

Audit of Political Engagement 14 QUESTIONNAIRE V5 (FINAL)

CORE

ASK ALL

APE 1-13

- SHOWSCREEN (Rotate. Fix 9-11. Do not show 12)
- Q1. **How would you vote if there were a General Election tomorrow?**
SINGLE CODE ONLY

	Conservative	1
	Labour	2
	Liberal Democrats (Lib Dem)	3
	Scottish / Welsh Nationalist	4
	Green Party	5
	UK Independence Party	6
	BNP	7
	Respect	8
	Other	9
	Would not vote	10
	Undecided	11
	Refused	12

ASK ALL UNDECIDED OR REFUSED AT Q1

APE 1-13

- SHOWSCREEN (Rotate. Fix 9- 11. Do not show 12)
- Q2. **Which party are you most inclined to support?**
SINGLE CODE ONLY

	Conservative	1
	Labour	2
	Liberal Democrats (Lib Dem)	3
	Scottish / Welsh Nationalist	4
	Green Party	5
	UK Independence Party	6
	BNP	7
	Respect	8
	Other	9
	Would not vote	10
	Undecided	11
	Refused	12

ASK ALL

APE 1-13

DO NOT SHOW

- Q3. **And how likely would you be to vote in an immediate general election, on a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 means you would be absolutely certain to vote, and 1 means that you would be absolutely certain not to vote?**

SINGLE CODE ONLY

Absolutely certain to vote	10
	9
	8
	7
	6
	5
	4
	3
	2
Absolutely certain not to vote	1
Refused	98
Don't know	99

ASK ALL

APE 10-13. Replacement activity questions

SHOWSCREEN (Rotate. Do not show 14 and 15)

- Q4. **In the last 12 months have you done any of the following to influence decisions, laws or policies?**
MULTICODE (14-15 Excl.)

[IF ENGLAND:] Contact a local councillor or MP [IF SCOTLAND:] Contact a local councillor / MP / MSP; [IF WALES: Contact a local councillor / MP / Welsh Assembly member	1
Contacted the media	2
Taken an active part in a campaign	3
Created or signed a paper petition	4
Created or signed an e-petition	5
Donated money or paid a membership fee to a charity or campaigning organisation	6
Boycotted certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons	7
Attended political meetings	8
Donated money or paid a membership fee to a political party	9
Taken part in a demonstration, picket or march	10
Voted in an election	11
Contributed to a discussion or campaign online or on social media	12
Taken part in a public consultation	13
None of these	14
Don't know	15

ASK ALL

APE 10-13. Replacement activity questions

- SHOWSCREEN (Rotate. Do not show 14 and 15)
- Q5. **Which of the following would you be prepared to do if you felt strongly enough about an issue?** Please select all that apply.
- MULTICODE (14-15 Excl.)

[IF ENGLAND:] Contact a local councillor or MP [IF SCOTLAND:] Contact a local councillor / MP / MSP; [IF WALES: Contact a local councillor / MP / Welsh Assembly member	1
Contact the media	2
Take an active part in a campaign	3
Create or sign a paper petition	4
Create or sign an e-petition	5
Donate money or pay a membership fee to a charity or campaigning organisation	6
Boycott certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons	7
Attend political meetings	8
Donate money or pay a membership fee to a political party	9
Take part in a demonstration, picket or march	10
Vote in an election	11
Contribute to a discussion or campaign online or on social media	12
Take part in a public consultation	13
None of these	14
Don't know	15

ASK ALL

APE 1-13

- SHOWSCREEN (Rotate. Do not show 5)
- Q6. **How interested would you say you are in politics?**
- SINGLE CODE ONLY

Very interested	1
Fairly interested	2
Not very interested	3
Not at all interested	4
Don't know	5

ASK ALL

A = APE 1-13. C = APE 1, 4, 7-13
F = APE 1, 4 & 5 & 13

SHOWSCREEN (Shows scale. Rotate. Do not show 5.)
Q7. **How much, if anything, do you feel you know about...?**
SINGLE CODE ONLY. ROTATE STATEMENTS

		A great deal	A fair amount	Not very much	Nothing at all	Don't know
A	Politics	1	2	3	4	5
C	The UK Parliament	1	2	3	4	5
F	The European Union	1	2	3	4	5

ASK ALL

APE 1-13

SHOWSCREEN (Rotate. Do not show 5)
Q8. **Which of these statements best describes your opinion on the present system of governing Britain?**
SINGLE CODE ONLY

Works extremely well and could not be improved	1
Could be improved in small ways but mainly works well	2
Could be improved quite a lot	3
Needs a great deal of improvement	4
Don't know	5

ASK ALL

A: APE 1, 4, 7, 8, 10, 13 – but asked as only about UK Parliament

SHOWSCREEN (Rotate. Do not show 6)
Q9. **How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way that UK Parliament works?**
SINGLE CODE ONLY

Very satisfied	1
Fairly satisfied	2
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	3
Fairly dissatisfied	4
Very dissatisfied	5
Don't know	6

ASK ALL

APE 1- 13

Q13.

SHOWSCREEN (Rotate. Do not show 6)

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: When people like me get involved in politics, they really can change the way that the UK is run?

SINGLE CODE ONLY

Strongly agree	1
Tend to agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Tend to disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Don't know	6

ASK ALL

APE 9 & 13

Q14.

SHOWSCREEN (Rotate. Do not show 5 and 6)

To what extent do you agree or disagree that: Important questions should be determined by referendums more often than today?

SINGLE CODE ONLY

Strongly agree	1
Partly agree	2
Partly disagree	3
Strongly disagree	4
Not sure what a referendum is (spontaneous response)	5
Don't know	6

ASK ALL

Statements A & C APE 7 & 8. Statements B & D APE 7 only
 Asked as 'UK' Parliament in APE 8 and 13

Q15.

SHOWSCREEN (Show scale. Rotate. Do not show 6)

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

SINGLE CODE ONLY. RANDOMISE statements

The UK Parliament.....	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
A holds government to account	1	2	3	4	5	6
B encourages public involvement in politics	1	2	3	4	5	6
C is essential to our democracy	1	2	3	4	5	6
D debates and makes decisions about issues that matter to me	1	2	3	4	5	6

ASK ALL

New

- SHOWSCREEN (Rotate. Do not show 13. Fix 12.)
 QT4. **Which, if any, of the following do you believe are the most effective in holding the UK Government to account? Please select all that apply.**
 MULTICODE (12, 13 EXCL.)

MPs in the House of Commons	1
Members of the House of Lords	2
The devolved governments (i.e. The Scottish Parliament, the National Assembly for Wales and the Northern Ireland Assembly)	3
Local Government	4
The European Union	5
The Civil Service	6
Britain's Courts and Judicial system	7
Media	8
Businesses operating in the UK	9
Experts (e.g. academics, economists, and think tanks)	10
Single issue campaign groups	11
None of these	12
Don't know	13

ASK ALL

APE 4, 11, 12, 13

- SHOWSCREEN (Rotate. Do not show 5 and 6)
 Q16. **Would you call yourself a very strong, fairly strong, not very strong, or not a supporter at all of any political party?**
 SINGLE CODE ONLY

Very strong	1
Fairly strong	2
Not very strong	3
I am not a supporter of any political party	4
Don't know	5
Refused	6

ASK ALL

APE 6, 9-13

- SHOWSCREEN (Show scale. Rotate. Do not show 5)
 Q21. **How much, influence, if any, do you feel you have over decision making in...**
 SINGLE CODE ONLY. ROTATE STATEMENTS

		A great deal of influence	Some influence	Not very much influence	No influence at all	Don't know
A	Your local area	1	2	3	4	5
B	The country as a whole	1	2	3	4	5

ASK ALL

APE 6, 8-13

- SHOWSCREEN (Show scale. Rotate. Do not show 5)
 Q22. **To what extent, if at all, would you like to be involved in decision making in....?**
 SINGLE CODE ONLY. ROTATE STATEMENTS

		Very involved	Fairly involved	Not very involved	Not at all involved	Don't know
A	Your local area	1	2	3	4	5
B	The country as a whole	1	2	3	4	5

ASK ALL

APE 10

- DO NOT SHOW ON SCREEN
 QT30. **Please tell me if you think that the following statements are true or false. If you don't know, just say so and we will move on to the next question.**
 RANDOMISE STATEMENTS A) TO H). SINGLE CODE ONLY

		True	False	Don't know
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A	Cabinet ministers stop being MPs when they become a minister.	1	2	3
B	British members of the European Parliament are directly elected by British voters	1	2	3
C	You are automatically registered to vote if you pay council tax	1	2	3
D	Members of the House of Lords are elected by the British public	1	2	3
E	There is a minimum number of days that MPs have to attend Parliament each year	1	2	3
F	Most of the money that local councils spend is raised locally, through council tax.	1	2	3
G	Government and Parliament are the same thing	1	2	3
H	Political parties receive some state funding	1	2	3
I	The minimum age for voting at a general election is 16	1	2	3

PERCEIVED ROLE OF INSTITUTIONS

ASK ALL

New

- SHOWSCREEN (Rotate. Do not show 13. Fix 12.)
- QT4. **Which, if any, of the following do you believe are the most effective in holding the UK Government to account? Please select all that apply.**
- MULTICODE (12, 13 EXCL.)

MPs in the House of Commons	1
Members of the House of Lords	2
The devolved governments (i.e. The Scottish Parliament, the National Assembly for Wales and the Northern Ireland Assembly)	3
Local Government	4
The European Union	5
The Civil Service	6
Britain's Courts and Judicial system	7
Media	8
Businesses operating in the UK	9
Experts (e.g. academics, economists, and think tanks)	10
Single issue campaign groups	11
None of these	12
Don't know	13

ASK ALL

New

- SHOWSCREEN (Show scale. Rotate. Do not show 5)
- T32. **How important, if at all, is it to you that the UK parliament does each of the following?**
- SINGLE CODE ONLY. ROTATE STATEMENTS

		Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not at all important	Don't know
A	Represents the interests of people like you	1	2	3	4	5
B	Debates issues of public concern	1	2	3	4	5
C	Scrutinises and challenges the work of the Government	1	2	3	4	5
D	Amends laws proposed by the Government	1	2	3	4	5
E	Encourages public involvement in politics	1	2	3	4	5
F	Checks the way public money is raised and spent by the Government (for example, taxes and the government's spending programme)	1	2	3	4	5

ASK ALL

New

- T32. SHOWSCREEN (Show scale. Rotate. Do not show 6)
Putting aside your own party preferences and your views on the current Government, do you think that generally the UK Parliament, in recent years, has done a good or bad job in each of the following....
 SINGLE CODE ONLY. ROTATE STATEMENTS

		Very good	Fairly good	Neither good nor poor	Fairly poor	Very poor	Don't know
A	Representing the interests of people like you	1	2	3	4	5	6
B	Debating issues of public concern	1	2	3	4	5	6
C	Scrutinising and challenging the work of the Government	1	2	3	4	5	6
D	Amending laws proposed by the Government	1	2	3	4	5	6
E	Encouraging public involvement in politics	1	2	3	4	5	6
F	Checking the way public money is raised and spent by the Government (for example, taxes and the government's spending programme)	1	2	3	4	5	6

ASK ALL

APE 13

- Q24 SHOWSCREEN (Rotate. Do not show 10. Fix 8- 9)
There are a number of ways the public can engage with Parliament. Which of the following, if any, have you done in the past 12 months?
 MULTICODE (9-10 Excl.)

Contacted an MP or Peer with your views	1
Created or signed an e-petition on Parliament's petition website(petition.parliament.uk)	2
Followed Parliament's official social media accounts (e.g. Twitter/Facebook)	3
Got involved with the work of a parliamentary committee (e.g. read reports, submitted evidence)	4
Visited Parliament (for a meeting, event or a tour)	5
Visited Parliament's website and information materials	6
Watched or listened to a parliamentary debate or committee meeting (on TV, radio, or online)	7
Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)	8
None of these	9
Don't know	10

ASK ALL

APE 13

Q25. SHOWSCREEN (Rotate. Do not show 10. Fix 8, 9)

And which of the following, if any, would you be prepared to do if you felt strongly about an issue?

MULTICODE (9, 10 Excl.)

Contact an MP or Peer with your views	1
Create or sign an e-petition on Parliament's petition website(petition.parliament.uk)	2
Follow Parliament's official social media accounts (e.g. Twitter/Facebook)	3
Get involved with the work of a parliamentary committee (e.g. read reports, submitted evidence)	4
Visit Parliament (for a meeting, event or a tour)	5
Visit Parliament's website and information materials	6
Watch or listen to a parliamentary debate or committee meeting (on TV, radio, or online)	7
Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)	8
None of these	9
Don't know	10

ASK ALL

New

- Qn1 SHOWSCREEN (Rotate. Do not show 9. Fix 7-8.)
Parliament staff can provide impartial information about how democracy works. Which of the following ways, if any, would you most like Parliament to provide this information? Please select all that apply.
 MULTI CODE (8-9 EXCL.)

Local workshops run by Parliament staff about how Parliament works	1
Telephone information line	2
Information about the work of Parliament on social media	3
Hosting school visits in Parliament	4
Providing material that you can download from the Parliament website	5
Encouraging the public to visit Parliament	6
Other (please specify)	7
None of these	8
Don't know	9

ASK ALL

Ape 7

- T1. SHOWSCREEN (Rotate. Do not show 14. Fix 12-13)
Which TWO or THREE, if any, do you feel are the most important ways that MPs should spend their time?
 MULTICODE UP TO THREE (13, 14 EXCL)

Debating important issues in the House of Commons	1
Representing the views of their political party	2
Presenting their views through the media	3
Dealing with the problems of individual constituents	4
Representing the views of local people in the House of Commons	5
Holding the government to account	6
Participating in local public meetings and events	7
Representing the UK's national interests	8
Communicating with constituents on the doorstep or by telephone	9
Making laws	10
Furthering personal and career interests	11
Other (specify)	12
None of these	13
Don't know	14

DIRECT/INDIRECT DEMOCRACY

ASK ALL

New

T28. SHOWSCREEN (ROTATE SCALE. DO NOT SHOW 5, 6. HAVE TEXT BOX TO SPECIFY 'OTHER')

For each of the following issues, which of these do you think works best at producing decisions which are in Britain's best interests?

SINGLE CODE ONLY. RANDOMISE STATEMENTS

		The Governme nt should decide without needing a vote in Parliament	There should be a vote in Parliament to decide	Local govern ment should decide for their own areas	The public should decide (e.g. throug h a refere ndum)	Ot her (sp ecif y)	Do n't kno w
A	Choosing the electoral system that is used to elect MPs	1	2	3	4	5	6
B	Deciding how much money the government spends in a policy area like the NHS each year	1	2	3	4	5	6
C	Deciding whether "fracking", that is the process of drilling down into the earth and blasting water in order to get out gas from rocks, should be allowed	1	2	3	4	5	6
D	Deciding whether assisted dying should be legal	1	2	3	4	5	6
E	Deciding Britain's future relationship with the European Union	1	2	3	4	5	6

EU REFERENDUM/BREXIT

ASK ALL

New

- T15. SHOWSCREEN (Rotate. Do not show 4)
As you may know, there was a referendum on Britain's membership of the European Union on 23 June. How did you vote on the question 'Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?'
 SINGLE CODE

Remain a member of the European Union	1
Leave the European Union	2
Did not vote	3
Can't remember	4

ASK ALL

New

- T21. SHOWSCREEN (Rotate, Fix 13-14. Do not show 15)
Thinking back to the Referendum, which of the following, if any, did you feel provided you with the most trustworthy information about the issue? Please select all that apply.
 MULTI CODE (14-15 EXCL.)

Social media (e.g. Twitter, Facebook)	1
Experts (e.g. academics, economists, and think tanks)	2
TV and radio news programmes	3
Newspaper (printed or online)	4
Websites or online forums	5
Large businesses	6
Small businesses	7
The leave campaign	8
The remain campaign	9
MPs	10
Foreign Politicians	11
Single issue campaign groups	12
Other (WRITE IN)	13
None of the above	14
Don't know	15

ASK ALL

New

- T22. SHOWSCREEN (Rotate, Fix 13-14. Do not show 15)
Thinking back to the Referendum, which of the following, if any, did you feel provided you with the *most useful* information about the issue? Please select all that apply.
 MULTI CODE (14-15 EXCL.)

Social media (e.g. Twitter, Facebook)	1
Experts (e.g. academics, economists, and think tanks)	2
TV and radio news programmes	3
Newspaper (printed or online)	4
Websites or online forums	5
Large businesses	6
Small businesses	7
The leave campaign	8
The remain campaign	9
MPs	10
Foreign Politicians	11
Single issue campaign groups	12
Other (WRITE IN)	13
None of the above	14
Don't know	15

THE RESTORATION AND RENEWAL PROGRAMME
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ASK HALF OF THE SAMPLE

New

SHOWSCREEN (Rotate, Do not show 6)

T31a.

As you may have heard, the Palace of Westminster, the building that houses the UK Parliament, is in need of significant repair and restoration. A joint committee of MPs and Lords that looked at the issue recommended that, although the financial costs will be high, it is necessary to do the work in order to protect and preserve the building for the future. To what extent, if at all, do you support or oppose taxpayers' money being spent on the repair and restoration of the UK Parliament?

SINGLE CODE ONLY

Strongly support	1
Tend to support	2
No feelings either way	3
Tend to oppose	4
Strongly oppose	5
Don't know	6

ASK OTHER HALF OF THE SAMPLE

New

SHOWSCREEN (Rotate, Do not show 6)

T31b.

As you may have heard, the Palace of Westminster, the building that houses the UK Parliament, is in need of significant repair and restoration. A joint committee of MPs and Lords that looked at the issue recommended that, although the financial costs will be high (potentially up to £3 billion), it is necessary to do the work in order to protect and preserve the building for the future. To what extent, if at all, do you support or oppose taxpayers' money being spent on the repair and restoration of the UK Parliament?

SINGLE CODE ONLY

Strongly support	1
Tend to support	2
No feelings either way	3
Tend to oppose	4
Strongly oppose	5
Don't know	6

DEMOGRAPHICS

QMARGIN ALITY Inserted through post code

QLOCAL_ MP Inserted through post code

QETNICITY SHOW (R)

Which group on this card do you consider you belong to?

Please read out the letter

SINGLE CODE ONLY

A	White – English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	1
B	White – Irish	2
C	White – Gypsy or Irish Traveller	3
D	White – Any other White background	4
E	Mixed – White and Black Caribbean	5
F	Mixed – White and Black African	6
G	Mixed – White and Asian	7
H	Mixed – Any other Mixed / multiple ethnic background	8
I	Asian / Asian British- Indian	9
J	Asian / Asian British- Pakistani	10
K	Asian / Asian British- Bangladeshi	11
L	Asian / Asian British- Chinese	12
M	Asian / Asian British- Any other Asian background	13
N	Black - African	14
O	Black – Caribbean	15
P	Black – Any other Black / African / Caribbean background	16
Q	Arab	17
R	Any other ethnic group	18
	Don't know	19
	Refused	20

Q NETFQ. SHOW (R)

Which of these best describes your use of the internet? Please include all use of the internet, including sending and receiving emails

SINGLE CODE ONLY

	Several times a day	1
	Around once a day	2
	4 or 5 times a week	3
	2 or 3 times a week	4
	Around once a week	5
	2 or three times a month	6
	Around once a month	7
	Less than around once a month	8
	Never but I have access	9
	Never but I do not have access	10
	Don't know	11
	Refused	12

Q AGE. **AGE OF RESPONDENT: ENTER EXACT AGE**

SINGLE CODE ONLY

	OPEN ENDED	1
	REFUSED	2

Q SEX. **SEX OF RESPONDENT**

SINGLE CODE ONLY

	Male	1
	Female	2

Q QUAL. SHOW (R)

Please tell me which, if any, is the highest educational or professional qualification you have obtained. Just read out the letter or letters which apply.

SINGLE CODE ONLY

(IF STILL STUDYING, CHECK FOR HIGHEST ACHIEVED SO FAR)

A	GCSE / O-Level /CSE	1
B	Vocational qualifications (=NVQ1+2)	2
C	A-Level or equivalent (=NVQ3)	3
D	Bachelor Degree or equivalent (=NVQ4)	4
E	Masters/PhD or equivalent	5
F	Other	6
G	No formal qualifications	7
H	Still studying	8
	Don't know	9
	Refused	10

Q REGION Standard region (from sample point)

	North
	North-West
	Yorks & Humberside
	West Midlands
	East Midlands
	East England
	South West
	South East
	Greater London
	Wales
	Scotland

Q CIEWORK
STATUS.

SHOW (R)

Could you please tell me which of these applies to the chief income earner?

SINGLE CODE ONLY

Have paid job - Full time (30+ hours per week)	1
Have paid job - Part time (8-29 hours per week)	2
Have paid job - Part time (Under 8 hours per week)	3
Not working - Housewife	4
Self-employed	5
Full time student	6
Still at school	7
Unemployed and seeking work	8
Retired	9
Not in paid work for other reason	10
Not in paid work because of long term illness or disability	11
Refused	12

Question SOCG

1. A
2. B
3. C1
4. C2
5. D
6. E

[1 UNIT]

Q DAILY

SHOW (R)

READERSHIP.

Which of these national daily newspapers do you read or look at regularly?

By regularly I mean 3 out of 4 issues.

MULTIPLE CODE (19, 20 Excl.)

The Independent	1
"I" newspaper	2
The Daily Telegraph	3
The Guardian	4
Financial Times	5
The Times	6
The Scotsman	7
Daily Express	8
Daily Mail	9
Metro	10
Daily Record	11
The Sun	12
Daily Mirror	13
Daily Star	14
Evening Standard	15
Belfast Telegraph	16
Irish News	17
News Letter (Ulster)	18
Don't know	19
None of these	20

Q INCOME. SHOW (R)

Could you please give me the letter from this card for the group in which you would place your total household income per year from all sources, before tax and other deductions?

SINGLE CODE ONLY

Weekly Income £

A	Less than 86	1
B	87 – 124	2
C	125- 144	3
D	145 – 182	4
E	183 – 221	5
F	222 – 259	6
G	260 – 298	7
H	299 – 336	8
I	337 – 480	9
J	481 – 576	10
K	577 – 769	11
L	770 – 961	12
M	962 – 1442	13
N	1443 – 1923	14
O	1924 or more	15
	Refused	16
	Don't know	17

Q INCOME. SHOW (R)

Could you please give me the letter from the screen for the group in which you would place your total household income per year from all sources, before tax and other deductions?

SINGLE CODE ONLY

Annual Income £

A	Up to 4,499	1
B	4,500 – 6,499	2
C	6,500 – 7,499	3
D	7,500 – 9,499	4
E	9,500 – 11,499	5
F	11,500 – 13,499	6
G	13,500 – 15,499	7
H	15,500 – 17,499	8
I	17,500 – 24,999	9
J	25,000 - 29,999	10
K	30,000 39,999	11
L	40,000 – 49,999	12
M	50,000 – 74,999	13
N	75,000 – 99,999	14
O	100,000 or more	15
	Refused	16
	Don't know	17

Q NCH. How many children aged fifteen or under are there in your household?

	1	1
	2	2
	3	3
	4	4
	5	5
	6	6
	7	7
	8	8
	9+	9
	Refused	19
	None of these	20

Q TENURE. SHOW (R)
Which of these applies to your home?
 SINGLE CODE ONLY

It is being bought on a mortgage	1
It is owned outright	2
It is rented from the local authority	3
It is rented from a private landlord	4
It is rented from a Housing Association/Trust	5
Other	6
Refused	19