	587	309	278	45	95	130	105	212	220	211	94	63	306	69	212	105	417	66	174	413	36	333
		50%	55%	45%	34%	45%	57%	54%	77%	61%	38%	20%	57%	51%	41%	41%	58%	32%	43%	53%	13%	78%
Mean score	2.91	2.98	2.85	2.68	2.89	2.92	2.98	2.97	3.22	3.06	2.75	2.59	2.96	2.86	2.88	2.80	2.99	2.78	2.82	2.96	2.52	3.24
Std. Deviation	0.82	0.84	0.80	0.86	0.80	0.76	0.84	0.83	0.70	0.79	0.81	0.82	0.79	0.73	0.87	0.86	0.80	0.79	0.83	0.81	0.86	0.68
Std. Error	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.09	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.07	0.04	0.06	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.04

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Q9.

How interested would you say you are in national issues?

Base: All respondents

	Government			GO Region												Ethnicity				Interest in politics			
	Total	Satis-fied	Dissat-ified	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks./Humbs.	Scot-land	Wales	N.Ire-land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested	
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533	
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514	
Very interested	(4) 271	62	189	265	19	27	37	9	37	32	32	22	21	18	11	5	261	1	7	2	251	20	
		23%	28%	23%	22%	26%	25%	18%	27%	20%	33%	21%	22%	18%	19%	16%	24%	5%	20%	16%	38%	4%	
Fairly interested	(3) 611	197	353	596	45	60	64	21	65	95	45	66	51	54	29	15	573	14	18	5	379	231	
		52%	55%	52%	52%	53%	57%	44%	41%	47%	59%	47%	61%	51%	57%	49%	52%	65%	53%	42%	57%	45%	
Not very interested	(2) 218	76	101	208	15	13	34	16	24	27	16	12	19	22	10	10	203	4	7	4	29	189	
		18%	21%	15%	18%	18%	13%	24%	29%	17%	17%	11%	19%	23%	17%	29%	18%	17%	20%	35%	4%	37%	
Not at all interested	(1) 78	22	29	74	6	4	9	6	13	8	3	8	8	2	8	3	73	2	2	0	5	72	
		7%	6%	4%	6%	8%	4%	6%	12%	9%	5%	3%	7%	8%	2%	14%	7%	10%	7%	2%	1%	14%	
Don't know	2	1	1	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	1	1	0	1	1	2	
		0%	0%	0%	0%	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	0%	3%	1%	5%	0%	0%	
Interested	882	259	542	862	64	87	101	31	102	127	77	89	72	71	41	21	834	15	25	6	629	252	
		75%	72%	81%	75%	75%	83%	70%	59%	74%	78%	81%	82%	73%	75%	69%	61%	75%	70%	72%	58%	95%	49%
Not interested	295	98	130	282	21	17	43	22	37	36	19	20	26	24	19	13	277	6	9	4	34	261	
		25%	27%	19%	25%	25%	16%	29%	41%	26%	22%	19%	18%	27%	25%	31%	25%	26%	26%	37%	5%	51%	
Net interested	587	161	413	580	42	70	58	9	66	91	59	69	45	48	22	7	558	10	16	2	595	-9	
		50%	45%	61%	51%	50%	67%	40%	17%	47%	56%	61%	63%	46%	50%	37%	22%	50%	44%	46%	21%	90%	-2%
Mean score	2.91	2.84	3.05	2.92	2.89	3.06	2.90	2.64	2.91	2.93	3.11	2.96	2.87	2.91	2.74	2.67	2.92	2.68	2.87	2.76	3.32	2.39	
Std. Deviation	0.82	0.78	0.78	0.82	0.83	0.73	0.85	0.92	0.90	0.75	0.78	0.77	0.84	0.71	0.93	0.87	0.82	0.74	0.82	0.78	0.59	0.77	
Std. Error	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.14	0.08	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.10	0.07	0.13	0.11	0.03	0.17	0.15	0.25	0.02	0.04	

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Table 7 (CONT.)

Q9.

How interested would you say you are in national issues?

Base: All respondents

	Total	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total
		Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No	
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Very interested	(4) 271	14	219	196	75	97	171	87	184	19	23	131	43	21	44	58	164	163	108	278
		23%	10%	30%	43%	10%	24%	24%	53%	18%	22%	22%	29%	25%	26%	22%	23%	31%	17%	23%
Fairly interested	(3) 611	48	386	237	374	226	378	68	543	43	48	292	83	47	83	144	369	275	336	611
		52%	35%	53%	51%	52%	56%	52%	42%	53%	49%	47%	51%	55%	49%	55%	52%	52%	51%	51%
Not very interested	(2) 218	37	100	25	191	62	133	8	210	13	22	110	20	11	29	40	138	69	149	229
		18%	27%	14%	5%	27%	15%	18%	5%	21%	15%	22%	13%	13%	17%	15%	19%	13%	23%	19%
Not at all interested	(1) 78	36	20	3	74	18	42	-	78	12	8	34	6	5	14	18	43	18	60	87
		7%	27%	3%	10%	5%	6%	-	8%	14%	8%	6%	4%	5%	8%	7%	6%	3%	9%	7%
Don't know	2	0	1	-	2	0	1	-	2	0	1	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	4
		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	1%	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	0%
Interested	882	62	605	433	448	323	549	155	727	61	71	423	126	68	127	202	533	438	445	889
		75%	46%	83%	94%	80%	76%	95%	71%	71%	69%	75%	83%	82%	74%	78%	74%	83%	68%	74%
Not interested	295	73	120	28	265	81	175	8	288	25	30	144	25	15	43	58	181	87	209	316
		25%	54%	16%	6%	37%	20%	24%	5%	28%	29%	30%	25%	17%	25%	22%	25%	17%	32%	26%
Net interested	587	-11	485	405	183	242	374	148	440	36	41	279	100	53	84	144	352	351	236	573
		50%	-8%	67%	88%	26%	60%	90%	43%	42%	40%	49%	67%	64%	49%	55%	49%	67%	36%	47%
Mean score	2.91	2.29	3.11	3.36	2.63	3.00	2.94	3.49	2.82	2.79	2.85	2.92	3.08	3.01	2.92	2.93	2.92	3.11	2.76	2.90
Std. Deviation	0.82	0.98	0.73	0.62	0.81	0.76	0.81	0.59	0.81	0.94	0.86	0.81	0.75	0.77	0.87	0.81	0.81	0.75	0.84	0.84
Std. Error	0.03	0.09	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.11	0.09	0.04	0.07	0.09	0.07	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03

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Table 8

Q10.

How interested would you say you are in international Issues?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Very interested	(4) 209	123	86	17	33	30	36	93	84	85	20	20	94	18	97	45	137	26	52	157	19	127
	18%	22%	14%	12%	16%	13%	19%	22%	29%	25%	8%	7%	18%	13%	19%	18%	19%	13%	13%	20%	7%	30%
Fairly interested	(3) 553	263	290	61	102	120	93	178	150	160	113	131	269	66	219	120	339	94	190	364	100	228
	47%	47%	47%	46%	49%	53%	48%	43%	53%	46%	46%	43%	50%	49%	43%	47%	47%	47%	47%	47%	36%	54%
Not very interested	(2) 307	121	185	35	55	63	44	110	38	81	81	107	123	42	141	55	192	60	123	184	107	60
	26%	21%	30%	27%	26%	27%	23%	26%	13%	23%	33%	35%	23%	31%	28%	22%	27%	30%	30%	24%	38%	14%
Not at all interested	(1) 107	55	52	18	18	15	21	35	11	20	30	46	44	9	53	30	55	22	38	69	55	9
	9%	10%	8%	14%	9%	7%	11%	8%	4%	6%	12%	15%	8%	7%	10%	12%	8%	11%	9%	9%	19%	2%
Don't know	4	3	1	2	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	2	2	-	2	4	0	-	1	3	1	2
	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	-	-	1%	-	-	1%	0%	-	0%	2%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	1%
Interested	762	386	376	77	135	150	130	270	233	245	133	151	363	84	316	165	477	121	242	521	119	355
	65%	68%	61%	58%	64%	66%	67%	65%	82%	71%	55%	49%	68%	62%	62%	65%	66%	60%	60%	67%	42%	83%
Not interested	414	177	237	54	73	78	65	144	48	101	111	154	167	52	194	85	247	82	161	253	161	68
	35%	31%	39%	40%	35%	34%	33%	35%	17%	29%	45%	50%	31%	38%	38%	33%	34%	40%	40%	33%	57%	16%
Net interested	349	209	139	24	61	73	65	126	185	144	22	-3	195	32	121	80	230	39	81	268	-42	286
	30%	37%	23%	18%	29%	32%	33%	30%	65%	42%	9%	-1%	37%	24%	24%	32%	32%	19%	20%	34%	-15%	67%
Mean score	2.74	2.81	2.67	2.58	2.72	2.73	2.75	2.79	3.09	2.90	2.51	2.41	2.78	2.68	2.71	2.72	2.77	2.62	2.64	2.79	2.30	3.12
Std. Deviation	0.86	0.89	0.82	0.88	0.84	0.77	0.88	0.88	0.76	0.84	0.82	0.82	0.83	0.79	0.89	0.90	0.84	0.85	0.82	0.87	0.86	0.71
Std. Error	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.07	0.04	0.06	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.04

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Q10.

How interested would you say you are in international Issues?

Base: All respondents

	Government		GO Region													Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Total	Satis-fied	Dissat-ified	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks./Humbs.	Scot-land	Wales	N.Ire-land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
Very interested	(4) 209	53	139	205	11	21	40	5	23	26	23	16	11	17	11	4	194	1	11	3	192	17
		18%	21%	18%	13%	20%	28%	10%	17%	16%	24%	15%	11%	18%	18%	13%	17%	5%	33%	23%	29%	3%
Fairly interested	(3) 553	180	320	541	35	46	61	26	69	87	42	58	52	42	22	13	518	12	16	6	386	166
		47%	50%	47%	41%	44%	42%	49%	50%	54%	44%	54%	53%	44%	36%	38%	47%	55%	48%	56%	58%	32%
Not very interested	(2) 307	96	165	294	28	27	34	12	30	38	23	26	24	31	19	13	295	6	4	2	76	230
		26%	27%	25%	26%	33%	26%	24%	22%	21%	23%	24%	24%	33%	33%	38%	27%	27%	11%	14%	11%	45%
Not at all interested	(1) 107	29	46	103	11	10	9	10	16	11	7	8	9	5	7	4	102	2	2	0	9	97
		9%	8%	7%	9%	13%	9%	6%	20%	12%	7%	8%	7%	9%	6%	13%	9%	10%	7%	2%	1%	19%
Don't know	4	1	3	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	0	2	-	-	-	2	1	0	1	1	3
		0%	0%	0%	0%	-	1%	-	-	-	-	0%	3%	-	-	-	0%	3%	1%	5%	0%	1%
Interested	762	233	459	745	46	67	101	31	93	114	65	75	64	59	32	17	712	13	28	9	578	183
		65%	65%	68%	65%	54%	65%	69%	58%	67%	70%	68%	65%	61%	54%	50%	64%	60%	81%	79%	87%	36%
Not interested	414	124	211	397	39	37	43	22	46	49	31	34	32	37	27	17	397	8	6	2	85	328
		35%	35%	31%	35%	46%	35%	30%	42%	33%	30%	32%	31%	33%	39%	46%	36%	36%	18%	16%	13%	64%
Net interested	349	109	248	348	7	30	58	9	47	65	34	41	31	22	5	0	315	5	21	7	493	-145
		30%	30%	37%	30%	8%	29%	40%	16%	34%	40%	36%	37%	32%	23%	9%	28%	24%	63%	63%	74%	-28%
Mean score	2.74	2.72	2.82	2.74	2.54	2.75	2.92	2.48	2.72	2.80	2.84	2.77	2.69	2.73	2.60	2.52	2.72	2.58	3.08	3.05	3.15	2.20
Std. Deviation	0.86	0.81	0.83	0.86	0.88	0.89	0.87	0.92	0.88	0.79	0.88	0.79	0.80	0.82	0.93	0.87	0.86	0.76	0.85	0.71	0.66	0.78
Std. Error	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.14	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.13	0.11	0.03	0.18	0.16	0.23	0.03	0.04

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Q10.

How interested would you say you are in international Issues?

Base: All respondents

	Total	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total
		Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No	
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Very interested	(4) 209	14	172	162	46	73	133	71	138	17	13	101	27	20	35	41	128	128	81	217
		18%	10%	24%	35%	6%	18%	43%	14%	20%	12%	18%	18%	24%	21%	16%	18%	24%	12%	18%
Fairly interested	(3) 553	41	362	237	314	211	330	73	480	46	52	256	86	37	71	127	343	248	305	556
		47%	31%	50%	51%	44%	52%	45%	47%	54%	50%	45%	57%	45%	42%	49%	48%	47%	47%	46%
Not very interested	(2) 307	40	155	53	253	93	195	16	290	10	23	160	30	20	46	66	182	117	189	312
		26%	29%	21%	12%	35%	23%	10%	29%	11%	22%	28%	20%	24%	27%	26%	25%	22%	29%	26%
Not at all interested	(1) 107	40	32	8	97	26	64	3	104	13	14	48	9	7	18	25	59	31	76	120
		9%	30%	4%	2%	14%	6%	2%	10%	15%	13%	9%	6%	8%	11%	10%	8%	6%	12%	10%
Don't know	4	0	4	-	4	0	2	-	4	0	1	2	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	4
		0%	0%	1%	-	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	-	-	-	-	1%	-	1%	0%
Interested	762	55	534	400	361	285	463	144	618	64	65	356	112	57	106	168	471	376	386	773
		65%	41%	74%	87%	50%	71%	88%	61%	74%	63%	63%	74%	68%	62%	65%	66%	72%	59%	64%
Not interested	414	80	188	62	351	119	259	19	395	22	37	209	39	26	64	92	241	148	265	432
		35%	59%	26%	13%	49%	29%	12%	39%	26%	36%	37%	26%	32%	38%	35%	34%	28%	40%	36%
Net interested	349	-25	347	338	10	166	204	125	224	41	28	148	74	30	42	77	230	228	121	341
		30%	-19%	48%	73%	1%	41%	77%	22%	48%	27%	26%	49%	37%	25%	29%	32%	44%	18%	28%
Mean score	2.74	2.21	2.93	3.20	2.44	2.82	2.74	3.30	2.64	2.79	2.62	2.72	2.86	2.84	2.72	2.71	2.76	2.90	2.60	2.72
Std. Deviation	0.86	0.99	0.79	0.71	0.81	0.80	0.86	0.71	0.84	0.93	0.87	0.85	0.77	0.88	0.91	0.85	0.84	0.83	0.85	0.87
Std. Error	0.03	0.09	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.11	0.09	0.04	0.07	0.10	0.07	0.06	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.03

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Table 9

Q7.

How interested would you say you are in Politics?

Base: All respondents

	Total	Q8. How interested would you say you are in local issues?						Q9. How interested would you say you are in national issues?								
		Very interested	Fairly interested	Not very interested	Not at all interested	Don't know	Interested	Not interested	Very interested	Fairly interested	Not very interested	Not at all interested	Don't know	Interested	Not interested	
UnWtd. Total	1209	369	606	159	71	4	975	230	278	611	229	87	4	889	316	
Wtd. Total	1180	357	601	155	63	4	958	218	271	611	218	78	2	882	295	
Very interested	(4)	154 13% 100%	98 28% 64%	47 8% 30%	9 6% 6%	- - -	145 15% 94%	9 4% 6%	132 49% 86%	19 3% 12%	2 1% 2%	- - -	- - -	151 17% 98%	2 1% 2%	
Fairly interested	(3)	510 43% 100%	184 52% 36%	283 47% 55%	38 24% 7%	4 6% 1%	1 18% 0%	468 49% 92%	42 19% 8%	118 44% 23%	360 59% 71%	26 12% 5%	5 7% 1%	1 33% 0%	478 54% 94%	32 11% 6%
Not very interested	(2)	350 30% 100%	58 16% 17%	204 34% 58%	74 48% 21%	11 17% 3%	3 72% 1%	262 27% 75%	85 39% 24%	18 7% 5%	189 31% 54%	135 62% 39%	7 9% 2%	1 26% 0%	207 23% 59%	142 48% 41%
Not at all interested	(1)	164 14% 100%	16 4% 10%	65 11% 40%	34 22% 21%	48 77% 29%	0 10% 0%	81 8% 49%	83 38% 51%	3 1% 2%	42 7% 26%	53 25% 33%	65 84% 40%	1 41% 1%	45 5% 27%	118 40% 72%
Don't know		2 0% 100%	- - -	2 0% 100%	- - -	- - -	- 0% 100%	2 - -	- - -	1 0% 69%	- - -	1 1% 31%	- - -	1 0% 69%	1 0% 31%	
Interested		664 56% 100%	283 79% 43%	330 55% 50%	47 30% 7%	4 6% 1%	1 18% 0%	613 64% 92%	51 23% 8%	251 92% 38%	379 62% 57%	29 13% 4%	5 7% 1%	1 33% 0%	629 71% 95%	34 12% 5%
Not interested		514 44% 100%	74 21% 14%	269 45% 52%	108 70% 21%	59 94% 11%	3 82% 1%	343 36% 67%	167 77% 33%	20 8% 4%	231 38% 45%	189 87% 37%	72 93% 14%	2 67% 0%	252 29% 49%	261 88% 51%
Net interested		150 13% 100%	209 59% 139%	61 10% 40%	-62 -40% -41%	-55 -88% -37%	-3 -64% -2%	269 28% 180%	-117 -53% -78%	230 85% 153%	147 24% 98%	-160 -73% -107%	-67 -86% -44%	-1 -35% -1%	377 43% 251%	-227 -77% -151%
Mean score	2.56	3.02	2.52	2.14	1.30	2.08	2.71	1.89	3.40	2.58	1.90	1.23	1.91	2.84	1.72	
Std. Deviation	0.89	0.79	0.79	0.82	0.58	0.60	0.82	0.85	0.66	0.67	0.63	0.56	1.14	0.76	0.68	
Std. Error	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.07	0.08	0.38	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.07	0.58	0.03	0.04	

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Q7.

How interested would you say you are in Politics?

Base: All respondents

		Q10. How interested would you say you are in international Issues?							
Total		Very interested	Fairly interested	Not very interested	Not at all interested	Don't know	Interested	Not interested	
UnWtd. Total		1209	217	556	312	120	4	773	432
Wtd. Total		1180	209	553	307	107	4	762	414
Very interested	(4)	154	112	33	8	1	-	145	9
		13%	54%	6%	3%	1%	-	19%	2%
		100%	73%	21%	5%	1%	-	94%	6%
Fairly interested	(3)	510	80	353	68	8	1	433	76
		43%	38%	64%	22%	8%	18%	57%	18%
		100%	16%	69%	13%	2%	0%	85%	15%
Not very interested	(2)	350	15	137	173	22	3	152	195
		30%	7%	25%	56%	21%	72%	20%	47%
		100%	4%	39%	49%	6%	1%	44%	56%
Not at all interested	(1)	164	1	29	58	75	0	31	133
		14%	1%	5%	19%	70%	10%	4%	32%
		100%	1%	18%	35%	46%	0%	19%	81%
Don't know		2	-	1	-	1	-	1	1
		0%	-	0%	-	1%	-	0%	0%
		100%	-	69%	-	31%	-	69%	31%
Interested		664	192	386	76	9	1	578	85
		56%	92%	70%	25%	8%	18%	76%	21%
		100%	29%	58%	11%	1%	0%	87%	13%
Not interested		514	17	166	230	97	3	183	328
		44%	8%	30%	75%	91%	82%	24%	79%
		100%	3%	32%	45%	19%	1%	36%	64%
Net interested		150	176	219	-154	-88	-3	395	-242
		13%	84%	40%	-50%	-82%	-65%	52%	-59%
		100%	117%	146%	-103%	-59%	-2%	263%	-162%
Mean score		2.56	3.45	2.71	2.09	1.39	2.08	2.91	1.91
Std. Deviation		0.89	0.66	0.66	0.71	0.67	0.60	0.74	0.77
Std. Error		0.03	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.07	0.38	0.03	0.04

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Q11.

What do you understand by "politics"?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
The way the country is governed/running the country/ what the government does/ distribution of public money/ finances	435 37%	219 39%	216 35%	36 27%	84 40%	83 36%	76 39%	155 37%	134 47%	142 41%	78 32%	81 26%	216 40%	54 40%	165 32%	80 32%	289 40%	66 32%	134 33%	301 39%	70 25%	193 45%
Arguments between parties/ politicians	160 14%	91 16%	69 11%	18 14%	34 16%	27 12%	27 14%	54 13%	40 14%	47 14%	37 15%	36 12%	73 14%	21 15%	67 13%	34 14%	107 15%	19 9%	49 12%	111 14%	25 9%	67 16%
Choices for society/how the country should be run	159 14%	75 13%	84 14%	16 12%	24 12%	36 16%	30 16%	53 13%	56 20%	49 14%	26 11%	28 9%	75 14%	20 15%	65 13%	30 12%	105 14%	25 12%	54 13%	105 14%	24 8%	80 19%
People with power/people who run things	151 13%	78 14%	73 12%	14 10%	31 15%	25 11%	27 14%	53 13%	37 13%	48 14%	36 15%	30 10%	67 13%	21 16%	62 12%	26 10%	93 13%	31 16%	48 12%	102 13%	29 10%	63 15%
Parliament	135 11%	63 11%	71 12%	13 9%	13 6%	26 11%	29 15%	54 13%	31 11%	40 12%	22 9%	41 13%	47 9%	15 11%	72 14%	23 9%	94 13%	18 9%	52 13%	83 11%	34 12%	48 11%
Local government/councils	128 11%	55 10%	72 12%	13 10%	20 9%	26 12%	26 13%	42 10%	36 13%	39 11%	27 11%	26 9%	57 11%	19 14%	52 10%	17 7%	90 12%	21 10%	52 13%	76 10%	25 9%	54 13%
Talking/people discussing issues/reaching agreement	117 10%	70 12%	47 8%	15 11%	15 7%	20 9%	32 16%	35 8%	45 16%	35 10%	17 7%	20 6%	57 11%	14 10%	46 9%	21 8%	80 11%	15 8%	29 7%	89 11%	14 5%	62 15%
Elections/voting	113 10%	52 9%	61 10%	13 10%	18 8%	19 8%	25 13%	38 9%	25 9%	32 9%	23 9%	33 11%	46 9%	12 9%	55 11%	22 9%	69 10%	22 11%	39 10%	74 10%	28 10%	34 8%
Way of making decisions	101 9%	56 10%	45 7%	14 11%	15 7%	16 7%	21 11%	35 8%	24 9%	38 11%	19 8%	19 6%	55 10%	13 9%	33 6%	23 9%	60 8%	18 9%	29 7%	72 9%	16 6%	41 10%
Important issues of the day - unspecified	72 6%	29 5%	43 7%	3 2%	9 4%	19 8%	13 7%	28 7%	15 5%	25 7%	17 7%	15 5%	27 5%	12 9%	33 6%	15 6%	46 6%	11 6%	24 6%	48 6%	14 5%	32 7%
Public link with/control over government/representation	70 6%	38 7%	32 5%	4 3%	12 6%	13 6%	20 10%	20 5%	25 9%	22 6%	12 5%	11 3%	41 8%	6 4%	22 4%	18 7%	41 6%	10 5%	20 5%	50 6%	12 4%	33 8%
Sleaze/corruption/they are all crooks/in it for personal gain/money	63 5%	37 6%	27 4%	2 2%	11 5%	11 5%	11 6%	27 7%	13 4%	17 5%	16 7%	17 6%	32 6%	4 3%	28 5%	12 5%	45 6%	7 3%	17 4%	46 6%	16 6%	18 4%
Spin/lies/broken promises/ inaction	63 5%	35 6%	28 5%	4 3%	9 4%	12 5%	10 5%	29 7%	18 6%	17 5%	12 5%	16 5%	28 5%	5 4%	30 6%	8 3%	44 6%	12 6%	20 5%	43 6%	16 6%	20 5%

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What do you understand by "politics"?

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Not listening/ignoring public opinion	53 5%	22 4%	31 5%	5 4%	6 3%	10 4%	11 6%	21 5%	8 3%	18 5%	13 5%	15 5%	28 5%	7 5%	18 4%	6 2%	38 5%	10 5%	13 3%	40 5%	15 5%	20 5%
Important issue of the day - specified	41 3%	15 3%	26 4%	5 4%	2 1%	12 5%	11 6%	10 2%	12 4%	13 4%	10 4%	5 2%	16 3%	8 6%	17 3%	9 4%	22 3%	9 5%	15 4%	26 3%	4 1%	17 4%
Disagreement/confrontation/argument	40 3%	21 4%	19 3%	4 3%	5 2%	12 5%	8 4%	11 3%	12 4%	14 4%	5 2%	9 3%	20 4%	4 3%	16 3%	9 4%	26 4%	5 3%	15 4%	25 3%	8 3%	15 4%
Posturing/playing games	39 3%	19 3%	20 3%	9 6%	8 4%	4 2%	5 3%	13 3%	7 2%	9 3%	9 4%	14 5%	19 4%	6 4%	14 3%	10 4%	23 3%	5 3%	17 4%	22 3%	9 3%	15 4%
Cronyism/jobs for the boys/nepotism	37 3%	15 3%	22 4%	5 4%	1 0%	5 2%	6 3%	21 5%	3 1%	12 4%	10 4%	12 4%	11 2%	4 3%	22 4%	10 4%	17 2%	10 5%	9 2%	28 4%	15 5%	9 2%
Campaigning	30 3%	11 2%	19 3%	2 2%	7 3%	4 2%	8 4%	10 2%	8 3%	12 3%	5 2%	5 2%	14 3%	3 2%	14 3%	5 2%	20 3%	5 3%	10 2%	20 3%	6 2%	14 3%
Popularity contest	16 1%	9 2%	7 1%	3 2%	2 1%	2 1%	2 1%	7 2%	2 1%	6 2%	5 2%	3 1%	8 2%	3 2%	5 1%	5 2%	9 1%	2 1%	6 1%	11 1%	3 1%	8 2%
Old fashioned/out of date	16 1%	12 2%	4 1%	3 2%	- -	4 2%	5 3%	4 1%	2 1%	5 1%	6 3%	3 1%	9 2%	1 0%	7 1%	5 2%	9 1%	3 1%	7 2%	9 1%	6 2%	3 1%
Irrelevant/doesn't involve me/something for other people	15 1%	7 1%	8 1%	3 2%	3 1%	3 1%	4 2%	2 1%	- -	4 1%	3 1%	8 3%	5 1%	2 1%	8 2%	6 2%	7 1%	1 1%	6 2%	8 1%	2 1%	7 2%
Party system/alignment of groups	8 1%	4 1%	4 1%	1 1%	2 1%	1 0%	2 1%	2 0%	1 0%	4 1%	1 0%	2 1%	2 0%	4 3%	2 0%	1 0%	7 1%	- -	4 1%	3 0%	1 0%	5 1%
Boring	4 0%	- -	4 1%	1 1%	0 0%	1 1%	- -	2 0%	1 0%	2 0%	- -	2 1%	1 0%	- -	3 1%	1 0%	2 0%	2 1%	3 1%	2 0%	2 1%	- -
Religion	1 0%	- -	1 0%	- -	1 0%	- -	- -	1 0%	- -	1 0%	- -	1 0%	1 0%	- -	1 0%	- -	1 0%	- -	1 0%	1 0%	- -	1 0%
Other	106 9%	51 9%	55 9%	15 11%	19 9%	25 11%	16 8%	31 7%	24 9%	30 9%	25 10%	26 9%	51 10%	11 8%	44 9%	22 8%	66 9%	18 9%	48 12%	57 7%	21 7%	42 10%
None of these	38 3%	17 3%	21 3%	5 3%	11 5%	10 4%	5 3%	7 2%	6 2%	7 2%	14 6%	11 4%	18 3%	3 2%	17 3%	15 6%	16 2%	6 3%	15 4%	23 3%	16 6%	12 3%
Don't know	94 8%	30 5%	64 10%	23 17%	16 8%	9 4%	9 5%	37 9%	10 4%	15 4%	19 8%	51 17%	30 6%	8 6%	56 11%	32 13%	41 6%	21 10%	33 8%	61 8%	48 17%	16 4%

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Q11.

What do you understand by “politics”?

Base: All respondents

	Government			GO Region												Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Total	Satis-fied	Dissat-ified	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot-land	Wales	N.Ire-land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
The way the country is governed/running the country/ what the government does/ distribution of public money/ finances	435 37%	129 36%	269 40%	426 37%	20 24%	42 40%	42 29%	15 29%	51 37%	71 44%	43 45%	48 44%	42 42%	36 38%	16 27%	9 25%	414 37%	5 21%	13 37%	4 35%	301 45%	133 26%
Arguments between parties/ politicians	160 14%	53 15%	91 14%	155 14%	18 21%	18 18%	23 16%	4 8%	20 14%	7 4%	15 15%	13 12%	13 14%	14 14%	10 16%	5 15%	142 13%	7 34%	8 23%	3 27%	102 15%	58 11%
Choices for society/how the country should be run	159 14%	49 14%	99 15%	157 14%	14 16%	9 8%	26 18%	6 12%	14 10%	30 18%	7 8%	11 10%	13 13%	10 11%	17 28%	2 7%	150 14%	1 4%	8 23%	-	114 17%	45 9%
People with power/people who run things	151 13%	42 12%	87 13%	148 13%	18 21%	19 18%	18 13%	6 11%	9 6%	21 13%	10 10%	13 12%	15 15%	12 13%	6 10%	3 8%	144 13%	1 6%	6 17%	-	96 14%	55 11%
Parliament	135 11%	54 15%	69 10%	130 11%	13 15%	11 10%	9 6%	6 12%	15 11%	15 9%	8 8%	12 11%	8 9%	20 21%	12 20%	5 15%	131 12%	-	4 10%	-	85 13%	50 10%
Local government/councils	128 11%	49 14%	68 10%	121 11%	14 16%	13 12%	13 9%	4 8%	13 9%	18 11%	8 8%	11 10%	9 9%	10 10%	8 13%	6 18%	124 11%	1 5%	2 6%	0 2%	90 14%	37 7%
Talking/people discussing issues/reaching agreement	117 10%	35 10%	70 10%	115 10%	10 12%	9 9%	7 5%	3 5%	9 7%	24 15%	13 13%	9 9%	13 14%	10 10%	8 14%	2 5%	111 10%	-	2 6%	3 31%	85 13%	32 6%
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Way of making decisions	101 9%	29 8%	57 8%	96 8%	11 14%	7 7%	12 8%	-	12 9%	14 8%	1 1%	12 11%	4 4%	13 13%	11 18%	5 14%	97 9%	2 7%	3 7%	-	60 9%	41 8%
Important issues of the day - unspecified	72 6%	27 8%	39 6%	71 6%	6 7%	7 7%	10 7%	1 2%	5 3%	20 12%	4 4%	9 8%	2 2%	6 6%	1 2%	1 3%	70 6%	2 8%	-	-	45 7%	27 5%
Public link with/control over government/representation	70 6%	20 6%	39 6%	67 6%	3 4%	7 7%	12 8%	1 2%	10 7%	13 8%	7 7%	7 6%	3 3%	2 2%	2 3%	2 6%	67 6%	1 5%	1 4%	-	59 9%	11 2%
Sleaze/corruption/they are all crooks/in it for personal gain/money	63 5%	10 3%	45 7%	62 5%	6 7%	4 4%	7 5%	4 8%	5 4%	5 3%	7 7%	7 6%	4 4%	10 10%	3 5%	1 3%	61 5%	1 4%	1 3%	-	33 5%	29 6%
Spin/lies/broken promises/ inaction	63 5%	13 4%	42 6%	63 5%	8 10%	8 8%	7 5%	5 10%	4 3%	7 4%	3 3%	5 5%	3 3%	7 8%	5 8%	-	61 5%	0 2%	2 6%	-	31 5%	32 6%

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What do you understand by "politics"?

	Government			GO Region												Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
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Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
Not listening/ignoring public opinion	53	12	40	53	7	9	9	4	2	4	5	9	1	1	1	0	52	1	-	-	19	34
	5%	3%	6%	5%	8%	9%	6%	8%	1%	2%	6%	8%	1%	1%	3%	1%	5%	5%	-	-	3%	7%
Important issue of the day - specified	41	11	27	40	4	2	4	-	4	11	1	8	3	1	2	0	41	0	-	-	29	12
	3%	3%	4%	4%	5%	2%	3%	-	3%	7%	1%	8%	3%	1%	3%	1%	4%	1%	-	-	4%	2%
Disagreement/confrontation/ argument	40	12	23	39	4	5	4	1	6	6	1	7	2	2	2	2	40	-	-	1	24	16
	3%	3%	3%	3%	5%	5%	3%	1%	4%	3%	1%	6%	2%	2%	3%	5%	4%	-	-	7%	4%	3%
Posturing/playing games	39	11	24	37	4	8	4	2	0	2	6	4	1	4	2	2	37	-	1	-	24	15
	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	8%	3%	4%	0%	1%	6%	4%	2%	4%	3%	5%	3%	-	4%	-	4%	3%
Cronyism/jobs for the boys/ nepotism	37	6	28	36	7	-	5	3	1	4	7	6	3	1	-	0	36	1	-	-	16	21
	3%	2%	4%	3%	8%	-	3%	5%	1%	2%	7%	5%	3%	1%	-	1%	3%	5%	-	-	2%	4%
Campaigning	30	8	18	28	4	-	6	-	-	3	1	3	-	8	2	2	28	1	1	-	24	7
	3%	2%	3%	2%	5%	-	4%	-	-	2%	1%	3%	-	9%	3%	7%	3%	7%	2%	-	4%	1%
Popularity contest	16	4	10	15	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	-	1	1	1	15	-	1	-	9	7
	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	-	1%	2%	2%	1%	-	3%	-	1%	1%
Old fashioned/out of date	16	2	12	16	4	2	-	-	1	1	4	2	1	1	-	0	16	-	-	-	8	8
	1%	1%	2%	1%	4%	2%	-	-	1%	1%	4%	2%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	2%
Irrelevant/doesn't involve me/ something for other people	15	5	8	14	2	3	2	2	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	0	13	1	1	-	6	9
	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%	4%	-	1%	-	3%	-	-	-	1%	1%	5%	2%	-	1%	2%
Party system/alignment of groups	8	5	3	8	-	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	8	-	-	-	7	1
	1%	1%	0%	1%	-	1%	1%	-	-	1%	1%	-	-	3%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	1%	0%
Boring	4	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	0	-	-	4	-	-	-	2	3
	0%	-	1%	0%	-	-	-	-	2%	-	-	1%	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	1%
Religion	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-
	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3%	0%	-	-	-	0%	-
Other	106	24	68	102	6	9	9	7	12	16	11	16	3	9	4	4	102	1	2	1	57	49
	9%	7%	10%	9%	7%	9%	6%	13%	9%	10%	11%	14%	3%	10%	6%	11%	9%	3%	6%	7%	9%	10%
None of these	38	14	13	36	2	-	9	5	3	5	-	3	6	2	2	1	33	2	2	1	6	30
	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	-	6%	10%	2%	3%	-	3%	6%	2%	3%	4%	3%	11%	5%	5%	1%	6%
Don't know	94	27	47	92	10	8	14	5	13	7	8	5	7	9	6	3	86	3	2	2	23	71
	8%	8%	7%	8%	12%	8%	10%	9%	9%	4%	9%	5%	7%	10%	9%	7%	8%	16%	5%	16%	4%	14%

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What do you understand by "politics"?

Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/hot at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
The way the country is governed/running the country/ what the government does/ distribution of public money/ finances	435	27	287	191	243	184	248	91	344	33	40	195	61	44	59	100	267	196	238	429
	37%	20%	40%	41%	34%	46%	34%	56%	34%	38%	39%	34%	41%	53%	35%	39%	37%	37%	36%	35%
Arguments between parties/ politicians	160	11	100	80	80	67	92	21	139	14	14	78	21	5	24	40	91	88	72	168
	14%	8%	14%	17%	11%	17%	13%	13%	14%	16%	13%	14%	14%	6%	14%	15%	13%	17%	11%	14%
Choices for society/how the country should be run	159	9	117	95	64	59	100	44	115	7	13	77	18	15	23	36	98	91	69	151
	14%	7%	16%	21%	9%	15%	14%	27%	11%	9%	13%	13%	12%	18%	14%	14%	14%	17%	10%	12%
People with power/people who run things	151	10	100	72	79	51	97	24	127	13	14	76	18	8	21	25	102	65	85	150
	13%	8%	14%	16%	11%	13%	13%	14%	13%	15%	14%	13%	12%	10%	12%	10%	14%	12%	13%	12%
Parliament	135	11	88	61	74	57	77	18	117	6	6	65	12	8	21	40	69	64	71	152
	11%	8%	12%	13%	10%	14%	11%	11%	11%	7%	6%	11%	8%	9%	12%	15%	10%	12%	11%	13%
Local government/councils	128	7	94	65	62	58	70	30	98	10	8	66	13	7	19	31	71	69	58	137
	11%	5%	13%	14%	9%	14%	10%	18%	10%	12%	8%	12%	9%	8%	11%	12%	10%	13%	9%	11%
Talking/people discussing issues/reaching agreement	117	6	86	71	46	44	70	31	86	7	7	57	19	7	22	26	67	67	50	115
	10%	5%	12%	15%	6%	11%	10%	19%	8%	8%	7%	10%	13%	9%	13%	10%	9%	13%	8%	10%
Elections/voting	113	5	67	48	65	48	64	14	99	4	15	47	9	3	15	22	65	49	64	128
	10%	4%	9%	10%	9%	12%	9%	8%	10%	4%	14%	8%	6%	4%	9%	8%	9%	9%	10%	11%
Way of making decisions	101	7	64	49	52	42	55	17	84	12	1	46	9	4	8	24	64	43	58	103
	9%	5%	9%	11%	7%	10%	8%	10%	8%	14%	1%	8%	6%	5%	5%	9%	9%	8%	9%	9%
Important issues of the day - unspecified	72	4	51	40	32	33	39	14	58	3	4	43	6	8	13	15	43	34	38	71
	6%	3%	7%	9%	4%	8%	5%	8%	6%	3%	4%	8%	4%	10%	8%	6%	6%	7%	6%	6%
Public link with/control over government/representation	70	4	57	47	23	29	39	21	49	6	7	35	15	1	9	14	45	36	34	72
	6%	3%	8%	10%	3%	7%	5%	13%	5%	7%	7%	6%	10%	1%	5%	5%	6%	7%	5%	6%
Sleaze/corruption/they are all crooks/in it for personal gain/money	63	14	30	29	34	16	43	13	50	1	8	29	7	4	11	13	38	26	37	66
	5%	10%	4%	6%	5%	4%	6%	8%	5%	1%	8%	5%	5%	4%	7%	5%	5%	5%	6%	5%
Spin/lies/broken promises/ inaction	63	7	36	29	33	18	43	7	56	4	1	26	9	10	12	16	34	30	33	66
	5%	5%	5%	6%	5%	4%	6%	4%	5%	5%	1%	5%	6%	12%	7%	6%	5%	6%	5%	5%

Number of sample points: 201
 Source: MORI (JN: 26166)
 Fieldwork dates: 1st-5th December 2005



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Q11.

What do you understand by "politics"?

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Total	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes		No
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Not listening/ignoring public opinion	53	9	39	17	36	14	37	6	48	5	4	30	5	7	11	12	31	25	28	50
	5%	7%	5%	4%	5%	4%	5%	3%	5%	6%	4%	5%	3%	8%	6%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%
Important issue of the day - specified	41	1	31	26	15	16	24	7	33	2	2	25	6	3	5	7	28	19	21	40
	3%	1%	4%	6%	2%	4%	3%	5%	3%	2%	2%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%
Disagreement/confrontation/ argument	40	4	27	20	20	12	26	7	33	3	4	22	5	1	6	8	25	21	19	44
	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%
Posturing/playing games	39	8	25	23	16	9	30	8	31	1	3	24	2	2	4	10	23	16	23	39
	3%	6%	3%	5%	2%	2%	4%	5%	3%	1%	3%	4%	1%	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%
Cronyism/jobs for the boys/ nepotism	37	2	26	18	19	10	27	1	36	4	1	22	7	1	3	13	20	13	24	39
	3%	2%	4%	4%	3%	2%	4%	1%	4%	5%	1%	4%	4%	2%	2%	5%	3%	2%	4%	3%
Campaigning	30	1	23	21	9	15	15	8	22	2	3	10	1	2	5	10	13	16	15	37
	3%	1%	3%	5%	1%	4%	2%	5%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%
Popularity contest	16	-	13	10	6	6	10	2	14	1	-	9	3	-	2	4	9	6	10	15
	1%	-	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	2%	-	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Old fashioned/out of date	16	2	11	10	6	2	13	-	16	-	-	12	2	1	3	5	8	2	14	16
	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	-	2%	-	-	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	0%	2%	1%
Irrelevant/doesn't involve me/ something for other people	15	4	6	8	7	5	9	-	15	1	1	10	1	1	1	5	8	4	11	15
	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Party system/alignment of groups	8	0	6	3	5	4	4	1	7	-	-	3	1	1	1	1	6	4	4	9
	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	-	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Boring	4	0	3	2	3	-	4	0	4	-	-	4	-	-	2	-	2	1	3	4
	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	1%	0%	0%	-	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%
Religion	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	0%	0%
Other	106	13	61	36	69	29	74	15	91	9	11	51	12	7	13	29	59	50	56	101
	9%	9%	8%	8%	10%	7%	10%	9%	9%	10%	10%	9%	8%	8%	8%	11%	8%	9%	9%	8%
None of these	38	15	17	2	35	5	23	2	36	4	9	16	4	-	2	6	28	10	28	42
	3%	11%	2%	1%	5%	1%	3%	1%	4%	5%	9%	3%	3%	-	1%	2%	4%	2%	4%	3%
Don't know	94	21	46	13	79	23	51	3	92	11	8	45	8	6	24	17	51	29	65	104
	8%	15%	6%	3%	11%	6%	7%	2%	9%	12%	8%	8%	5%	7%	14%	7%	7%	6%	10%	9%

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Table 11

Q11.

What do you understand by “politics”?

Base: All respondents

	Total	Q7. How interested would you say you are in Politics?						
		Very interested	Fairly interested	Not very interested	Not at all interested	Don't know	Interested	Not interested
UnWtd. Total	1209	162	512	346	187	2	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	154	510	350	164	2	664	514
The way the country is governed/running the country/ what the government does/ distribution of public money/ finances	435 37% 100%	74 48% 17%	227 44% 52%	110 32% 25%	23 14% 5%	- - -	301 45% 69%	133 26% 31%
Arguments between parties/ politicians	160 14% 100%	28 18% 17%	74 14% 46%	47 13% 29%	11 7% 7%	- - -	102 15% 64%	58 11% 36%
Choices for society/how the country should be run	159 14% 100%	38 25% 24%	77 15% 48%	35 10% 22%	10 6% 6%	- - -	114 17% 72%	45 9% 28%
People with power/people who run things	151 13% 100%	16 10% 11%	80 16% 53%	44 13% 29%	11 7% 7%	- - -	96 14% 64%	55 11% 36%
Parliament	135 11% 100%	19 12% 14%	66 13% 49%	41 12% 30%	9 5% 6%	- - -	85 13% 63%	50 10% 37%
Local government/councils	128 11% 100%	20 13% 16%	70 14% 55%	29 8% 23%	8 5% 6%	- - -	90 14% 71%	37 7% 29%
Talking/people discussing issues/reaching agreement	117 10% 100%	29 19% 25%	56 11% 48%	25 7% 21%	7 4% 6%	- - -	85 13% 73%	32 6% 27%
Elections/voting	113 10% 100%	13 9% 12%	48 9% 42%	41 12% 36%	11 7% 10%	- - -	61 9% 54%	52 10% 46%
Way of making decisions	101 9% 100%	15 10% 15%	45 9% 44%	36 10% 35%	5 3% 5%	- - -	60 9% 59%	41 8% 41%
Important issues of the day - unspecified	72 6% 100%	13 9% 19%	31 6% 44%	21 6% 29%	6 4% 9%	- - -	45 7% 62%	27 5% 38%
Public link with/control over government/representation	70 6% 100%	22 14% 32%	37 7% 53%	9 2% 12%	2 1% 3%	- - -	59 9% 84%	11 2% 16%

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	Q7. How interested would you say you are in Politics?							
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UnWtd. Total	1209	162	512	346	187	2	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	154	510	350	164	2	664	514
Sleaze/corruption/they are all crooks/in it for personal gain/money	63	7	26	22	7	1	33	29
	5%	5%	5%	6%	4%	31%	5%	6%
	100%	11%	42%	35%	11%	1%	53%	46%
Spin/lies/broken promises/inaction	63	11	20	24	9	-	31	32
	5%	7%	4%	7%	5%	-	5%	6%
	100%	18%	31%	38%	14%	-	49%	51%
Not listening/ignoring public opinion	53	6	13	26	8	-	19	34
	5%	4%	3%	7%	5%	-	3%	7%
	100%	11%	25%	49%	16%	-	35%	65%
Important issue of the day - specified	41	7	22	11	1	-	29	12
	3%	4%	4%	3%	1%	-	4%	2%
	100%	16%	54%	27%	3%	-	70%	30%
Disagreement/confrontation/argument	40	4	20	10	6	-	24	16
	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	-	4%	3%
	100%	11%	50%	26%	14%	-	60%	40%
Posturing/playing games	39	7	17	10	5	-	24	15
	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	-	4%	3%
	100%	18%	43%	27%	13%	-	61%	39%
Cronyism/jobs for the boys/nepotism	37	4	11	18	3	-	16	21
	3%	3%	2%	5%	2%	-	2%	4%
	100%	11%	31%	50%	8%	-	42%	58%
Campaigning	30	6	18	5	1	-	24	7
	3%	4%	4%	1%	1%	-	4%	1%
	100%	18%	60%	17%	5%	-	78%	22%
Popularity contest	16	3	6	6	1	-	9	7
	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	-	1%	1%
	100%	19%	35%	39%	7%	-	54%	46%
Old fashioned/out of date	16	1	7	6	2	-	8	8
	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	1%	2%
	100%	9%	42%	35%	15%	-	51%	49%
Irrelevant/doesn't involve me/something for other people	15	1	4	5	4	-	6	9
	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	-	1%	2%
	100%	10%	29%	35%	26%	-	39%	61%
Party system/alignment of groups	8	1	6	1	-	-	7	1
	1%	1%	1%	0%	-	-	1%	0%
	100%	12%	79%	9%	-	-	91%	9%

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What do you understand by "politics"?

	Q7. How interested would you say you are in Politics?							
	Total	Very interested	Fairly interested	Not very interested	Not at all interested	Don't know	Interested	Not interested
UnWtd. Total	1209	162	512	346	187	2	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	154	510	350	164	2	664	514
Boring	4	-	2	1	2	-	2	3
	0%	-	0%	0%	1%	-	0%	1%
	100%	-	36%	27%	37%	-	36%	64%
Religion	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-
	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	-
	100%	49%	51%	-	-	-	100%	-
Other	106	17	40	28	21	-	57	49
	9%	11%	8%	8%	13%	-	9%	10%
	100%	16%	38%	26%	20%	-	54%	46%
None of these	38	1	5	12	18	1	6	30
	3%	1%	1%	3%	11%	69%	1%	6%
	100%	2%	14%	32%	49%	3%	16%	80%
Don't know	94	3	20	32	39	-	23	71
	8%	2%	4%	9%	24%	-	4%	14%
	100%	3%	22%	33%	42%	-	25%	75%

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Table 12

Q11.

What do you understand by "politics"?

Base: All respondents

	Q14. When people like me get involved in politics, they really can change the way that the country is run.								
	Total	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Agree	Disagree
UnWtd. Total	1209	80	328	227	382	157	35	408	539
Wtd. Total	1180	73	321	237	368	148	33	394	516
The way the country is governed/running the country/ what the government does/ distribution of public money/ finances	435 37% 100%	29 7%	129 30%	88 20%	148 34%	35 8%	7 2%	157 36%	183 42%
Arguments between parties/ politicians	160 14% 100%	15 20% 9%	44 14% 28%	36 15% 23%	45 12% 28%	17 11% 10%	3 10% 2%	59 15% 37%	62 12% 39%
Choices for society/how the country should be run	159 14% 100%	11 15% 7%	50 16% 32%	40 17% 25%	45 12% 28%	11 8% 7%	2 8% 2%	61 16% 38%	56 11% 35%
People with power/people who run things	151 13% 100%	9 12% 6%	36 11% 24%	22 9% 15%	62 17% 41%	18 12% 12%	4 12% 3%	44 11% 30%	80 16% 53%
Parliament	135 11% 100%	8 11% 6%	37 12% 28%	29 12% 21%	52 14% 39%	7 5% 5%	2 5% 1%	46 12% 34%	59 11% 44%
Local government/councils	128 11% 100%	10 14% 8%	48 15% 38%	27 11% 21%	33 9% 26%	7 5% 5%	2 5% 1%	59 15% 46%	40 8% 31%
Talking/people discussing issues/reaching agreement	117 10% 100%	10 13% 8%	41 13% 35%	25 10% 21%	31 9% 27%	10 7% 9%	0 1% 0%	51 13% 43%	41 8% 35%
Elections/voting	113 10% 100%	5 8% 5%	37 11% 33%	23 10% 20%	38 10% 34%	9 6% 8%	0 1% 0%	42 11% 37%	48 9% 42%
Way of making decisions	101 9% 100%	7 10% 7%	25 8% 25%	22 9% 22%	37 10% 37%	9 6% 9%	1 2% 1%	32 8% 32%	47 9% 46%
Important issues of the day - unspecified	72 6% 100%	7 9% 10%	17 5% 23%	18 7% 24%	24 7% 34%	6 4% 8%	0 1% 1%	24 6% 33%	30 6% 42%

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What do you understand by "politics"?

	Q14. When people like me get involved in politics, they really can change the way that the country is run.								
	Total	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Agree	Disagree
UnWtd. Total	1209	80	328	227	382	157	35	408	539
Wtd. Total	1180	73	321	237	368	148	33	394	516
Public link with/control over government/representation	70 6% 100%	6 8% 9%	29 9% 42%	15 6% 22%	15 4% 22%	3 2% 5%	1 3% 1%	35 9% 50%	19 4% 27%
Sleaze/corruption/they are all crooks/in it for personal gain/money	63 5% 100%	2 3% 3%	17 5% 27%	11 4% 17%	23 6% 37%	10 6% 15%	1 3% 1%	19 5% 30%	33 6% 52%
Spin/lies/broken promises/inaction	63 5% 100%	2 2% 3%	12 4% 19%	13 5% 20%	24 7% 39%	12 8% 19%	0 1% 1%	14 3% 22%	36 7% 57%
Not listening/ignoring public opinion	53 5% 100%	2 2% 3%	10 3% 20%	9 4% 17%	22 6% 41%	10 6% 18%	1 3% 2%	12 3% 22%	31 6% 58%
Important issue of the day - specified	41 3% 100%	7 10% 18%	10 3% 25%	12 5% 29%	9 3% 23%	2 1% 5%	- - -	17 4% 43%	12 2% 28%
Disagreement/confrontation/argument	40 3% 100%	3 5% 8%	8 2% 19%	12 5% 30%	11 3% 27%	4 3% 11%	2 6% 5%	11 3% 27%	15 3% 38%
Posturing/playing games	39 3% 100%	3 4% 8%	12 4% 32%	9 4% 22%	12 3% 31%	2 1% 5%	1 3% 3%	15 4% 40%	14 3% 36%
Cronyism/jobs for the boys/nepotism	37 3% 100%	1 1% 2%	6 2% 16%	7 3% 20%	17 5% 47%	5 4% 15%	- - -	6 2% 18%	23 4% 62%
Campaigning	30 3% 100%	5 7% 16%	5 2% 18%	11 5% 35%	8 2% 27%	1 1% 4%	- - -	10 3% 34%	9 2% 30%
Popularity contest	16 1% 100%	- - -	4 1% 23%	6 3% 39%	4 1% 25%	2 1% 14%	- - -	4 1% 23%	6 1% 39%
Old fashioned/out of date	16 1% 100%	2 3% 13%	3 1% 20%	4 2% 24%	5 1% 31%	2 1% 12%	- - -	5 1% 33%	7 1% 43%

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What do you understand by "politics"?

	Q14. When people like me get involved in politics, they really can change the way that the country is run.								
	Total	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Agree	Disagree
UnWtd. Total	1209	80	328	227	382	157	35	408	539
Wtd. Total	1180	73	321	237	368	148	33	394	516
Irrelevant/doesn't involve me/ something for other people	15	-	0	4	7	4	-	0	11
	1%	-	0%	2%	2%	3%	-	0%	2%
	100%	-	3%	25%	44%	28%	-	3%	72%
Party system/alignment of groups	8	1	4	1	2	0	-	5	2
	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	-	1%	0%
	100%	9%	50%	11%	25%	5%	-	59%	30%
Boring	4	-	-	2	-	2	0	-	2
	0%	-	-	1%	-	1%	1%	-	0%
	100%	-	-	53%	-	37%	10%	-	37%
Religion	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
	0%	1%	0%	-	-	-	-	0%	-
	100%	51%	49%	-	-	-	-	100%	-
Other	106	6	27	23	28	18	4	33	46
	9%	8%	8%	10%	8%	12%	12%	8%	9%
	100%	5%	26%	21%	27%	17%	4%	31%	44%
None of these	38	0	7	9	7	9	6	7	16
	3%	1%	2%	4%	2%	6%	19%	2%	3%
	100%	1%	18%	23%	18%	24%	16%	19%	42%
Don't know	94	5	20	19	23	20	8	25	43
	8%	7%	6%	8%	6%	14%	24%	6%	8%
	100%	5%	21%	20%	24%	21%	8%	27%	45%

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Table 13

Q12.

How much, if anything, do you feel you know about politics?

Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above	
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408	
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426	
A great deal	(4) 47	42	5	-	10	11	8	17	21	19	4	2	31	1	15	11	33	4	14	33	7	33	
		4%	7%	1%	-	5%	5%	4%	4%	7%	6%	2%	1%	6%	1%	3%	4%	5%	2%	3%	4%	3%	8%
A fair amount	(3) 415	237	177	29	64	76	82	163	149	131	70	65	200	36	178	73	281	60	132	282	61	189	
		35%	42%	29%	22%	31%	33%	42%	39%	52%	38%	29%	21%	38%	27%	35%	29%	39%	30%	33%	36%	22%	44%
Not very much	(2) 603	245	357	73	117	124	87	202	104	171	148	179	262	89	251	128	361	112	206	396	152	191	
		51%	43%	58%	55%	56%	54%	45%	49%	36%	50%	61%	58%	49%	66%	49%	51%	50%	56%	51%	51%	54%	45%
Nothing at all	(1) 113	40	73	30	18	17	16	32	9	23	21	59	39	9	65	40	47	26	50	63	61	13	
		10%	7%	12%	22%	9%	7%	8%	8%	3%	7%	9%	19%	7%	7%	13%	16%	6%	13%	12%	8%	22%	3%
Don't know	3	1	2	2	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	3	2	1	-	1	2	1	-	
		0%	0%	0%	1%	-	-	1%	-	0%	0%	-	0%	-	1%	1%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	-	
A great deal/fair amount	462	279	182	29	74	88	90	181	170	150	74	67	231	37	193	84	314	64	146	315	68	221	
		39%	49%	30%	22%	35%	38%	47%	44%	60%	43%	30%	22%	43%	28%	38%	33%	43%	32%	36%	41%	24%	52%
Not very much/nothing at all	716	285	430	103	135	141	103	234	113	194	170	239	301	98	316	168	408	139	256	459	213	204	
		61%	50%	70%	77%	65%	62%	53%	56%	40%	56%	70%	78%	57%	72%	62%	66%	56%	68%	64%	59%	76%	48%
Net a great deal/fair amount	-254	-6	-248	-74	-62	-53	-13	-53	57	-44	-95	-171	-70	-61	-123	-84	-94	-75	-110	-144	-145	17	
		-22%	-1%	-40%	-55%	-29%	-23%	-6%	-13%	20%	-13%	-39%	-56%	-13%	-45%	-24%	-33%	-13%	-37%	-27%	-19%	4%	
Mean score	2.34	2.50	2.19	1.99	2.31	2.36	2.43	2.40	2.64	2.42	2.23	2.03	2.42	2.22	2.28	2.22	2.42	2.20	2.27	2.37	2.05	2.57	
Std. Deviation	0.70	0.74	0.64	0.67	0.70	0.69	0.70	0.69	0.67	0.70	0.63	0.66	0.71	0.57	0.72	0.76	0.68	0.68	0.72	0.69	0.73	0.68	
Std. Error	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.04	

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Table 13 (CONT.)

Q12.

How much, if anything, do you feel you know about politics?

Base: All respondents

	Government			GO Region												Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Total	Satis-fied	Dissat-ified	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks./Humbs.	Scot-land	Wales	N.Ire-land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
A great deal	(4) 47	13	31	46	4	6	10	-	6	6	-	5	3	4	1	1	44	-	3	-	46	1
		4%	5%	4%	5%	6%	7%	-	5%	4%	-	4%	3%	4%	1%	3%	4%	-	8%	-	7%	0%
A fair amount	(3) 415	126	257	403	34	35	44	15	55	57	35	27	41	35	25	11	397	4	10	3	354	61
		35%	38%	35%	40%	33%	31%	29%	40%	35%	37%	25%	42%	36%	43%	33%	36%	17%	30%	25%	53%	12%
Not very much	(2) 603	177	345	588	41	55	76	26	61	87	55	69	40	51	26	15	565	14	16	6	255	346
		51%	49%	51%	51%	48%	53%	52%	50%	44%	54%	58%	41%	53%	45%	43%	51%	66%	48%	52%	38%	67%
Nothing at all	(1) 113	40	39	106	6	8	12	11	16	12	6	8	14	6	7	7	103	4	5	2	9	104
		10%	11%	9%	8%	8%	9%	21%	12%	7%	6%	8%	14%	6%	11%	21%	9%	17%	14%	14%	1%	20%
Don't know	3	2	1	3	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	3
		0%	1%	0%	-	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-	9%	-	1%
A great deal/fair amount	462	139	288	449	38	41	55	15	62	63	35	32	45	39	26	12	441	4	13	3	400	62
		39%	43%	39%	44%	39%	38%	29%	44%	39%	37%	29%	45%	41%	44%	36%	40%	17%	38%	25%	60%	12%
Not very much/nothing at all	716	217	384	694	47	63	88	37	77	99	61	77	54	57	33	22	668	18	21	7	264	450
		61%	57%	61%	56%	61%	61%	71%	56%	61%	63%	71%	55%	59%	56%	64%	60%	83%	62%	66%	40%	87%
Net a great deal/fair amount	-254	-78	-96	-245	-10	-22	-33	-22	-16	-36	-26	-46	-9	-18	-7	-9	-227	-14	-8	-5	136	-388
		-22%	-14%	-21%	-12%	-21%	-23%	-42%	-11%	-22%	-27%	-42%	-9%	-19%	-12%	-27%	-20%	-66%	-24%	-41%	20%	-75%
Mean score	2.34	2.31	2.42	2.34	2.41	2.37	2.37	2.07	2.37	2.36	2.31	2.26	2.35	2.39	2.34	2.19	2.34	2.00	2.32	2.12	2.66	1.92
Std. Deviation	0.70	0.72	0.67	0.70	0.70	0.71	0.74	0.71	0.75	0.67	0.58	0.66	0.76	0.67	0.69	0.81	0.70	0.60	0.82	0.68	0.63	0.57
Std. Error	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.11	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.06	0.10	0.10	0.02	0.14	0.15	0.22	0.03	0.03

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Table 13 (CONT.)

Q12.

How much, if anything, do you feel you know about politics?

Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Total	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes		No
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
A great deal	(4) 47	2	37	47	-	15	31	20	27	6	4	17	7	7	11	10	25	34	12	49
		4%	2%	5%	10%	-	4%	12%	3%	7%	4%	3%	4%	8%	6%	4%	3%	7%	2%	4%
A fair amount	(3) 415	26	323	415	-	163	251	94	321	31	32	204	47	29	56	94	253	232	182	432
		35%	19%	44%	90%	-	40%	35%	57%	32%	36%	31%	31%	35%	33%	36%	35%	44%	28%	36%
Not very much	(2) 603	62	327	-	603	197	384	50	553	33	49	300	86	42	85	135	367	235	368	595
		51%	46%	45%	-	84%	49%	31%	54%	38%	48%	53%	57%	51%	50%	52%	51%	45%	56%	49%
Nothing at all	(1) 113	45	38	-	113	29	57	-	113	14	18	45	11	5	18	20	68	23	90	130
		10%	33%	5%	-	16%	7%	8%	-	11%	17%	18%	8%	6%	11%	8%	9%	4%	14%	11%
Don't know	3	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	3
		0%	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%	2%	-	0%	-	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	0%
A great deal/fair amount	462	28	360	462	-	178	281	113	348	37	36	222	54	36	67	105	278	267	195	481
		39%	21%	50%	100%	-	44%	39%	69%	34%	43%	35%	39%	36%	39%	40%	39%	51%	30%	40%
Not very much/nothing at all	716	107	365	-	716	226	441	50	666	48	67	345	97	47	103	155	435	258	458	725
		61%	79%	50%	-	100%	56%	31%	65%	55%	65%	61%	64%	56%	61%	60%	61%	49%	70%	60%
Net a great deal/fair amount	-254	-79	-5	462	-716	-47	-160	63	-317	-11	-32	-123	-44	-11	-37	-51	-157	9	-263	-244
		-22%	-58%	-1%	100%	-100%	-12%	39%	-31%	-12%	-31%	-22%	-29%	-13%	-22%	-20%	-22%	2%	-40%	-20%
Mean score	2.34	1.89	2.49	3.10	1.84	2.41	2.35	2.81	2.26	2.34	2.21	2.34	2.32	2.46	2.35	2.37	2.33	2.53	2.18	2.33
Std. Deviation	0.70	0.77	0.68	0.30	0.36	0.68	0.69	0.63	0.68	0.85	0.77	0.67	0.68	0.73	0.75	0.68	0.69	0.69	0.68	0.72
Std. Error	0.02	0.07	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.10	0.08	0.03	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02

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Table 14

Q13.

What is the name of your local Member of Parliament for this constituency since May 2005?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Gave correct answer	524	256	269	29	64	103	105	222	159	150	105	111	219	71	234	74	365	86	170	355	110	216
	44%	45%	44%	22%	31%	45%	54%	54%	56%	43%	43%	36%	41%	52%	46%	29%	50%	42%	42%	46%	39%	51%
Gave name of former MP (to May 2005)	24	12	11	4	4	4	4	7	6	11	3	2	15	2	7	4	16	4	10	14	5	10
	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%
Gave other wrong answer	86	39	46	6	8	22	15	34	14	28	20	24	41	10	35	14	49	22	28	58	25	24
	7%	7%	8%	4%	4%	10%	8%	8%	5%	8%	8%	8%	8%	7%	7%	5%	7%	11%	7%	7%	9%	6%
Don't know	546	258	288	94	133	99	69	151	104	157	116	169	258	53	236	162	294	90	195	351	141	175
	46%	46%	47%	71%	63%	44%	36%	36%	37%	45%	47%	55%	48%	39%	46%	64%	41%	45%	48%	45%	50%	41%

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Table 14 (CONT.)

Q13.

What is the name of your local Member of Parliament for this constituency since May 2005?

Base: All respondents

	Government		GO Region													Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Satis-fied	Dissat-ified	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks./Humbs.	Scot-land	Wales	N.Ire-land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested	
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
Gave correct answer	524	145	322	506	42	55	51	23	74	75	48	48	45	26	20	18	505	4	13	3	358	167
	44%	41%	48%	44%	49%	53%	35%	44%	53%	46%	50%	44%	46%	27%	34%	54%	45%	18%	37%	25%	54%	32%
Gave name of former MP (to May 2005)	24	5	13	23	-	2	3	2	-	1	3	3	4	5	-	1	23	-	1	-	11	13
	2%	1%	2%	2%	-	2%	2%	3%	-	1%	3%	3%	4%	5%	-	3%	2%	-	3%	-	2%	2%
Gave other wrong answer	86	26	53	84	5	7	11	5	2	14	7	5	3	16	8	2	80	2	2	1	53	33
	7%	7%	8%	7%	6%	7%	8%	10%	1%	9%	8%	5%	3%	16%	14%	6%	7%	11%	6%	11%	8%	6%
Don't know	546	181	286	533	38	40	80	23	63	73	38	53	46	49	31	13	504	15	18	7	242	302
	46%	51%	42%	47%	45%	38%	55%	43%	46%	45%	39%	49%	47%	51%	52%	38%	45%	71%	54%	64%	37%	59%

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Table 14 (CONT.)

Q13.

What is the name of your local Member of Parliament for this constituency since May 2005?

Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Gave correct answer	524	35	394	267	258	206	311	105	420	33	45	256	93	32	81	125	300	524	-	545
	44%	26%	54%	58%	36%	51%	43%	64%	41%	38%	44%	45%	62%	39%	48%	48%	42%	100%	-	45%
Gave name of former MP (to May 2005)	24	4	14	12	12	8	16	6	18	1	-	15	-	1	3	9	11	-	24	25
	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	-	3%	-	1%	2%	3%	2%	-	4%	2%
Gave other wrong answer	86	4	65	36	49	22	58	10	75	5	12	28	4	12	18	15	51	-	86	89
	7%	3%	9%	8%	7%	5%	8%	6%	7%	6%	12%	5%	2%	14%	11%	6%	7%	-	13%	7%
Don't know	546	92	253	147	397	168	339	42	504	48	46	268	54	38	68	111	354	-	546	550
	46%	68%	35%	32%	56%	42%	47%	26%	50%	55%	44%	47%	36%	46%	40%	43%	49%	-	83%	45%

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Table 15

Q14.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- When people like me get involved in politics, they really can change the way that the country is run.

Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Strongly agree	(2) 73	33	40	6	8	18	10	31	20	19	12	22	26	11	36	20	42	11	18	55	21	35
		6%	6%	5%	4%	8%	5%	8%	7%	5%	5%	7%	5%	8%	7%	8%	6%	5%	5%	7%	7%	8%
Tend to agree	(1) 321	143	178	39	59	51	56	115	100	85	62	75	134	38	149	63	200	58	114	207	69	133
		27%	29%	30%	28%	22%	29%	28%	35%	25%	25%	24%	25%	28%	29%	25%	28%	29%	28%	27%	24%	31%
Neither agree nor disagree	(0) 237	117	120	32	43	63	32	67	51	68	49	68	108	33	96	58	148	31	93	144	51	78
		20%	20%	24%	20%	28%	17%	16%	18%	20%	20%	22%	20%	24%	19%	23%	21%	15%	23%	19%	18%	18%
Tend to disagree	(-1) 368	190	178	28	68	70	63	140	78	125	83	83	180	38	151	64	240	64	120	248	83	142
		31%	29%	21%	32%	31%	32%	34%	27%	36%	34%	27%	34%	28%	29%	25%	33%	32%	30%	32%	30%	33%
Strongly disagree	(-2) 148	74	74	21	24	23	32	48	31	42	29	45	74	11	63	35	80	32	45	103	41	32
		13%	12%	16%	11%	10%	16%	12%	11%	12%	12%	15%	14%	8%	12%	14%	11%	16%	11%	13%	15%	7%
Don't know	33	8	24	7	7	3	2	13	4	6	9	13	11	5	17	14	12	7	14	19	17	6
		3%	4%	5%	3%	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	4%	4%	2%	3%	3%	6%	2%	3%	3%	2%	6%	1%
Agree	394	176	218	45	67	69	66	146	120	103	74	97	160	49	185	82	243	69	132	262	89	168
		33%	35%	34%	32%	30%	34%	35%	42%	30%	30%	32%	30%	36%	36%	32%	34%	34%	33%	34%	32%	39%
Disagree	516	264	252	49	92	93	94	188	109	167	112	128	253	49	214	99	321	96	165	351	125	173
		44%	41%	37%	44%	41%	48%	45%	38%	48%	46%	42%	48%	37%	42%	39%	44%	48%	41%	45%	44%	41%
Net agree	-122	-88	-35	-4	-24	-24	-28	-42	11	-64	-38	-31	-93	-1	-28	-17	-78	-27	-33	-89	-35	-5
		-10%	-6%	-3%	-12%	-11%	-15%	-10%	4%	-19%	-15%	-10%	-17%	-1%	-6%	-7%	-11%	-13%	-8%	-11%	-13%	-1%
Mean score	-0.17	-0.23	-0.12	-0.15	-0.20	-0.13	-0.26	-0.15	-0.00	-0.26	-0.23	-0.19	-0.27	-0.01	-0.11	-0.14	-0.16	-0.25	-0.15	-0.18	-0.21	-0.01
Std. Deviation	1.16	1.15	1.17	1.18	1.11	1.12	1.19	1.19	1.17	1.13	1.12	1.19	1.14	1.13	1.18	1.20	1.13	1.20	1.11	1.18	1.21	1.14
Std. Error	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.13	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.10	0.05	0.09	0.04	0.09	0.06	0.05	0.08	0.06

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Table 15 (CONT.)

Q14.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- When people like me get involved in politics, they really can change the way that the country is run.

Base: All respondents

	Government			GO Region												Ethnicity				Interest in politics			
	Total	Satis- fied	Dissat- isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot- land	Wales	N.Ire -land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested	
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533	
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514	
Strongly agree	(2) 73	22	43	70	2	5	13	2	5	8	6	7	7	9	5	3	66	3	4	-	58	15	
		6%	6%	6%	6%	3%	5%	9%	4%	4%	5%	7%	6%	7%	9%	8%	10%	6%	14%	11%	-	9%	3%
Tend to agree	(1) 321	109	185	312	21	24	44	16	37	47	27	28	25	24	17	9	307	5	6	2	222	100	
		27%	30%	27%	27%	25%	23%	31%	31%	27%	29%	28%	25%	25%	26%	28%	28%	24%	19%	19%	33%	19%	
Neither agree nor disagree	(0) 237	89	120	229	25	23	30	4	23	37	16	29	19	12	12	8	216	1	13	5	132	105	
		20%	25%	18%	20%	29%	22%	21%	8%	17%	23%	17%	27%	19%	12%	20%	19%	6%	39%	46%	20%	20%	
Tend to disagree	(-1) 368	95	228	359	26	37	38	15	46	52	35	32	30	35	13	9	350	7	8	3	197	172	
		31%	26%	34%	31%	31%	35%	27%	29%	33%	32%	36%	29%	31%	37%	22%	27%	31%	32%	22%	29%	30%	33%
Strongly disagree	(-2) 148	32	89	145	10	10	15	10	23	15	9	13	18	13	10	3	142	2	3	-	47	101	
		13%	9%	13%	13%	12%	10%	10%	19%	17%	9%	9%	12%	18%	14%	16%	9%	13%	11%	9%	-	7%	20%
Don't know	33	12	9	31	-	5	5	4	5	3	2	1	-	2	3	1	29	3	-	1	9	22	
		3%	3%	1%	3%	-	5%	4%	8%	3%	2%	3%	1%	-	2%	5%	4%	3%	13%	-	5%	1%	4%
Agree	394	130	228	382	24	30	57	19	42	56	34	34	32	33	21	13	374	8	10	2	280	114	
		33%	36%	34%	33%	28%	28%	39%	35%	31%	34%	35%	32%	32%	35%	36%	37%	34%	38%	30%	19%	42%	22%
Disagree	516	126	317	504	36	47	53	25	69	67	43	44	48	48	23	12	492	9	11	3	243	273	
		44%	35%	47%	44%	43%	45%	37%	48%	49%	41%	45%	41%	49%	50%	38%	36%	44%	43%	31%	29%	37%	53%
Net agree	-122	4	-89	-122	-13	-17	4	-7	-26	-11	-10	-10	-16	-15	-1	0	-119	-1	-0	-1	36	-158	
		-10%	1%	-13%	-11%	-15%	-16%	3%	-13%	-19%	-7%	-10%	-9%	-17%	-15%	-2%	1%	-11%	-5%	-1%	-10%	5%	-31%
Mean score	-0.17	-0.02	-0.20	-0.18	-0.24	-0.22	0.01	-0.30	-0.33	-0.11	-0.13	-0.15	-0.28	-0.20	-0.11	0.01	-0.18	-0.02	0.01	-0.11	0.07	-0.50	
Std. Deviation	1.16	1.10	1.17	1.16	1.05	1.09	1.17	1.27	1.17	1.10	1.14	1.12	1.22	1.25	1.26	1.19	1.16	1.37	1.12	0.74	1.13	1.12	
Std. Error	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.20	0.11	0.09	0.12	0.12	0.14	0.12	0.18	0.15	0.04	0.34	0.21	0.24	0.05	0.05	

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Table 15 (CONT.)

Q14.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- When people like me get involved in politics, they really can change the way that the country is run.

Base: All respondents

	Total	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total
		Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No	
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Strongly agree	(2) 73 6%	3 2%	56 8%	43 9%	30 4%	31 8%	41 6%	24 15%	49 5%	5 6%	4 4%	37 7%	6 4%	3 4%	5 3%	13 5%	52 7%	33 6%	40 6%	80 7%
Tend to agree	(1) 321 27%	22 16%	233 32%	161 35%	159 22%	134 33%	184 25%	57 35%	264 26%	17 20%	28 27%	158 28%	44 29%	24 29%	45 27%	73 28%	194 27%	163 31%	158 24%	328 27%
Neither agree nor disagree	(0) 237 20%	21 16%	137 19%	91 20%	146 20%	90 22%	132 18%	31 19%	205 20%	17 20%	17 16%	129 23%	28 18%	16 19%	27 16%	52 20%	151 21%	115 22%	122 19%	227 19%
Tend to disagree	(-1) 368 31%	40 29%	220 30%	127 28%	241 34%	112 28%	246 34%	43 27%	325 32%	29 34%	35 33%	161 28%	57 38%	30 36%	63 37%	84 32%	211 30%	162 31%	206 31%	382 32%
Strongly disagree	(-2) 148 13%	44 32%	63 9%	36 8%	111 15%	24 6%	114 16%	6 4%	142 14%	15 17%	14 13%	70 12%	16 10%	8 10%	27 16%	33 13%	85 12%	40 8%	107 16%	157 13%
Don't know	33 3%	6 4%	17 2%	3 1%	28 4%	14 3%	7 1%	1 1%	31 3%	3 3%	6 5%	14 2%	1 1%	2 3%	3 2%	5 2%	23 3%	10 2%	22 3%	35 3%
Agree	394 33%	25 19%	289 40%	204 44%	189 26%	165 41%	225 31%	81 50%	313 31%	22 26%	33 32%	195 34%	49 33%	28 33%	50 29%	86 33%	245 34%	197 37%	198 30%	408 34%
Disagree	516 44%	83 62%	283 39%	163 35%	352 49%	136 34%	359 50%	49 30%	467 46%	44 51%	48 47%	230 41%	73 48%	38 46%	90 53%	117 45%	296 41%	203 39%	314 48%	539 45%
Net agree	-122 -10%	-58 -43%	6 1%	41 9%	-163 -23%	29 7%	-135 -19%	32 19%	-154 -15%	-22 -25%	-16 -15%	-36 -6%	-23 -15%	-10 -13%	-40 -24%	-31 -12%	-51 -7%	-6 -1%	-116 -18%	-131 -11%
Mean score	-0.17	-0.76	-0.00	0.10	-0.35	0.09	-0.29	0.31	-0.25	-0.37	-0.25	-0.12	-0.22	-0.19	-0.38	-0.20	-0.12	-0.03	-0.29	-0.18
Std. Deviation	1.16	1.17	1.15	1.15	1.13	1.09	1.18	1.13	1.15	1.18	1.16	1.15	1.10	1.10	1.13	1.14	1.17	1.10	1.19	1.18
Std. Error	0.04	0.11	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.09	0.04	0.14	0.13	0.05	0.10	0.13	0.09	0.08	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04

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Table 16

Q15.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- I want to have a say in how the country is run.

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Strongly agree	(2) 269	147	123	27	48	53	48	93	86	93	44	47	128	28	113	61	172	36	91	178	33	142
		23%	26%	20%	20%	23%	23%	25%	30%	27%	18%	15%	24%	21%	22%	24%	24%	18%	23%	23%	12%	33%
Tend to agree	(1) 526	245	281	57	87	109	89	183	148	150	112	116	250	61	215	101	335	89	175	350	103	191
		45%	43%	46%	43%	42%	48%	46%	52%	43%	46%	38%	47%	45%	42%	40%	46%	44%	43%	45%	37%	45%
Neither agree nor disagree	(0) 171	81	89	14	38	39	24	55	26	51	37	57	70	23	77	34	105	31	63	107	52	50
		14%	14%	15%	11%	18%	17%	13%	9%	15%	15%	18%	13%	17%	15%	13%	15%	15%	16%	14%	18%	12%
Tend to disagree	(-1) 147	68	79	23	28	16	24	56	13	40	36	57	63	17	66	39	80	27	48	98	53	35
		12%	12%	13%	17%	13%	7%	12%	5%	12%	15%	19%	12%	13%	13%	16%	11%	13%	12%	13%	19%	8%
Strongly disagree	(-2) 55	22	33	7	7	10	8	23	9	8	14	23	17	5	33	12	25	18	19	36	34	6
		5%	4%	5%	5%	3%	4%	4%	3%	2%	6%	8%	3%	3%	6%	5%	3%	9%	5%	5%	12%	1%
Don't know	13	3	10	5	1	1	1	5	2	4	-	7	4	1	8	6	6	1	6	7	6	2
		1%	1%	2%	4%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	-	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Agree	795	391	404	84	135	162	137	276	234	242	156	163	378	89	328	163	507	126	266	529	136	333
		67%	69%	66%	63%	65%	71%	71%	82%	70%	64%	53%	71%	66%	64%	64%	70%	62%	66%	68%	48%	78%
Disagree	201	90	112	30	35	26	32	79	22	49	50	80	81	22	99	51	105	45	67	134	87	41
		17%	16%	18%	22%	17%	11%	16%	8%	14%	21%	26%	15%	16%	19%	20%	15%	22%	17%	17%	31%	10%
Net agree	594	302	292	54	100	137	106	197	212	194	105	83	298	67	229	112	402	81	199	395	49	292
		50%	53%	48%	41%	48%	60%	54%	74%	56%	43%	27%	56%	49%	45%	44%	56%	40%	49%	51%	17%	69%
Mean score	0.69	0.76	0.63	0.58	0.68	0.79	0.75	0.65	1.02	0.81	0.55	0.36	0.77	0.67	0.61	0.65	0.76	0.49	0.68	0.70	0.18	1.01
Std. Deviation	1.10	1.09	1.11	1.16	1.08	1.02	1.09	1.14	0.93	1.04	1.12	1.18	1.05	1.06	1.16	1.15	1.05	1.19	1.10	1.10	1.24	0.95
Std. Error	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.12	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.09	0.05	0.08	0.04	0.09	0.06	0.04	0.08	0.05

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Table 16 (CONT.)

Q15.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- I want to have a say in how the country is run.

Base: All respondents

	Government			GO Region												Ethnicity				Interest in politics			
	Total	Satis- fied	Dissat- isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot- land	Wales	N.Ire -land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested	
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533	
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514	
Strongly agree	(2) 269	58	194	260	15	30	32	10	32	39	28	18	23	20	13	9	257	1	11	-	228	41	
		23%	16%	29%	23%	17%	29%	22%	19%	23%	24%	29%	17%	24%	21%	21%	23%	6%	32%	-	34%	8%	
Tend to agree	(1) 526	169	303	515	43	50	55	20	58	76	37	55	46	49	24	10	504	5	10	7	330	195	
		45%	47%	45%	45%	51%	48%	38%	37%	42%	47%	39%	50%	47%	52%	41%	45%	25%	28%	59%	50%	38%	
Neither agree nor disagree	(0) 171	67	81	166	17	14	22	8	17	22	14	24	12	10	6	4	154	5	7	3	63	107	
		14%	19%	12%	15%	20%	13%	15%	12%	13%	15%	22%	12%	11%	10%	13%	14%	22%	20%	27%	10%	21%	
Tend to disagree	(-1) 147	44	67	139	8	7	24	8	18	23	12	7	14	11	8	7	134	5	6	2	38	108	
		12%	10%	12%	10%	7%	17%	14%	13%	14%	12%	6%	14%	12%	13%	21%	12%	21%	18%	14%	6%	21%	
Strongly disagree	(-2) 55	20	20	52	2	1	7	6	10	2	4	4	3	4	9	2	50	4	1	-	1	53	
		5%	5%	3%	5%	2%	1%	5%	11%	8%	1%	4%	4%	3%	5%	15%	7%	5%	16%	2%	-	0%	
Don't know	13	2	8	13	-	1	4	2	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	11	2	-	-	3	9	
		1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	3%	3%	3%	1%	1%	-	-	-	2%	1%	9%	-	-	0%	2%	
Agree	795	226	497	776	58	81	88	30	90	115	65	73	70	69	37	20	761	7	21	7	558	236	
		67%	63%	74%	68%	68%	78%	61%	56%	65%	71%	68%	67%	71%	72%	63%	57%	68%	31%	60%	59%	84%	46%
Disagree	201	63	87	192	10	9	31	13	28	25	15	11	17	16	16	10	185	8	7	2	40	162	
		17%	18%	13%	17%	12%	8%	22%	25%	20%	15%	16%	10%	17%	17%	28%	17%	37%	20%	14%	6%	31%	
Net agree	594	163	409	584	48	72	57	16	61	90	50	62	53	53	21	10	576	-1	14	5	519	75	
		50%	46%	61%	51%	56%	69%	39%	31%	44%	56%	52%	57%	54%	56%	35%	52%	-6%	41%	45%	78%	15%	
Mean score	0.69	0.56	0.88	0.70	0.72	0.98	0.58	0.41	0.61	0.79	0.79	0.70	0.75	0.72	0.42	0.49	0.71	-0.18	0.70	0.45	1.13	0.12	
Std. Deviation	1.10	1.07	1.04	1.09	0.93	0.91	1.16	1.28	1.20	1.01	1.11	0.96	1.06	1.07	1.36	1.31	1.09	1.25	1.16	0.76	0.82	1.16	
Std. Error	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.11	0.09	0.11	0.20	0.11	0.08	0.12	0.10	0.12	0.10	0.19	0.17	0.03	0.30	0.22	0.23	0.03	0.05	

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Q15.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- I want to have a say in how the country is run.

Base: All respondents

	Total	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total
		Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No	
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Strongly agree	(2) 269	14	216	181	88	90	178	83	186	16	18	132	41	21	38	54	168	149	120	276
		23%	10%	30%	39%	22%	25%	51%	18%	19%	17%	23%	27%	25%	23%	21%	23%	28%	18%	23%
Tend to agree	(1) 526	40	335	204	321	206	317	59	466	34	43	242	80	42	74	130	312	240	286	525
		45%	30%	46%	44%	51%	44%	36%	46%	40%	42%	43%	53%	50%	43%	50%	44%	46%	44%	43%
Neither agree nor disagree	(0) 171	26	82	47	124	49	106	11	160	12	17	97	14	9	22	42	102	66	104	171
		14%	19%	11%	10%	12%	15%	7%	16%	14%	17%	17%	9%	11%	13%	16%	14%	13%	16%	14%
Tend to disagree	(-1) 147	31	69	28	119	42	91	10	137	16	19	66	12	8	26	23	90	50	96	162
		12%	23%	10%	6%	10%	13%	6%	13%	18%	18%	12%	8%	10%	15%	9%	13%	10%	15%	13%
Strongly disagree	(-2) 55	23	17	2	52	14	28	-	55	7	3	22	4	2	10	9	33	16	38	61
		5%	17%	2%	0%	4%	4%	-	5%	8%	3%	4%	3%	2%	6%	3%	5%	3%	6%	5%
Don't know	13	1	6	-	12	3	4	-	13	1	3	8	-	1	-	2	10	2	11	14
		1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	3%	1%	-	1%	-	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%
Agree	795	54	551	385	409	296	494	143	653	51	61	374	121	63	112	184	480	389	406	801
		67%	40%	76%	83%	73%	68%	87%	64%	58%	59%	66%	80%	76%	66%	71%	67%	74%	62%	66%
Disagree	201	55	86	30	171	56	119	10	192	23	22	88	16	10	37	32	124	66	135	223
		17%	40%	12%	6%	14%	16%	6%	19%	27%	21%	16%	10%	12%	21%	12%	17%	13%	21%	18%
Net agree	594	-1	465	355	239	240	375	133	461	27	39	285	105	53	75	152	356	323	271	578
		50%	-1%	64%	77%	59%	52%	82%	45%	32%	38%	50%	70%	63%	44%	59%	50%	62%	41%	48%
Mean score	0.69	-0.08	0.92	1.16	0.39	0.79	0.73	1.33	0.59	0.43	0.53	0.71	0.94	0.87	0.61	0.77	0.70	0.87	0.55	0.66
Std. Deviation	1.10	1.28	1.00	0.87	1.13	1.02	1.09	0.84	1.10	1.24	1.09	1.08	0.96	0.99	1.17	0.99	1.11	1.03	1.13	1.12
Std. Error	0.03	0.12	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.07	0.04	0.14	0.12	0.05	0.08	0.11	0.09	0.07	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.03

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Table 17

Q16.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- I have a say in how the country is run at the moment.

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Strongly agree	(2) 19	14	6	0	2	3	6	8	6	4	5	5	9	1	9	5	9	5	4	16	7	5
	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%
Tend to agree	(1) 247	118	129	25	41	37	53	91	71	78	42	56	108	36	103	51	157	39	74	173	48	108
	21%	21%	21%	19%	19%	16%	27%	22%	25%	23%	17%	18%	20%	26%	20%	20%	22%	19%	18%	22%	17%	25%
Neither agree nor disagree	(0) 162	79	83	22	36	43	24	37	38	48	39	37	82	20	60	44	99	20	63	99	32	84
	14%	14%	13%	16%	17%	19%	13%	9%	13%	14%	16%	12%	15%	15%	12%	17%	14%	10%	16%	13%	12%	20%
Tend to disagree	(-1) 386	185	201	42	61	85	53	145	99	120	81	86	176	45	165	78	244	64	126	260	79	138
	33%	33%	33%	32%	29%	37%	27%	35%	35%	35%	33%	28%	33%	33%	32%	31%	34%	31%	31%	33%	28%	32%
Strongly disagree	(-2) 349	166	183	41	65	59	58	126	69	90	74	116	153	33	163	70	209	70	132	217	107	88
	30%	29%	30%	31%	31%	26%	30%	30%	24%	26%	30%	38%	29%	24%	32%	28%	29%	34%	33%	28%	38%	21%
Don't know	16	4	12	3	4	1	-	8	-	5	4	7	3	1	11	6	5	5	4	12	8	3
	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	0%	-	2%	-	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%
Agree	267	131	135	26	43	40	59	99	77	82	47	61	118	37	112	56	166	44	78	189	55	113
	23%	23%	22%	19%	21%	18%	30%	24%	27%	24%	19%	20%	22%	27%	22%	22%	23%	22%	19%	24%	20%	27%
Disagree	735	351	384	83	126	145	111	270	169	210	154	202	329	78	329	148	454	133	258	477	186	226
	62%	62%	63%	62%	60%	63%	57%	65%	59%	61%	63%	66%	62%	57%	64%	58%	63%	66%	64%	61%	66%	53%
Net agree	-469	-220	-249	-57	-83	-104	-53	-171	-92	-128	-108	-141	-212	-41	-216	-91	-288	-89	-180	-288	-131	-113
	-40%	-39%	-41%	-43%	-40%	-46%	-27%	-41%	-32%	-37%	-44%	-46%	-40%	-30%	-42%	-36%	-40%	-44%	-45%	-37%	-46%	-26%
Mean score	-0.69	-0.66	-0.71	-0.75	-0.71	-0.71	-0.54	-0.71	-0.55	-0.63	-0.74	-0.84	-0.67	-0.54	-0.74	-0.63	-0.68	-0.78	-0.77	-0.64	-0.84	-0.46
Std. Deviation	1.16	1.18	1.14	1.11	1.15	1.07	1.26	1.18	1.17	1.14	1.13	1.17	1.15	1.15	1.17	1.16	1.15	1.20	1.13	1.17	1.20	1.12
Std. Error	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.12	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.10	0.05	0.08	0.04	0.09	0.06	0.04	0.07	0.06

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Q16.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- I have a say in how the country is run at the moment.

Base: All respondents

	Government			GO Region												Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Total	Satis-fied	Dissat-ified	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot-land	Wales	N.Ire-land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
Strongly agree	(2) 19	8	9	18	1	4	1	-	4	1	2	1	2	0	2	1	18	-	1	-	18	1
		2%	1%	2%	1%	4%	0%	-	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	3%	4%	2%	-	4%	-	3%	0%
Tend to agree	(1) 247	112	116	240	19	16	33	13	32	31	18	20	14	27	18	7	231	4	8	4	176	71
		21%	17%	21%	23%	15%	23%	24%	23%	19%	18%	18%	14%	29%	30%	20%	21%	20%	24%	38%	27%	14%
Neither agree nor disagree	(0) 162	60	83	158	9	14	19	2	17	22	9	26	11	22	5	4	149	5	7	-	98	62
		14%	12%	14%	11%	13%	13%	4%	13%	14%	10%	23%	12%	23%	9%	13%	13%	24%	22%	-	15%	12%
Tend to disagree	(-1) 386	97	246	376	26	42	48	12	43	68	33	35	38	22	10	10	368	8	8	3	226	160
		33%	36%	33%	30%	41%	33%	22%	31%	42%	34%	32%	39%	23%	16%	30%	33%	35%	23%	26%	34%	31%
Strongly disagree	(-2) 349	73	216	339	29	28	43	23	42	37	32	26	31	23	23	11	332	5	9	2	140	209
		30%	32%	30%	35%	27%	30%	43%	30%	22%	34%	24%	32%	24%	40%	32%	30%	21%	28%	20%	21%	41%
Don't know	16	9	3	15	0	-	-	3	1	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	14	-	-	2	5	11
		1%	0%	1%	1%	-	-	6%	0%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	-	-	15%	1%	2%
Agree	267	120	125	259	20	20	34	13	36	33	19	20	16	28	20	8	249	4	9	4	194	72
		23%	19%	23%	23%	19%	24%	24%	26%	20%	20%	19%	17%	29%	33%	24%	22%	20%	27%	38%	29%	14%
Disagree	735	170	462	714	55	70	91	35	85	104	65	61	69	45	33	21	700	12	17	5	366	369
		62%	69%	62%	65%	67%	63%	66%	61%	64%	68%	56%	71%	47%	56%	62%	63%	57%	51%	47%	55%	72%
Net agree	-469	-50	-336	-456	-35	-50	-57	-22	-49	-71	-46	-41	-53	-17	-14	-13	-451	-8	-8	-1	-172	-296
		-40%	-50%	-40%	-41%	-48%	-40%	-42%	-36%	-44%	-48%	-37%	-54%	-18%	-23%	-38%	-41%	-37%	-24%	-9%	-26%	-58%
Mean score	-0.69	-0.33	-0.81	-0.69	-0.76	-0.71	-0.69	-0.90	-0.63	-0.67	-0.81	-0.62	-0.85	-0.42	-0.60	-0.67	-0.70	-0.58	-0.48	-0.34	-0.45	-1.00
Std. Deviation	1.16	1.19	1.11	1.16	1.18	1.14	1.14	1.25	1.22	1.07	1.16	1.07	1.11	1.16	1.38	1.24	1.16	1.06	1.24	1.34	1.17	1.06
Std. Error	0.04	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.13	0.12	0.10	0.19	0.11	0.09	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.11	0.19	0.16	0.04	0.24	0.23	0.46	0.05	0.05

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Q16.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- I have a say in how the country is run at the moment.

Base: All respondents

	Total	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total
		Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No	
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Strongly agree	(2) 19	0	16	13	7	10	9	6	14	3	3	6	2	1	2	3	13	10	9	24
		2%	0%	2%	3%	3%	1%	4%	1%	4%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Tend to agree	(1) 247	7	194	126	120	124	121	38	209	13	21	112	31	17	36	53	152	127	120	252
		21%	6%	27%	17%	31%	17%	23%	21%	15%	21%	20%	21%	21%	21%	20%	21%	24%	18%	21%
Neither agree nor disagree	(0) 162	9	103	64	98	79	73	27	135	10	13	91	13	4	13	37	107	81	81	158
		14%	7%	14%	14%	20%	10%	17%	13%	11%	13%	16%	9%	4%	8%	14%	15%	16%	12%	13%
Tend to disagree	(-1) 386	26	248	160	225	114	263	58	328	28	34	189	55	38	59	89	227	177	209	391
		33%	19%	34%	31%	28%	36%	36%	32%	32%	33%	33%	37%	46%	35%	34%	32%	34%	32%	32%
Strongly disagree	(-2) 349	89	157	96	253	71	252	34	316	30	31	161	48	21	57	77	205	124	226	368
		30%	66%	22%	35%	17%	35%	21%	31%	34%	30%	28%	32%	26%	34%	29%	29%	24%	34%	30%
Don't know	16	3	7	2	14	6	6	-	16	3	-	8	1	1	3	1	11	5	11	16
		1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%	-	2%	3%	-	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Agree	267	8	210	139	127	135	130	44	223	16	25	118	33	19	38	56	165	138	129	276
		23%	6%	29%	18%	33%	18%	27%	22%	19%	24%	21%	22%	22%	22%	21%	23%	26%	20%	23%
Disagree	735	115	406	256	477	184	515	92	644	58	65	350	104	60	116	166	432	301	435	759
		62%	85%	56%	67%	46%	71%	56%	63%	67%	63%	62%	69%	72%	68%	64%	60%	57%	66%	63%
Net agree	-469	-107	-195	-117	-351	-49	-385	-48	-421	-41	-40	-232	-71	-41	-79	-110	-267	-163	-306	-483
		-40%	-79%	-27%	-49%	-12%	-53%	-29%	-41%	-48%	-39%	-41%	-47%	-49%	-46%	-43%	-37%	-31%	-47%	-40%
Mean score	-0.69	-1.48	-0.47	-0.44	-0.85	-0.27	-0.88	-0.47	-0.72	-0.81	-0.66	-0.69	-0.78	-0.74	-0.80	-0.71	-0.65	-0.53	-0.81	-0.69
Std. Deviation	1.16	0.88	1.17	1.18	1.12	1.16	1.11	1.16	1.15	1.19	1.21	1.12	1.14	1.12	1.16	1.13	1.16	1.16	1.15	1.17
Std. Error	0.04	0.08	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.09	0.04	0.14	0.13	0.05	0.10	0.13	0.09	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04

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Table 18

Q16.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- I have a say in how the country is run at the moment.

Base: All respondents

		Q15. I want to have a say in how the country is run.								
		Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Agree	Disagree	
UnWtd. Total		1209	276	525	171	162	61	14	801	223
Wtd. Total		1180	269	526	171	147	55	13	795	201
Strongly agree	(2)	19	10	7	2	1	-	-	17	1
		2%	4%	1%	1%	0%	-	-	2%	0%
		100%	52%	35%	9%	3%	-	-	88%	3%
Tend to agree	(1)	247	74	139	25	8	1	1	212	9
		21%	27%	26%	14%	6%	1%	8%	27%	4%
		100%	30%	56%	10%	3%	0%	0%	86%	4%
Neither agree nor disagree	(0)	162	37	74	36	9	2	4	111	10
		14%	14%	14%	21%	6%	3%	33%	14%	5%
		100%	23%	46%	22%	5%	1%	3%	69%	6%
Tend to disagree	(-1)	386	77	192	55	55	4	2	269	60
		33%	28%	37%	33%	38%	8%	16%	34%	30%
		100%	20%	50%	14%	14%	1%	1%	70%	16%
Strongly disagree	(-2)	349	71	110	48	71	45	4	181	116
		30%	26%	21%	28%	48%	82%	30%	23%	58%
		100%	20%	31%	14%	20%	13%	1%	52%	33%
Don't know		16	-	5	4	3	3	2	5	5
		1%	-	1%	2%	2%	5%	13%	1%	3%
		100%	-	29%	26%	17%	17%	11%	29%	34%
Agree		267	84	145	26	9	1	1	229	10
		23%	31%	28%	16%	6%	1%	8%	29%	5%
		100%	32%	55%	10%	3%	0%	0%	86%	4%
Disagree		735	148	302	104	126	49	6	450	176
		62%	55%	57%	61%	86%	90%	46%	57%	87%
		100%	20%	41%	14%	17%	7%	1%	61%	24%
Net agree		-469	-64	-156	-77	-117	-49	-5	-220	-166
		-40%	-24%	-30%	-45%	-80%	-89%	-37%	-28%	-83%
		100%	14%	33%	17%	25%	10%	1%	47%	35%
Mean score		-0.69	-0.46	-0.50	-0.75	-1.30	-1.81	-0.77	-0.49	-1.44
Std. Deviation		1.16	1.25	1.13	1.07	0.86	0.55	1.08	1.17	0.82
Std. Error		0.04	0.08	0.05	0.09	0.07	0.08	0.32	0.04	0.06

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Table 19

Q17.

Which of these statements best describes your opinion on the present system of governing the UK?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
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Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Works extremely well and could not be improved	17	5	12	2	3	1	1	9	2	9	2	5	3	1	12	3	9	4	4	13	8	3
	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%
Could be improved in small ways but mainly works well	387	209	178	47	74	72	72	122	106	117	76	88	185	55	147	88	242	57	138	250	76	164
	33%	37%	29%	36%	35%	32%	37%	30%	37%	34%	31%	29%	35%	41%	29%	35%	34%	28%	34%	32%	27%	39%
Could be improved quite a lot	480	220	260	58	88	95	75	164	117	149	91	123	216	54	211	99	303	78	170	310	107	182
	41%	39%	42%	43%	42%	41%	39%	40%	41%	43%	37%	40%	41%	40%	41%	39%	42%	39%	42%	40%	38%	43%
Needs a great deal of improvement	244	112	132	17	35	49	40	102	51	57	69	66	106	23	115	42	147	54	72	171	67	67
	21%	20%	21%	13%	17%	22%	20%	25%	18%	16%	28%	22%	20%	17%	22%	17%	20%	27%	18%	22%	24%	16%
Don't know	52	19	33	9	9	11	6	16	8	14	5	24	23	3	26	21	22	9	19	33	24	10
	4%	3%	5%	7%	5%	5%	3%	4%	3%	4%	2%	8%	4%	2%	5%	8%	3%	4%	5%	4%	9%	2%

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Which of these statements best describes your opinion on the present system of governing the UK?

Base: All respondents

	Government		GO Region													Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Satis- fied	Dissat- isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot- land	Wales	N.Ire- land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested	
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
Works extremely well and could not be improved	17	8	6	16	-	1	5	3	-	-	2	2	1	1	-	1	14	1	2	-	6	11
	1%	2%	1%	1%	-	1%	4%	6%	-	-	2%	2%	1%	1%	-	3%	1%	5%	4%	-	1%	2%
Could be improved in small ways but mainly works well	387	200	146	377	27	36	41	16	48	53	30	41	25	35	25	10	364	6	13	4	254	133
	33%	56%	22%	33%	32%	35%	28%	30%	35%	33%	31%	37%	26%	37%	42%	31%	33%	29%	39%	36%	38%	26%
Could be improved quite a lot	480	114	310	468	34	39	58	16	54	78	40	47	44	34	24	12	456	6	14	4	284	197
	41%	32%	46%	41%	40%	37%	40%	30%	39%	48%	42%	43%	45%	36%	41%	36%	41%	30%	41%	33%	43%	38%
Needs a great deal of improvement	244	21	198	236	16	26	26	16	32	27	23	17	24	20	8	7	234	3	5	1	114	129
	21%	6%	29%	21%	19%	25%	18%	31%	23%	17%	24%	16%	25%	21%	14%	22%	21%	13%	15%	11%	17%	25%
Don't know	52	15	14	49	8	2	15	2	5	4	1	2	4	6	2	3	44	5	-	2	7	44
	4%	4%	2%	4%	9%	2%	10%	3%	3%	2%	1%	2%	4%	6%	4%	9%	4%	23%	-	21%	1%	9%

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Which of these statements best describes your opinion on the present system of governing the UK?

Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Works extremely well and could not be improved	17	0	11	5	11	17	-	-	17	2	5	6	1	-	2	1	13	8	8	18
	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	4%	-	-	2%	3%	5%	1%	0%	-	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Could be improved in small ways but mainly works well	387	20	263	173	214	387	-	50	337	26	33	183	52	24	50	85	243	198	189	397
	33%	15%	36%	37%	30%	96%	-	31%	33%	30%	32%	32%	34%	29%	29%	33%	34%	38%	29%	33%
Could be improved quite a lot	480	50	297	188	291	-	480	73	407	34	40	236	68	32	73	98	297	215	265	482
	41%	37%	41%	41%	41%	-	66%	45%	40%	39%	42%	45%	38%	43%	38%	41%	41%	41%	40%	40%
Needs a great deal of improvement	244	51	134	93	151	-	244	39	205	20	15	124	23	26	36	70	130	96	147	256
	21%	38%	18%	20%	21%	-	34%	24%	20%	23%	15%	22%	15%	31%	21%	27%	18%	18%	22%	21%
Don't know	52	14	21	2	49	-	-	1	51	5	10	18	8	1	10	7	33	7	45	56
	4%	11%	3%	0%	7%	-	-	1%	5%	6%	9%	3%	5%	1%	6%	3%	5%	1%	7%	5%

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Q18.

Which of these, if any, do you think you might be willing to do to influence or protest against a decision by a local or national government body?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Sign a petition	846	393	453	95	155	170	140	286	218	265	176	187	394	110	342	169	534	143	291	555	161	334
	72%	69%	74%	72%	74%	74%	72%	69%	77%	77%	72%	61%	74%	81%	67%	67%	74%	70%	72%	71%	57%	79%
Contact your MP or local councillor	545	266	279	40	100	111	105	189	179	170	97	99	252	72	222	94	372	79	199	346	64	253
	46%	47%	45%	30%	48%	49%	54%	45%	63%	49%	40%	32%	47%	53%	43%	37%	51%	39%	49%	45%	23%	60%
Vote against the party you would normally support	382	214	167	32	67	99	77	106	140	114	68	59	216	43	123	69	262	51	139	242	44	193
	32%	38%	27%	24%	32%	43%	40%	26%	49%	33%	28%	19%	41%	32%	24%	27%	36%	25%	35%	31%	16%	45%
Write to a newspaper	367	170	196	34	64	73	64	131	117	119	63	68	172	47	148	78	234	55	119	248	35	186
	31%	30%	32%	25%	31%	32%	33%	32%	41%	34%	26%	22%	32%	35%	29%	31%	32%	27%	29%	32%	13%	44%
Attend a demonstration	304	152	153	37	63	60	68	76	89	105	59	51	160	39	104	67	198	39	103	201	39	153
	26%	27%	25%	28%	30%	26%	35%	18%	31%	30%	24%	17%	30%	29%	20%	26%	27%	19%	26%	26%	14%	36%
Contribute money to an organisation campaigning on your side of the issue	186	99	86	15	30	32	42	66	83	48	32	23	95	18	72	40	119	26	53	132	18	110
	16%	18%	14%	11%	14%	14%	22%	16%	29%	14%	13%	8%	18%	14%	14%	16%	16%	13%	13%	17%	6%	26%
Present your case at a public enquiry	175	112	63	8	25	44	42	56	70	56	25	23	102	8	65	33	122	20	67	108	13	102
	15%	20%	10%	6%	12%	19%	22%	14%	25%	16%	10%	8%	19%	6%	13%	13%	17%	10%	17%	14%	5%	24%
Take part in a governmental or parliamentary consultation	150	101	49	7	29	30	35	50	68	46	23	13	92	9	50	26	107	17	47	104	5	103
	13%	18%	8%	5%	14%	13%	18%	12%	24%	13%	10%	4%	17%	6%	10%	10%	15%	8%	12%	13%	2%	24%
Start a court case against the government or your local council	42	29	13	2	8	10	12	10	9	18	6	9	26	-	16	10	30	2	12	30	3	26
	4%	5%	2%	2%	4%	5%	6%	2%	3%	5%	3%	3%	5%	-	3%	4%	4%	1%	3%	4%	1%	6%
Stand for election to Parliament or your local council	34	21	12	2	6	7	7	11	6	17	3	7	16	2	16	11	18	4	10	23	4	22
	3%	4%	2%	1%	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	5%	1%	2%	3%	1%	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	3%	1%	5%
Other	3	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	2	1	-	1	2	-	1	1	2	1	-
	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	1%	0%	-	-	0%	1%	0%	-	0%	1%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	-
None	145	66	78	11	21	28	19	66	17	30	37	60	51	11	82	39	73	32	46	98	79	23
	12%	12%	13%	8%	10%	12%	10%	16%	6%	9%	15%	20%	10%	8%	16%	15%	10%	16%	11%	13%	28%	5%
Don't know	27	12	14	5	9	3	-	9	2	6	5	13	10	0	16	9	12	5	10	17	9	5
	2%	2%	2%	4%	5%	1%	-	2%	1%	2%	2%	4%	2%	0%	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%
Total Mentions	3033	1559	1474	274	547	637	594	981	979	957	554	542	1527	349	1157	598	1997	437	1042	1990	388	1483

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Q18.

Which of these, if any, do you think you might be willing to do to influence or protest against a decision by a local or national government body?

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Average No. mentions	3.0	3.2	2.8	2.3	3.1	3.2	3.4	2.9	3.7	3.1	2.8	2.3	3.2	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.1	2.6	3.0	3.0	2.0	3.7

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Q18.

Which of these, if any, do you think you might be willing to do to influence or protest against a decision by a local or national government body?

Base: All respondents

	Government		GO Region													Ethnicity				Interest in politics			
	Total	Satis-fied	Dissat-isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot-land	Wales	N.Ire-land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested	
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533	
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514	
Sign a petition	846	249	507	826	64	73	83	42	91	123	82	85	68	70	43	20	817	5	17	5	524	321	
		72%	75%	72%	76%	70%	57%	80%	66%	76%	85%	78%	69%	74%	72%	57%	74%	24%	50%	49%	79%	62%	
Contact your MP or local councillor	545	149	352	534	37	55	67	17	60	89	56	44	44	40	26	11	519	5	15	6	403	142	
		46%	42%	52%	47%	43%	53%	46%	33%	43%	55%	58%	40%	45%	42%	44%	33%	47%	21%	45%	50%	61%	28%
Vote against the party you would normally support	382	99	255	376	28	35	39	12	45	60	45	37	37	25	13	5	369	0	11	1	277	105	
		32%	28%	38%	33%	33%	34%	27%	22%	32%	37%	46%	34%	38%	26%	23%	16%	33%	1%	32%	10%	42%	20%
Write to a newspaper	367	95	244	362	24	34	35	10	36	65	42	35	30	30	20	5	357	4	3	2	266	101	
		31%	27%	36%	32%	28%	33%	24%	19%	26%	40%	44%	32%	30%	32%	33%	14%	32%	17%	9%	20%	40%	20%
Attend a demonstration	304	80	202	297	24	25	41	10	36	47	25	21	26	25	19	7	292	3	6	3	239	65	
		26%	22%	30%	26%	28%	24%	28%	18%	26%	29%	26%	19%	26%	26%	32%	21%	26%	12%	17%	27%	36%	13%
Contribute money to an organisation campaigning on your side of the issue	186	45	133	184	13	16	28	4	26	29	18	12	16	11	10	2	181	0	2	1	156	30	
		16%	13%	20%	16%	15%	16%	19%	8%	19%	18%	19%	11%	16%	12%	17%	6%	16%	1%	7%	8%	23%	6%
Present your case at a public enquiry	175	40	129	174	12	20	24	2	16	31	19	12	19	9	10	1	166	3	3	3	137	38	
		15%	11%	19%	15%	15%	19%	16%	4%	12%	19%	20%	11%	20%	10%	16%	3%	15%	15%	7%	23%	21%	7%
Take part in a governmental or parliamentary consultation	150	37	106	148	9	18	21	5	13	24	15	10	17	11	5	2	144	0	5	2	135	16	
		13%	10%	16%	13%	10%	17%	14%	10%	9%	15%	16%	9%	17%	12%	9%	6%	13%	1%	14%	19%	20%	3%
Start a court case against the government or your local council	42	8	32	41	2	4	10	1	2	6	3	1	4	8	2	1	41	1	-	-	30	12	
		4%	2%	5%	4%	3%	4%	7%	1%	1%	4%	3%	1%	4%	8%	3%	3%	4%	6%	-	-	5%	2%
Stand for election to Parliament or your local council	34	8	25	34	3	1	13	-	-	7	3	1	1	3	1	-	29	1	3	1	27	6	
		3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	1%	9%	-	-	4%	3%	1%	1%	3%	2%	-	3%	5%	9%	8%	4%	1%
Other	3	-	1	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	1	2	
		0%	-	0%	0%	-	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	0%	
None	145	53	63	138	15	8	22	5	24	18	6	8	11	13	8	6	131	7	6	1	42	102	
		12%	15%	9%	12%	18%	8%	15%	10%	17%	11%	6%	8%	11%	13%	13%	19%	12%	31%	17%	5%	6%	20%
Don't know	27	10	7	25	1	4	5	2	2	1	1	5	2	2	-	2	21	2	3	1	2	24	
		2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	4%	3%	3%	2%	0%	1%	5%	2%	2%	-	5%	2%	9%	8%	9%	0%	5%

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Q18.

Which of these, if any, do you think you might be willing to do to influence or protest against a decision by a local or national government body?

Total	Government		GO Region													Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Satis- fied	Dissat- isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot- land	Wales	N.Ire- land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested	
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
Total Mentions	3033	810	1986	2979	216	282	361	103	326	481	308	259	262	233	149	54	2917	22	65	24	2194	837
Average No. mentions	3.0	2.8	3.3	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.3	2.9	3.3	3.5	2.7	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.1	3.0	1.7	2.5	2.5	3.5	2.2

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Q18.

Which of these, if any, do you think you might be willing to do to influence or protest against a decision by a local or national government body?

Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total		
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti-vist	Non-Acti-vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No			
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209	
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180	
Sign a petition	846	81	545	349	496	308	524	142	704	51	65	409	126	63	130	195	502	398	448	839	
		72%	60%	75%	76%	69%	76%	72%	87%	69%	59%	63%	72%	83%	75%	70%	76%	76%	68%	69%	
Contact your MP or local councillor	545	35	400	284	261	205	336	129	416	31	38	272	81	46	81	133	320	300	246	546	
		46%	25%	55%	62%	37%	51%	46%	79%	41%	36%	37%	48%	54%	55%	47%	51%	45%	57%	37%	45%
Vote against the party you would normally support	382	13	274	188	193	148	231	94	288	21	30	184	68	34	52	94	230	201	181	371	
		32%	9%	38%	41%	27%	37%	32%	57%	28%	25%	29%	32%	45%	31%	36%	32%	38%	28%	31%	
Write to a newspaper	367	28	266	192	175	138	226	98	268	21	24	188	51	27	48	86	228	187	180	372	
		31%	20%	37%	42%	24%	34%	31%	60%	26%	25%	24%	33%	34%	32%	28%	33%	32%	36%	27%	31%
Attend a demonstration	304	25	210	164	141	120	182	93	212	18	26	144	39	25	44	73	181	155	150	299	
		26%	18%	29%	35%	20%	30%	25%	57%	21%	21%	26%	25%	30%	26%	28%	25%	29%	23%	25%	
Contribute money to an organisation campaigning on your side of the issue	186	6	141	122	63	71	115	76	110	8	21	84	30	19	33	51	100	114	72	186	
		16%	5%	19%	26%	9%	17%	16%	46%	11%	9%	20%	15%	20%	19%	20%	14%	22%	11%	15%	
Present your case at a public enquiry	175	14	129	120	55	66	109	64	111	9	15	93	24	14	27	48	100	105	70	177	
		15%	11%	18%	26%	8%	16%	15%	39%	11%	10%	15%	16%	17%	16%	18%	14%	20%	11%	15%	
Take part in a governmental or parliamentary consultation	150	6	125	122	28	55	94	70	80	8	10	79	19	16	26	31	92	87	63	154	
		13%	5%	17%	26%	4%	14%	13%	43%	8%	10%	9%	14%	13%	15%	12%	13%	17%	10%	13%	
Start a court case against the government or your local council	42	6	25	28	14	13	29	18	24	1	5	22	2	2	3	11	27	20	22	43	
		4%	5%	3%	6%	2%	3%	4%	11%	2%	1%	5%	4%	1%	2%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	
Stand for election to Parliament or your local council	34	3	28	27	6	11	23	19	14	2	5	18	1	4	0	6	27	19	15	33	
		3%	2%	4%	6%	1%	3%	3%	12%	1%	3%	5%	3%	1%	4%	0%	2%	4%	4%	2%	3%
Other	3	2	1	1	2	-	1	-	3	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	1	2	3	
		0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	1%	-	-	1%	-	1%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	
None	145	34	67	35	110	35	85	3	142	22	19	57	10	9	16	37	86	42	103	169	
		12%	25%	9%	8%	15%	9%	12%	2%	14%	25%	18%	10%	7%	11%	9%	14%	12%	8%	16%	14%
Don't know	27	3	12	2	23	8	8	-	27	3	3	16	1	-	4	3	19	7	20	29	
		2%	2%	0%	3%	2%	1%	-	3%	3%	3%	3%	1%	-	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%	2%	

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Table 20 (CONT.)

Q18.

Which of these, if any, do you think you might be willing to do to influence or protest against a decision by a local or national government body?

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Total Mentions	3033	218	2144	1597	1435	1133	1871	802	2231	172	240	1493	443	249	443	726	1810	1585	1447	3023
Average No. mentions	3.0	2.2	3.3	3.8	2.5	3.1	3.0	5.0	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.4	2.9	3.3	3.0	3.3	2.7	3.0

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Table 21

Q19.

And which, if any, of these have you ever done for that reason?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Sign a petition	595	287	308	44	104	122	119	206	175	189	132	100	285	82	228	100	391	104	180	415	87	266
	50%	51%	50%	33%	50%	54%	61%	50%	61%	55%	54%	32%	54%	60%	45%	40%	54%	52%	45%	53%	31%	63%
Contact your MP or local councillor	280	141	140	6	40	52	65	118	100	89	49	42	124	32	124	39	190	51	94	186	35	128
	24%	25%	23%	5%	19%	23%	33%	28%	35%	26%	20%	14%	23%	24%	24%	15%	26%	25%	23%	24%	12%	30%
Vote against the party you would normally support	177	110	68	3	32	42	43	58	66	60	34	18	105	20	52	25	129	24	58	119	13	95
	15%	19%	11%	2%	15%	18%	22%	14%	23%	17%	14%	6%	20%	15%	10%	10%	18%	12%	14%	15%	5%	22%
Write to a newspaper	151	87	64	3	18	25	35	69	61	37	34	19	76	11	65	24	103	25	34	117	16	78
	13%	15%	10%	2%	9%	11%	18%	17%	22%	11%	14%	6%	14%	8%	13%	9%	14%	12%	8%	15%	6%	18%
Attend a demonstration	150	84	66	15	32	26	28	48	60	48	21	21	84	10	56	31	99	20	41	109	13	88
	13%	15%	11%	12%	15%	12%	15%	12%	21%	14%	9%	7%	16%	7%	11%	12%	14%	10%	16%	14%	5%	21%
Contribute money to an organisation campaigning on your side of the issue	120	81	39	3	19	23	29	45	54	36	19	11	63	10	47	18	81	21	33	87	9	78
	10%	14%	6%	2%	9%	10%	15%	11%	19%	10%	8%	4%	12%	7%	9%	7%	11%	10%	8%	11%	3%	18%
Take part in a governmental or parliamentary consultation	43	29	14	-	4	11	10	18	23	10	5	6	22	3	18	5	32	6	13	30	1	32
	4%	5%	2%	-	2%	5%	5%	4%	8%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	4%	1%	7%
Present your case at a public enquiry	42	27	16	-	4	3	11	24	18	11	7	6	19	3	20	7	28	7	6	36	4	24
	4%	5%	3%	-	2%	1%	6%	6%	6%	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	4%	3%	4%	4%	2%	5%	1%	6%
Stand for election to Parliament or your local council	10	7	3	-	2	2	0	5	4	3	-	2	2	-	7	2	6	2	2	8	1	7
	1%	1%	0%	-	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	-	1%	0%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%
Start a court case against the government or your local council	4	4	-	-	0	0	1	2	1	1	-	2	0	-	4	0	2	2	1	3	1	1
	0%	1%	-	-	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	-	1%	0%	-	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Other	4	3	1	-	-	-	1	2	2	1	-	1	2	-	1	2	1	-	-	4	-	1
	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	1%	1%	1%	0%	-	0%	0%	-	0%	1%	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%
None	424	194	229	79	74	82	41	148	68	103	84	169	175	43	206	125	227	71	166	258	158	104
	36%	34%	37%	59%	35%	36%	21%	36%	24%	30%	34%	55%	33%	32%	40%	49%	31%	35%	41%	33%	56%	24%
Don't know	13	7	6	2	2	-	1	7	1	3	2	7	4	-	9	5	3	4	1	12	7	-
	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	2%	2%	0%	2%	0%	2%	2%	-
Total Mentions	1577	859	718	75	255	308	344	596	564	485	300	228	783	170	624	254	1061	262	463	1114	181	798

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Q19.

And which, if any, of these have you ever done for that reason?

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Average No. mentions	2.1	2.4	1.9	1.4	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.0	1.9	1.7	2.2	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.2	1.5	2.5

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Table 21 (CONT.)

Q19.

And which, if any, of these have you ever done for that reason?

Base: All respondents

	Government			GO Region												Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Total	Satis- fied	Dissat- isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot- land	Wales	N.Ire -land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
Sign a petition	595	156	385	581	39	62	56	27	70	90	60	53	40	52	31	15	579	3	11	1	418	177
	50%	44%	57%	51%	46%	60%	38%	51%	51%	55%	63%	48%	41%	55%	53%	43%	52%	15%	34%	11%	63%	34%
Contact your MP or local councillor	280	63	201	277	18	28	30	6	34	54	36	16	24	19	11	3	271	1	7	1	233	48
	24%	18%	30%	24%	22%	27%	21%	11%	25%	33%	38%	15%	25%	19%	19%	9%	24%	5%	21%	8%	35%	9%
Vote against the party you would normally support	177	31	132	175	11	18	20	9	19	26	27	15	16	9	5	3	174	-	3	-	138	39
	15%	9%	20%	15%	14%	18%	14%	17%	14%	16%	28%	14%	16%	9%	8%	7%	16%	-	10%	-	21%	8%
Write to a newspaper	151	37	104	151	11	14	10	3	16	30	22	11	16	11	6	1	149	1	1	-	128	24
	13%	10%	15%	13%	13%	13%	7%	5%	12%	18%	23%	10%	16%	12%	10%	3%	13%	6%	3%	-	19%	5%
Attend a demonstration	150	34	104	147	10	12	25	7	18	27	14	7	11	11	5	2	147	2	1	-	129	21
	13%	10%	15%	13%	12%	11%	18%	13%	13%	17%	15%	6%	11%	11%	9%	7%	13%	7%	3%	-	19%	4%
Contribute money to an organisation campaigning on your side of the issue	120	24	89	119	12	10	16	3	17	26	11	7	8	7	1	1	118	1	1	-	108	12
	10%	7%	13%	10%	14%	10%	11%	6%	12%	16%	12%	6%	9%	7%	2%	2%	11%	4%	3%	-	16%	2%
Take part in a governmental or parliamentary consultation	43	11	29	43	2	10	5	1	5	8	-	1	5	4	1	0	39	-	5	-	41	2
	4%	3%	4%	4%	2%	10%	4%	2%	4%	5%	-	1%	5%	5%	1%	1%	3%	-	14%	-	6%	0%
Present your case at a public enquiry	42	12	27	42	2	6	4	-	4	8	4	5	7	3	1	-	41	1	-	-	33	9
	4%	3%	4%	4%	2%	6%	2%	-	3%	5%	4%	4%	7%	3%	2%	-	4%	6%	-	-	5%	2%
Stand for election to Parliament or your local council	10	4	6	10	1	1	1	-	2	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	7	1	1	-	8	-
	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	-	-	1%	1%	-	-	1%	6%	3%	-	1%	-
Start a court case against the government or your local council	4	3	1	4	-	1	1	-	1	0	-	-	1	-	-	0	3	-	-	1	4	0
	0%	1%	0%	0%	-	1%	1%	-	1%	0%	-	-	1%	-	-	1%	0%	-	-	8%	1%	0%
Other	4	-	2	4	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	2
	0%	-	0%	0%	-	2%	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	0%
None	424	170	185	407	35	25	58	21	58	51	24	42	37	34	23	16	385	12	18	8	148	276
	36%	47%	28%	36%	41%	24%	40%	40%	42%	31%	25%	38%	38%	35%	39%	47%	35%	57%	52%	72%	22%	54%
Don't know	13	6	2	12	-	3	2	1	0	-	1	2	1	1	1	0	11	-	1	1	4	9
	1%	2%	0%	1%	-	2%	1%	2%	0%	-	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	-	3%	9%	1%	2%

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Q19.

And which, if any, of these have you ever done for that reason?

Total	Government		GO Region													Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Satis- fied	Dissat- isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot- land	Wales	N.Ire- land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested	
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
Total Mentions	1577	374	1080	1552	108	164	169	55	187	270	176	115	129	117	62	25	1532	11	30	3	1241	334
Average No. mentions	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.8	2.3	2.4	2.5	1.8	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.4	2.1	1.1	2.0	1.4	2.4	1.5

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Q19.

And which, if any, of these have you ever done for that reason?

Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti-vist	Non-Acti-vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Sign a petition	595	50	413	288	307	213	372	137	458	32	43	288	91	43	97	136	348	307	288	594
	50%	37%	57%	62%	43%	53%	51%	84%	45%	38%	41%	51%	60%	51%	57%	52%	49%	59%	44%	49%
Contact your MP or local councillor	280	9	231	179	101	93	186	100	181	12	27	134	44	30	45	67	165	178	102	283
	24%	7%	32%	39%	14%	23%	26%	61%	18%	14%	27%	24%	29%	37%	27%	26%	23%	34%	16%	23%
Vote against the party you would normally support	177	5	134	110	68	57	118	62	115	5	15	100	27	14	30	37	108	99	78	177
	15%	3%	19%	24%	9%	14%	16%	38%	11%	6%	15%	18%	18%	17%	17%	14%	15%	19%	12%	15%
Write to a newspaper	151	9	121	106	45	49	102	62	89	7	10	78	24	15	29	39	82	95	57	153
	13%	7%	17%	23%	6%	12%	14%	38%	9%	8%	10%	14%	16%	18%	17%	15%	12%	18%	9%	13%
Attend a demonstration	150	5	117	94	56	55	95	66	84	10	14	72	27	8	14	30	103	76	74	150
	13%	4%	16%	20%	8%	14%	13%	40%	8%	12%	14%	13%	18%	10%	9%	11%	14%	15%	11%	12%
Contribute money to an organisation campaigning on your side of the issue	120	4	100	91	27	42	77	64	55	6	17	60	12	16	19	31	68	81	38	123
	10%	3%	14%	20%	4%	10%	11%	39%	5%	7%	16%	11%	8%	19%	11%	12%	10%	16%	6%	10%
Take part in a governmental or parliamentary consultation	43	1	42	36	7	17	26	28	16	5	3	21	3	6	4	13	26	32	11	44
	4%	1%	6%	8%	1%	4%	4%	17%	2%	5%	3%	4%	2%	7%	2%	5%	4%	6%	2%	4%
Present your case at a public enquiry	42	4	33	33	9	15	27	20	22	-	2	23	7	6	12	12	18	32	10	47
	4%	3%	5%	7%	1%	4%	4%	12%	2%	-	2%	4%	5%	7%	7%	5%	2%	6%	2%	4%
Stand for election to Parliament or your local council	10	-	9	8	1	4	4	7	2	-	2	4	1	1	-	2	7	6	4	11
	1%	-	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	5%	0%	-	2%	1%	0%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Start a court case against the government or your local council	4	0	4	4	-	2	2	2	2	-	2	2	-	0	-	1	2	4	-	6
	0%	0%	0%	1%	-	0%	0%	1%	0%	-	2%	0%	-	0%	-	0%	0%	1%	-	0%
Other	4	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	3	1	-	2	1	-	-	1	3	2	1	4
	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
None	424	74	206	102	322	140	248	8	416	46	44	196	36	29	51	95	261	130	293	448
	36%	54%	28%	22%	45%	35%	34%	5%	41%	53%	42%	35%	24%	34%	30%	37%	36%	25%	45%	37%
Don't know	13	-	7	5	6	5	5	-	13	2	-	7	1	-	4	1	8	4	9	13
	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	2%	-	1%	1%	-	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%

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Table 21 (CONT.)

Q19.

And which, if any, of these have you ever done for that reason?

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Total Mentions	1577	89	1205	952	624	549	1010	549	1028	78	135	784	237	139	251	369	932	913	664	1592
Average No. mentions	2.1	1.4	2.4	2.7	1.6	2.1	2.1	3.5	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.5	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.3	1.9	2.1

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Table 22

Q19.

And which, if any, of these have you ever done for that reason?

Base: All respondents

	Q18. Which of these, if any, do you think you might be willing to do to influence or protest against a decision by a local or national government body?													
	Attend a demonstration	Contribute money to an organisation campaigning on your side of the issue	Present your case at a public enquiry	Sign a petition	Stand for election to Parliament or your local council	Start a court case against the government or your local council	Vote against the party you would normally support	Write to a newspaper	Contact your MP or local councillor	Take part in a governmental or parliamentary consultation	Other	None	Don't know	
Total														
UnWtd. Total	1209	299	186	177	839	33	43	371	372	546	154	3	169	29
Wtd. Total	1180	304	186	175	846	34	42	382	367	545	150	3	145	27
Sign a petition	595	227	145	129	551	19	29	248	254	343	116	1	9	2
	50%	75%	78%	73%	65%	58%	68%	65%	69%	63%	77%	33%	6%	8%
	100%	38%	24%	22%	92%	3%	5%	42%	43%	58%	20%	0%	2%	0%
Contact your MP or local councillor	280	106	95	95	220	18	21	140	149	261	83	-	2	-
	24%	35%	51%	54%	26%	55%	49%	37%	41%	48%	55%	-	1%	-
	100%	38%	34%	34%	78%	7%	7%	50%	53%	93%	30%	-	1%	-
Vote against the party you would normally support	177	77	55	71	148	11	13	153	96	123	57	-	3	-
	15%	25%	30%	40%	18%	32%	31%	40%	26%	23%	38%	-	2%	-
	100%	43%	31%	40%	84%	6%	7%	86%	54%	69%	32%	-	2%	-
Write to a newspaper	151	73	56	68	130	12	17	83	123	117	53	-	2	-
	13%	24%	30%	39%	15%	35%	39%	22%	33%	21%	35%	-	1%	-
	100%	48%	37%	45%	86%	8%	11%	55%	81%	77%	35%	-	1%	-
Attend a demonstration	150	125	68	55	139	13	12	78	81	106	55	-	-	1
	13%	41%	36%	32%	16%	39%	29%	21%	22%	19%	36%	-	-	5%
	100%	84%	45%	37%	93%	9%	8%	52%	54%	71%	36%	-	-	1%
Contribute money to an organisation campaigning on your side of the issue	120	74	97	58	99	13	20	69	68	91	48	-	3	1
	10%	24%	52%	33%	12%	39%	47%	18%	19%	17%	32%	-	2%	5%
	100%	62%	81%	49%	83%	11%	17%	58%	57%	76%	40%	-	3%	1%
Take part in a governmental or parliamentary consultation	43	22	19	22	33	6	7	23	24	38	36	-	-	-
	4%	7%	10%	12%	4%	17%	16%	6%	6%	7%	24%	-	-	-
	100%	50%	44%	50%	76%	13%	16%	53%	55%	89%	84%	-	-	-
Present your case at a public enquiry	42	21	19	32	31	3	7	23	27	28	14	-	-	-
	4%	7%	10%	19%	4%	8%	16%	6%	7%	5%	9%	-	-	-
	100%	50%	46%	77%	74%	6%	16%	54%	64%	66%	33%	-	-	-
Stand for election to Parliament or your local council	10	8	7	5	7	3	3	4	7	8	6	-	-	1
	1%	3%	4%	3%	1%	8%	7%	1%	2%	2%	4%	-	-	5%
	100%	79%	68%	55%	76%	29%	31%	41%	71%	87%	57%	-	-	13%
Start a court case against the government or your local council	4	2	3	3	3	2	2	1	2	4	3	-	-	-
	0%	1%	2%	2%	0%	5%	5%	0%	1%	1%	2%	-	-	-
	100%	60%	81%	81%	72%	45%	54%	24%	60%	89%	81%	-	-	-

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Q19.

And which, if any, of these have you ever done for that reason?

	Q18. Which of these, if any, do you think you might be willing to do to influence or protest against a decision by a local or national government body?													
	Attend a demonstration	Contribute money to an organisation campaigning on your side of the issue	Present your case at a public enquiry	Sign a petition	Stand for election to Parliament or your local council	Start a court case against the government or your local council	Vote against the party you would normally support	Write to a newspaper	Contact your MP or local councillor	Take part in a governmental or parliamentary consultation	Other	None	Don't know	
Total	1209	299	186	177	839	33	43	371	372	546	154	3	169	29
UnWtd. Total	1180	304	186	175	846	34	42	382	367	545	150	3	145	27
Wtd. Total	4	1	1	2	2	1	-	2	2	2	1	1	-	-
Other	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	-	0%	1%	0%	0%	47%	-	-
	100%	18%	18%	48%	65%	18%	-	48%	65%	65%	18%	35%	-	-
None	424	42	20	20	216	7	6	78	66	103	15	1	131	14
	36%	14%	11%	11%	26%	21%	15%	20%	18%	19%	10%	20%	91%	53%
	100%	10%	5%	5%	51%	2%	2%	18%	16%	24%	4%	0%	31%	3%
Don't know	13	1	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	9
	1%	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	35%
	100%	9%	-	-	28%	-	-	-	-	6%	-	-	-	72%
Total Mentions	1577	736	565	539	1363	100	129	824	834	1121	472	2	20	6
Average No. mentions	2.1	2.8	3.4	3.5	2.2	3.8	3.6	2.7	2.8	2.5	3.5	1.0	1.5	1.8

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Table 23

Q20.
Now thinking of MPs, which of the following qualities shown on this card would you say are important for an MP to have?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
To be independent minded	687	338	349	65	120	145	120	236	203	219	131	134	333	82	272	129	451	106	230	456	114	300
	58%	60%	57%	49%	58%	63%	62%	57%	71%	63%	54%	44%	63%	61%	53%	51%	62%	53%	57%	59%	40%	70%
To have been brought up in the area he or she represents	634	283	350	65	109	136	104	220	136	191	144	162	284	79	271	124	396	113	228	406	150	213
	54%	50%	57%	48%	52%	60%	53%	53%	48%	55%	59%	53%	53%	58%	53%	49%	55%	56%	56%	52%	53%	50%
To be well-educated	585	316	270	69	96	102	93	225	164	168	116	137	261	61	264	122	366	97	170	416	113	244
	50%	56%	44%	51%	46%	45%	48%	54%	58%	49%	48%	45%	49%	45%	51%	48%	51%	48%	42%	54%	40%	57%
To know what being poor means	512	230	282	54	97	97	89	176	117	135	117	144	216	62	235	103	320	90	179	333	114	172
	43%	41%	46%	40%	46%	43%	46%	42%	41%	39%	48%	47%	40%	45%	46%	41%	44%	45%	44%	43%	41%	40%
To be loyal to the party he or she represents	464	198	266	65	88	81	71	159	110	133	91	130	188	67	208	99	284	80	175	289	113	158
	39%	35%	43%	49%	42%	35%	37%	38%	39%	38%	37%	42%	35%	50%	41%	39%	39%	40%	43%	37%	40%	37%
To have business experience	320	171	148	28	52	67	48	125	101	109	58	51	141	39	139	56	218	46	108	211	46	133
	27%	30%	24%	21%	25%	29%	25%	30%	36%	32%	24%	17%	27%	29%	27%	22%	30%	22%	27%	27%	16%	31%
To have trade union experience	163	76	87	18	29	25	28	63	34	44	41	44	72	20	70	36	92	35	43	120	37	55
	14%	13%	14%	13%	14%	11%	14%	15%	12%	13%	17%	14%	14%	15%	14%	14%	13%	17%	11%	15%	13%	13%
Other	72	39	33	7	10	19	16	21	27	14	15	16	41	9	22	13	46	13	28	44	12	38
	6%	7%	5%	6%	5%	8%	8%	5%	10%	4%	6%	5%	8%	7%	4%	5%	6%	6%	7%	6%	4%	9%
None	25	10	15	4	4	6	5	7	3	9	2	12	9	2	14	9	12	4	7	18	11	7
	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	1%	4%	2%	1%	3%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%
Don't know	24	10	14	5	5	6	-	8	3	5	6	10	11	1	12	13	7	5	7	17	9	5
	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	-	2%	1%	2%	3%	3%	2%	1%	2%	5%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%
Total Mentions	3436	1651	1785	371	601	673	568	1222	891	1014	712	818	1536	418	1482	683	2174	580	1161	2275	699	1311
Average No. mentions	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.7	3.2

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Table 23 (CONT.)

Q20.
Now thinking of MPs, which of the following qualities shown on this card would you say are important for an MP to have?

Base: All respondents

	Government		GO Region													Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Total	Satis- fied	Dissat- isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot- land	Wales	N.Ire -land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
To be independent minded	687	201	427	670	42	61	79	28	78	104	66	67	68	46	30	17	657	6	15	8	447	239
	58%	56%	63%	58%	50%	59%	54%	54%	56%	64%	69%	61%	69%	48%	51%	50%	59%	27%	45%	69%	67%	47%
To have been brought up in the area he or she represents	634	163	400	616	53	59	65	22	76	91	59	55	53	48	35	18	602	9	16	5	379	254
	54%	46%	59%	54%	62%	57%	45%	41%	55%	56%	61%	50%	54%	50%	60%	51%	54%	41%	48%	49%	57%	49%
To be well-educated	585	174	334	565	40	44	62	19	73	81	49	62	52	46	37	20	562	7	13	4	370	215
	50%	49%	50%	49%	47%	43%	43%	37%	53%	50%	51%	57%	53%	48%	62%	59%	51%	32%	37%	37%	56%	42%
To know what being poor means	512	138	303	499	37	51	51	22	64	64	41	54	38	49	27	13	494	8	7	4	284	228
	43%	38%	45%	44%	44%	49%	35%	42%	46%	39%	43%	49%	39%	51%	46%	39%	44%	36%	20%	33%	43%	44%
To be loyal to the party he or she represents	464	161	247	448	31	44	51	23	53	59	42	49	37	34	24	15	438	5	17	4	270	194
	39%	45%	37%	39%	37%	42%	35%	43%	38%	36%	43%	45%	38%	36%	41%	45%	39%	23%	48%	34%	41%	38%
To have business experience	320	87	201	312	28	30	30	13	36	45	38	27	23	28	13	8	310	5	5	-	210	109
	27%	24%	30%	27%	33%	29%	21%	25%	26%	28%	40%	25%	24%	29%	22%	23%	28%	24%	14%	-	32%	21%
To have trade union experience	163	45	98	158	8	12	13	7	24	22	15	21	6	19	10	5	156	4	3	0	93	69
	14%	13%	15%	14%	10%	11%	9%	13%	17%	14%	16%	19%	6%	20%	17%	14%	14%	16%	8%	2%	14%	14%
Other	72	22	43	71	5	11	7	9	2	16	5	3	4	6	3	1	67	1	4	-	46	26
	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	10%	5%	18%	1%	10%	6%	3%	4%	7%	4%	4%	6%	5%	11%	-	7%	5%
None	25	6	17	25	7	-	6	1	4	2	-	2	1	2	-	1	23	2	-	-	5	20
	2%	2%	2%	2%	8%	-	4%	2%	3%	1%	-	2%	1%	2%	-	2%	2%	9%	-	-	1%	4%
Don't know	24	6	9	24	3	5	8	1	3	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	21	2	-	1	7	18
	2%	2%	1%	2%	4%	5%	5%	1%	2%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	2%	-	2%	7%	-	9%	1%	3%
Total Mentions	3436	990	2053	3339	246	312	359	144	406	482	316	336	282	276	180	98	3286	45	79	25	2099	1334
Average No. mentions	3.0	2.9	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.1	2.7	2.8	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.2	2.9	3.0	3.1	2.9	3.1	2.5	2.3	2.5	3.2	2.8

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Table 23 (CONT.)

Q20.
Now thinking of MPs, which of the following qualities shown on this card would you say are important for an MP to have?
Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti- -vist	Non-Acti- -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
To be independent minded	687	63	461	321	366	263	413	125	562	43	57	335	102	57	113	155	402	335	352	688
	58%	46%	64%	70%	51%	65%	57%	77%	55%	49%	56%	59%	67%	69%	66%	60%	56%	64%	54%	57%
To have been brought up in the area he or she represents	634	70	395	249	383	207	413	95	539	45	55	313	80	41	99	138	379	296	337	639
	54%	51%	54%	54%	54%	51%	57%	58%	53%	51%	53%	55%	53%	49%	58%	53%	53%	57%	51%	53%
To be well-educated	585	54	385	253	332	206	367	106	480	43	43	279	81	36	84	125	355	275	310	594
	50%	40%	53%	55%	46%	51%	51%	65%	47%	50%	42%	49%	53%	44%	50%	48%	50%	52%	47%	49%
To know what being poor means	512	67	310	209	303	167	336	89	424	38	36	261	59	29	71	119	309	234	279	535
	43%	49%	43%	45%	42%	41%	46%	54%	42%	44%	35%	46%	39%	35%	42%	46%	43%	45%	42%	44%
To be loyal to the party he or she represents	464	43	290	163	301	176	278	59	405	33	35	223	70	29	64	111	274	216	248	469
	39%	32%	40%	35%	42%	44%	38%	36%	40%	38%	34%	39%	46%	35%	38%	43%	38%	41%	38%	39%
To have business experience	320	26	217	160	159	111	203	63	257	18	18	162	43	29	56	75	181	150	170	326
	27%	19%	30%	35%	22%	27%	28%	38%	25%	21%	18%	28%	29%	35%	33%	29%	25%	29%	26%	27%
To have trade union experience	163	18	97	61	102	55	108	34	128	14	10	81	17	7	21	40	97	65	98	166
	14%	13%	13%	13%	14%	14%	15%	21%	13%	16%	10%	14%	11%	9%	12%	15%	14%	12%	15%	14%
Other	72	15	40	30	42	26	42	13	59	7	6	25	14	9	11	8	52	41	31	70
	6%	11%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	8%	6%	8%	6%	4%	9%	11%	6%	3%	7%	8%	5%	6%
None	25	2	14	4	22	2	20	1	24	-	6	14	3	-	2	5	19	6	20	28
	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	0%	3%	1%	2%	-	6%	2%	2%	-	1%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%
Don't know	24	5	13	-	23	3	4	-	24	2	7	7	5	1	7	1	16	4	20	24
	2%	4%	2%	-	3%	1%	1%	-	2%	2%	6%	1%	4%	1%	4%	0%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Total Mentions	3436	354	2196	1447	1989	1211	2160	583	2853	241	261	1678	465	238	519	771	2049	1612	1824	3487
Average No. mentions	3.0	2.7	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.6	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.3	2.9	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.0

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Table 24
Gender.
Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Male	566	566	-	67	104	113	96	186	163	156	134	113	350	16	200	136	367	62	163	403	106	232
	48%	100%	-	50%	50%	49%	49%	45%	58%	45%	55%	37%	66%	11%	39%	54%	51%	31%	40%	52%	38%	54%
Female	614	-	614	67	105	116	98	229	121	190	110	194	183	120	312	117	356	141	241	374	176	194
	52%	-	100%	50%	50%	51%	51%	55%	42%	55%	45%	63%	34%	89%	61%	46%	49%	69%	60%	48%	62%	46%

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Gender.

Base: All respondents

	Government		GO Region													Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Satis-fied	Dissat-isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot-land	Wales	N.Ire-land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested	
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
Male	566	172	320	550	42	55	65	17	76	82	40	49	47	47	28	16	525	7	27	7	353	213
	48%	48%	48%	48%	49%	53%	45%	33%	55%	51%	41%	45%	48%	49%	48%	47%	47%	32%	78%	67%	53%	41%
Female	614	186	353	596	43	49	80	35	63	80	56	59	51	49	31	18	587	15	7	4	311	302
	52%	52%	52%	52%	51%	47%	55%	67%	45%	49%	59%	55%	52%	51%	52%	53%	53%	68%	22%	33%	47%	59%

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Gender.

Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Male	566	69	340	279	285	214	332	82	484	49	47	266	68	45	78	128	344	256	310	574
	48%	51%	47%	61%	40%	53%	46%	50%	48%	57%	45%	47%	45%	54%	46%	49%	48%	49%	47%	47%
Female	614	67	386	182	430	190	392	82	533	37	57	302	82	38	92	132	372	269	346	635
	52%	49%	53%	39%	60%	47%	54%	50%	52%	43%	55%	53%	55%	46%	54%	51%	52%	51%	53%	53%

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Table 25

Age.

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
18-24	133	67	67	133	-	-	-	-	23	42	23	45	60	13	60	105	28	-	58	76	15	57
	11%	12%	11%	100%	-	-	-	-	8%	12%	9%	15%	11%	10%	12%	42%	4%	-	14%	10%	5%	13%
25-34	209	104	105	-	209	-	-	-	40	61	57	51	134	23	52	69	132	8	114	95	16	101
	18%	18%	17%	-	100%	-	-	-	14%	18%	23%	17%	25%	17%	10%	27%	18%	4%	28%	12%	6%	24%
35-44	228	113	116	-	-	228	-	-	57	67	52	52	142	39	47	29	173	27	165	64	26	91
	19%	20%	19%	-	-	100%	-	-	20%	19%	21%	17%	27%	29%	9%	11%	24%	13%	41%	8%	9%	21%
45-54	194	96	98	-	-	-	194	-	58	59	35	43	131	25	38	22	140	32	58	137	34	80
	16%	17%	16%	-	-	-	100%	-	20%	17%	14%	14%	25%	19%	7%	9%	19%	16%	14%	18%	12%	19%
55-64	170	83	88	-	-	-	-	170	38	60	33	38	60	23	87	13	121	36	7	163	60	48
	14%	15%	14%	-	-	-	-	41%	13%	17%	14%	13%	11%	17%	17%	5%	17%	18%	2%	21%	21%	11%
65+	244	103	141	-	-	-	-	244	68	55	45	77	5	12	228	15	130	100	2	242	131	48
	21%	18%	23%	-	-	-	-	59%	24%	16%	18%	25%	1%	9%	45%	6%	18%	49%	1%	31%	47%	11%

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Table 25 (CONT.)

Age.

Base: All respondents

	Government		GO Region													Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Satis- fied	Dissat- isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot- land	Wales	N.Ire -land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested	
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
18-24	133	51	60	128	9	2	19	6	20	21	8	14	9	12	9	5	121	5	4	4	64	69
	11%	14%	9%	11%	10%	2%	13%	11%	15%	13%	8%	13%	9%	13%	15%	16%	11%	22%	11%	32%	10%	13%
25-34	209	81	89	200	11	16	44	11	18	21	12	26	15	17	8	9	185	6	16	2	111	98
	18%	23%	13%	17%	13%	16%	31%	21%	13%	13%	12%	24%	15%	18%	14%	27%	17%	26%	48%	14%	17%	19%
35-44	228	66	137	224	18	24	26	5	28	41	14	20	24	17	8	4	213	7	6	1	123	104
	19%	18%	20%	20%	21%	23%	18%	10%	20%	25%	15%	18%	24%	17%	14%	12%	19%	34%	18%	11%	19%	20%
45-54	194	50	124	189	18	20	19	5	28	27	23	15	13	12	9	5	184	0	5	5	120	74
	16%	14%	18%	16%	21%	19%	13%	10%	20%	17%	24%	14%	13%	12%	15%	16%	17%	1%	16%	43%	18%	14%
55-64	170	41	115	168	12	15	18	8	19	21	12	15	18	18	11	2	166	2	2	-	102	68
	14%	12%	17%	15%	14%	15%	12%	16%	14%	13%	12%	14%	18%	19%	18%	7%	15%	9%	6%	-	15%	13%
65+	244	68	147	237	16	27	20	17	25	31	27	19	20	19	15	8	242	2	1	-	143	101
	21%	19%	22%	21%	19%	26%	14%	32%	18%	19%	28%	17%	21%	20%	25%	22%	22%	9%	2%	-	22%	20%

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Age.

Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
18-24	133	21	50	29	103	50	75	12	122	11	10	66	13	6	6	23	99	29	104	120
	11%	16%	7%	6%	14%	12%	10%	7%	12%	13%	10%	12%	9%	7%	4%	9%	14%	6%	16%	10%
25-34	209	30	91	74	135	76	123	23	186	27	21	99	18	10	18	30	152	64	145	196
	18%	22%	13%	16%	19%	19%	17%	14%	18%	31%	20%	18%	12%	12%	10%	12%	21%	12%	22%	16%
35-44	228	32	143	88	141	73	144	29	199	16	22	113	32	16	33	65	127	103	125	216
	19%	24%	20%	19%	20%	18%	20%	18%	20%	18%	21%	20%	21%	20%	19%	25%	18%	20%	19%	18%
45-54	194	24	119	90	103	73	115	42	153	15	19	92	31	11	27	46	117	105	89	193
	16%	18%	16%	20%	14%	18%	16%	26%	15%	18%	18%	16%	20%	13%	16%	18%	16%	20%	14%	16%
55-64	170	13	130	67	103	57	110	27	144	3	14	90	15	17	35	34	99	87	84	199
	14%	10%	18%	15%	14%	14%	15%	16%	14%	3%	14%	16%	10%	20%	20%	13%	14%	17%	13%	16%
65+	244	16	193	113	131	74	157	30	214	14	17	106	42	23	53	63	122	136	109	285
	21%	11%	27%	25%	18%	18%	22%	19%	21%	17%	17%	19%	28%	27%	31%	24%	17%	26%	17%	24%

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Table 26
Social Class.
Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
A	35 3%	21 4%	14 2%	- -	- -	8 3%	11 5%	17 4%	35 12%	- -	- -	- -	17 3%	2 1%	16 3%	3 1%	30 4%	2 1%	11 3%	25 3%	2 1%	28 7%
B	249 21%	142 25%	107 17%	23 17%	40 19%	50 22%	47 24%	89 21%	249 88%	- -	- -	- -	132 25%	20 15%	97 19%	35 14%	179 25%	35 17%	81 20%	168 22%	14 5%	162 38%
C1	346 29%	156 28%	190 31%	42 32%	61 29%	67 29%	59 30%	116 28%	- -	346 100%	- -	- -	167 31%	51 38%	127 25%	87 34%	209 29%	49 24%	106 26%	240 31%	54 19%	161 38%
C2	244 21%	134 24%	110 18%	23 17%	57 27%	52 23%	35 18%	78 19%	- -	- -	244 100%	- -	125 24%	26 19%	93 18%	40 16%	162 22%	42 21%	93 23%	150 19%	65 23%	41 10%
D	193 16%	76 13%	117 19%	28 21%	36 17%	39 17%	27 14%	63 15%	- -	- -	- -	193 63%	91 17%	36 27%	66 13%	50 20%	104 14%	39 19%	73 18%	120 15%	83 29%	25 6%
E	114 10%	37 7%	77 12%	17 13%	15 7%	13 6%	16 8%	52 13%	- -	- -	- -	114 37%	- -	1 1%	113 22%	39 15%	40 5%	35 17%	40 10%	74 10%	64 23%	8 2%

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Social Class.

Base: All respondents

	Government		GO Region													Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Satis- fied	Dissat- isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot- land	Wales	N.Ire -land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested	
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
A	35	13	21	35	-	4	3	-	4	5	6	5	5	2	1	-	32	-	2	1	33	2
	3%	4%	3%	3%	-	3%	2%	-	3%	3%	6%	4%	5%	3%	2%	-	3%	-	7%	10%	5%	0%
B	249	69	165	245	18	28	25	12	29	47	16	20	22	13	15	3	239	1	7	2	183	66
	21%	19%	25%	21%	22%	27%	17%	23%	21%	29%	16%	18%	22%	13%	25%	10%	21%	5%	21%	14%	28%	13%
C1	346	100	206	335	29	20	65	14	42	40	25	41	19	32	8	10	319	8	12	5	218	126
	29%	28%	31%	29%	34%	19%	45%	27%	30%	25%	26%	37%	20%	34%	13%	30%	29%	38%	35%	47%	33%	24%
C2	244	57	143	238	15	19	18	7	38	38	34	14	21	23	11	6	238	3	4	-	118	125
	21%	16%	21%	21%	17%	18%	12%	14%	27%	24%	35%	13%	21%	25%	19%	17%	21%	11%	11%	-	18%	24%
D	193	75	86	183	13	22	17	12	14	21	7	20	22	15	18	9	180	6	6	1	63	130
	16%	21%	13%	16%	16%	22%	12%	23%	10%	13%	8%	19%	23%	16%	31%	27%	16%	28%	18%	7%	9%	25%
E	114	44	52	109	9	11	17	7	12	11	8	9	9	10	6	5	104	4	3	2	50	64
	10%	12%	8%	9%	11%	10%	12%	13%	9%	7%	9%	8%	9%	10%	9%	15%	9%	18%	8%	22%	7%	13%

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Social Class.

Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
A	35	1	33	29	7	16	18	16	19	1	2	17	10	1	16	5	15	28	7	38
	3%	1%	4%	6%	1%	4%	2%	10%	2%	2%	2%	3%	7%	2%	9%	2%	2%	5%	1%	3%
B	249	20	180	141	106	92	151	61	187	12	11	119	48	28	35	62	148	131	118	241
	21%	14%	25%	31%	15%	23%	21%	38%	18%	14%	10%	21%	32%	34%	21%	24%	21%	25%	18%	20%
C1	346	30	231	150	194	125	206	51	295	22	30	181	39	24	39	78	218	150	196	348
	29%	22%	32%	33%	27%	31%	28%	31%	29%	26%	29%	32%	26%	29%	23%	30%	31%	29%	30%	29%
C2	244	38	131	74	170	78	161	19	225	16	25	115	32	16	41	59	138	105	139	221
	21%	28%	18%	16%	24%	19%	22%	12%	22%	18%	24%	20%	21%	19%	24%	23%	19%	20%	21%	18%
D	193	31	85	33	159	59	121	10	183	19	17	91	13	10	25	38	120	69	124	166
	16%	23%	12%	7%	22%	15%	17%	6%	18%	22%	17%	16%	8%	12%	15%	15%	17%	13%	19%	14%
E	114	16	66	34	79	34	68	6	108	16	18	46	10	3	14	18	77	42	72	195
	10%	12%	9%	7%	11%	8%	9%	4%	11%	18%	18%	8%	7%	4%	8%	7%	11%	8%	11%	16%

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Table 27

Working Status.

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Working full time (30hrs/wk+)	533	350	183	60	134	142	131	65	149	167	125	91	533	-	-	123	347	62	210	323	61	244
	45%	62%	30%	45%	64%	62%	68%	16%	53%	48%	51%	30%	100%	-	-	48%	48%	31%	52%	42%	22%	57%
Working part time (8-29hrs/wk)	135	16	120	13	23	39	25	35	22	51	26	37	-	135	-	26	95	15	73	63	29	47
	11%	3%	20%	10%	11%	17%	13%	8%	8%	15%	11%	12%	-	100%	-	10%	13%	7%	18%	8%	10%	11%
Not working (ie under 8hrs/week) - housewife	113	3	110	14	31	28	14	26	19	18	30	45	-	-	113	17	83	14	72	41	30	24
	10%	1%	18%	10%	15%	12%	7%	6%	7%	5%	13%	15%	-	-	22%	7%	11%	7%	18%	5%	11%	6%
Not working (ie under 8hrs/week) - retired	277	129	148	-	-	-	7	270	76	70	52	79	-	-	277	21	155	100	5	272	134	70
	23%	23%	24%	-	-	-	4%	65%	27%	20%	21%	26%	-	-	54%	8%	21%	50%	1%	35%	47%	16%
Not working (ie under 8hrs/week) - unemployed (registered)	31	18	13	11	6	5	7	3	1	4	6	21	-	-	31	21	9	1	15	17	10	7
	3%	3%	2%	8%	3%	2%	3%	1%	0%	1%	2%	7%	-	-	6%	8%	1%	0%	4%	2%	4%	2%
Not working (ie under 8hrs/week) - unemployed (not registered but looking for work)	6	5	1	1	2	1	1	0	-	-	1	5	-	-	6	2	3	0	4	2	1	2
	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	-	-	0%	2%	-	-	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Not working (ie under 8hrs/week) - student	44	24	20	31	10	3	-	-	9	30	1	4	-	-	44	34	9	1	15	29	-	25
	4%	4%	3%	23%	5%	1%	-	-	3%	9%	1%	1%	-	-	9%	13%	1%	1%	4%	4%	-	6%
Not working (ie under 8hrs/week) - other (incl disabled)	40	20	20	3	3	10	10	15	8	6	2	25	-	-	40	10	21	9	10	30	16	7
	3%	4%	3%	3%	1%	4%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%	8%	-	-	8%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	6%	2%

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Working Status.

Base: All respondents

	Government			GO Region												Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Satis-fied	Dissat-isfied		GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks./Humbs.	Scot-land	Wales	N.Ire-land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
Working full time (30hrs/wk+)	533	156	308	520	43	51	74	15	61	76	36	53	44	45	22	12	494	8	25	4	315	216
	45%	44%	46%	45%	51%	49%	51%	29%	44%	47%	38%	49%	45%	48%	37%	36%	44%	38%	74%	35%	47%	42%
Working part time (8-29hrs/wk)	135	39	79	129	11	17	9	9	19	20	12	8	11	7	6	7	129	4	2	1	69	66
	11%	11%	12%	11%	12%	16%	6%	16%	14%	12%	13%	8%	11%	7%	10%	20%	12%	19%	5%	7%	10%	13%
Not working (ie under 8hrs/week) - housewife	113	36	63	111	11	7	12	7	8	15	18	8	10	8	7	2	106	2	4	-	51	62
	10%	10%	9%	10%	13%	7%	8%	14%	6%	10%	19%	7%	10%	8%	11%	6%	10%	11%	12%	-	8%	12%
Not working (ie under 8hrs/week) - retired	277	75	173	269	15	24	24	18	34	36	26	26	27	25	14	8	275	3	-	-	169	108
	23%	21%	26%	23%	17%	23%	17%	35%	24%	22%	27%	24%	27%	26%	23%	24%	25%	13%	-	-	25%	21%
Not working (ie under 8hrs/week) - unemployed (registered)	31	9	15	29	2	3	6	2	2	3	2	4	3	1	1	2	27	2	0	2	12	19
	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	4%	4%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	6%	2%	10%	1%	14%	2%	4%
Not working (ie under 8hrs/week) - unemployed (not registered but looking for work)	6	3	2	5	1	-	0	0	1	1	-	-	-	1	0	1	5	-	1	-	3	3
	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	-	0%	1%	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	1%	2%	0%	-	3%	-	0%	1%
Not working (ie under 8hrs/week) - student	44	21	16	43	2	-	13	-	6	7	-	5	1	5	4	1	37	2	1	4	29	15
	4%	6%	2%	4%	2%	-	9%	-	5%	4%	-	4%	1%	5%	6%	3%	3%	8%	3%	36%	4%	3%
Not working (ie under 8hrs/week) - other (incl disabled)	40	18	17	39	1	2	7	1	8	4	2	5	2	3	5	1	39	-	1	1	16	25
	3%	5%	2%	3%	2%	2%	5%	1%	5%	2%	2%	5%	2%	3%	9%	4%	3%	-	2%	8%	2%	5%

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Working Status.

Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti-vist	Non-Acti-vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Working full time (30hrs/wk+)	533	66	307	231	301	188	321	82	450	50	45	250	72	37	75	111	334	219	314	462
	45%	49%	42%	50%	42%	47%	44%	51%	44%	57%	44%	44%	48%	44%	44%	43%	47%	42%	48%	38%
Working part time (8-29hrs/wk)	135	13	83	37	98	56	76	17	118	8	7	78	9	13	18	29	82	71	64	135
	11%	9%	11%	8%	14%	14%	11%	11%	12%	9%	7%	14%	6%	16%	10%	11%	11%	14%	10%	11%
Not working (ie under 8hrs/week) - housewife	113	20	60	28	86	30	77	8	105	4	16	51	17	8	21	28	63	49	64	126
	10%	15%	8%	6%	12%	8%	11%	5%	10%	5%	15%	9%	11%	10%	12%	11%	9%	9%	10%	10%
Not working (ie under 8hrs/week) - retired	277	20	217	129	148	85	181	41	236	15	24	128	42	21	54	65	150	147	130	330
	23%	15%	30%	28%	21%	21%	25%	25%	23%	17%	23%	23%	28%	26%	32%	25%	21%	28%	20%	27%
Not working (ie under 8hrs/week) - unemployed (registered)	31	5	14	11	21	12	17	1	31	3	5	13	3	2	1	7	22	9	23	59
	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	0%	3%	3%	5%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	3%	2%	3%	5%
Not working (ie under 8hrs/week) - unemployed (not registered but looking for work)	6	1	2	0	5	0	5	0	5	2	0	2	-	-	-	2	3	2	4	10
	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%	-	-	-	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Not working (ie under 8hrs/week) - student	44	5	23	16	26	18	23	10	34	3	2	24	5	1	-	13	31	11	33	37
	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	3%	6%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	-	5%	4%	2%	5%	3%
Not working (ie under 8hrs/week) - other (incl disabled)	40	5	20	9	30	14	24	4	37	3	4	21	3	1	2	5	31	17	24	50
	3%	4%	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	4%	4%	2%	1%	1%	2%	4%	3%	4%	4%

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Table 28

Marital Status.

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Married	601	304	298	5	81	151	127	238	180	180	129	112	269	84	249	-	601	-	242	359	135	229
	51%	54%	48%	4%	39%	66%	65%	57%	64%	52%	53%	36%	51%	62%	49%	-	83%	-	60%	46%	48%	54%
Living together	122	64	59	23	51	22	13	13	29	29	33	31	78	11	33	-	122	-	53	69	16	51
	10%	11%	10%	17%	24%	10%	7%	3%	10%	8%	14%	10%	15%	8%	6%	-	17%	-	13%	9%	6%	12%
Single	253	136	117	105	69	29	22	28	38	87	40	89	123	26	105	253	-	-	76	177	45	107
	21%	24%	19%	79%	33%	13%	11%	7%	13%	25%	16%	29%	23%	19%	20%	100%	-	-	19%	23%	16%	25%
Widowed	112	25	87	-	-	-	4	108	25	31	18	39	9	6	97	-	-	112	1	112	61	18
	10%	4%	14%	-	-	-	2%	26%	9%	9%	7%	13%	2%	4%	19%	-	-	55%	0%	14%	22%	4%
Divorced	69	32	38	-	5	22	20	22	8	16	20	26	39	8	23	-	-	69	22	47	20	15
	6%	6%	6%	-	3%	10%	10%	5%	3%	5%	8%	8%	7%	6%	4%	-	-	34%	5%	6%	7%	3%
Separated	21	5	16	-	3	4	8	5	5	2	4	10	14	1	6	-	-	21	9	12	5	6
	2%	1%	3%	-	1%	2%	4%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	3%	1%	1%	-	-	10%	2%	2%	2%	1%
Refused/don't know	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-

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Marital Status.
Base: All respondents

	Government		GO Region													Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Satis- fied	Dissat- isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot- land	Wales	N.Ire -land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested	
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
Married	601	177	361	585	57	56	52	26	67	82	52	52	61	51	28	16	572	5	20	4	366	235
	51%	49%	54%	51%	67%	54%	36%	49%	48%	51%	54%	47%	62%	54%	48%	48%	51%	22%	59%	33%	55%	46%
Living together	122	44	65	120	7	7	15	8	10	23	10	16	6	10	7	2	119	3	-	-	68	53
	10%	12%	10%	10%	9%	7%	10%	15%	7%	14%	11%	15%	6%	11%	12%	6%	11%	12%	-	-	10%	10%
Single	253	93	119	244	11	12	60	8	36	32	16	25	15	18	11	9	222	13	11	7	127	127
	21%	26%	18%	21%	13%	11%	41%	15%	26%	20%	17%	23%	15%	19%	18%	27%	20%	58%	32%	59%	19%	25%
Widowed	112	26	73	110	6	11	10	7	11	18	12	7	11	9	6	2	111	1	-	-	64	48
	10%	7%	11%	10%	8%	11%	7%	13%	8%	11%	13%	6%	11%	9%	11%	7%	10%	5%	-	-	10%	9%
Divorced	69	15	41	67	3	12	4	4	11	7	4	7	5	5	5	2	69	-	-	1	31	38
	6%	4%	6%	6%	3%	12%	3%	7%	8%	4%	4%	7%	5%	6%	8%	6%	6%	-	-	8%	5%	7%
Separated	21	3	14	19	1	6	3	-	3	-	1	2	-	1	2	2	18	1	3	-	9	12
	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	5%	2%	-	2%	-	1%	2%	-	1%	3%	5%	2%	3%	8%	-	1%	2%
Refused/don't know	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
	0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	0%

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Marital Status.
Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Married	601	58	406	275	326	211	372	104	498	44	36	283	88	55	107	155	323	328	273	628
	51%	43%	56%	60%	45%	52%	51%	64%	49%	51%	35%	50%	58%	66%	63%	60%	45%	63%	42%	52%
Living together	122	19	60	39	83	41	77	17	105	5	14	68	9	7	13	25	82	37	85	108
	10%	14%	8%	9%	12%	10%	11%	10%	10%	6%	13%	12%	6%	9%	8%	10%	11%	7%	13%	9%
Single	253	37	122	84	168	91	141	25	228	29	33	120	22	10	17	35	192	74	180	253
	21%	27%	17%	18%	23%	22%	19%	15%	22%	33%	32%	21%	15%	12%	10%	13%	27%	14%	27%	21%
Widowed	112	11	86	40	72	34	72	7	105	4	9	49	23	9	23	28	59	45	67	118
	10%	8%	12%	9%	10%	8%	10%	4%	10%	4%	9%	9%	15%	11%	13%	11%	8%	9%	10%	10%
Divorced	69	7	39	18	52	24	45	6	64	4	10	35	7	2	10	14	44	32	38	76
	6%	5%	5%	4%	7%	6%	6%	4%	6%	4%	9%	6%	5%	2%	6%	5%	6%	6%	6%	6%
Separated	21	4	12	6	15	4	15	4	17	1	1	12	2	-	1	3	16	9	12	25
	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	-	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Refused/don't know	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	0%

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Table 29

Number of children in household.
Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
1	182	71	112	37	46	58	35	6	41	57	31	54	101	36	46	50	119	14	182	-	21	73
	15%	12%	18%	28%	22%	26%	18%	2%	14%	16%	13%	18%	19%	26%	9%	20%	16%	7%	45%	-	8%	17%
2	154	66	87	17	50	70	17	0	43	36	46	29	85	25	44	21	117	16	154	-	18	64
	13%	12%	14%	13%	24%	31%	9%	0%	15%	10%	19%	10%	16%	19%	9%	8%	16%	8%	38%	-	7%	15%
3	49	17	32	1	14	30	3	-	8	12	13	16	18	8	23	2	46	1	49	-	3	14
	4%	3%	5%	1%	7%	13%	2%	-	3%	3%	5%	5%	3%	6%	5%	1%	6%	1%	12%	-	1%	3%
4	14	7	7	3	4	4	2	3	-	1	2	12	5	4	6	3	10	1	14	-	6	3
	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	-	0%	1%	4%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	4%	-	2%	1%
5	3	2	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	0	2	1	2	-	1	0	3	-	3	-	1	-
	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	1%	-	-	-	0%	1%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	-	1%	-	1%	-
6	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	-
Any	403	163	241	58	114	165	58	9	91	106	93	113	210	73	121	76	295	32	403	-	50	154
	34%	29%	39%	43%	54%	72%	30%	2%	32%	31%	38%	37%	39%	54%	24%	30%	41%	16%	100%	-	18%	36%
None	777	403	374	76	95	64	137	405	193	240	150	194	323	63	391	177	428	170	-	777	231	271
	66%	71%	61%	57%	46%	28%	70%	98%	68%	69%	62%	63%	61%	46%	76%	70%	59%	84%	-	100%	82%	64%

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Number of children in household.
Base: All respondents

	Government		GO Region													Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Total	Satis- fied	Dissat- isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot- land	Wales	N.Ire -land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
1	182	52	97	173	14	14	20	8	17	22	12	20	18	20	6	9	172	4	5	1	99	83
	15%	14%	14%	15%	17%	14%	14%	16%	12%	14%	13%	18%	21%	11%	27%		15%	18%	16%	7%	15%	16%
2	154	55	78	151	15	21	13	3	21	21	12	7	17	12	8	3	142	2	8	0	84	69
	13%	15%	12%	13%	17%	20%	9%	6%	15%	13%	13%	7%	17%	12%	13%	9%	13%	10%	24%	2%	13%	14%
3	49	20	23	49	5	5	6	3	6	11	1	6	3	2	1	-	43	3	3	-	24	25
	4%	6%	3%	4%	6%	5%	4%	6%	4%	7%	1%	6%	3%	2%	2%	-	4%	13%	8%	-	4%	5%
4	14	5	7	14	-	1	3	2	2	0	1	1	3	0	-	1	13	-	1	-	5	9
	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	2%	3%	1%	0%	1%	1%	3%	0%	-	2%	1%	-	3%	-	1%	2%
5	3	0	2	3	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	0	-	-	-	0	3	0	-	-	-	3
	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	0%	-	-	-	1%	0%	1%	-	-	-	1%
6	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
	0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	0%
Any	403	132	208	390	34	41	42	17	48	56	28	35	41	34	16	13	374	9	18	1	212	192
	34%	37%	31%	34%	40%	40%	29%	32%	34%	34%	29%	32%	42%	35%	26%	39%	34%	42%	51%	8%	32%	37%
None	777	226	465	756	51	63	103	36	91	107	68	74	57	62	44	21	737	13	17	10	452	322
	66%	63%	69%	66%	60%	60%	71%	68%	66%	66%	71%	68%	58%	65%	74%	61%	66%	58%	49%	92%	68%	63%

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Number of children in household.

Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Total	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes		No
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
1	182	35	76	69	114	61	111	19	163	10	17	99	15	6	12	43	119	75	107	185
	15%	26%	10%	15%	16%	15%	15%	12%	16%	12%	16%	18%	10%	7%	7%	17%	17%	14%	16%	15%
2	154	18	98	60	93	53	93	21	133	13	10	73	25	11	25	44	81	58	96	149
	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	15%	10%	13%	16%	13%	15%	17%	11%	11%	15%	12%
3	49	6	30	15	34	18	30	6	43	6	6	22	6	6	9	10	30	26	23	47
	4%	5%	4%	3%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	7%	6%	4%	4%	7%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%
4	14	3	5	2	12	8	6	0	14	-	4	8	1	-	1	1	11	7	7	16
	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	-	4%	1%	1%	-	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%
5	3	3	0	-	3	0	3	-	3	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	2	1	5
	0%	2%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	2%	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%
6	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
	0%	-	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%
Any	403	65	208	146	256	142	243	47	357	31	37	204	47	22	48	100	243	170	234	403
	34%	48%	29%	32%	36%	35%	34%	29%	35%	36%	36%	36%	31%	26%	28%	38%	34%	32%	36%	33%
None	777	70	517	315	459	262	481	117	660	56	66	363	104	61	122	160	473	355	422	806
	66%	52%	71%	68%	64%	65%	66%	71%	65%	64%	64%	64%	69%	74%	72%	62%	66%	68%	64%	67%

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Table 30

Qualifications.

Which, if any, is the highest educational or professional qualification you have obtained.

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
GCSE/O-Level/CSE	239	102	137	34	44	67	41	52	30	66	65	77	118	34	86	52	156	31	124	115	-	-
	20%	18%	22%	25%	21%	29%	21%	13%	11%	19%	27%	25%	22%	25%	17%	20%	22%	15%	31%	15%	-	-
Vocational quals (=NVQ1+2)	92	42	50	12	20	15	17	28	14	24	34	20	41	12	39	23	48	21	30	62	-	-
	8%	7%	8%	9%	10%	7%	9%	7%	5%	7%	14%	6%	8%	9%	8%	9%	7%	10%	8%	8%	-	-
A-Level or equivalent (=NVQ3)	188	100	87	45	37	33	32	41	57	79	30	22	98	23	66	59	114	15	69	119	-	188
	16%	18%	14%	34%	18%	14%	16%	10%	20%	23%	12%	7%	18%	17%	13%	23%	16%	7%	17%	15%	-	44%
Bachelor Degree or equivalent (=NVQ4)	166	88	79	8	44	33	39	42	89	57	12	9	97	18	51	30	117	19	58	109	-	166
	14%	16%	13%	6%	21%	14%	20%	10%	31%	17%	5%	3%	18%	13%	10%	12%	16%	9%	14%	14%	-	39%
Masters/PhD or equivalent	71	44	28	4	20	25	9	13	44	25	-	3	49	5	18	17	49	6	27	44	-	71
	6%	8%	5%	3%	10%	11%	5%	3%	15%	7%	-	1%	9%	4%	3%	7%	7%	3%	7%	6%	-	17%
Other	122	76	46	5	21	29	23	45	31	32	37	22	69	10	43	13	84	24	37	85	-	1
	10%	13%	7%	3%	10%	13%	12%	11%	11%	9%	15%	7%	13%	8%	8%	5%	12%	12%	9%	11%	-	0%
No formal qualifications	281	106	176	15	16	26	34	191	16	54	65	147	61	29	191	45	151	86	50	231	281	-
	24%	19%	29%	11%	8%	11%	18%	46%	6%	16%	26%	48%	11%	22%	37%	18%	21%	42%	12%	30%	100%	-
Still studying	40	21	19	24	9	4	2	-	7	24	3	6	7	2	30	26	10	3	12	27	-	20
	3%	4%	3%	18%	5%	2%	1%	-	2%	7%	1%	2%	1%	1%	6%	10%	1%	1%	3%	4%	-	5%
Don't know	4	2	2	1	1	-	-	2	-	2	-	3	-	1	3	1	3	-	1	3	-	-
	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	-	-	1%	-	0%	-	1%	-	1%	1%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	-	-

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Table 30 (CONT.)

Qualifications.

Which, if any, is the highest educational or professional qualification you have obtained.

Base: All respondents

	Government		GO Region													Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Total	Satis- fied	Dissat- isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot- land	Wales	N.Ire -land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
GCSE/O-Level/CSE	239	72	125	230	23	23	16	14	35	28	18	14	23	19	17	8	230	4	3	1	113	125
	20%	20%	19%	20%	27%	22%	11%	26%	25%	17%	19%	13%	24%	20%	28%	25%	21%	17%	10%	11%	17%	24%
Vocational quals (=NVQ1+2)	92	23	54	90	6	8	11	10	7	9	10	11	9	5	3	3	90	1	-	2	43	49
	8%	6%	8%	8%	8%	8%	7%	18%	5%	6%	10%	10%	9%	6%	6%	7%	8%	3%	-	20%	7%	10%
A-Level or equivalent (=NVQ3)	188	58	110	183	10	14	29	8	29	22	14	26	11	15	5	5	175	3	8	1	127	59
	16%	16%	16%	16%	12%	14%	20%	14%	21%	14%	15%	24%	11%	15%	8%	15%	16%	15%	24%	9%	19%	11%
Bachelor Degree or equivalent (=NVQ4)	166	47	106	164	10	15	26	5	25	27	10	18	13	10	8	2	152	3	9	1	128	38
	14%	13%	16%	14%	11%	14%	18%	9%	18%	16%	10%	16%	14%	10%	13%	7%	14%	15%	26%	10%	19%	7%
Masters/PhD or equivalent	71	26	42	71	3	7	15	1	4	12	6	4	8	9	1	1	64	-	7	1	60	12
	6%	7%	6%	6%	4%	7%	11%	2%	3%	7%	7%	3%	9%	10%	2%	2%	6%	-	19%	6%	9%	2%
Other	122	29	85	121	8	12	13	2	9	20	14	15	9	12	6	0	116	2	2	2	75	47
	10%	8%	13%	11%	10%	12%	9%	4%	7%	12%	15%	14%	9%	12%	10%	1%	10%	11%	5%	14%	11%	9%
No formal qualifications	281	95	144	269	23	24	29	13	29	40	24	21	24	24	18	13	269	7	4	2	105	175
	24%	26%	21%	23%	27%	23%	20%	26%	21%	24%	25%	19%	25%	25%	30%	37%	24%	30%	13%	14%	16%	34%
Still studying	40	17	15	38	2	3	8	-	6	7	1	6	1	3	2	1	35	2	1	2	27	13
	3%	5%	2%	3%	2%	2%	5%	-	4%	4%	2%	6%	1%	3%	3%	4%	3%	8%	3%	18%	4%	3%
Don't know	4	1	2	4	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	-	-	1	2	2
	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	1%	1%	1%	-	-	-	-	1%	-	2%	0%	-	-	7%	0%	0%

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Qualifications.

Which, if any, is the highest educational or professional qualification you have obtained.

Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
GCSE/O-Level/CSE	239	37	116	80	158	87	138	16	223	15	18	123	30	9	36	64	130	107	131	236
		20%	27%	16%	17%	22%	19%	10%	22%	17%	17%	22%	20%	10%	21%	24%	18%	20%	20%	20%
Vocational quals (=NVQ1+2)	92	14	42	31	61	23	68	5	87	5	12	49	7	8	12	12	65	33	59	91
		8%	11%	6%	7%	9%	6%	3%	9%	6%	12%	9%	4%	10%	7%	5%	9%	6%	9%	8%
A-Level or equivalent (=NVQ3)	188	18	121	72	116	72	114	35	153	12	16	103	25	7	15	39	128	84	104	175
		16%	13%	17%	16%	18%	16%	21%	15%	14%	15%	18%	16%	8%	9%	15%	18%	16%	16%	14%
Bachelor Degree or equivalent (=NVQ4)	166	11	122	102	64	71	90	47	119	10	9	77	34	18	27	42	96	93	74	164
		14%	8%	17%	22%	18%	12%	29%	12%	11%	8%	14%	22%	21%	16%	16%	13%	18%	11%	14%
Masters/PhD or equivalent	71	3	56	47	24	24	44	25	47	8	8	32	8	4	11	10	50	40	31	69
		6%	2%	8%	10%	3%	6%	15%	5%	9%	8%	6%	5%	5%	7%	4%	7%	8%	5%	6%
Other	122	13	82	55	67	34	86	21	101	10	12	58	12	12	18	26	77	52	70	121
		10%	9%	11%	12%	9%	12%	13%	10%	12%	11%	10%	8%	15%	11%	10%	11%	10%	11%	10%
No formal qualifications	281	39	177	68	213	83	174	11	271	24	28	119	32	25	50	65	154	110	171	332
		24%	29%	24%	15%	30%	21%	24%	7%	27%	28%	21%	21%	29%	29%	25%	22%	21%	26%	27%
Still studying	40	5	17	12	26	18	19	7	32	4	4	21	4	1	1	9	28	7	32	34
		3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	2%	1%	4%	4%	1%	5%	3%
Don't know	4	-	3	2	2	2	2	1	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	4	3	1	6
		0%	-	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	1%	1%	0%	0%

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Table 31

QPo13.

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the Government is running the country?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Satisfied	358	172	186	51	81	66	50	110	82	100	57	119	156	39	163	93	220	44	132	226	95	131
	30%	30%	30%	38%	39%	29%	26%	26%	29%	29%	23%	39%	29%	29%	32%	37%	30%	22%	33%	29%	34%	31%
Dissatisfied	673	320	353	60	89	137	124	263	186	206	143	138	308	79	286	119	426	128	208	465	144	258
	57%	57%	58%	45%	43%	60%	64%	63%	65%	60%	59%	45%	58%	59%	56%	47%	59%	63%	52%	60%	51%	61%
Don't know	115	58	57	17	29	22	15	32	13	30	38	35	56	10	49	32	59	24	50	65	30	28
	10%	10%	9%	13%	14%	9%	8%	8%	4%	9%	15%	11%	11%	7%	9%	13%	8%	12%	12%	8%	11%	7%
Net Satisfied	-315	-148	-167	-10	-8	-71	-74	-153	-104	-106	-86	-19	-152	-40	-123	-25	-206	-84	-76	-239	-50	-127
	-27%	-26%	-27%	-7%	-4%	-31%	-38%	-37%	-37%	-31%	-35%	-6%	-29%	-30%	-24%	-10%	-28%	-41%	-19%	-31%	-18%	-30%
n/a	34	16	18	5	9	4	5	10	3	10	6	14	12	7	15	9	18	6	13	21	13	8
	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	5%	2%	5%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%

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QPo3.

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the Government is running the country?

Base: All respondents

	Government			GO Region												Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Total	Satis- fied	Dissat- isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot- land	Wales	N.Ire -land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
Satisfied	358	358	-	358	25	30	52	23	52	44	17	40	22	32	20	-	319	10	21	8	190	168
	30%	100%	-	31%	29%	29%	36%	44%	38%	27%	18%	37%	22%	34%	34%	-	29%	46%	60%	76%	29%	33%
Dissatisfied	673	-	673	673	48	69	82	23	72	103	73	55	65	51	32	-	649	9	13	1	418	254
	57%	-	100%	59%	57%	66%	57%	43%	52%	63%	76%	51%	66%	54%	54%	-	58%	41%	37%	11%	63%	49%
Don't know	115	-	-	115	12	6	11	6	14	16	6	13	12	12	7	-	111	2	1	1	38	77
	10%	-	-	10%	14%	6%	8%	12%	10%	10%	6%	12%	12%	12%	-	-	10%	11%	3%	6%	6%	15%
Net Satisfied	-315	358	-673	-315	-24	-39	-30	1	-20	-58	-56	-15	-43	-19	-12	-	-330	1	8	7	-228	-86
	-27%	100%	-100%	-28%	-28%	-37%	-21%	1%	-14%	-36%	-58%	-14%	-44%	-20%	-20%	-	-30%	5%	24%	65%	-34%	-17%
n/a	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	33	1	-	1	18	16
	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	3%	3%	-	7%	3%	3%

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QPol3.

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the Government is running the country?

Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Satisfied	358	31	224	139	217	208	135	33	325	49	45	156	38	17	46	76	235	145	213	358
	30%	23%	31%	30%	30%	51%	19%	20%	32%	57%	44%	28%	25%	20%	27%	29%	33%	28%	32%	30%
Dissatisfied	673	70	448	288	384	151	508	118	555	32	53	346	96	63	103	160	410	322	352	669
	57%	51%	62%	62%	54%	37%	70%	72%	55%	37%	51%	61%	64%	76%	60%	62%	57%	61%	54%	55%
Don't know	115	28	37	22	93	33	61	10	105	5	5	65	17	3	21	24	70	39	75	115
	10%	21%	5%	5%	13%	8%	8%	6%	10%	6%	5%	11%	11%	4%	12%	9%	10%	8%	12%	10%
Net Satisfied	-315	-39	-224	-149	-167	56	-373	-86	-230	17	-8	-190	-58	-47	-56	-84	-175	-176	-139	-311
	-27%	-29%	-31%	-32%	-23%	14%	-52%	-52%	-23%	20%	-7%	-33%	-38%	-56%	-33%	-32%	-24%	-34%	-21%	-26%
n/a	34	7	17	12	22	11	20	3	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	16	67
	3%	5%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3%	2%	6%

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Table 32
GO Region.
Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Scotland	95	47	49	12	17	17	12	38	15	32	23	25	45	7	43	18	62	15	34	62	24	34
	8%	8%	8%	9%	8%	7%	6%	9%	5%	9%	10%	8%	9%	5%	8%	7%	9%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%
North East	53	17	35	6	11	5	5	25	12	14	7	19	15	9	29	8	34	11	17	36	13	13
	4%	3%	6%	4%	5%	2%	3%	6%	4%	4%	3%	6%	3%	6%	6%	3%	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%	3%
Merseyside	36	18	18	4	7	8	7	8	5	13	7	10	16	7	12	14	16	5	15	20	11	9
	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%	2%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	5%	2%	6%	2%	3%	4%	3%	4%	2%
North West	103	58	45	16	10	19	21	36	28	29	30	16	44	12	47	22	62	20	33	71	18	49
	9%	10%	7%	12%	5%	8%	11%	9%	10%	8%	12%	5%	8%	9%	9%	9%	9%	10%	8%	9%	6%	12%
Yorks & Humberside	98	47	51	9	15	24	13	38	27	19	21	31	44	11	43	15	67	16	41	57	24	33
	8%	8%	8%	7%	7%	10%	7%	9%	9%	6%	9%	10%	8%	8%	8%	6%	9%	8%	10%	7%	9%	8%
East Midlands	85	42	43	9	11	18	18	29	18	29	15	23	43	11	31	11	64	10	34	51	23	23
	7%	7%	7%	7%	5%	8%	9%	7%	7%	8%	6%	7%	8%	8%	6%	4%	9%	5%	9%	7%	8%	5%
West Midlands	109	49	59	14	26	20	15	34	25	41	14	29	53	8	48	25	68	16	35	74	21	48
	9%	9%	10%	10%	12%	9%	8%	8%	9%	12%	6%	10%	10%	6%	9%	10%	9%	8%	9%	10%	8%	11%
Wales	59	28	31	9	8	8	9	25	16	8	11	24	22	6	31	11	36	13	16	44	18	14
	5%	5%	5%	6%	4%	4%	5%	6%	6%	2%	5%	8%	4%	5%	6%	4%	5%	6%	4%	6%	6%	3%
South West	96	40	56	8	12	14	23	39	22	25	34	16	36	12	47	16	62	18	28	68	24	30
	8%	7%	9%	6%	6%	6%	12%	9%	8%	7%	14%	5%	7%	9%	9%	6%	9%	9%	7%	9%	8%	7%
Eastern	104	55	49	2	16	24	20	43	32	20	19	33	51	17	37	12	64	29	41	63	24	36
	9%	10%	8%	1%	8%	11%	10%	10%	11%	6%	8%	11%	10%	12%	7%	5%	9%	14%	10%	8%	9%	9%
London	145	65	80	19	44	26	19	38	28	65	18	34	74	9	62	60	67	18	42	103	29	70
	12%	12%	13%	14%	21%	11%	10%	9%	10%	19%	7%	11%	14%	7%	12%	24%	9%	9%	10%	13%	10%	16%
South East	162	82	80	21	21	41	27	52	52	40	38	32	76	20	66	32	106	25	56	107	40	60
	14%	15%	13%	16%	10%	18%	14%	13%	18%	12%	16%	11%	14%	15%	13%	13%	15%	12%	14%	14%	14%	14%
Northern Ireland	34	16	18	5	9	4	5	10	3	10	6	14	12	7	15	9	18	6	13	21	13	8
	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	5%	2%	5%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%

Number of sample points: 201
 Source: MORI (JN: 26166)
 Fieldwork dates: 1st-5th December 2005



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GO Region.

Base: All respondents

	Government			GO Region												Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Total	Satis- fied	Dissat- isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot- land	Wales	N.Ire -land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
Scotland	95	32	51	95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	-	-	93	-	2	1	61	35
	8%	9%	8%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	8%	-	7%	6%	9%	7%
North East	53	23	23	53	-	-	-	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53	-	-	-	29	24
	4%	7%	3%	5%	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5%	-	-	-	4%	5%
Merseyside	36	13	17	36	-	-	-	-	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	-	-	-	19	17
	3%	4%	3%	3%	-	-	-	-	26%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3%	-	-	-	3%	3%
North West	103	39	55	103	-	-	-	-	103	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	2	6	-	63	41
	9%	11%	8%	9%	-	-	-	-	74%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9%	9%	19%	-	9%	8%
Yorks & Humberside	98	22	65	98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98	-	-	-	90	1	7	-	52	46
	8%	6%	10%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	8%	4%	21%	-	8%	9%
East Midlands	85	25	48	85	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83	1	1	-	46	39
	7%	7%	7%	7%	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7%	3%	4%	-	7%	8%
West Midlands	109	40	55	109	-	-	-	-	-	-	109	-	-	-	-	-	106	0	2	1	51	58
	9%	11%	8%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	10%	2%	5%	11%	8%	11%
Wales	59	20	32	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59	-	58	-	1	-	34	25
	5%	6%	5%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	5%	-	2%	-	5%	5%
South West	96	17	73	96	-	-	-	-	-	96	-	-	-	-	-	-	96	-	-	-	59	37
	8%	5%	11%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	9%	-	-	-	9%	7%
Eastern	104	30	69	104	-	104	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101	-	2	-	66	38
	9%	8%	10%	9%	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9%	-	6%	-	10%	7%
London	145	52	82	145	-	-	145	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	108	17	11	7	71	72
	12%	14%	12%	13%	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10%	79%	33%	65%	11%	14%
South East	162	44	103	162	-	-	-	-	162	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	-	1	1	97	66
	14%	12%	15%	14%	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14%	-	3%	11%	15%	13%
Northern Ireland	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	33	1	-	1	18	16
	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	3%	3%	-	7%	3%	3%	3%

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Table 32 (CONT.)

GO Region.

Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Scotland	95	14	54	39	57	36	54	11	85	-	-	-	-	-	21	28	47	26	70	124
	8%	11%	7%	8%	8%	9%	7%	7%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	12%	11%	7%	5%	11%	10%
North East	53	12	29	15	37	19	32	8	45	7	18	27	-	-	-	10	43	23	30	50
	4%	9%	4%	3%	5%	5%	4%	5%	4%	8%	18%	5%	-	-	-	4%	6%	4%	5%	4%
Merseyside	36	5	19	15	20	11	21	2	34	16	-	20	-	-	-	-	36	18	17	38
	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	1%	3%	18%	-	3%	-	-	-	-	5%	3%	3%	3%
North West	103	8	65	46	57	38	65	13	90	16	8	58	21	-	6	36	61	55	48	98
	9%	6%	9%	10%	8%	9%	9%	8%	9%	19%	8%	10%	14%	-	4%	14%	9%	11%	7%	8%
Yorks & Humberside	98	14	56	45	54	26	68	13	85	4	21	54	19	-	24	16	59	45	53	90
	8%	10%	8%	10%	8%	6%	9%	8%	8%	5%	20%	9%	13%	-	14%	6%	8%	9%	8%	7%
East Midlands	85	6	56	38	47	27	50	10	75	8	6	51	10	10	21	26	38	42	43	86
	7%	4%	8%	8%	7%	7%	7%	6%	7%	9%	6%	9%	7%	12%	12%	10%	5%	8%	7%	7%
West Midlands	109	17	59	32	77	43	64	9	100	5	9	77	18	-	8	21	79	48	61	102
	9%	12%	8%	7%	11%	11%	9%	5%	10%	6%	9%	14%	12%	-	5%	8%	11%	9%	9%	8%
Wales	59	9	31	26	33	25	32	6	53	-	-	-	-	-	14	11	34	20	39	59
	5%	7%	4%	6%	5%	6%	4%	4%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	8%	4%	5%	4%	6%	5%
South West	96	7	64	35	61	32	63	21	75	-	9	59	24	3	28	39	30	48	48	97
	8%	5%	9%	8%	9%	8%	9%	13%	7%	-	9%	10%	16%	4%	16%	15%	4%	9%	7%	8%
Eastern	104	8	75	41	63	37	65	17	88	7	6	62	23	6	22	33	49	55	49	104
	9%	6%	10%	9%	9%	9%	9%	10%	9%	8%	6%	11%	15%	7%	13%	13%	7%	11%	7%	9%
London	145	15	93	55	88	46	84	20	125	23	20	93	2	7	-	-	145	51	94	131
	12%	11%	13%	12%	12%	11%	12%	12%	12%	26%	19%	16%	1%	9%	-	-	20%	10%	14%	11%
South East	162	15	108	63	99	53	106	31	132	-	5	67	33	57	26	41	95	75	88	163
	14%	11%	15%	14%	14%	13%	15%	19%	13%	-	5%	12%	22%	68%	15%	16%	13%	14%	13%	13%
Northern Ireland	34	7	17	12	22	11	20	3	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	16	67
	3%	5%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3%	2%	6%

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Table 33
Ethnic Origin.
Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
British	1046	500	546	112	163	207	175	389	264	294	225	262	465	121	460	204	656	185	359	687	253	372
	89%	88%	89%	84%	78%	91%	90%	94%	93%	85%	92%	85%	87%	90%	90%	81%	91%	91%	89%	89%	90%	87%
Irish	29	10	18	5	6	3	7	8	2	9	6	12	11	4	14	6	15	8	10	19	9	6
	2%	2%	3%	4%	3%	1%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	1%
Any other white background	37	14	22	4	16	3	2	12	5	16	7	10	19	3	15	12	21	4	5	31	7	15
	3%	3%	4%	3%	7%	1%	1%	3%	2%	5%	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	5%	3%	2%	1%	4%	3%	3%
White and Black Caribbean	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
	0%	0%	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-
Any other mixed background	2	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	2	1	1
	0%	0%	-	-	0%	1%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	0%	-	0%	1%	-	-	-	0%	0%	0%
Indian	11	10	1	-	5	3	1	2	5	3	-	3	10	-	1	3	7	-	4	7	1	6
	1%	2%	0%	-	3%	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%	-	1%	2%	-	0%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	0%	1%
Pakistani	14	11	3	2	6	1	5	-	2	4	4	4	7	1	6	5	6	2	6	8	2	9
	1%	2%	0%	1%	3%	0%	2%	-	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Bangladeshi	8	4	4	2	4	1	-	-	1	6	-	1	7	-	1	2	5	1	7	1	-	7
	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	-	-	0%	2%	-	0%	1%	-	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	-	2%
Any other Asian background	2	1	0	-	0	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	0	1	1	-	1	1	1	1
	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%
Caribbean	10	2	9	1	3	4	0	3	-	5	1	4	1	2	7	9	2	-	4	7	4	3
	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	-	2%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%	3%	0%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%
African	11	5	6	3	3	4	-	1	1	3	2	5	7	2	2	4	5	2	5	6	2	3
	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	-	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Any other black background	0	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	-	0	-
	0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%	-
Chinese	2	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	1
	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	0%	1%	-	-	-	0%	-	0%
Any other background	6	4	3	2	0	1	4	-	2	3	-	2	3	1	3	2	4	1	1	5	1	1
	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%	-	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Refused	2	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	2	-	-	1
	0%	-	0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	-	-	0%

Number of sample points: 201
 Source: MORI (JN: 26166)
 Fieldwork dates: 1st-5th December 2005



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Ethnic Origin.

Base: All respondents

	Government			GO Region													Ethnicity				Interest in politics	
	Satis- fied	Dissat- isfied		GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot- land	Wales	N.Ire -land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
British	1046	299	630	1035	83	97	92	52	128	155	93	100	89	89	56	12	1046	-	-	-	601	445
	89%	84%	94%	90%	98%	94%	63%	98%	92%	95%	97%	92%	91%	93%	95%	34%	94%	-	-	-	90%	87%
Irish	29	6	2	9	-	2	2	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	20	29	-	-	-	16	12
	2%	2%	0%	1%	-	2%	2%	-	1%	0%	-	1%	-	1%	-	58%	3%	-	-	-	2%	2%
Any other white background	37	14	17	35	-	1	14	1	1	5	3	4	1	3	2	1	37	-	-	-	19	17
	3%	4%	3%	3%	-	1%	10%	2%	1%	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%	3%	4%	3%	-	-	-	3%	3%
White and Black Caribbean	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
	0%	0%	-	0%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7%	0%	-
Any other mixed background	2	2	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1
	0%	0%	-	0%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%	0%	0%
Indian	11	6	4	11	1	-	5	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	11	5	6	
	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	-	3%	-	-	1%	-	1%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	31%	-	1%	1%
Pakistani	14	9	5	14	-	2	3	-	6	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	14	6	7	
	1%	3%	1%	1%	-	2%	2%	-	5%	-	-	-	2%	1%	-	-	-	-	40%	-	1%	1%
Bangladeshi	8	3	4	8	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	8	4	4	
	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	-	3%	-	-	-	-	-	3%	-	1%	-	-	-	23%	-	1%	1%
Any other Asian background	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	0	
	0%	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-	1%	-	-	-	-	5%	-	0%	0%
Caribbean	10	3	5	10	0	-	10	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	2	9
	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	7%	-	-	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	48%	-	-	0%	2%
African	11	7	3	10	0	-	7	-	2	-	-	0	1	-	-	1	-	11	-	-	2	7
	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	-	5%	-	1%	-	-	0%	1%	-	-	2%	-	50%	-	-	0%	1%
Any other black background	0	0	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	0
	0%	0%	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2%	-	-	-	0%
Chinese	2	2	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
	0%	1%	-	0%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21%	-	0%
Any other background	6	4	1	6	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	0	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	6	4	3
	1%	1%	0%	0%	-	-	2%	-	-	1%	-	0%	-	1%	-	2%	-	-	-	57%	1%	1%
Refused	2	-	2	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
	0%	-	0%	0%	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-

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Ethnic Origin.
Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti-vist	Non-Acti-vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
British	1046	109	667	417	628	360	648	150	896	50	90	524	146	79	169	250	615	486	560	1055
		89%	80%	92%	90%	88%	89%	90%	92%	88%	58%	87%	92%	97%	99%	96%	86%	93%	85%	87%
Irish	29	7	16	11	17	10	16	1	28	2	1	5	-	-	-	-	9	12	17	48
	2%	5%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	3%	3%	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	2%	3%	4%	
Any other white background	37	12	17	14	23	8	26	8	29	9	1	15	4	2	1	7	28	8	29	37
	3%	9%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	5%	3%	10%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	4%	1%	4%	3%
White and Black Caribbean	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	0%	0%	-	0%
Any other mixed background	2	-	2	1	1	1	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	2
	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	0%	-	1%	0%	-	-	-	-	0%	0%	0%	0%
Indian	11	-	4	2	8	6	5	2	8	3	2	4	-	1	-	-	11	1	9	9
	1%	-	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	4%	2%	1%	-	1%	-	-	1%	0%	1%	1%
Pakistani	14	-	7	6	8	4	9	2	12	7	1	4	1	-	-	2	12	5	8	12
	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	8%	1%	1%	1%	-	-	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Bangladeshi	8	-	6	4	4	3	5	-	8	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	3	7
	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	1%	1%	0%	1%
Any other Asian background	2	0	1	1	0	2	-	-	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	3
	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Caribbean	10	4	1	3	8	2	7	-	10	2	2	6	-	-	-	-	10	3	8	12
	1%	3%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	2%	2%	1%	-	-	-	-	1%	1%	1%	1%
African	11	1	5	1	10	5	2	-	11	5	3	2	-	-	-	-	10	1	10	11
	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	-	1%	6%	3%	0%	-	-	-	-	1%	0%	2%	1%
Any other black background	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0	1
	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	0%
Chinese	2	2	-	-	2	1	1	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	2
	0%	2%	-	-	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	0%
Any other background	6	1	1	1	4	1	4	-	6	1	1	2	-	1	-	1	4	1	5	7
	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	-	1%	1%	0%	0%	-	1%	-	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%
Refused	2	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	2
	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	0%

Number of sample points: 201
 Source: MORI (JN: 26166)
 Fieldwork dates: 1st-5th December 2005



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Table 34
Deprivation.
Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Very deprived	87	49	37	11	27	16	15	17	13	22	16	35	50	8	29	29	49	9	31	56	24	30
	7%	9%	6%	8%	13%	7%	8%	4%	5%	6%	6%	11%	9%	6%	6%	11%	7%	4%	8%	7%	8%	7%
Deprived	103	47	57	10	21	22	19	31	13	30	25	35	45	7	51	33	50	20	37	66	28	33
	9%	8%	9%	8%	10%	10%	10%	8%	5%	9%	10%	12%	8%	6%	10%	13%	7%	10%	9%	9%	10%	8%
Middle	567	266	302	66	99	113	92	196	135	181	115	136	250	78	239	120	351	96	204	363	119	212
	48%	47%	49%	50%	48%	50%	47%	47%	48%	52%	47%	44%	47%	58%	47%	47%	49%	47%	51%	47%	42%	50%
Affluent	151	68	82	13	18	32	31	57	58	39	32	23	72	9	70	22	97	32	47	104	32	67
	13%	12%	13%	10%	8%	14%	16%	14%	20%	11%	13%	7%	14%	7%	14%	9%	13%	16%	12%	13%	12%	16%
Very affluent	83	45	38	6	10	16	11	40	30	24	16	14	37	13	34	10	62	11	22	61	25	28
	7%	8%	6%	5%	5%	7%	6%	10%	10%	7%	7%	4%	7%	10%	7%	4%	9%	6%	5%	8%	9%	7%
n/a	189	91	98	26	34	29	26	73	35	50	40	63	79	20	89	39	115	35	63	126	54	56
	16%	16%	16%	20%	16%	13%	13%	18%	12%	14%	17%	21%	15%	15%	17%	15%	16%	17%	15%	16%	19%	13%

Number of sample points: 201
 Source: MORI (JN: 26166)
 Fieldwork dates: 1st-5th December 2005

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Deprivation.

Base: All respondents

	Government		GO Region													Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Satis- fied	Dissat- isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot- land	Wales	N.Ire -land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested	
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
Very deprived	87	49	32	87	8	7	23	7	32	-	-	5	4	-	-	-	61	7	17	1	43	44
	7%	14%	5%	8%	9%	7%	16%	14%	23%	-	-	5%	4%	-	-	-	5%	33%	50%	11%	6%	9%
Deprived	103	45	53	103	6	6	20	18	8	5	9	9	21	-	-	-	92	6	4	1	59	43
	9%	13%	8%	9%	7%	6%	13%	35%	6%	3%	10%	9%	22%	-	-	-	8%	28%	10%	13%	9%	8%
Middle	567	156	346	567	51	62	93	27	78	67	59	77	54	-	-	-	544	8	8	6	302	265
	48%	44%	51%	50%	60%	59%	64%	52%	56%	41%	61%	70%	55%	-	-	-	49%	37%	24%	52%	46%	52%
Affluent	151	38	96	151	10	23	2	-	21	33	24	18	19	-	-	-	150	-	1	-	101	50
	13%	11%	14%	13%	12%	22%	1%	-	15%	21%	25%	16%	20%	-	-	-	13%	-	3%	-	15%	10%
Very affluent	83	17	63	83	10	6	7	-	-	57	3	-	-	-	-	-	81	-	1	1	48	35
	7%	5%	9%	7%	12%	6%	5%	-	-	35%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	7%	-	3%	11%	7%	7%
n/a	189	52	83	155	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	59	34	184	1	3	1	112	76
	16%	15%	12%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	100%	100%	17%	3%	9%	13%	17%	15%

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Table 34 (CONT.)

Deprivation.

Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Very deprived	87	14	47	37	48	28	53	7	80	87	-	-	-	-	-	4	82	33	54	88
	7%	11%	7%	8%	7%	7%	7%	4%	8%	100%	-	-	-	-	-	2%	11%	6%	8%	7%
Deprived	103	10	69	36	67	38	55	18	85	-	103	-	-	-	-	4	99	45	58	105
	9%	7%	9%	8%	9%	10%	8%	11%	8%	-	100%	-	-	-	-	2%	14%	9%	9%	9%
Middle	567	56	343	222	345	189	361	89	478	-	-	567	-	-	54	136	377	256	311	538
	48%	41%	47%	48%	48%	47%	50%	55%	47%	-	-	100%	-	-	32%	52%	53%	49%	47%	44%
Affluent	151	17	105	54	97	52	91	19	132	-	-	-	151	-	49	45	57	93	58	145
	13%	13%	14%	12%	14%	13%	13%	12%	13%	-	-	-	100%	-	29%	17%	8%	18%	9%	12%
Very affluent	83	8	61	36	47	24	58	10	73	-	-	-	-	83	32	31	20	32	51	83
	7%	6%	8%	8%	7%	6%	8%	6%	7%	-	-	-	-	100%	19%	12%	3%	6%	8%	7%
n/a	189	30	102	77	111	72	106	20	169	-	-	-	-	-	35	39	81	64	124	250
	16%	22%	14%	17%	16%	18%	15%	12%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	21%	15%	11%	12%	19%	21%

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Table 35
Urbanity.
Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Rural	170	78	92	6	18	33	27	87	50	39	41	39	75	18	78	17	120	33	48	122	50	53
	14%	14%	15%	4%	8%	14%	14%	21%	18%	11%	17%	13%	14%	13%	15%	7%	17%	16%	12%	16%	18%	13%
Mixed	260	128	132	23	30	65	46	96	67	78	59	56	111	29	120	35	180	45	100	160	65	90
	22%	23%	21%	17%	14%	28%	24%	23%	24%	22%	24%	18%	21%	22%	23%	14%	25%	22%	25%	21%	23%	21%
Urban	716	344	372	99	152	127	117	221	163	218	138	197	334	82	299	192	405	118	243	473	154	274
	61%	61%	61%	74%	73%	56%	60%	53%	57%	63%	56%	64%	63%	60%	58%	76%	56%	58%	60%	61%	55%	64%
n/a	34	16	18	5	9	4	5	10	3	10	6	14	12	7	15	9	18	6	13	21	13	8
	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	5%	2%	5%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%

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Urbanity.

Base: All respondents

	Government		GO Region													Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Satis- fied	Dissat- isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot- land	Wales	N.Ire -land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested	
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
Rural	170	46	103	170	21	22	-	-	6	26	28	8	24	21	14	-	170	-	-	-	95	76
	14%	13%	15%	15%	25%	21%	-	-	5%	16%	29%	8%	24%	22%	24%	-	15%	-	-	-	14%	15%
Mixed	260	76	160	260	26	33	-	10	36	41	39	21	16	28	11	-	257	-	2	1	151	109
	22%	21%	24%	23%	31%	31%	-	18%	26%	25%	40%	20%	16%	29%	18%	-	23%	-	6%	11%	23%	21%
Urban	716	235	410	716	38	49	145	43	96	95	30	79	59	47	34	-	652	21	32	9	401	314
	61%	66%	61%	62%	45%	47%	100%	82%	69%	59%	31%	73%	60%	49%	57%	-	59%	97%	94%	82%	60%	61%
n/a	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	33	1	-	1	18	16
	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	3%	3%	-	7%	3%	3%	

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Table 35 (CONT.)

Urbanity.

Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total	
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti -vist	Non -Acti -vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No		
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180
Rural	170	22	117	67	103	52	109	23	147	-	-	54	49	32	170	-	-	81	89	175
	14%	16%	16%	14%	14%	13%	15%	14%	14%	-	-	9%	32%	39%	100%	-	-	15%	14%	14%
Mixed	260	24	168	105	155	85	168	36	224	4	4	136	45	31	-	260	-	125	135	258
	22%	18%	23%	23%	22%	21%	23%	22%	22%	5%	4%	24%	30%	38%	-	100%	-	24%	21%	21%
Urban	716	82	424	278	435	256	427	101	615	82	99	377	57	20	-	-	716	300	416	709
	61%	61%	58%	60%	61%	63%	59%	62%	60%	95%	96%	66%	38%	23%	-	-	100%	57%	63%	59%
n/a	34	7	17	12	22	11	20	3	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	16	67
	3%	5%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3%	2%	6%

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Table 36
QPo1/2. Combined Voting
Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Class				Work Status			Marital Status			Children in HH		Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Full time	Part time	Not working	Single	Married /Co-habit	Div /Sep /Wid	Yes	No	No formal quals	A-level or above
UnWtd. Total	1209	574	635	120	196	216	193	484	279	348	221	361	462	135	612	253	736	219	403	806	332	408
Wtd. Total	1180	566	614	133	209	228	194	415	284	346	244	307	533	135	512	253	724	203	403	777	281	426
Conservative	270	140	129	22	27	52	43	126	86	90	57	37	121	29	119	33	185	52	75	195	44	97
	23%	25%	21%	17%	13%	23%	22%	30%	30%	26%	23%	12%	23%	21%	23%	13%	26%	26%	18%	25%	16%	23%
Labour	399	195	204	39	78	81	71	130	83	103	73	140	185	47	168	88	241	70	139	260	119	135
	34%	35%	33%	29%	37%	35%	36%	31%	29%	30%	30%	46%	35%	34%	33%	35%	33%	35%	35%	33%	42%	32%
Liberal Democrats (Lib Dem)	168	72	96	19	31	27	29	62	60	50	35	23	78	25	65	44	91	33	45	123	23	93
	14%	13%	16%	14%	15%	12%	15%	15%	21%	14%	14%	8%	15%	18%	13%	18%	13%	16%	11%	16%	8%	22%
Scottish/Welsh Nationalist	13	6	7	4	1	0	2	6	1	6	-	7	4	4	5	4	7	2	3	10	4	5
	1%	1%	1%	3%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	-	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Green Party	17	6	12	3	1	5	4	4	4	11	-	2	9	3	5	0	16	1	5	12	1	12
	1%	1%	2%	3%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	-	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	2%	0%	3%
UK Independence Party	10	6	4	-	1	1	2	7	3	1	5	2	5	1	5	-	8	2	1	9	5	2
	1%	1%	1%	-	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%
Other	13	8	5	1	4	4	1	3	4	7	1	1	8	2	4	1	13	-	8	5	1	6
	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	-	2%	1%	1%	1%
Would not vote	148	77	71	25	42	33	22	27	22	30	45	51	75	11	62	45	85	17	73	75	41	35
	13%	14%	12%	19%	20%	14%	11%	7%	8%	9%	18%	16%	14%	8%	12%	18%	12%	8%	18%	10%	15%	8%
Undecided	86	30	56	15	12	17	13	29	17	27	20	23	31	6	49	25	46	15	33	52	26	29
	7%	5%	9%	11%	6%	8%	7%	7%	6%	8%	8%	7%	6%	4%	10%	10%	6%	7%	8%	7%	9%	7%
Refused	21	9	11	-	4	4	3	10	1	10	3	6	5	1	14	3	14	4	7	14	3	4
	2%	2%	2%	-	2%	2%	1%	3%	0%	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%
n/a	34	16	18	5	9	4	5	10	3	10	6	14	12	7	15	9	18	6	13	21	13	8
	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	5%	2%	5%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%

Number of sample points: 201
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 Fieldwork dates: 1st-5th December 2005



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QPol1/2. Combined Voting
Base: All respondents

	Government		GO Region													Ethnicity				Interest in politics		
	Satis- fied	Dissat- isfied	GB	East Mids.	Eastern	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mids.	Yorks. /Humbs.	Scot- land	Wales	N.Ire -land	White	Black	Asian	Mixed race /other	Very /fairly interested	Not interested	
UnWtd. Total	1209	358	669	1142	86	104	131	50	136	163	97	102	90	124	59	67	1140	24	31	12	674	533
Wtd. Total	1180	358	673	1146	85	104	145	53	139	162	96	109	98	95	59	34	1111	22	34	11	664	514
Conservative	270	25	232	270	25	33	22	7	29	45	33	33	22	12	9	-	268	-	1	-	193	77
	23%	7%	34%	24%	30%	31%	15%	13%	21%	28%	34%	31%	23%	13%	15%	-	24%	-	4%	-	29%	15%
Labour	399	226	141	399	34	30	55	26	60	42	21	38	37	29	26	-	356	16	22	5	221	177
	34%	63%	21%	35%	40%	29%	38%	49%	44%	26%	22%	35%	38%	30%	45%	-	32%	74%	63%	48%	33%	34%
Liberal Democrats (Lib Dem)	168	41	114	168	5	17	20	5	22	33	23	10	13	13	6	-	163	-	5	-	117	51
	14%	12%	17%	15%	6%	16%	14%	10%	16%	21%	24%	9%	13%	14%	9%	-	15%	-	14%	-	18%	10%
Scottish/Welsh Nationalist	13	1	10	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	2	-	12	-	1	-	6	7
	1%	0%	1%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12%	3%	-	1%	-	2%	-	1%	1%
Green Party	17	1	14	17	1	-	3	-	2	5	1	1	3	1	-	-	17	-	-	-	13	4
	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	-	2%	-	1%	3%	1%	1%	3%	1%	-	-	2%	-	-	-	2%	1%
UK Independence Party	10	1	8	10	2	1	1	-	-	2	3	1	-	1	-	-	10	-	-	-	4	6
	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	-	-	1%	3%	1%	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	1%	1%
Other	13	1	12	13	1	2	2	-	1	2	-	-	1	2	2	-	11	-	2	-	9	4
	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	1%	1%	-	-	1%	2%	3%	-	1%	-	6%	-	1%	1%
Would not vote	148	35	85	148	8	8	25	12	15	17	6	15	17	17	8	-	142	3	0	3	34	114
	13%	10%	13%	13%	9%	8%	17%	24%	11%	11%	7%	14%	17%	17%	14%	-	13%	13%	1%	23%	5%	22%
Undecided	86	23	45	86	7	12	13	1	8	12	7	7	4	7	7	-	78	2	3	2	35	51
	7%	6%	7%	8%	9%	12%	9%	1%	6%	8%	8%	6%	5%	7%	12%	-	7%	10%	10%	22%	5%	10%
Refused	21	3	13	21	2	1	5	2	1	3	1	2	1	3	-	-	20	-	-	-	14	7
	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	-	-	2%	-	-	-	2%	1%
n/a	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	33	1	-	1	18	16
	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	3%	3%	-	7%	3%	3%

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Table 36 (CONT.)
QPo1/2. Combined Voting
Base: All respondents

	Likelihood to vote		Knowledge of politics		Opinion on present system		Political activism		IMD					Urbanity			Know MP since May 2005		Unwtd Total		
	Certain not	Certain to	Great deal/fair amount	Not very/not at all	Works well	Needs improvement	Acti-vist	Non-Acti-vist	Very deprived	Deprived	Middle	Affluent	Very affluent	Rural	Mixed	Urban	Yes	No			
UnWtd. Total	1209	145	752	481	725	415	738	165	1044	88	105	538	145	83	175	258	709	545	664	1209	
Wtd. Total	1180	136	726	462	716	404	724	163	1017	87	103	567	151	83	170	260	716	524	656	1180	
Conservative	270	4	218	135	134	81	183	44	226	5	11	154	51	28	50	77	144	147	123	262	
		3%	30%	29%	19%	20%	25%	27%	22%	5%	11%	27%	34%	33%	29%	29%	20%	28%	19%	22%	
Labour	399	10	267	147	252	183	200	51	348	53	60	175	39	17	39	71	289	173	226	400	
		34%	7%	37%	32%	35%	45%	28%	31%	34%	61%	58%	31%	26%	20%	23%	27%	40%	33%	35%	33%
Liberal Democrats (Lib Dem)	168	2	128	80	88	56	109	35	133	8	9	78	36	18	33	41	94	82	86	160	
		14%	2%	18%	17%	12%	14%	15%	22%	13%	9%	9%	14%	21%	20%	16%	13%	16%	13%	13%	
Scottish/Welsh Nationalist	13	1	8	3	9	4	8	1	12	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	5	5	8	17	
		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Green Party	17	-	13	7	10	5	13	9	8	1	5	8	1	2	2	5	11	8	10	17	
		1%	-	2%	1%	1%	2%	5%	1%	1%	5%	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
UK Independence Party	10	-	5	3	7	2	8	1	10	-	-	7	-	2	2	3	6	5	5	11	
		1%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	-	1%	-	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Other	13	-	9	10	3	3	11	2	11	2	-	6	2	-	1	2	11	8	5	13	
		1%	-	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	-	1%	1%	-	0%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	
Would not vote	148	103	7	31	116	24	110	6	142	15	11	76	11	9	22	30	96	34	114	151	
		13%	76%	1%	7%	16%	6%	15%	4%	14%	18%	11%	13%	8%	11%	13%	6%	17%	12%	12%	
Undecided	86	9	38	23	62	25	52	7	79	3	3	51	10	5	16	25	45	30	56	88	
		7%	7%	5%	5%	9%	6%	7%	4%	8%	4%	3%	9%	6%	6%	9%	10%	6%	6%	9%	7%
Refused	21	-	17	10	11	10	10	5	16	-	4	11	1	2	3	3	15	15	6	23	
		2%	-	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%	2%	-	4%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	2%	
n/a	34	7	17	12	22	11	20	3	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	16	67	
		3%	5%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3%	2%	6%	

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