CONSERVATIVE PARTY REPRESENTATIVES STUDY 2002



Introduction

Dear Sir/Madam,

It would be kind of you if you could spare the time to complete the enclosed questionnaire and to return it in the SAE supplied.

The purpose of this study, part of a PhD thesis, is to obtain an objective measure of the views of the Conservative Party's 'public' or 'statutory' representatives. The responses will then be used to answer questions concerning a wide range of abstract political, economic, social, and religious beliefs on the one hand, and more concrete matters on the other. Some of the issues and questions are 'tried and tested' and you may have encountered them before. Others have been developed for this study.

Aside from the scope of the questions, another feature is the range of individuals being surveyed. Versions of this questionnaire are being sent to all Conservative Westminster MPs, Peers, MEPs, Scottish MPs, Welsh AMs, members of the GLA, local councillors in Scotland and Wales, and a 10% sample of local councillors in England. Altogether, this is one of the most comprehensive academic studies of the Conservative Party for a decade.

Please note that this survey is anonymous. Nowhere are you asked to give your name, address, or the exact area that you represent.

I am grateful to my own member of parliament, the Rt. Hon. Eric Forth MP, for introducing this survey. However, this work has no formal connection with the Conservative Party, but instead is part of an academic project being undertaking at London Guildhall University.

With thanks for your help,

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Instructions

This questionnaire should only be answered by the person to whom it has been sent.

The following questions take a number of forms, but you should find them reasonably easy to answer. There are no 'right' or 'wrong' answers. All you need to do is put a tick in the box that you select. Please use either a black or a blue pen. If at times you find that none of the provided answers exactly fits what you think, please choose the one that comes closest to your views.

Except where instructions in block capitals indicate otherwise, all questions are for everyone. For example, there are a number of questions concerning Scotland and Wales on the one hand, or England on the other. The views of everyone are important.

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The United Kingdom

How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following?

1		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly			
Α	The cause of the centre-Right in Scotland and Wales has been damaged by its association with a Conservative Party that is often regarded as 'the English Party'	0	0	-	٠	٥			
В	England should have its own parliament								
С	The regions of England should have their own assemblies		۵	ū	0				
D	All three major mainland UK political parties should organise and campaign in their own right in Northern Ireland	0	0	٥	•	0			
E	The Scots and the Welsh have a more developed sense of national identity than the English	0		٠	۵	٠			
F	The extra public spending received by Scotland and Wales relative to England is often justified			٠	0				
G	The government was right to allow Sinn Fein MPs to make use of Commons facilities	٥		۵	•	۵			
2	Who do you think has benefited most from	the recent Northe	ern Ireland p	peace process?					
	O The Unionist or Loyalist community								
	O Both equally								
	 The Nationalist or Republican communit 	у							
3	Which one of the following comes closest t	o your own view?	?						
	O Scotland and Wales should continue to	return a relatively la	arger numbe	r of MPs to Westmir	ster than Englar	nd			
	O The number of Westminster MPs returned population	ed by Scotland and	l Wales relat	ive to England shoul	d be brought in l	ine with their			
	O Scotland and Wales should return a prowith the autonomy of their devolved insti	portionately smalle tutions	r number of	MPs to Westminster	than England, c	ommensurate			
	O Scotland and/or Wales should become independent countries								

The Environment

Hov	v much do you agree or disagree with each of t	he following?				
4		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	The government should do more to protect the environment, even if it leads to higher taxes			0		
В	Industry should do more to protect the environment, even if it leads to lower profits and fewer jobs			٥		
С	Ordinary people should do more to protect the environment, even if it means paying higher prices	۵	۵	٠		
D	People should be allowed to use their cars as much as they like, even if it causes damage to the environment	•	۵			
Ε	Many of the claims about mankind's damage to the environment are exaggerated			٥		ū
Bu	siness, Labour Relations, Welfare, and	d the Economy	у			
Hov	v much do you agree or disagree with each of t	he following?				
5		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree stongly
Α	Government should redistribute income from the better-off to those who are less well off					
В	Big business benefits owners at the expense of workers					
С	Ordinary working people do not get their fair share of the nation's wealth					
D	There is one law for the rich and one for the poor					
Ε	Management will always try to get the better of employees if it gets the chance					
F	In general, the trades unions have been tamed	٥				•
6	Which of the following comes closest to yo	our own view?				
	O The public sector is more efficient than t	he private sector				
	O The public and private sectors are equal	lly efficient				
	O The private sector is more efficient than	the public sector				
7	Which of the following comes closest to yo					
	• The public sector is more worthy than the					
	The public and private sectors are equal	•				
	 The private sector is more worthy than t 	he public sector				

How	low much do you agree or disagree with each of the following?								
8			Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly		
Α	The welfare state makes pe willing to look after themselv								
В	People receiving social sec like second class citizens	urity are made to fee							
С	The welfare state encourag helping each other	es people to stop							
D	The government should spe welfare benefits for the pool higher taxes				٥		٥		
E	Around here, most unemplo								
F	Many people who get socia deserve any help	I security don't really							
G	Most people on the dole are or another	e fiddling in one way							
Н	If welfare benefits weren't s would learn to stand on their								
If all	tain, Europe, and the N were equally possible, whi I the LEAST preferred?		would you MOS1	prefer Britai	in to seek? And t	he NEXT MOST	preferred?		
9		er British independend ense of ties with both t and the USA	he EU expens	er ties to the l se of British in and ties with	dependence of	oser ties to the EU British independe the U	nce and ties with		
Α	Most preferred					۰			
В	Next most preferred								
С	Least preferred					٠			
10	10 Thinking about the Middle East, how best would you describe yourself? O Very pro-Arab/Palestinian								
	○ Somewhat pro-Arab/								
	O View both sides equ								
	 Somewhat pro-Israe 	•							
	O Very pro-Israeli								

	Commentators sometimes talk about 'Euro-enthusiasts' and 'Euro-sceptics'. Using the following scale, where 1 means Euro-enthusiast and 10 means Euro-sceptic, where would you place:									
11	En	1 - 2 thusiast	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - Sceptic
Α	Yourself	0 0								
В	Conservative Party	a a								
С	Labour Party	0 0								
D	Liberal Democrats	a a								
Ε	Scottish National Party	a a								
F	Plaid Cymru	<u> </u>								
12	12 Which of the following statements best describes how you see yourself?									
	○ English/Scottish/Welsh not									
	More English/Scottish/Wels									
	O Equally English/Scottish/Welsh and British									
	O More British than English/Scottish/Welsh									
O British not English/Scottish/Welsh										
	O None of these									
13	Which of the following stateme	nts best desc	ribes how you	see your	self?					
	O British/English/Scottish/Wel	sh not Europea	an							
		h/Welsh than E	European							
	O Equally British/English/Scot	tish/Welsh and	d European							
	 More European than British 	/English/Scotti	sh/Welsh							
	 European not British/Englis 	h/Scottish/Wel	sh							
	O None of these									
How	<i>ı</i> much do you agree or disagree v	with each of th	he following?							
14			Agree strongly	, Ag	gree	Neither a		Disagree	L	Disagree strongly
Α	Britain should re-establish closer ti former colonies and existing deper areas such as the Caribbean, Afric	ndencies in	٥	Ţ	٥	0				۵
В	Britain should re-establish closer ti former colonies in areas such as A New Zealand, Southern Africa, and	ustralia and	۵	Ţ	٥	۰		•		۵
С	Britain should be more cautious in USA's foreign and military polices	supporting the		Ţ	-					
D	The Western and Islamic worlds ca be at peace with one another	an never truly		Ç	<u> </u>					

How	<i>i</i> much do you agree or disagree with each of	the following?				
15		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	The UK should embrace the concept of a federa Europe					
В	Membership of the Euro is crucial for Britain's future prosperity	•				
С	The EU's budget should be enlarged					
D	A single European Army would undermine rather than underpin the security of the UK					
Е	Britain should withdraw from the EU	•				
F	The strength of national identities rules out parliamentary democracy on a European scale for the foreseeable future	۵		٠	٥	٥
G	Conservative MEPs should remain committed members of the European People's Party and European Democrats (EPP-ED) group in the European Parliament	٥	٥	ū	۵	0
	nicity, Citizenship, and National Imag		Agree	Neither agree	Disagree	Disagree
Α	Britain should limit the import of foreign products to protect its national economy			nor disagree	a	strongly
В	British television should give preference to British films and programmes			٥	0	
С	Foreigners should be allowed to buy land in Britain as easily as British people			٥	۵	
D	Britain should follow its own interests, even if this leads to conflicts with other nations			٥	0	
Е	People do not have to share British customs and traditions to become fully British			٥	0	
F	Immigrants are generally good for Britain's economy			٥	0	
G	Immigrants increase crime rates	_		П	_	_

How	proud or not are you of Britain in each of the	following?				
17		Very proud	Somewhat prod	ud Not very p	roud Not	proud at all
Α	Its armed forces					
В	Its history					
С	Its achievements in sports					
D	Its achievements in arts and literature					
Ε	Its scientific and technological achievements					
F	Its political influence in the world					
G	Its social security system					
Н	The way its democracy works					
I	Its economic achievements					
How	much do you agree or disagree with each of t	he following?				
18		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	Refugees who have suffered political repressior in their own country should be allowed to stay in Britain	•	۵			۵
В	Immigrants make Britain more open to new ideas and culture	۵				
С	British schools should make much more effort to teach foreign languages properly	۵				
D	Immigrants take jobs away from people who were born in Britain					
Ε	The number of immigrants allowed into Britain nowadays should be increased	ū				
F	Race relations in Britain will improve over the next few years					
Soc	ciety and Culture					
Hov	v much do you agree or disagree with each of	the following?				
19		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	Men and women are equally suited emotionally for politics			۵		
В	All in all, family life suffers when the woman has a full-time job			0		۵
С	Being a housewife is just as fulfilling as working for pay			۵		
D	Government should make sure that women have an equal chance to succeed			۵		۵
Е	A husband's job is to earn the money; a wife's job is to look after the home and family			۵		

How	v much do you agree or disagree with each of	the following?				
20		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	Young people today don't have enough respect for traditional British values					
В	People who break the law should be given stiffer sentences					
С	For some crimes, the death penalty is the most appropriate sentence					
D	Schools should teach children to obey authority					
Е	The law should always be obeyed, even if a particular law is wrong					
F	Censorship of films and magazines is necessary to uphold moral standards					
G	Homosexual relationships are always wrong					
How	v much do you agree or disagree with each of	the following?				
21		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	Britain should introduce compulsory identity cards		۵			
В	Jury trials should be reserved only for the most serious of criminal charges		٥			
С	The 'double jeopardy' principle should be abolished for the most serious crimes					
D	Successive governments have been right to place stricter controls on the ownership of firearms	•	0	•	<u> </u>	0
E	The idea that social and cultural matters in Britain are dominated by a 'Left-liberal, London-based metropolitan elite' is much exaggerated	۵	۵	0	•	۵
F	Detention without trial is not justified in peacetime	٥	٥			
The	e Conduct of Politics					
	often talk about what the main aims of the cou owing items, which one seems the MOST impo					en the
22			Most Important	Next most	important	
Α	Maintaining order in the nation				ì	
В	Giving people more say in important governmen	nt decisions			ì	
С	Fighting rising prices				ì	
D	Protecting freedom of speech				1	

Relative to the present situation, what should be done about the powers of the following institutions? 23 Increased a lot Increased Stay the same Decreased Decreased a lot somewhat somewhat Α Westminster Parliament В **European Parliament** С Scottish Parliament D Welsh Assembly Ε Northern Ireland Assembly F **Greater London Assembly** G Principal local authorities Н Parish/town councils \Box How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following? 24 Disagree Neither agree Agree strongly Agree Disagree nor disagree strongly There should be at least an element of Α proportional representation for general elections В There should be at least an element of proportional representation for local authority elections С Local government is just as an appropriate arena for party politics as national government Local campaigning makes little difference these D days compared to the overall impression of the national party Ε Single-issue groups are now a better way than political parties of advancing causes F Public life in this country is generally honest How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following? 25 Agree strongly Agree Neither agree Disagree Disagree nor disagree strongly Α Political parties should be funded by the State and taxpayer rather than by individual donors. businesses, or unions В The House of Lords should be replaced by a wholly or mainly elected second chamber С However a second chamber is elected or selected, it should always be subordinate to the House of Commons D There should no longer be an Established Church in any part of Britain Ε Britain should become a republic

How	<i>i</i> much do you agree or disagree with each of	the following?				
26		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	The scope and power of the State over the individual should be much reduced					
В	A strong State is necessary for the preservation of a peaceful social order					
С	The State should be an active agency for social change and development					
D	Ordinary citizens should have more say in the decisions made by government					
Ε	More should be done to interest people in government					
F	More should be done to involve ordinary people in political decision making					
G	It is for politicians rather than the public to make decisions on issues and priorities					
The	e Political Parties					
How	much do you agree or disagree with each of	the following?				
27		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	In recent years, it has not always been clear what the Conservative Party stands FOR					
В	In recent years, it has not always been clear what the Conservative Party stands AGAINST					
С	The Conservative Party is not an ideological party					
D	The Conservative period in office between 1979 and 1992 brought about a major change in public attitudes about issues such as the economy, taxation, public services, and welfare	٥	0	۵	•	0
E	Depictions in recent years of the Conservative Party as being 'extreme' have some validity	0	۵	٠	٥	٥
How	v much do you agree or disagree with each of	the following?				
28		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	Conservative constituency agents should be employed and deployed by the Party centrally	۵	۵	٥		
В	Local Conservative associations should retain control over parliamentary candidate selection					

How	v much do you agree o	r disagree with each o	f the followin	g?				
29			Agree stro	ngly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	People do not trust Co national level	nservative politicians at	a 🖵					
В	People do not trust Co local level	nservative politicians at	a 📮					
С	The Conservative Part general election	y can win the next				۵		
D	The Conservative Part next-but-one general e	•				٥		
Ε	The Conservative Part better shape than man	•				٥		
F		imate the level of suppo amongst ordinary people				٥		
G	The Conservative Part	y should change its nan	ne 🗀					
Н	The media is generally Conservative Party	hostile towards the			۵	۵		
1	The view that the Consand socially 'out of tou	servative Party is cultura	ally 🗀		<u> </u>	•	٥	
	How much do you agree or disagree that more should be done to advance members of the following groups within the Conservative Party? 30							
00		rigroc	strongry	Agree	nor dis	-	gree Disagre strongi	
Α	Women) [) <u> </u>	
В	Racial minorities) [, 0	
С	Homosexuals and lest	ians) [1	
How	v would you rate the fo	llowing leaders of the	Conservative	Party?				
31		Very positively	Positively	Neithe	r positively negatively	Negatively	Very Negative	ely
Α	Edward Heath							
В	Margaret Thatcher						ū	
С	John Major							
D	William Hague							
Е	Iain Duncan Smith							

32	All mass political parties that seek to be b INTERNALLY to unite the party, and EXTE is the most urgent task for the Conservati	RNALLY to reach	out to the ele			
	O To unite internally O To	reach out externally	,			
Do y	ou agree or disagree with the idea that the m	embers of the Con	servative Pa	arty should have m	ore influence i	n
33		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	Basic principles and beliefs of the Party				۵	
В	Formulation of Party policy and writing of manifestos				۵	
С	Running and administering the Party and its finances	٠			۵	
The	defeats at the 1997 and 2001 general election	ns show that the C	onservative	Party		
34		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	Needs to change its principles and beliefs			٠		
В	Needs to change its style and presentation	۵		۵	0	۵
How	<i>ı</i> much do you agree or disagree with each of	the following?				
35		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	The Labour Party has genuinely shed its socialistic instincts					
В	The Conservatives should be focusing their national campaigning efforts against the Liberal Democrats rather than Labour		•	٥	٥	0
36	FOR LOCAL COUNCILLORS IN ENGLAND England is the constituency, ward, or regi				n which part of	ţ
	O North O Midlands	S 0 E	ast	○ South-N	Vest	
	O South-East (excluding Greater London) • • • • •	Greater Londo	on		

How	do you feel towards the following mainlan	d British politi	cal parties?				
37		Strongly sympathetic	Sympathetic	In between	Antipathetic	Strongly antipathetic	Don't know enough to say
Α	Labour Party						
В	Liberal Democrats						
С	Plaid Cymru						
D	Scottish National Party						
Е	UK Independence Party (UKIP)						
F	British National Party						
G	Green Party						
Н	Socialist Alliance/Scottish Socialist Party						
How	do you feel towards the following Norther	n Ireland polition	cal parties?				
38		Strongly sympathetic	Sympathetic	In between	Antipathetic	Strongly antipathetic	Don't know enough to say
Α	Ulster Unionist Party (led by David Trimble)						
В	Democratic Unionist Party (led by Ian Paisley	′) 🗖					
С	Sinn Fein						
D	Social Democratic & Labour Party (SDLP)						
Е	Alliance Party of Northern Ireland						
39	FOR ALL EXCEPT PEERS. How margin	al or safe is the	e constituency	y, ward, or re	gion that you	represent?	
	O Very marginal O Son	newhat margina	l 🔘 Sá	afe or fairly sa	fe		
40	FOR ALL EXCEPT PEERS. Who is the M	//AIN challenge	er in the const	ituency, ward	d, or region th	at you repres	ent?
	O Labour O Libe	ral Democrat	○ Ra	atepayer/Resi	dents/Regiona	list/Independe	nt
	○ SNP ○ Plai	d Cymru	O O	ther			
41	FOR ALL EXCEPT PEERS. In recent yes supporters of other parties in the const	-	-			oting by	
	O Yes, a great deal O Yes	, some	O Ve	ery litle or non	e at all		
42	FOR ALL EXCEPT PEERS. In recent yeo other parties in the constituency, ward,	-	-		ative tactical v	oting by supp	porters of
	O Yes, a great deal O Yes	, some	O Ve	ery little or nor	ne at all		

The 2001 Conservative Party Leadership Election

43	If you had been able to vote and had been presented with all five original candidates, who would you have voted for (or did vote for if you are a Westminster MP)?							
	Michael Ancram	Kenneth Clarke	O David Davis					
	O lain Duncan Smith	O Michael Portillo	O None of the ca	ndidates				
44	And from the 'almost final'	three, who would you have	voted for (or did vote for i	if you are a Westminster MP)?				
	O Kenneth Clarke	O Iain Duncan Smith	Michael Portillo	O None of the candidates				
45	FOR ALL EXCEPT WESTMI opinion offered to, or soug	_	uring the MPs-only stages	s of the contest, was your				
	○ Yes	⊙ No						
46	Did you cast your vote in the final ballot of all members?							
	O Yes [Please go to Q4	48] O N	lo [Please go to Q47]					
47	If no, was this because							
	O I could not support eith	er of the two candidates						
	 Some other practical re 	eason such as not receiving a	ballot paper, being ill or out	t of the country, etc.				
48	Who did you vote for (or would have voted for had some practical reason not prevented you)?							
	Kenneth Clarke	O Iain Duncan Smith						
	O Deliberately spoiled the	e ballot paper or wrote in anot	her's name					
49	In any future leadership contest, should the final decision return to being one for Westminster MPs alone?							
	O Yes [Please go to Q	52] O N	lo [Please go to Q50]					
50	Do you nevertheless think that Westminster MPs should retain the task of narrowing down the final candidates to two or three?							
	⊙ Yes	O Don't know	O No					
51	Do you think that all paid-u	p Party members should ha	ve the final say or just the	e demonstrably activist membership?				
	O All members	Activists only						
52	Irrespective of who you think ought to make the final choice, do you think that it would be a good idea to introduce a method whereby votes for a second-choice candidate might count in some way?							
	O Yes	O Don't know	⊙ No					

Religion

53	Which one of the following comes closest to	o your own view?								
	O I don't believe in God									
	O I don't know whether there is a God and	I don't believe there	e is any way	to find out						
	O I don't believe in a personal God, but I do	believe in a Highe	er Power of s	ome kind						
	O I find myself believing in God some of the	e time, but not at of	thers							
	○ While I have doubts, I feel that I do believe in God									
	O I know God really exists and I have no do	oubts about it								
54	How close do you feel to God most of the ti	me?								
	O Don't believe in God									
	O Not close at all									
	O Not very close									
	Somewhat close									
	O Extremely close									
55	How often do you attend a religious service	? (Excluding wed	ddings and f	funerals etc.)						
	O At least once a week									
	O At least once a month									
	O At least once a year									
	O Never									
How	much do you agree or disagree with each of the	ne following?								
56		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly				
A	Politicians who do not believe in God are unfit for public office									
В	Religious leaders should not try to influence how people vote in elections	۵								
С	It would be better for Britain if more people with strong religious beliefs held public office	٥		٥						
D	Religious leaders should not try to influence government decisions	0		٥						
E	Churches and religious organisations in this country have too much power and influence	ū								

A Few Questions About Yourself

57	Were you ever a member of organisations? Please tick		ng Conservative Party youth or y	ounger persons'
Α	Young Conservatives (Y	Cs)		
В	Federation of Conservati	ve Students (FCS)		
С	Conservative Collegiate	Forum (CCF)		
D	Federation of University	Conservative and Unionist As	ssociations (FUCUA)	
Ε	National Association of C	Conservative Graduates (NAC	CG)	
F	Conservative Future (CF)		
	the NEXT MOST important? As some		As a representative of the electorate or public	As a necessary element within the machinery of stable, democratic government
Α	Most important			۵
В	Next most important			
		_	-	_
С	Least important	0	<u> </u>	
C 59	FOR ALL LOCAL COUNCIL	LORS ONLY. Would you co	onsider a career 'further up' the	<u> </u>
	·	LORS ONLY. Would you co	onsider a career 'further up' the	<u> </u>
	FOR ALL LOCAL COUNCIL MEP, or member of the Sco	LORS ONLY. Would you contish, Welsh, and London in	onsider a career 'further up' the nstitutions?	political ladder, i.e. as an MP,
59	FOR ALL LOCAL COUNCIL MEP, or member of the Sco O Yes, definitely FOR ALL EXCEPT LOCAL O	LORS ONLY. Would you contish, Welsh, and London in O Yes, possibly	onsider a career 'further up' the nstitutions? O Unlikely or not at all	political ladder, i.e. as an MP,
59	FOR ALL LOCAL COUNCIL MEP, or member of the Sco O Yes, definitely FOR ALL EXCEPT LOCAL (as a local councillor?	LORS ONLY. Would you contish, Welsh, and London in O Yes, possibly	onsider a career 'further up' the nstitutions? O Unlikely or not at all aining your present position, did	political ladder, i.e. as an MP, you have any experience Neither of these
59	FOR ALL LOCAL COUNCIL MEP, or member of the Sco O Yes, definitely FOR ALL EXCEPT LOCAL (as a local councillor? O I was a local councillor How often do you use email O At least once a day	LORS ONLY. Would you contish, Welsh, and London in O Yes, possibly COUNCILLORS. Before atta	onsider a career 'further up' the nstitutions? O Unlikely or not at all aining your present position, did sfully as a local council candidate. O Less often than once a week	political ladder, i.e. as an MP, you have any experience Neither of these

	In politics people sometimes talk of 'Left' and 'Right'. Using the following scale, where 1 means Left and 10 means Right, where would you place:											
63			1 - Left	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - Right
Α	Yourself											
В	Conservative Party						٥					
С	Labour Party			0								
D	Liberal Democrats			0								
Е	Scottish National Pa	arty					۵					
F	Plaid Cymru						۵					
G	UK Independence F	arty (UKIP)					۵					
Н	Green Party						۵					
I	British National Part	у	•	٥	0		•				0	
	m the following list, NERAL PUBLIC cons						ns facing	ı Britain t	oday?	And what	do you t	hink the
64		Economy & taxation	Welfare, I educatior other pul service	n, & blic	Environme	nt Eu	ırope	Law & o	order	Internation relations, defence, terrorism	&	ril liberties
Α	YOU - choice 1				۵		.					ū
В	YOU - choice 2				۵		<u> </u>					<u> </u>
С	PUBLIC - choice 1				۵		<u> </u>					<u> </u>
D	PUBLIC - choice 2	-	٦		<u> </u>			-				

Addtional Questions for Local Councillors in England

65	Your age in whole yea	rs is		
66	Your sex is			
	○ Female	Male		
67	Your ethnic group is			
	O White	O Non-White		
68	Your marital status is.			
	Married	O Living with partner		O Single
69	Do you think of yourse	elf as belonging to any par	ticular social class?	
	O Upper class	Middle class	O Working class	O No
70	When you were young	յ, would you say that your ք	family belonged to any particular so	cial class?
	O Upper class	O Middle class	Working class	O No
71	What is your highest e	educational qualification?		
	O Primary school	O Secondary school	or equivalent O University/p	polytechnic or professional equivalent
72	Did you attend a fee-p	paying secondary school?		
	Yes	⊙ No		
73	Even if you do not co	nsider yourself personally	religious, what is your religious/con	fessional background?
	O Church of Englan	id/Anglican/Episcopal	Other Protestant/Non-conformist	
	O Roman Catholic		Other Christian	
	O Jewish		Other non-Christian	O None at all
74	In what year did you f	irst join the Conservative P	Party?	
75	In what year were you	first elected as a Conserva	ative local councillor?	

76	, ,	Yes	No	our mother or father been a Don't know	Not applicable				
Α	Mother			0					
В	Father	•		0					
77	Which one of	the following best	describes the	residential make-up of the ı	majority of your war	d?			
	O Rural vill	ages or farms	○ Town	Suburb or outsk	irts of a major city	O City or metropolitan			
78	In your main a	accommodation, d	o you or your l	nousehold					
	Own the property outright Own the property with a mortgage								
	O Rent from	m a private landlord		O Rent from your local aut	hority or housing asse	ociation			
79		ur work as a counc s your most recent		tor of the economy do you v	work in? If you no lo	onger work, which			
	Private		O Public	Voluntar	у О	Other			
80	Excluding your work as a councillor, are you employed or self-employed? If you no longer work, which best describes your most recent occupation?								
	○ Employ	yed	○ Self-empl	oyed					
81			-	dicate your main area of oc describes your most recent	•	_			
	Manufa	acturing or agricultur	re						
	O Service	e sector manageme	nt or profession	s					
	Armed	services							
	O Retail								
	Skilled	artisan							
	Other r	manual							
	Other r	non-manual							
	Other								

This is the end of the questionnaire. Thank you for taking the time and trouble to complete it. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Please return it in the SAE supplied.

CONSERVATIVE PARTY REPRESENTATIVES STUDY 2002



Introduction

Dear Sir/Madam,

It would be kind of you if you could spare the time to complete the enclosed questionnaire and to return it in the SAE supplied.

The purpose of this study, part of a PhD thesis, is to obtain an objective measure of the views of the Conservative Party's 'public' or 'statutory' representatives. The responses will then be used to answer questions concerning a wide range of abstract political, economic, social, and religious beliefs on the one hand, and more concrete matters on the other. Some of the issues and questions are 'tried and tested' and you may have encountered them before. Others have been developed for this study.

Aside from the scope of the questions, another feature is the range of individuals being surveyed. Versions of this questionnaire are being sent to all Conservative Westminster MPs, Peers, MEPs, Scottish MPs, Welsh AMs, members of the GLA, local councillors in Scotland and Wales, and a 10% sample of local councillors in England. Altogether, this is one of the most comprehensive academic studies of the Conservative Party for a decade.

Please note that this survey is anonymous. Nowhere are you asked to give your name, address, or the exact area that you represent.

I am grateful to my own member of parliament, the Rt. Hon. Eric Forth MP, for introducing this survey. However, this work has no formal connection with the Conservative Party, but instead is part of an academic project being undertaking at London Guildhall University.

With thanks for your help,

Nigel Meek (Department of Politics & Modern History)

Instructions

This questionnaire should only be answered by the person to whom it has been sent.

The following questions take a number of forms, but you should find them reasonably easy to answer. There are no 'right' or 'wrong' answers. All you need to do is put a tick in the box that you select. Please use either a black or a blue pen. If at times you find that none of the provided answers exactly fits what you think, please choose the one that comes closest to your views.

Except where instructions in block capitals indicate otherwise, all questions are for everyone. For example, there are a number of questions concerning Scotland and Wales on the one hand, or England on the other. The views of everyone are important.

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The United Kingdom

How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following?

1		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	
Α	The cause of the centre-Right in Scotland and Wales has been damaged by its association with a Conservative Party that is often regarded as 'the English Party'	0	0	-	٠	٥	
В	England should have its own parliament						
С	The regions of England should have their own assemblies		۵	ū	0		
D	All three major mainland UK political parties should organise and campaign in their own right in Northern Ireland	0	0	٥	•	0	
E	The Scots and the Welsh have a more developed sense of national identity than the English	0		٠	۵	٠	
F	The extra public spending received by Scotland and Wales relative to England is often justified			٠	0		
G	The government was right to allow Sinn Fein MPs to make use of Commons facilities	٥		۵	•	۵	
2	Who do you think has benefited most from	the recent Northe	ern Ireland p	peace process?			
	O The Unionist or Loyalist community						
	O Both equally						
	 The Nationalist or Republican communit 	у					
3	Which one of the following comes closest t	o your own view?	?				
	O Scotland and Wales should continue to	return a relatively la	arger numbe	r of MPs to Westmir	ster than Englar	nd	
	O The number of Westminster MPs returned population	ed by Scotland and	l Wales relat	ive to England shoul	d be brought in l	ine with their	
	O Scotland and Wales should return a prowith the autonomy of their devolved insti	portionately smalle tutions	r number of	MPs to Westminster	than England, c	ommensurate	
	O Scotland and/or Wales should become independent countries						

The Environment

Hov	v much do you agree or disagree with each of t	he following?				
4		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	The government should do more to protect the environment, even if it leads to higher taxes			0		
В	Industry should do more to protect the environment, even if it leads to lower profits and fewer jobs			٥		
С	Ordinary people should do more to protect the environment, even if it means paying higher prices	۵	۵	٠		
D	People should be allowed to use their cars as much as they like, even if it causes damage to the environment	•	۵			
Ε	Many of the claims about mankind's damage to the environment are exaggerated			٥		ū
Bu	siness, Labour Relations, Welfare, and	d the Economy	у			
Hov	v much do you agree or disagree with each of t	he following?				
5		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree stongly
Α	Government should redistribute income from the better-off to those who are less well off					
В	Big business benefits owners at the expense of workers					
С	Ordinary working people do not get their fair share of the nation's wealth					
D	There is one law for the rich and one for the poor					
Ε	Management will always try to get the better of employees if it gets the chance					
F	In general, the trades unions have been tamed	٥				•
6	Which of the following comes closest to yo	our own view?				
	O The public sector is more efficient than t	he private sector				
	O The public and private sectors are equal	lly efficient				
	O The private sector is more efficient than	the public sector				
7	Which of the following comes closest to yo					
	• The public sector is more worthy than the					
	The public and private sectors are equal	•				
	 The private sector is more worthy than t 	he public sector				

How	ow much do you agree or disagree with each of the following?									
8			Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly			
Α	The welfare state makes pe willing to look after themselv									
В	People receiving social sec like second class citizens	urity are made to fee								
С	The welfare state encourag helping each other	es people to stop								
D	The government should spe welfare benefits for the pool higher taxes				٥		٥			
E	Around here, most unemplo									
F	Many people who get socia deserve any help	I security don't really								
G	Most people on the dole are or another	e fiddling in one way								
Н	If welfare benefits weren't s would learn to stand on their									
If all	tain, Europe, and the N were equally possible, whi I the LEAST preferred?		would you MOS1	prefer Britai	in to seek? And t	he NEXT MOST	preferred?			
9		er British independend ense of ties with both t and the USA	he EU expens	er ties to the l se of British in and ties with	dependence of	oser ties to the EU British independe the U	nce and ties with			
Α	Most preferred					۰				
В	Next most preferred									
С	Least preferred					٠				
10	Thinking about the Middl O Very pro-Arab/Pales		uld you describe	e yourself?						
	○ Somewhat pro-Arab/Palestinian									
	O View both sides equ									
	 Somewhat pro-Israe 	•								
	O Very pro-Israeli									

	nmentators sometimes talk about o-enthusiast and 10 means Euro-s				s'. Usiı	ng the follo	owing so	ale, where	1 means	S	
11	En	1 - 2 thusiast	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - Sceptic	
Α	Yourself	0 0									
В	Conservative Party	a a									
С	Labour Party	0 0									
D	Liberal Democrats	a a									
Ε	Scottish National Party	a a									
F	Plaid Cymru	<u> </u>									
12	3		ribes how you	see your	self?						
	○ English/Scottish/Welsh not British										
	O More English/Scottish/Welsh than British										
	O Equally English/Scottish/Welsh and British										
	More British than English/S										
	British not English/Scottish/	Welsh									
	O None of these										
13	Which of the following stateme	nts best desc	ribes how you	see your	self?						
	O British/English/Scottish/Wel	sh not Europea	an								
		h/Welsh than E	European								
	O Equally British/English/Scot	tish/Welsh and	d European								
	More European than British	/English/Scotti	sh/Welsh								
	 European not British/Englis 	h/Scottish/Wel	sh								
	O None of these										
How	<i>ı</i> much do you agree or disagree v	with each of th	he following?								
14			Agree strongly	, Ag	gree	Neither a		Disagree	L	Disagree strongly	
Α	Britain should re-establish closer ti former colonies and existing deper areas such as the Caribbean, Afric	ndencies in	٥	Ţ	٥	0				۵	
В	Britain should re-establish closer ti former colonies in areas such as A New Zealand, Southern Africa, and	ustralia and	۵	Ţ	٥	۰		•		۵	
С	Britain should be more cautious in USA's foreign and military polices	supporting the		Ţ	-						
D	The Western and Islamic worlds ca be at peace with one another	an never truly		Ç	<u> </u>						

How	<i>i</i> much do you agree or disagree with each of	the following?				
15		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	The UK should embrace the concept of a federa Europe					
В	Membership of the Euro is crucial for Britain's future prosperity	•				
С	The EU's budget should be enlarged					
D	A single European Army would undermine rather than underpin the security of the UK					
Е	Britain should withdraw from the EU	•				
F	The strength of national identities rules out parliamentary democracy on a European scale for the foreseeable future	۵		٠	٥	٥
G	Conservative MEPs should remain committed members of the European People's Party and European Democrats (EPP-ED) group in the European Parliament	٥	٥	ū	۵	0
	nicity, Citizenship, and National Imag		Agree	Neither agree	Disagree	Disagree
Α	Britain should limit the import of foreign products to protect its national economy			nor disagree	a	strongly
В	British television should give preference to British films and programmes			٥	0	
С	Foreigners should be allowed to buy land in Britain as easily as British people			٥	۵	
D	Britain should follow its own interests, even if this leads to conflicts with other nations			٥	0	
Е	People do not have to share British customs and traditions to become fully British			٥	0	
F	Immigrants are generally good for Britain's economy			٥	0	
G	Immigrants increase crime rates	_		П	_	_

How	proud or not are you of Britain in each of the	following?				
17		Very proud	Somewhat prod	ud Not very p	roud Not	proud at all
Α	Its armed forces					
В	Its history					
С	Its achievements in sports					
D	Its achievements in arts and literature					
Ε	Its scientific and technological achievements					
F	Its political influence in the world					
G	Its social security system					
Н	The way its democracy works					
I	Its economic achievements					
How	much do you agree or disagree with each of t	he following?				
18		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	Refugees who have suffered political repressior in their own country should be allowed to stay in Britain	•	۵			۵
В	Immigrants make Britain more open to new ideas and culture	۵				
С	British schools should make much more effort to teach foreign languages properly	۵				
D	Immigrants take jobs away from people who were born in Britain					
Ε	The number of immigrants allowed into Britain nowadays should be increased	ū				
F	Race relations in Britain will improve over the next few years					
Soc	ciety and Culture					
Hov	v much do you agree or disagree with each of	the following?				
19		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	Men and women are equally suited emotionally for politics			۵		
В	All in all, family life suffers when the woman has a full-time job			0		۵
С	Being a housewife is just as fulfilling as working for pay			۵		
D	Government should make sure that women have an equal chance to succeed			۵		۵
Е	A husband's job is to earn the money; a wife's job is to look after the home and family			۵		

Hov	v much do you agree or disagree with each of	the following?				
20		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	Young people today don't have enough respect for traditional British values		ū			
В	People who break the law should be given stiffer sentences					
С	For some crimes, the death penalty is the most appropriate sentence					
D	Schools should teach children to obey authority					
Ε	The law should always be obeyed, even if a particular law is wrong					
F	Censorship of films and magazines is necessary to uphold moral standards					
G	Homosexual relationships are always wrong					
Hov	v much do you agree or disagree with each of	the following?				
21		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	Britain should introduce compulsory identity cards					
В	Jury trials should be reserved only for the most serious of criminal charges					
С	The 'double jeopardy' principle should be abolished for the most serious crimes					
D	Successive governments have been right to place stricter controls on the ownership of firearms	•	•	•		•
E	The idea that social and cultural matters in Britain are dominated by a 'Left-liberal, London-based metropolitan elite' is much exaggerated	٥	<u> </u>	٥	•	0
F	Detention without trial is not justified in peacetime		0			
The	e Conduct of Politics					
	often talk about what the main aims of the cou owing items, which one seems the MOST impo					en the
22			Most Importan	t Next most	important	
Α	Maintaining order in the nation				ì	
В	Giving people more say in important governmen	nt decisions			ì	
С	Fighting rising prices				ì	
D	Protecting freedom of speech				1	

Relative to the present situation, what should be done about the powers of the following institutions? 23 Increased a lot Increased Stay the same Decreased Decreased a lot somewhat somewhat Α Westminster Parliament В **European Parliament** С Scottish Parliament D Welsh Assembly Ε Northern Ireland Assembly F **Greater London Assembly** G Principal local authorities Н Parish/town councils \Box How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following? 24 Disagree Neither agree Agree strongly Agree Disagree nor disagree strongly There should be at least an element of Α proportional representation for general elections В There should be at least an element of proportional representation for local authority elections С Local government is just as an appropriate arena for party politics as national government Local campaigning makes little difference these D days compared to the overall impression of the national party Ε Single-issue groups are now a better way than political parties of advancing causes F Public life in this country is generally honest How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following? 25 Agree strongly Agree Neither agree Disagree Disagree nor disagree strongly Α Political parties should be funded by the State and taxpayer rather than by individual donors. businesses, or unions В The House of Lords should be replaced by a wholly or mainly elected second chamber С However a second chamber is elected or selected, it should always be subordinate to the House of Commons D There should no longer be an Established Church in any part of Britain Ε Britain should become a republic

How	<i>i</i> much do you agree or disagree with each of	the following?				
26		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	The scope and power of the State over the individual should be much reduced					
В	A strong State is necessary for the preservation of a peaceful social order					
С	The State should be an active agency for social change and development					
D	Ordinary citizens should have more say in the decisions made by government					
Е	More should be done to interest people in government					
F	More should be done to involve ordinary people in political decision making					
G	It is for politicians rather than the public to make decisions on issues and priorities					۵
The	e Political Parties					
How	much do you agree or disagree with each of	the following?				
27		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	In recent years, it has not always been clear what the Conservative Party stands FOR					
В	In recent years, it has not always been clear what the Conservative Party stands AGAINST					
С	The Conservative Party is not an ideological party					
D	The Conservative period in office between 1979 and 1992 brought about a major change in public attitudes about issues such as the economy, taxation, public services, and welfare	٥	٥	۵	<u> </u>	0
Е	Depictions in recent years of the Conservative Party as being 'extreme' have some validity	0	٥	٥	٥	٥
How	v much do you agree or disagree with each of	the following?				
28		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Α	Conservative constituency agents should be employed and deployed by the Party centrally					
В	Local Conservative associations should retain control over parliamentary candidate selection					

How	v much do you agree o	r disagree with each o	f the followin	g?					
29			Agree stro	ngly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	
Α	People do not trust Co national level	nservative politicians at	a 🖵			۵			
В	People do not trust Co local level	nservative politicians at	a 📮				۵		
С	The Conservative Part general election	y can win the next				٥	۵		
D	The Conservative Part next-but-one general e	•				٥	۵		
Ε	The Conservative Part better shape than man	•					۵		
F		imate the level of suppo amongst ordinary people				٥	۵		
G	The Conservative Part	y should change its nan	ne 🗀						
Н	The media is generally Conservative Party	hostile towards the				۵	٥		
1	The view that the Consand socially 'out of tou	servative Party is cultura	ally 🗀			0	۵	۵	
	How much do you agree or disagree that more should be done to advance members of the following groups within the Conservative Party? 30								
00		rigroc	strongry	Agree	nor dis	-	strongl		
Α	Women) (
В	Racial minorities) C			
С	Homosexuals and lest	ians) [
How	How would you rate the following leaders of the Conservative Party?								
31		Very positively	Positively	Neithei	r positively egatively	Negatively	Very Negative	ly	
Α	Edward Heath								
В	Margaret Thatcher								
С	John Major								
D	William Hague								
Е	Iain Duncan Smith								

32	All mass political parties that seek to be b INTERNALLY to unite the party, and EXTE is the most urgent task for the Conservati	RNALLY to reach	out to the ele					
	O To unite internally O To	reach out externally	,					
Do y	ou agree or disagree with the idea that the m	embers of the Con	servative Pa	arty should have m	ore influence i	n		
33		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly		
Α	Basic principles and beliefs of the Party				۵			
В	Formulation of Party policy and writing of manifestos				۵			
С	Running and administering the Party and its finances	٠			۵			
The	defeats at the 1997 and 2001 general election	ns show that the C	onservative	Party				
34		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly		
Α	Needs to change its principles and beliefs			٠				
В	Needs to change its style and presentation	۵		۵	0	۵		
How	<i>ı</i> much do you agree or disagree with each of	the following?						
35		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly		
Α	The Labour Party has genuinely shed its socialistic instincts							
В	The Conservatives should be focusing their national campaigning efforts against the Liberal Democrats rather than Labour		•	٥	٥	0		
36	FOR LOCAL COUNCILLORS IN ENGLAND England is the constituency, ward, or regi				n which part of	ţ		
	O North O Midlands	S 0 E	ast	○ South-N	Vest			
	O South-East (excluding Greater London	on) O Greater London						

How	do you feel towards the following mainlan	d British politi	cal parties?							
37		Strongly sympathetic	Sympathetic	In between	Antipathetic	Strongly antipathetic	Don't know enough to say			
Α	Labour Party									
В	Liberal Democrats									
С	Plaid Cymru									
D	Scottish National Party									
Е	UK Independence Party (UKIP)									
F	British National Party									
G	Green Party									
Н	Socialist Alliance/Scottish Socialist Party									
How	How do you feel towards the following Northern Ireland political parties?									
38		Strongly sympathetic	Sympathetic	In between	Antipathetic	Strongly antipathetic	Don't know enough to say			
Α	Ulster Unionist Party (led by David Trimble)									
В	Democratic Unionist Party (led by Ian Paisley	′) 🗖					u			
С	Sinn Fein									
D	Social Democratic & Labour Party (SDLP)									
Е	Alliance Party of Northern Ireland									
39	FOR ALL EXCEPT PEERS. How margin	al or safe is the	e constituency	y, ward, or re	gion that you	represent?				
	O Very marginal O Son	newhat margina	l 🔘 Sá	afe or fairly sa	fe					
40	FOR ALL EXCEPT PEERS. Who is the M	//AIN challenge	er in the const	ituency, ward	d, or region th	at you repres	ent?			
	O Labour O Libe	ral Democrat	○ Ra	atepayer/Resi	dents/Regiona	list/Independe	nt			
	O SNP O Plai	d Cymru	O O	ther						
41	FOR ALL EXCEPT PEERS. In recent yes supporters of other parties in the const	-	-			oting by				
	O Yes, a great deal O Yes	, some	O Ve	ery litle or non	e at all					
42	FOR ALL EXCEPT PEERS. In recent yeo other parties in the constituency, ward,	-	-		ative tactical v	oting by sup	porters of			
	O Yes, a great deal O Yes	, some	O Ve	ery little or nor	ne at all					

The 2001 Conservative Party Leadership Election

43	If you had been able to vote and had been presented with all five original candidates, who would you have voted for (or did vote for if you are a Westminster MP)?								
	Michael Ancram	Kenneth Clarke		O David Davis					
	O lain Duncan Smith	O Michael Portillo		O None of the candidate	es				
44	And from the 'almost final'	three, who would you hav	e vot	ed for (or did vote for if you	are a Westminster MP)?				
	O Kenneth Clarke	O Iain Duncan Smith	า	Michael Portillo	O None of the candidates				
45	FOR ALL EXCEPT WESTMINSTER MPs. At any time during the MPs-only stages of the contest, was your opinion offered to, or sought by, a Westminster MP?								
	○ Yes	O No							
46	Did you cast your vote in t	he final ballot of all memb	ers?						
	O Yes [Please go to Q	48] O	No	[Please go to Q47]					
47	If no, was this because								
	O I could not support either of the two candidates								
	 Some other practical re 	eason such as not receiving	ı a bal	llot paper, being ill or out of the	country, etc.				
48	Who did you vote for (or would have voted for had some practical reason not prevented you)?								
	O Kenneth Clarke O lain Duncan Smith								
	O Deliberately spoiled the	e ballot paper or wrote in an	other'	's name					
49	In any future leadership contest, should the final decision return to being one for Westminster MPs alone?								
	O Yes [Please go to Q	52] 🔾	No	[Please go to Q50]					
50	Do you nevertheless think that Westminster MPs should retain the task of narrowing down the final candidates to two or three?								
	○ Yes	O Don't know		⊙ No					
51	Do you think that all paid-u	p Party members should	have	the final say or just the demo	onstrably activist membership?				
	All members	O Activists only							
52				ice, do you think that it would andidate might count in some					
	O Yes	O Don't know		○ No					

Religion

53	Which one of the following comes closest t	o your own view?	•							
	O I don't believe in God									
	O I don't know whether there is a God and I don't believe there is any way to find out									
	O I don't believe in a personal God, but I do believe in a Higher Power of some kind									
	O I find myself believing in God some of the	e time, but not at of	thers							
	O While I have doubts, I feel that I do belie	ve in God								
	O I know God really exists and I have no do	oubts about it								
54	How close do you feel to God most of the ti	me?								
	O Don't believe in God									
	O Not close at all									
	O Not very close									
	Somewhat close									
	Extremely close									
55	How often do you attend a religious service	e? (Excluding wed	ddings and f	unerals etc.)						
	O At least once a week									
	O At least once a month									
	O At least once a year									
	O Never									
How	much do you agree or disagree with each of the	he following?								
56		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly				
A	Politicians who do not believe in God are unfit for public office									
В	Religious leaders should not try to influence how people vote in elections									
С	It would be better for Britain if more people with strong religious beliefs held public office			٥	0					
D	Religious leaders should not try to influence government decisions			0	0					
E	Churches and religious organisations in this country have too much power and influence			•						

A Few Questions About Yourself

57	Were you ever a member of organisations? Please tick		ng Conservative Party youth or y	ounger persons'							
Α	Young Conservatives (Yo	Cs)									
В	Federation of Conservative Students (FCS)										
С	Conservative Collegiate Forum (CCF)										
D	Federation of University Conservative and Unionist Associations (FUCUA)										
Ε	National Association of Conservative Graduates (NACG)										
F	Conservative Future (CF)									
	the NEXT MOST important? As some		Decome politicians. Which for your As a representative of the electorate or public	ou is the MOST important? As a necessary element within the machinery of stable, democratic							
	,	beliefs		government							
Α	Most important										
_	Next most important										
В	Next most important										
С	Least important	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>							
	Least important FOR ALL LOCAL COUNCIL	LORS ONLY. Would you co	onsider a career 'further up' the	<u> </u>							
С	Least important	LORS ONLY. Would you co	onsider a career 'further up' the	<u> </u>							
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	In politics people sometimes talk of 'Left' and 'Right'. Using the following scale, where 1 means Left and 10 means Right, where would you place:											
63			1 - Left	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - Right
Α	Yourself		۵									
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С	Labour Party		۵			۵						
D	Liberal Democrats		۵			0						
Е	Scottish National Pa	rty	۵			۵						
F	Plaid Cymru					ū						
G	UK Independence P	arty (UKIP)										
Н	Green Party					ū						
I	British National Party	у	0			•		۵				
	From the following list, what for YOU are the TWO most pressing concerns facing Britain today? And what do you think the GENERAL PUBLIC considers being the TWO most pressing concerns? 64 Economy & Welfare, NHS, Environment Europe Law & order International Civil liberties relations, other public considers being the TWO most pressing concerns?											
Α	YOU - choice 1	0	service	es	<u> </u>			-		terrorism		.
В	YOU - choice 2						<u> </u>					
С	PUBLIC - choice 1						<u> </u>			٠		
D	PUBLIC - choice 2											

This is the end of the questionnaire. Thank you for taking the time and trouble to complete it. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Please return it in the SAE supplied.

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