## **BRITISH ELECTION STUDY 2010**

### **SELF-COMPLETION QUESTIONNAIRE (EMBES)**

#### **INTERVIEWER TO ENTER**



#### Completing the questionnaire:

Most of the questions inside this booklet can be answered simply by placing a cross  $(\boxtimes)$  in one or more of the boxes If you have made a mistake in your answer, please completely fill the box to show the mistake  $(\blacksquare)$  and then cross the correct answer. No special knowledge is required. The questionnaire should not take very long to complete, and we hope you will find it interesting and enjoyable. The answers you give will be treated as confidential and anonymous in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

# Only the person who took part in the initial interview should complete this questionnaire

#### Returning the questionnaire:

Please complete the questionnaire **as soon as you possibly can** and return it in the prepaid address envelope provided by the interviewer or to:

> Kantar Operations Olympus Avenue Tachbrook Park Warwick CV34 6RJ

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#### THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP.

1. Did you care which party won the general election held on May 6th? PLEASE CROSS **ONE** BOX ONLY

Cared a good deal

2. Some people say that political parties look after the interests of some groups and are not so concerned about others. How well do you think that the **Labour Party** looks after the interests of the following groups?

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PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

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	Very well	Fairly well	Not very well	Not at all well	Don't know
Working class people					
Middle class people					
People who are unemployed or on benefits					
Big business					
Trade unions					
Black people and Asians in Britain					
Women					
Pensioners					

3. How well do you think that the **Conservative Party** looks after the interests of the following groups? PLEASE CROSS **ONE** BOX ON **EACH LINE** 

	Very well	Fairly well	Not very well	Not at all well	Don't know
Working class people					
Middle class people					
People who are unemployed or on benefits					
Big business					
Trade unions					
Black people and Asians in Britain					
Women					
Pensioners					

4. How well do you think that the Liberal Democrats looks after the interests of the following groups? PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Very well	Fairly well	Not very well	Not at all well	Don't know
Working class people					
Middle class people					
People who are unemployed or on benefits					
Big business					
Trade unions					
Black people and Asians in Britain					
Women					
Pensioners					
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5. Now some questions about general elections and political parties in Britain. In answering these questions please think about elections and parties in general, not about a particular election or a particular party. Please cross <u>one</u> box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements.

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Elections help to keep politicians accountable	
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Elections allow voters to express their opinions but don't really change anything.

Elections give voters an opportunity to tell politicians what they think is really important.

There is often a big difference between what a party promises it will do and what it actually does when it wins an election.

Political parties spend too much time bickering with each other.

Parties generally do a good job in finding wellqualified people to run for Parliament.

6. Please cross <u>one</u> box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements. PLEASE CROSS **ONE** BOX ON **EACH LINE** 

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Women MPs better represent women's interests than do male MPs.					
Most men are better suited for politics than are most women.					
Women need to get more involved in politics to solve problems that concern them.					
A husband's job is to earn the money, a wife's job is to look after the home and family.					
Black and Asian MPs can better represent Black and Asian interests than White MPs can.					
Getting more Black and Asian people into Parliament would improve things for ethnic minorities in Britain.					
Until ethnic minorities have their own political party/parties, their special problems will never be dealt with effectively					

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Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly

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- 7a. People sometimes use the labels '*left*' or '*left wing*' and '*right*' or '*right wing*' to describe political parties, party leaders, and political ideas. Do you sometimes use these labels when thinking about politics? PLEASE CROSS **ONE** BOX ONLY

Yes, very often	Go to 7b
Yes, sometimes	Go to 7b
No, never	Go to 8

7b. Using the 0 to 10 scale below, where the end marked 0 means left and the end marked 10 means right, where would you place yourself on this scale? PLEASE CROSS **ONE** BOX ONLY

Left										Right
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

8. Please cross <u>one</u> box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements. *PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ON EACH LINE* 

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Ordinary working people get their fair share of the nation's wealth					
There is one law for the rich and one for the poor					
There is no need for strong trade unions to protect employees' working conditions and wages					
Private enterprise is the best way to solve Britain's economic problems					
Young people today don't have enough respect for traditional British values					
Censorship of films and magazines is necessary to uphold moral values					
Major public services and industries ought to be in state ownership					
It is the government's responsibility to provide a job for everyone who wants one					
Homosexual relations are always wrong.					
People should be allowed to organise public meetings to protest against the government					
People in Britain should be more tolerant of those who lead unconventional lifestyles					
Political parties that wish to overthrow democracy should be allowed to stand in general elections					
We worry too much about the environment today and not enough about people's jobs					
The government has the right to put people suspected of terrorism in prison without trial					

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9. There is a lot of talk about democracy these days and people have different opinions about what a democracy should be. Please cross one box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements.

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	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
In a democracy, the majority has a right to pass laws to protect its own language and culture					
A democracy has the right to ban violent political groups, even if it means restricting some individuals' rights					
In a true democracy, the majority has a responsibility to protect the rights of all minorities					
There is nothing more to democracy than giving people the right to vote in free elections					
In a true democracy, income and wealth are redistributed to ordinary working people					
In a true democracy, people not only vote, they can influence important decisions affecting their daily lives.					

10. Please cross one box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

When immigrants come to Britain, they take away jobs from people already here

Allowing immigrants into Britain enriches British culture

> Letting immigrants into Britain significantly increases the threat of terrorism

> Letting a lot of immigrants into the country threatens the English language

Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly

11. Please cross one box on each line to show how often you talk about politics with the following people: PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Frequently	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Not applicable
Spouse or partner					
Other family members					
Friends					
Neighbours					
Fellow workers					
Members of your church or place of worship					

#### 12. Do the people you talk about politics with support the same political party as you do? PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

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		Some do,		Don't	Not
	Yes	some don't	No	Know	applicable
Spouse or partner					
Other family members					
Friends					
Neighbours					
Fellow workers					
Members of your church or place of worship					
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13. Some people believe we are becoming more connected to people all over the world, while others think our increased ability to interact only with people similar to us will narrow our connections. What do you think? Please agree or disagree with the following statements -- even if you don't completely agree or disagree, please make a choice for each statement that most closely expresses your opinion. PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

I think people from different cultures, religions and countries should celebrate what they have in common and not focus on their differences

My obligations are mainly to people I have direct connections to (friends and family), not strangers or people I don't know

Differences across global cultures and religions are too great to manage and we should stop trying so hard to minimize them

I am citizen of the world

I try to be sensitive to people from other cultures and religions

I think we should protect our own way of life and worry less about how people from other cultures feel or behave

14. How long have you lived in this neighbourhood?

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15. How strong are your feelings of attachment to... PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Very strong	Fairly strong	Not very strong	Not at all strong	Don't know
Your neighbourhood?					
Your constituency?					

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Agree

Disagree

#### 16. Please cross <u>one</u> box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements. *PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ON EACH LINE*

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
I feel like I belong to this neighbourhood					
The friends and associations I have with other people in my neighbourhood mean a lot to me					
I like to think of myself as similar to the people who live in this neighbourhood					
I regularly stop and talk to people in my neighbourhood					

17. Please cross one box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements PLEASE CROSS **ONE** BOX ON **EACH LINE** 

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Everyone in Britain enjoys equal rights					
People in Britain are free to speak their mind without fear					
People in Britain have the power to change the government they do not like					
Most people in Britain have basic necessities like food, clothes and shelter					

18. Please cross one box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements PLEASE CROSS **ONE** BOX ON **EACH LINE** 

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Neither ordinary politics nor protests will get Black and Asian people anywhere. There is no point in trying to do anything.					
Black and Asian people don't have the same opportunities and chances in life as white people, as they are held back by prejudice and discrimination					
Black and Asian people are often stopped by the police for no good reason					

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19.	An issue that people have different views on is whether new immig learn the English language. Which of these statements comes clo PLEASE CROSS <b>ONE</b> BOX ONLY	
	The government should provide free classes in English for all new immigrants who can't afford to pay	
	New immigrants should make their own arrangements to learn English and should pay for this themselves	
	The government should not allow new immigrants into Britain unless they already speak the English language	
	It is not important for new migrants to speak English	

20. Please cross one box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements. PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Ethnic minorities have done a lot to integrate with the British society, now it is white people's turn to make adjustments.					
There should be special rules in place for people of ethnic minority origin so they can practice their culture or religion at work and school.					
There is rarely any conflict between my ethnic culture and British customs.					
People of my ethnic origin should make an effort to mix with white people and other ethnic minority groups in order to integrate with the British society.					
Ethnic minorities will never be as successful as white people in education and employment if the minorities themselves do not do more to integrate into British society.					
Some ethnic groups are making things worse for all minorities by asking for too much special treatment and drawing too much attention to their differences.					

21. There has been a lot of debate among teachers about how British schools should cater for children whose parents come from other countries and cultures. Do you think in general that schools with many such children should: PLÉASE CROSS ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Definitely should	Probably should	Probably should not	Definitely should not	Don't Know
Provide them with separate religious instruction if their parents request it					
Allow those for whom it is important to wear their traditional dress at school					

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22. Please cross one box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements.

PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
The government should treat minorities in the same way as it treats the majority					
Giving equal treatment is not enough, the government should give special treatment to minorities					
Women should have the same opportunity as men to go out and work					
In a democracy the will of the majority community should prevail					
Even if it is not liked by the majority, the government must protect the interests of the minorities					
Minorities should adopt the ways of life of the majority community					

23. People have different views on how much involvement churches or other places of worship have with political matters. Which of these statements comes closest to your view: PLEASE CROSS **ONE** BOX ONLY

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Churches and other places of worship such as mosques or temples should keep out of politics

Churches and other places of worship should only take an active part in political debates over moral or ethical issues

Churches and other places of worship should take an active part in every kind of political debate.

24. The following statements are about Radical Islamists, people who believe that violence or force should be used against non-Muslims if political circumstances require it. Please cross one box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements. *PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ON EACH LINE* 

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Radical Islamists should not be allowed to make a speech in my community.					
Radical Islamists should be allowed to run for public office in Britain.					
Radical Islamists should be allowed to hold public rallies and demonstrations in my community.					
Radical Islamists should not be allowed to enter or live in Britain.					

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