

**2005-06 British Election Study – Post-Election (Internet) Questionnaire
(April 22, 2005 Version)**

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In which of the following do you live?

East Anglia
East Midlands
Greater London
North
North West
Scotland
South East
South West
Wales
West Midlands
Yorkshire & Humberside

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Let's talk for a few minutes about politics in general. How much interest do you generally have in what is going on in politics?

A great deal
Quite a lot
Some
Not very much
None at all
Don't know

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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? [Please write in. If you think there are no important issues facing the country at the present time, please write NONE; if you don't know, please write DK]

[WRITE IN] _____

[If No issues or Don't know, route to Page 6]

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Which party is best able to handle this issue?

There are no important issues
None/No Party
Labour
Conservative
Liberal Democrat
Scottish National Party (SNP)
Plaid Cymru
Green Party
United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
British National Party (BNP)
Other
Don't know

[If None/no party, Party named, or Don't know, route to Page 6]

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

[WRITE IN] _____

ROTATE PAGES 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 AND 12

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How well do you think the present government has handled crime in Britain?

- Very well
- Fairly well
- Neither well nor badly
- Fairly badly
- Very badly
- Don't know

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How well do you think the present government has handled the number of asylum-seekers coming to Britain?

- Very well
- Fairly well
- Neither well nor badly
- Fairly badly
- Very badly
- Don't know

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

- Very well
- Fairly well
- Neither well nor badly
- Fairly badly
- Very badly
- Don't know

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How well do you think the present government has handled the risk of terrorism?

- Very well
- Fairly well
- Neither well nor badly
- Fairly badly
- Very badly
- Don't know

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

- Very well
- Fairly well
- Neither well nor badly
- Fairly badly
- Very badly
- Don't know

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How well do you think the present government has handled the level of taxation?

- Very well
- Fairly well

Neither well nor badly
 Fairly badly
 Very badly
 Don't know

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How well do you think the present government has handled Britain's education system?

Very well
 Fairly well
 Neither well nor badly
 Fairly badly
 Very badly
 Don't know

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

Labour
 Conservative
 Liberal Democrat
 Scottish National Party (SNP)
 Plaid Cymru
 Green Party
 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
 British National Party (BNP)
 Other
 No – None
 Don't know

[If No-none or Don't know, route to Page 15]

[If Party named, route to Page 17]

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

[WRITE IN] _____

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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?

Labour
 Conservative
 Liberal Democrat
 Scottish National Party (SNP)
 Plaid Cymru
 Green Party
 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
 British National Party (BNP)
 Other
 No – None
 Don't know

[If No-none or Don't know, route to Page 18]

[If Party named, route to Page 17]

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

which party this is.

[WRITE IN] _____

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Would you call yourself very strong, fairly strong, or not very strong [POPUP OF PARTY NAMED ON PAGES 13-14 OR PAGES 15-16]?

- Very strongly
- Fairly strongly
- Not very strongly
- Don't know

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How interested were you in the general election that was held on May 5th this year?

- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Not very interested
- Not at all interested
- Don't know

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Talking to people about the General Election on May 5th, we have found that a lot of people didn't manage to vote. How about you – did you manage to vote in the General Election?

- Yes, voted
- No, did not vote
- Don't know

[If No, did not vote or Don't know, route to Page 27]

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Which party did you vote for in the General Election?

- Labour
- Conservative
- Liberal Democrat
- Scottish National Party
- Plaid Cymru
- Green Party
- United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
- British National Party (BNP)
- Other Party

[If Party named, route to Page 22]

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You said you voted for an 'other' party in the general election. Please say here which party this was.

[WRITE IN] _____

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How long ago did you decide that you would definitely vote the way you did? Was it...

- A long time ago
- Some time last year
- Some time this year
- During the election campaign
- Don't know

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People give different reasons for why they vote for one party rather than another. Which of the following BEST describes your reasons?

The party had the best policies

The party had the best leader

I really preferred another party but it stood no chance of winning in my constituency.

I voted tactically.

Other reasons

[If Party best policies or Party best leader, route to Page 27]

[If Preferred another party or Voted tactically, route to Page 25]

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You said there were 'other' reasons why you would vote for one party rather than another. Please say here what these reasons are.

[WRITE IN] _____

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Which party did you really prefer?

Labour

Conservative

Liberal Democrat

Scottish National Party (SNP)

Plaid Cymru

Green Party

United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)

British National Party (BNP)

Other

[If Party mentioned, route to Page 27]

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You said you really preferred an 'other' party. Please say here which party this was.

[WRITE IN] _____

ROTATE PAGES 27, 28 AND 29**PAGE 27**

Now, thinking about party leaders for a moment. 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?

0 – Strongly dislike

1

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

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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 Michael Howard?

0 – Strongly dislike

1

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

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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 Charles Kennedy?

0 – Strongly dislike

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

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[If you live in Scotland] 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?

0 – Strongly dislike

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

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[If you live in Wales] 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?

0 – Strongly dislike

1

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10 – Strongly like
Don't know

PAGE 32

Who would make the best Prime Minister?

Tony Blair
Michael Howard
Charles Kennedy
Don't know

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Please say how far you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

I feel a sense of satisfaction when I vote.

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

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I would be seriously neglecting my duty as a citizen if I didn't vote.

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

ROTATE PAGES 35, 36 AND 37

PAGE 35

Now, some questions about the political parties.

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?

0 – Strongly dislike
1
2
3
4
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9
10 – Strongly like
Don't know

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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 Conservative Party?

0 – Strongly dislike

1

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

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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?

0 – Strongly dislike

1

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

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[If you live in Scotland] 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?

0 – Strongly dislike

1

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

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[If you live in Wales] 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 Plaid Cymru?

0 – Strongly dislike

1

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10 – Strongly like
Don't know

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Now, a few questions about economic conditions. How does the financial situation of your household now compare with what it was 12 months ago? Has it:

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

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How do you think the general economic situation in this country has changed over the last 12 months? Has it:

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

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How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months? Will it:

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

PAGE 43

How do you think the general economic situation in this country will develop over the next 12 months? Will it:

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

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If Britain were in economic difficulties, which party do you think would be able to handle the situation best – Labour or the Conservatives?

Labour
Conservatives
Neither
Don't know

[If Labour or Conservatives named, route to Page 47]

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If Britain were in economic difficulties, do you think another party would be able to handle the situation best?

Yes, other party

No – None

Don't know

[If No-none or Don't know, route to Page 47]

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You said that you thought if Britain were in economic difficulties, an 'other' party would be able to handle the situation best. Please say which party that is.

[WRITE IN] _____

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Now, we would like your opinion about Britain's membership in the European Union.

On the scale below, 0 means that Britain should definitely get out of the EU, and 10 means that Britain should definitely stay in the EU. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

0 – Britain should definitely get out

1

2

3

4

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9

10 – Britain should definitely stay in

Don't know

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On a scale of 0 to 10 how much attention do you generally pay to politics?

0 – Pay no attention

1

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10 – Pay a great deal of attention

Don't know

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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?

0 – No influence

1

2

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10 – A great deal of influence
Don't know

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On the whole, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way that democracy works in this country?

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

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Now, a few questions about the general election that was held on May 5th. Did a canvasser from any party call at your home to talk with you during the election campaign?

Yes
No
Don't know

[If No, route to Page 53]

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Which party or parties did they represent? [Please tick all that apply]

Labour
Conservative
Liberal Democrat
Scottish National Party (SNP)
Plaid Cymru
Green Party
United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
British National Party (BNP)
Other
No – None
Don't know

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Did anyone from a political party telephone you during the election campaign to ask you how you might vote?

Yes
No
Don't know

[If No, route to Page 55]

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Which party or parties did they represent? [Please tick all that apply]

Labour
Conservative
Liberal Democrat
Scottish National Party (SNP)
Plaid Cymru

Green Party
 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
 British National Party (BNP)
 Other
 No – None
 Don't know

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Did you see any of the Party Election Broadcasts that were shown on television during the election campaign?

Yes
 No
 Don't know

[If No, route to Page 57]

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Which parties' Election Broadcasts did you see? [Please tick all that apply]

Labour
 Conservative
 Liberal Democrat
 Scottish National Party (SNP)
 Plaid Cymru
 Green Party
 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
 Other Party [WRITE IN] _____
 No – None
 Don't know

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Thinking overall about how the parties conducted their general election campaigns, which party do you think conducted the BEST election campaign?

Labour
 Conservative
 Liberal Democrat
 Scottish National Party (SNP)
 Plaid Cymru
 Green Party
 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
 Other Party
 None – No party
 All parties equally well
 Don't know

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And, which party do you think conducted the WORST election campaign?

Labour
 Conservative
 Liberal Democrat
 Scottish National Party (SNP)
 Plaid Cymru
 Green Party
 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
 Other Party
 None – No party
 All parties equally badly

Don't know

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Now thinking overall about how the PARTY LEADERS performed during the election campaign, which party leader do you think performed the BEST during the election campaign?

Tony Blair
Michael Howard
Charles Kennedy
[If you live in Scotland] Alex Salmond
[If you live in Wales] Elfyn Llwyd
None – No leader
All leaders equally well
Don't know

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And, which party leader do you think performed the WORST during the election campaign?

Tony Blair
Michael Howard
Charles Kennedy
[If you live in Scotland] Alex Salmond
[If you live in Wales] Elfyn Llwyd
None – No leader
All leaders equally badly
Don't know

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What is your year of birth?

1900 or earlier
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Abstain

[If year given, route to Page 63]

[If Abstain, route to Page 62]

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In that case, could you say which age band you would fall into?

16 to 17

18 to 24

25 to 39

40 to 54

55 or over

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At what age did you finish full-time education?

15 or younger

16

17

18

19 or older

Still at school in full-time education

Still at university in full-time education

Don't know

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What is your gender?

Male

Female