# 2005-06 British Election Study – One-Year Out (Internet) Questionnaire (YouGov Version, May 2006)

## PAGE 1 BASE: All

In which of the following do you live? [SINGLE CODE]

East Anglia
East Midlands
Greater London

North

North West

Scotland

South East

South West

Wales

West Midlands

Yorkshire & Humberside

## PAGE 2

**BASE: All** 

Now, I'd like to ask you a few questions about the issues and problems facing Britain today. As far as you're concerned, what is the SINGLE MOST important issue facing the country at the present time?

[TEXT AREA] validated

## PAGE 3 BASE: All

#### Which party is best able to handle this issue? [SINGLE CODE] There are no important issues **ROUTEPAGE 5** None/No Party **ROUTEPAGE 5** Labour **ROUTEPAGE 5** Conservatives **ROUTEPAGE 5** Liberal Democrat **ROUTEPAGE 5** Scottish National Party (SNP) **ROUTEPAGE 5** Plaid Cymru **ROUTEPAGE 5** Green Party **ROUTEPAGE 5**

United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)ROUTEPAGE 5

British National Party (BNP) ROUTEPAGE 5

Other

Don't know ROUTEPAGE 5

#### PAGE 4

BASE: All those who said 'other'

You said you thought an 'other' party is best able to handle this issue. Please say here which party this is:

[TEXT] validated

#### **ROTATE PAGE**

PAGE 5 BASE: All

## How well do you think the present government has handled crime in Britain? [SINGLE CODE!

Very well

Fairly well

Neither well nor badly

Fairly badly

Very badly

Don't know

### **ROTATE PAGE**

PAGE 6 BASE: All

## How well do you think the present government has handled the economy in general?

## [SINGLE CODE]

Very well

Fairly well

Neither well nor badly

Fairly badly

Very badly

Don't know

#### **ROTATE PAGE**

PAGE 7 BASE: All

## How well do you think the present government has handled the National Health Service?

#### [SINGLE CODE]

Very well

Fairly well

Neither well nor badly

Fairly badly

Very badly

Don't know

#### **ROTATE PAGE**

PAGE 8 BASE: All

# How well do you think the present government has handled the risk of terrorism in Britain? [SINGLE CODE]

Very well

Fairly well

Neither well nor badly

Fairly badly

Very badly

Don't know

#### **END ROTATE PAGES**

#### **ROTATE PAGES 9 - 12**

#### **ROTATE PAGE**

### PAGE 9 BASE: All

How well do you think a Conservative government would handle crime in Britain?

[SINGLE CODE]

Very well

Fairly well

Neither well nor badly

Fairly badly Very badly Don't know

**ROTATE PAGE** 

PAGE 10 BASE: All

How well do you think a Conservative government would handle the economy in general? [SINGLE CODE]

Very well Fairly well

Neither well nor badly

Fairly badly Very badly

Don't know

#### **ROTATE PAGE**

PAGE 11 BASE: All

How well do you think a Conservative government would handle the National Health Service? [SINGLE CODE]

Very well

Fairly well

Neither well nor badly

Fairly badly Very badly

Don't know

#### **ROTATE PAGE**

PAGE 12 BASE: All

How well do you think a Conservative government would handle the risk of terrorism in Britain? [SINGLE CODE]

Very well

Fairly well

Neither well nor badly

Fairly badly Very badly Don't know

## **END ROTATE PAGES**

PAGE 13 BASE: All

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrat or what? [SINGLE CODE]

Labour ROUTEPAGE 17
Conservative ROUTEPAGE 17
Liberal Democrat ROUTEPAGE 17
Scottish National Party (SNP) ROUTEPAGE 17
Plaid Cymru ROUTEPAGE 17
Green Party ROUTEPAGE 17
United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)ROUTEPAGE 17
British National Party (BNP) ROUTEPAGE 17

Other

No - None ROUTEPAGE 15
Don't know ROUTEPAGE 15

#### **PAGE 14**

BASE: All those who said 'other'

You said you generally think of yourself as an 'other' party. Please say here what this is: <a href="TEXT">TEXT</a> validated

#### **PAGE 15**

BASE: All those who failed to name a party SYNTAX: If [P13Q1=9] then routepage=17;

Do you generally think of yourself as a little closer to one of the parties than the others? If yes, please tell me which party, [SINGLE CODE]

Labour

Conservative

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ROUTEPAGE 17

Liberal Democrat

Scottish National Party (SNP)

Plaid Cymru

Green Party

United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)ROUTEPAGE 17

British National Party (BNP) ROUTEPAGE 17

Other

No - None ROUTEPAGE 18
Don't know ROUTEPAGE 18

#### **PAGE 16**

BASE: All those who answered 'other'

You said you generally think of yourself as a little closer to an 'other' party. Please say here which party this is.

[TEXT] validated

#### **PAGE 17**

BASE: All those who named a party or said 'other' on page 13/page 15

**SYNTAX: VAR1=[GETOPTION P13Q1]**;

If [P13Q1=9] THEN VAR1="supporter of this party";

If [P13Q1=10] OR [P13Q1=11] THEN VAR1=[GETOPTION P15Q1];

If ([P13Q1=10] OR [P13Q1=11]) AND [P15Q1=9] THEN VAR1="supporter of this party";

Would you call yourself very strong [VAR1], fairly strong, or not very strong? [SINGLE CODE]

Very strongly Fairly strongly Not very strongly Don't know

#### **ROTATE PAGE**

PAGE 18 BASE: All

Please say how far you agree or disagree with the following statement:

## I would be seriously neglecting my duty as a citizen if I didn't vote. [SINGLE CODE]

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

#### **ROTATE PAGE**

PAGE 19 BASE: All

Please say how far you agree or disagree with the following statement:

## Being active in politics is a good way to get benefits for me and my family. [SINGLE

#### CODE1

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

#### **ROTATE PAGE**

PAGE 20 BASE: All

Please say how far you agree or disagree with the following statement:

## It takes too much time and effort to be active in politics and public affairs. [SINGLE

### CODE]

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

#### **ROTATE PAGE**

PAGE 21 BASE: All

Please say how far you agree or disagree with the following statement:

## People are so busy that they do not have time to vote. [SINGLE CODE]

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

## ROTATE PAGE PAGE 22 BASE: All

Please say how far you agree or disagree with the following statement:

It is every citizen's duty to vote in an election. [SINGLE CODE]

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know

#### **END ROTATE PAGES**

#### **ROTATE PAGES 23 - 25**

## ROTATE PAGE PAGE 23

BASE: All

On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about the Labour Party? [SINGLE CODE]

#### **ROTATE PAGE**

PAGE 24 BASE: All

Don't know

On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about the Conservative Party? [SINGLE CODE]

#### **ROTATE PAGE**

10 Strongly like Don't know

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PAGE 25
BASE: All
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On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about the Liberal Democrats? [SINGLE CODE]

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0 Strongly dislike
1
2
3
4
5
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7
8
9
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10 Strongly like Don't know

#### **END ROTATE PAGES**

#### **PAGE 26**

**BASE: All who live in Scotland** 

SYNTAX: If not [P1Q1=6] then routepage=27;

On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about the Scottish National Party? [SINGLE CODE]

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0 Strongly dislike
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10 Strongly like
Don't know
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#### **PAGE 27**

**BASE: All who live in Wales** 

SYNTAX: If not [P1Q1=9] then routepage=28;

On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about Plaid Cymru? [SINGLE CODE]

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0 Strongly dislike
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10 Strongly like
Don't know
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#### **ROTATE PAGES 28 - 31**

## **ROTATE PAGE**

PAGE 28 BASE: All

Thinking about economic conditions.

# How does the *financial situation of your household* now compare with what it was 12 months ago? Has it: [SINGLE CODE]

Got a lot worse Got a little worse Stayed the same Got a little better Got a lot better Don't know

#### **ROTATE PAGE**

PAGE 29 BASE: All

Thinking about economic conditions.

# How do you think the *general economic situation in this country* has changed over the *last 12 months*? Has it: [SINGLE CODE]

Got a lot worse Got a little worse Stayed the same Got a little better Got a lot better Don't know

#### **ROTATE PAGE**

PAGE 30 BASE: All

Thinking about economic conditions.

# How do you think the *financial situation of your household* will change over the *next 12 months*? Will it: [SINGLE CODE]

Get a lot worse Get a little worse Stay the same Get a little better Get a lot better Don't know

#### **ROTATE PAGE**

PAGE 31 BASE: All

Thinking about economic conditions.

# How do you think the *general economic situation in this country* will develop over the *next 12 months*? Will it: [SINGLE CODE]

Get a lot worse Get a little worse Stay the same Get a little better Get a lot better Don't know

#### **END ROTATE PAGES**

**PAGE 32 BASE: All** 

Now, another issue. Using the 0 to 10 scale below, where the end marked 0 means that government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services, and the end marked 10 means that government should raise taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services, where would you place yourself on this scale? [SINGLE CODE]

0 Government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

10 Government should increase taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services Don't know

#### **ROTATE PAGES 33 - 35**

## **ROTATE PAGE**

PAGE 33 **BASE: All** 

#### Where would you place the Labour Party on this scale? [SINGLE CODE]

0 Government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services

8

10 Government should increase taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services Don't know

#### **ROTATE PAGE**

PAGE 34 **BASE: All** 

### Where would you place the Conservative Party on this scale? [SINGLE CODE]

0 Government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services

2

3

4

6 7 8 9 10 Government should increase taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services Don't know **ROTATE PAGE PAGE 35 BASE: All** Where would you place the Liberal Democrats on this scale? [SINGLE CODE] 0 Government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Government should increase taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services Don't know **END ROTATE PAGES PAGE 36 BASE: All** Some people think that reducing crime is more important than protecting the rights of people accused of committing crimes. Other people think that protecting the rights of accused people is more important than reducing crime. On the 0-10 scale below, where would you place your own view? [SINGLE CODE] 0 Reducing crime more important 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 10 Rights of accused more important Don't know **ROTATE PAGES 37 - 39 ROTATE PAGE PAGE 37 BASE: All** Where would you place the Labour Party on this scale? [SINGLE CODE] 0 Reducing crime more important 1 2

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4
5
6
7
8
9
10 Rights of accused more important
Don't know
ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 38
BASE: All
Where would you place the Conservative Party on this scale? [SINGLE CODE]
0 Reducing crime more important
1
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3
4
5
6
7
8
10 Rights of accused more important
Don't know
ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 39
BASE: All
Where would you place the Liberal Democrats on this scale? [SINGLE CODE]
0 Reducing crime more important
1
2
3
4
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7
8
10 Rights of accused more important
Don't know
END ROTATE PAGES
PAGE 40
BASE: All
Please think of a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means very unlikely and 10 means
very likely, how likely is it that you will vote in the next general election? [SINGLE CODE]
0 Very unlikely
1
2
3
4
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6

7

8

10 Very likely Don't know

### PAGE 41 BASE: All

If there were a General Election tomorrow, which party would you vote for? [SINGLE

CODE]

Conservative ROUTEPAGE 45
Labour ROUTEPAGE 45
Liberal Democrat ROUTEPAGE 45
None - won't vote / never vote ROUTEPAGE 45

Other party

Don't know ROUTEPAGE 43

#### **PAGE 42**

BASE: All those who answered 'other party'

You say you would vote for another party. Which, if any, of the following would you vote

for? [SINGLE CODE]

Scottish National Party (SNP)

Plaid Cymru

Green Party

UK Independence Party (UKIP)

British National Party (BNP)

Other party

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Don't know

If you answered 'Other party' above please write in here which party, otherwise leave blank:

[TEXT] unvalidated

#### **PAGE 43**

BASE: All those who answered 'don't know' on page 41 or page 42

Which party would you be most inclined to vote for? [SINGLE CODE]
Conservative ROUTEPAGE 45
Labour ROUTEPAGE 45
Liberal Democrat ROUTEPAGE 45
None - won't vote / never vote ROUTEPAGE 45

Other party

Don't know ROUTEPAGE 45

#### **PAGE 44**

BASE: All those who answered 'other party'

You say you would be most inclined to vote for one of the other parties. Which, if any, of the following would you be most inclined to vote for? [SINGLE CODE]

Scottish National Party (SNP)

Plaid Cymru Green Party

UK Independence Party (UKIP)
British National Party (BNP)

Other party

If you answered 'Other party' above please write in here which party, otherwise leave blank:

[TEXT] unvalidated

## PAGE 45 BASE: All

On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means pay no attention and 10 means pay a great deal of attention, how much attention do *you* generally pay to politics? [SINGLE CODE]

0 Pay no attention 1 2

2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9

10 Pay a great deal of attention

Don't know

## PAGE 46 BASE: All

On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means no influence and 10 means a great deal of influence, how much influence do *you* have on politics and public affairs? [SINGLE CODE]

0 No influence

1 2 3

4 5 6

7

8

10 Great deal of influence

Don't know

## PAGE 47 BASE: All

On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, a little dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the way that democracy works in this country? [SINGLE CODE]

Very satisfied Fairly satisfied A little dissatisfied Very dissatisfied Don't know

#### **ROTATE PAGES 48 - 50**

ROTATE PAGE PAGE 48

#### **BASE: All**

Thinking about the party leaders.

Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about Tony Blair? [SINGLE CODE]

Don't know

## ROTATE PAGE PAGE 49 BASE: All

Thinking about the party leaders.

Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about David Cameron? [SINGLE CODE]

## ROTATE PAGE PAGE 50 BASE: All

Thinking about the party leaders.

Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about Menzies ('Ming') Campbell? [SINGLE CODE]
0 Strongly dislike

10 Strongly like Don't know

#### **END ROTATE PAGES**

## PAGE 51 BASE: All

Now, using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about Gordon Brown? [SINGLE CODE]

10 Strongly like Don't know

#### **PAGE 52**

**BASE: All those who live in Scotland** 

SYNTAX: If not [P1Q1=6] then routepage=53;

Now, using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about Alex Salmond? [SINGLE CODE]

0 Strongly dislike 1

#### **PAGE 53**

**BASE: All those who live in Wales** 

SYNTAX: If not [P1Q1=9] then routepage=54;

Now, using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about Elfyn Llwyd? [SINGLE CODE]

0 Strongly dislike

# 10 Strongly like Don't know

## PAGE 54 BASE: All

## Finally, a few questions about yourself and your background.

## What is your year of birth? [DROPDOWN]

What is your year of birth? [DROPDOWN]	
1900 or earlier	<b>ROUTEPAGE 56</b>
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Abstain
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## **BASE: All who abstained**

In that case, could you say which age band you would fall into? [SINGLE CODE]

16 to 17 18 to 24

25 to 39

40 to 54

55 or over

PAGE 56 BASE: All

What is your gender? [SINGLE CODE]

Male Female

PAGE 57 BASE: All

If you would be willing for us to contact you again by e-mail, please give us your e-mail address here:

[TEXT] unvalidated

(Your e-mail will not be passed to anyone beyond the research team and will not be used for any purpose other than the British Election Study).

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Questionnaires received by 31 May 2006 will be entered into a prize draw. The prizes are: one prize of £500, three prizes of £100, ten prizes of £10, and twenty prizes of £5. (Prizes of £10 and £5 will be paid in the form of gift vouchers). Winners will be notified within 6 weeks.

For further details about the prize draw, please contact NatCen, 35 Northampton Square, London EC1V 0AX, 020 7250 1866, quoting reference P2517, or e-mail bes@natcen.ac.uk

Do you want to be entered into the prize draw? [SINGLE CODE]

Yes, please enter me into the prize draw

No, I prefer not to be entered into the prize draw

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BASE: All those who said 'yes' to prize draw

Please enter here the name that you would like the cheque made payable to if you win one of the £500 or £100 prizes:

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(If you leave this blank, any prize will be sent in gift vouchers).

And please write in the address you would like any prize sent to:

[TEXT AREA] validated

Is this your home address? [SINGLE CODE]

Yes ROUTEPAGE 0

No

(Your address will not be passed to anyone beyond the research team and will not be used for any purpose other than the British Election Study).

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BASE: All those who said 'no' to prize draw

In case we need to contact you, it would be very helpful if you could confirm your

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(Your address will not be passed to anyone beyond the research team and will not be used for any purpose other than the British Election Study).

**END**