BRITISH SOCIAL ATTITUDES 2009



- 1 Married
- 2 In civil partnership
- 3 Living with a partner
- 4 Separated (after being married)
- 5 Divorced
- 6 Widowed
- 7 Single (never married)

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- 1 Father
- 2 Mother
- 3 Brother
- 4 Sister
- 5 Son
- 6 Daughter
- 7 Grandchild (daughter's child)
- 8 Grandchild (son's child)
- 9 Grandfather (father's father)
- 10 Grandfather (mother's father)
- 11 Grandmother (father's mother)
- 12 Grandmother (mother's mother)
- 13 None of these

1	0-4 hours a week
2	5-9 hours a week
3	10-19 hours a week
4	20-34 hours a week
5	35-49 hours a week
6	50-99 hours a week
7	100 or more hours a week

- 1 In full-time education (not paid for by employer, including on vacation)
- 2 On government training or employment programme
- 3 In paid work (or away temporarily) for at least 10 hours in the week
- 4 Waiting to take up paid work already accepted
- 5 Unemployed and registered at a JobCentre or JobCentre Plus
- 6 Unemployed and <u>not registered</u>, but actively looking for a job (of at least 10 hours a week)
- 7 Unemployed, wanting a job (of at least 10 hours a week) but not actively looking for a job
- 8 Permanently sick or disabled
- 9 Wholly retired from work
- 10 Looking after the home

CARD B1

- 1 Education
- 2 Defence
- 3 Health
- 4 Housing
- 5 Public transport
- 6 Roads
- 7 Police and prisons
- 8 Social security benefits
- 9 Help for industry
- 10 Overseas aid

CARD B2

Reduce taxes and spend **less** on health, education and social benefits

Keep taxes and spending on these services at the **same** level as now

Increase taxes and spend **more** on health, education and social benefits

CARD B3

Living comfortably on present income

Coping on present income

Finding it difficult on present income

Finding it very difficult on present income

CARD B4

- 1 Their benefits should not be affected
- 2 Their benefits should be reduced a little
- 3 Their benefits should be reduced a lot
- 4 Their benefits should be stopped

CARD B5

1 Take the job, even if they may end up back on benefits when the job finishes

OR

Wait until they find a longer-term job, even if they have to stay on benefits for longer in the first place

CARD B6

1 They should be required to look for work straight away in order to continue receiving unemployment benefits

OR

They should be offered help to improve their job skills while continuing to receive benefits **before** they are required to look for work

CARD B7

Definitely government

Probably government

Probably private companies

Definitely private companies

CARD B8

There is **no** child poverty in Britain today

There is **very little** child poverty in Britain today

There is **some** child poverty in Britain today

There is quite a lot of child poverty in Britain today

CARD B9

Very important

Quite important

Not very important

Not at all important

CARD B10

Central government (e.g. Parliament, Government Departments)

Local government (e.g. local council)

People in poverty (including parents)

Friends / relatives of people in poverty

Charities

Other (PLEASE SAY WHO)

CARD B11

- 1 Social benefits for families with children are not high enough
- 2 They or their parents suffer from a long term illness or disability
- 3 There has been a family break-up or loss of a family member
- 4 Their parents' work doesn't pay enough
- 5 Their parents suffer from alcoholism, drug abuse or other addictions
- 6 Their parents have been out of work for a long time
- 7 They live in a poor quality area
- 8 There are too many children in the family
- 9 Their parents lack education
- 10 Their parents do not work enough hours
- 11 Their parents do not want to work
- 12 Their grandparents were also poor i.e. it has been passed down the generations
- 13 Their family suffers from discrimination, such as because of their ethnicity, age, disability
- 14 Their family cannot access affordable housing
- 15 Because of inequalities in society
- 96 Other (PLEASE SAY WHAT)
- 97 None of these

CARD B12

Agree strongly

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Disagree strongly

CARD B13

Employers

The government

Other (PLEASE SAY WHO)

CARD B14

They should receive unemployment benefits **for as long as it takes them to find a job**

OR

They should only be able to receive unemployment benefits **for a limited amount of time**

CARD B15

Strongly in favour

In favour

Neither in favour nor against

Against

Strongly against

CARD C1

Nursery or pre-school children

Primary school children

Secondary school children

Children with special educational needs

Students at universities

Students in further education

CARD C2

Essential

Very important

Fairly important

Not very important

Not at all important

CARD C3

1 Having separate lessons

OR

2 Using topics that could cover more than one subject area

- 1 At the beginning of the relationship
- 2 When they start living together
- 3 When they get married
- 4 When they have children
- 5 When their children go to school
- 6 At other key stress points in life e.g. if one partner loses a job or suffers a bereavement
- 7 When the relationship is in difficulty
- 8 After the breakdown of the relationship
- 95 Other (PLEASE SAY WHEN)
- 96 Never / Should not seek help or advice

- 1 A Doctor / GP
- 2 A therapist
- 3 A counsellor
- 4 Social worker or care worker
- 5 A general advice service- either by telephone, e-mail or face-to-face (such as Relate)
- 6 Minister/ priest/ other religious leader (PLEASE SAY WHO)
- 7 Another kind of professional (PLEASE SAY WHO)
- 95 Other (PLEASE SAY WHO)
- 96 None of these / Should not seek help or advice

- 1 Government should directly provide services to help couples with their relationship
- 2 Government should fund services to help couples with their relationship but not be directly involved in providing services
- 3 It is not the role of government to provide or fund services to help couples with their relationship

- 1 Published information (in leaflets and on websites)
- 2 Someone to talk to for advice (either in person, by telephone, or by e-mail)
- 3 Relationship counselling
- 4 An independent mediator who works with the couple to resolve issues
- 95 Other (PLEASE SAY WHAT)
- 96 None / Services should not be provided by government

CARD C8

Couples without children

Couples with children

Children of the couple

None / Services should not be provided by government

CARD C9

Very easy

Fairly easy

Neither easy nor difficult

Fairly difficult

Very difficult

CARD C10

Very confident

Quite confident

Not very confident

Not at all confident

- 1 The police
- 2 The social services
- 3 A doctor/GP
- 4 A church or religious group
- 5 Schools
- 6 Children's charities e.g. NSPCC, Childline
- 7 The government
- 8 Extended family
- 9 Neighbours
- 95 Other (PLEASE SAY WHO)

CARD D1

Very satisfied

Quite satisfied

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

Quite dissatisfied

Very dissatisfied

CARD D2

Agree strongly

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Disagree strongly

CARD D3

Much better

Better

About the same

Worse

Much worse

CARD D4

Patients receiving treatment paid for by the NHS

- 1 Do not have any choice of hospital
- 2 Can choose between different NHS hospitals only
- 3 Can choose between both NHS and private hospitals

CARD D5

- 1 Within the last six months
- 2 Within the last 12 months
- 3 Within the last two years
- 4 Within the last five years
- 5 Longer ago than five years
- 6 Never

CARD D6

- 1 No need
- 2 Scared of the dentist
- 3 Not enough time
- 4 Haven't got round to it
- 5 Too expensive
- 6 Surgery not open at convenient times
- 7 Not able to find an available NHS dentist
- 8 My NHS dentist went private
- 9 I choose to go to a private dentist
- 97 Other reason (PLEASE SAY WHAT)

CARD D7

Yes, definitely

Yes, probably

No, probably not

No, definitely not

CARD D8

- 1 No wait
- 2 Up to a month
- 3 Up to three months
- 4 Up to six months
- 5 Up to a year
- 6 Longer than a year

CARD D9

Very easy

Quite easy

Quite difficult

Very difficult

CARD D10

- 1 Before the visit took place
- 2 During the visit but before treatment took place
- 3 After treatment took place
- 4 Do not pay for dental treatment

CARD D11

- 1 Have had treatment or check-up before
- 2 I asked to be told the cost
- 3 Dentist/surgery told me without having to ask
- 4 Price list displayed in surgery
- 97 Other way (PLEASE SAY WHAT)

CARD D12

Every three months

Every six months

Every 12 months

Every two years

Other (PLEASE SAY WHAT)

CARD E1

A very serious problem

A serious problem

Not a very serious problem

Not a problem at all

CARD E2

Very concerned

Fairly concerned

Not very concerned

Not at all concerned

CARD E3

3,000 miles or less

3,001 to 5,000 miles

5,001 to 7,000 miles

7,001 to 10,000 miles

10,001 miles or more

CARD E4

- 1 Every day or nearly every day
- 2 2-5 days a week
- 3 Once a week
- 4 Less often but at least once a month
- 5 Less often than that
- 6 Never nowadays

CARD E5

Agree strongly

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Disagree strongly

CARD E6

Compared with two or three years ago, do you nowadays do this more often for the sake of the environment

No

A **bit** more often nowadays

A **lot** more often nowadays

CARD F1

It is important to...

- 1 Put yourself first and leave others to do the same
- 2 Put yourself first but also consider other people's needs and interests
- 3 Consider everyone's needs and interests equally, including your own
- 4 Put other people's needs and interests above your own

CARD F2

Because they have been unlucky

Because of laziness or lack of willpower

Because of injustice in our society

It's an inevitable part of modern life

CARD F3

Because they have been lucky

Because they work hard

Because of injustice in our society

It's an inevitable part of modern life

CARD F4

Agree strongly

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Disagree strongly

CARD F5

Biggest problem facing Britain is the **gap in income** between people...

- 1 At the very top and near the top
- 2 At the top and in the middle
- 3 In the middle and at the bottom
- The overall gap in income between people at the top and people at the bottom

CARD F6

- 1 Benefits for those on low incomes should be increased
- 2 Taxes for those on low incomes should be reduced
- 3 **Taxes** for those on **high incomes** should be **increased**
- 4 There should be an **upper limit on very high incomes**
- The government should **create jobs** for those who need them
- 6 The **minimum wage** should be **increased**
- 7 **Better education or training opportunities** should be provided to enable people to get better jobs
- 8 Other (PLEASE SAY WHAT)
- 97 Nothing should be done

CARD F7

- 1 Promote economic growth regardless of whether some people benefit more than others
- 2 Guarantee a minimum standard of living for everyone
- 3 Reduce the gap in incomes between rich and poor
- 4 Try to ensure that everyone has equal opportunities to get ahead

CARD F8

- 1 Each person should pay the **same amount** of money in tax (say, £200 a year extra)
- Each person should pay the **same share** of their earnings in tax(so the person earning £15,000 might pay £150 and the person earning £30,000 might pay £300)
- The person earning less should pay a **smaller share** of their earnings in tax, and the person earning more pay a **larger share** (so the person earning £15,000 might pay £100 and the person earning £30,000 might pay £400)

CARD F9

Agree strongly

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Disagree strongly

CARD G1

Too little

About right

Too much

CARD G2

Not at all Very close

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

CARD G3

Increased a lot

Increased a little

Left the same as it is now

Decreased a little

Decreased a lot

CARD G4

A very important contribution

An important contribution

Some contribution

Little positive contribution

CARD G5

Very likely

Somewhat likely

Not too likely

Not likely at all

CARD G6

Very strong conflicts

Strong conflicts

Not very strong conflicts

There are no conflicts

CARD H1

Thinking about your local Member of Parliament (MP)...

Very comfortable with this

Fairly comfortable with this

Fairly uncomfortable with this

CARD H2

Thinking about someone moving in next door...

Very comfortable with this

Fairly comfortable with this

Fairly uncomfortable with this

CARD H3

Assume the necessary help and assistance was in place.

Thinking about your son/daughter (or the son/daughter of a close family member or friend) being in a class at school with someone...

Very comfortable with this

Fairly comfortable with this

Fairly uncomfortable with this

CARD H4

Thinking about someone appointed as your boss...

Very comfortable with this

Fairly comfortable with this

Fairly uncomfortable with this

CARD H5

Thinking about someone attending this quiz team, community group or swimming club ...

Very comfortable with this

Fairly comfortable with this

Fairly uncomfortable with this

CARD H6

Thinking about one of your close relatives marrying and having a family with someone...

Very comfortable with this

Fairly comfortable with this

Fairly uncomfortable with this

CARD H7

All of the time

Most of the time

Some of the time

Rarely

Never

CARD H8

I think disabled people cannot lead as full a life as non-disabled people...

- 1 ...because of their health problem/disability
- 2 ...because of attitudes, barriers and behaviours in society
- 3 ...because of their health problem/disability AND because of attitudes, barriers and behaviours in society

CARD H9

Most people would feel very comfortable

Most people would feel fairly comfortable

Most people would feel fairly uncomfortable

Most people would feel very uncomfortable

CARD J1

- 1 Private sector firm or company Including, for example, limited companies and PLCs
- 2 Nationalised industry or public corporation Including, for example, the Post Office and the BBC
- Other public sector employer Including, for example:
 - Central government, Civil Service, Government Agencies
 - Local authority or Local Education Authority
 - Universities
 - Health Authority/NHS hospitals/NHS Trusts/GP surgeries
 - Police and armed forces
- 4 Charity/Voluntary sector Including, for example, charitable companies, churches and trade unions
- 7 Other organisation (PLEASE SAY WHAT)

CARD K1

Much too big a gap

Too big

About right

Too small

Much too small a gap

CARD K2

- Firm will close down
- I will be declared redundant
- I will reach normal retirement age
- My contract of employment will expire
- I will take early retirement
- I will decide to leave and work for another employer
- I will decide to leave and work for myself, as selfemployed
- I will leave to look after home, children or relative
- Other reason (PLEASE SAY WHAT)

CARD K3

- 1 Reduce pay differences in the workplace
- 2 Promote equality for women or for ethnic and other minority groups
- 3 Represent individual employees in dealing with their employer about problems at work
- 4 Protect existing employees' jobs
- 5 Improve working conditions across the workplace
- 6 Improve pay for all employees
- 7 Have an input into the running of the business

CARD K4

Very difficult

Difficult

Neither difficult nor easy

Easy

Very easy

CARD K5

Very secure

Secure

Neither secure nor insecure

Insecure

Very insecure

CARD K6

It is wrong to make people retire just because they have reached a certain age

OR

Older employees must retire to make way for younger age groups

CARD L1

Just about always

Most of the time

Only some of the time

Almost never

- 1 English not British
- 2 More English than British
- 3 Equally English and British
- 4 More British than English
- 5 British not English
- 7 Other (PLEASE SAY WHAT)

CARD L3

England to be governed as it is now, with laws made by the UK parliament

Each region of England to have its own assembly that runs services like health

England as a whole to have its own new parliament with law-making powers

CARD L4

Agree strongly

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Disagree strongly

CARD L5

Much more than its fair share of government spending

A little more than its fair share of government spending

Pretty much its fair share of government spending

A little less than its fair share of government spending

Much less than its fair share of government spending

- 1 British
- 2 English
- 3 European
- 4 Irish
- 5 Northern Irish
- 6 Scottish
- 7 Ulster
- 8 Welsh
- 9 Other (PLEASE SAY WHAT)

CARD L7

BLACK: of African origin

of Caribbean origin

of other origin (PLEASE SAY WHICH)

ASIAN: of Indian origin

of Pakistani origin

of Bangladeshi origin

of Chinese origin

of other origin (PLEASE SAY WHICH)

WHITE: of any European origin

of other origin (PLEASE SAY WHICH)

MIXED ORIGIN: PLEASE SAY WHICH

OTHER: PLEASE SAY WHICH

SECTION 1:	SECTION 2:
GCSE Grades D-G	GCSE Grades A*-C
Short course GCSE	CSE Grade 1
Vocational GCSE	GCE O-level Grades A-C or 1-6
CSE Grades 2-5	School Certificate or Matriculation
GCE O-level grades D-E or 7-9	Scottish SCE Ordinary Bands A-C or Pass
Scottish SCE Ordinary Bands D-E	Scottish Standard Grades 1-3 or Pass
Scottish Standard Grades 4-7	Scottish School Leaving Certificate Lower
SCOTVEC/SQA National Certificate modules	Grade
Scottish School Leaving Certificate – no grade	SUPE Ordinary
Scottish Access 1-3	Northern Ireland Junior Certificate
Scottish Intermediate 1	Scottish Intermediate 2
SECTION 3:	SECTION 4:
GCE A-level, S-level, A2-level, AS-level	Overseas school leaving exam or certificate
International Baccalaureate	
Vocational A-level (AVCE)	
Scottish Higher	
Scottish SCE/SLC/SUPE at Higher Grade	
Scottish Higher School Certificate	
Certificate of Sixth Year Studies/ Advanced Higher Grades	
Northern Ireland Senior Certificate	
Welsh Baccalaureate	

CARD L9

University or CNAA first degree, e.g. BA, BSc University or CNAA diploma or Foundation Degree Postgraduate degree, e.g. MA, MSc, MPhil, DPhil, PhD Teacher Training qualification Nursing qualification

Foundation/Advanced (modern) apprenticeship **completed** Other recognised trade apprenticeship **completed**

OCR/RSA (PLEASE GIVE LEVEL) Other clerical or commercial qualification

City and Guilds Certificate (PLEASE GIVE LEVEL)

BEC/TEC
BTEC/
Edexcel

First Certificate/ First or General Diploma (General/ Ordinary) National Certificate (**ONC**) or Diploma (**OND**) Higher National Certificate (**HNC**) or Diploma (**HND**)

NVQ/SVQ/GNVQ/GSVQ (PLEASE GIVE LEVEL)

Other recognised academic or vocational qualifications (PLEASE SAY WHAT)

CARD L10

- 1. Private sector firm or company Including, for example, limited companies and PLCs
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 - Police and armed forces
- 4. Charity/Voluntary sector

Including, for example, charitable companies, churches and trade unions

7. Other organisation (PLEASE SAY WHAT)

- 1 State retirement pension (National Insurance)
- **2 War Pension** (War Disablement Pension or War Widow's Pension)
- 3 Bereavement Allowance / Widow's Pension / Widowed Parent's Allowance
- 4 Jobseeker's Allowance
- 5 **Income Support** (not for pensioners)
- 6 Pension Credit / Minimum Income Guarantee / Income Support (for pensioners)
- 7 Child Benefit / Guardian's Allowance
- 8 Child Tax Credit
- 9 Working Tax Credit
- **10** Housing Benefit (Rent Rebate / Rent Allowance)
- 11 Council Tax Benefit (or Rebate)
- 12 Incapacity Benefit / Employment and Support Allowance (formerly Sickness Benefit / Invalidity Benefit)
- 13 Disability Living Allowance
- **14** Attendance Allowance (for people aged 65+)
- 15 Severe Disablement Allowance
- **16 Carer's Allowance** (formerly Invalid Care Allowance)
- 17 Industrial Injuries Benefits
- 18 Other state benefit (PLEASE SAY WHICH)

- 1 Earnings from employment (own or spouse/partner's)
- 2 Occupational pension(s) from previous employer(s)
- 3 Private pension(s)
- 4 State retirement or widow's pension
- 5 Jobseeker's Allowance/ Unemployment Benefit
- 6 Income Support (not for pensioners)
- 7 Pension Credit / Minimum Income Guarantee / Income Support for pensioners
- 8 Incapacity or disabled pension or benefit(s) (formerly Invalidity or sickness benefits)
- 9 Other state benefit or tax credit (PLEASE SAY WHICH)
- 10 Interest from savings or investments
- 11 Student grant, bursary or loans
- 12 Dependent on parents/other relatives
- 13 Other main source of income (PLEASE SAY WHICH)

WEEKLY income		ANNUAL income
BEFORE tax	Letter	BEFORE tax
Less than £77	Q	Less than £4,000
£77-£115	Т	£4,000 - £5,999
£116-£154	0	£6,000-£7,999
£155-£192	K	£8,000-£9,999
£193-£230	L	£10,000-£11,999
£231-£289	В	£12,000-£14,999
£290-£346	Z	£15,000-£17,999
£347-£385	M	£18,000-£19,999
£386-£442	F	£20,000-£22,999
£443-£500	J	£23,000-£25,999
£501-£558	D	£26,000-£28,999
£559-£615	Н	£29,000-£31,999
£616-£730	Α	£32,000-£37,999
£731-£845	W	£38,000-£43,999
£846-£961	G	£44,000-£49,999
£962-£1,076	N	£50,000-£55,999
£1,077 or more	Ε	£56,000 or more