

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 5160 GB Adults*
Fieldwork: 12th - 21st January 2012

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How often, if at all, do you watch any of The Daily Politics on BBC2 at noon, Channel Four News at 7pm or Newsnight on BBC2 at 10.30pm?

Most days	7	10	5	3	4	7	12	10	6	4	7	8	6	8	6	13	8	8	7	9	8	6	8	7	8	7
At least once a week	10	12	9	7	6	12	13	12	10	7	12	11	10	12	9	18	11	12	11	14	7	18	14	10	11	10
At least once a fortnight	6	7	5	7	6	5	6	7	7	5	4	7	4	7	5	7	6	7	7	2	4	6	3	6	6	6
Less often	20	22	18	20	21	18	21	22	20	20	17	21	19	24	18	22	21	20	25	26	20	29	26	20	20	21
Never or almost never	57	49	64	63	63	58	48	50	57	64	60	54	62	50	63	39	54	52	51	49	61	41	48	57	54	56

Do you currently follow any politicians, political parties or political organisations on social media such as Twitter or Facebook?

Yes, I do	9	11	6	18	14	6	3	10	10	6	7	10	7	5	9	17	8	14	13	6	4	11	7	8	10	11
No, I do not	91	89	94	82	86	94	97	90	90	94	93	90	93	95	91	83	92	87	87	94	96	89	93	92	90	89

How often, if at all, do you discuss politics with your family or friends?

Most days	15	17	13	13	10	13	22	21	15	8	12	18	10	19	11	28	15	17	11	27	9	20	23	15	15	17
At least once a week	23	27	20	21	23	24	24	27	25	20	21	26	20	25	21	30	27	24	26	30	28	34	30	23	26	22
At least once a fortnight	15	16	15	20	21	13	10	17	15	15	13	16	14	14	15	17	17	15	19	9	21	15	12	15	15	15
Less often	30	27	33	28	33	31	28	26	31	36	30	28	33	29	33	19	28	31	32	27	27	25	27	31	26	29
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At least once a week	10	59	22	0	3	11	12	14	9	11	10
At least once a fortnight	6	0	12	0	8	7	5	6	6	6	6
Less often	20	0	24	0	25	23	19	23	20	22	18
Never or almost never	57	0	27	100	63	52	53	47	59	53	58

Do you currently follow any politicians, political parties or political organisations on social media such as Twitter or Facebook?

Yes, I do	9	22	100	0	9	10	9	12	7	9	10
No, I do not	91	78	0	100	91	90	91	88	93	91	90

How often, if at all, do you discuss politics with your family or friends?

Most days	15	45	34	0	11	15	23	18	15	15	18
At least once a week	23	55	36	0	20	26	26	30	22	26	23
At least once a fortnight	15	0	20	0	17	17	12	15	16	16	15
Less often	30	0	9	0	34	31	23	28	31	30	28
Never or almost never	17	0	1	100	17	12	16	9	15	12	16

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Which of these have you done within the past two or three years? Please tick all that apply

Written, emailed or spoken to your local councillor or Member of Parliament	29	30	28	22	25	29	35	35	30	23	24	32	24	34	21	42	28	29	38	53	39	50	50	28	32	30
Voted in an X-Factor TV contest	10	7	12	11	14	9	7	10	11	10	8	11	9	8	15	8	9	12	12	7	0	8	6	10	11	10
Voted in a Strictly Come Dancing TV contest	8	5	11	4	6	8	12	10	9	6	7	10	7	11	8	8	11	8	10	9	2	7	7	9	8	8
Attended a political meeting	6	7	5	9	5	5	6	8	6	4	3	7	4	4	4	15	4	9	10	4	5	8	5	6	8	8
Taken part in a political rally, march or demonstration	5	7	4	7	6	6	3	7	5	4	4	6	4	3	4	11	2	10	7	3	12	11	7	5	6	7
Voted for someone to be evicted from the 'Big Brother' house	3	2	3	5	4	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	5	1	2	3	5	1	0	0	1	3	2	3
None of these	57	58	56	59	58	59	54	51	55	63	63	53	63	55	62	44	58	54	48	42	59	42	44	57	56	58

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Would you describe Britain as a democratic country or not?

Yes	67	72	61	60	66	67	68	76	68	63	56	72	60	70	62	81	83	66	80	48	34	57	48	67	66	63
No	17	20	14	13	15	18	19	16	15	17	21	15	19	18	17	14	8	18	10	40	54	31	40	16	20	19
Don't know	17	8	25	27	19	15	12	8	17	20	23	13	22	11	22	5	9	16	10	12	12	12	13	17	14	18

Which two or three of these features of Britain's political system, if any, do you like MOST?

Please tick up to three

The coverage of politics on radio and television	36	40	32	32	32	34	44	44	36	32	31	40	31	40	30	48	42	36	48	36	24	43	37	36	35	34
The role played by the Queen	32	30	33	20	22	32	44	33	30	33	31	32	32	44	28	38	47	21	32	53	24	24	39	33	22	29
The coverage of politics in our newspapers	23	26	21	21	23	20	28	27	25	19	22	26	20	31	24	36	29	26	19	26	25	24	24	24	20	22
The degree to which MPs hold ministers to account	13	16	10	9	10	12	19	19	12	10	10	16	10	17	10	22	17	13	19	9	0	12	8	13	14	14
The fact that Britain normally has single-party governments, elected with less than half the votes	13	15	11	8	8	13	19	15	11	13	14	13	14	17	14	16	21	12	6	10	14	7	9	13	11	11
The quality of our political parties	5	6	4	5	5	5	5	6	6	4	4	6	4	6	5	6	7	6	7	0	3	0	1	5	5	5
The quality of our politicians	3	4	3	3	3	4	4	3	4	4	2	3	3	4	4	4	5	4	2	2	0	0	1	3	3	4
The way peers are selected to be members of the House of Lords	3	4	2	7	3	2	3	4	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	6	3	3	5	1	3	2	2	3	2	3
None of these	26	24	28	27	30	30	19	23	25	27	29	24	28	19	27	19	14	30	20	22	46	35	30	25	34	30
Don't know	9	6	12	18	13	7	4	4	10	12	11	7	11	5	12	3	6	8	7	4	0	5	4	9	8	8

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Voted in an X-Factor TV contest	10	9	16	9	61	11	6	9	11	10	9
Voted in a Strictly Come Dancing TV contest	8	12	11	7	47	9	7	10	8	10	5
Attended a political meeting	6	20	29	0	5	6	7	9	4	6	7
Taken part in a political rally, march or demonstration	5	16	24	1	3	5	9	7	5	6	7
Voted for someone to be evicted from the 'Big Brother' house	3	3	7	3	16	3	2	2	3	3	3
None of these	57	33	23	79	0	55	52	51	57	54	57

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Would you describe Britain as a democratic country or not?

Yes	67	71	75	45	70	100	0	83	60	83	36
No	17	24	17	16	14	0	100	11	24	8	43
Don't know	17	5	8	39	17	0	0	6	16	8	21

Which two or three of these features of Britain's political system, if any, do you like MOST? Please tick up to three

The coverage of politics on radio and television	36	57	42	11	35	45	23	49	33	44	25
The role played by the Queen	32	33	25	24	35	35	25	35	34	39	20
The coverage of politics in our newspapers	23	34	29	5	25	28	19	27	24	28	16
The degree to which MPs hold ministers to account	13	20	18	6	13	18	6	20	10	18	6
The fact that Britain normally has single-party governments, elected with less than half the votes	13	15	12	8	14	16	8	15	13	17	7
The quality of our political parties	5	8	10	2	6	7	2	8	4	7	2
The quality of our politicians	3	8	8	1	3	4	2	5	2	5	1
The way peers are selected to be members of the House of Lords	3	5	8	2	3	3	2	4	2	3	2
None of these	26	16	21	40	23	19	46	19	30	17	47
Don't know	9	1	5	25	10	6	4	4	6	6	6

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Which two or three of these features of Britain's political system, if any, do you like LEAST?

Again, please tick up to three

The quality of our politicians	53	55	51	43	45	56	60	56	50	52	53	53	53	61	51	56	53	52	50	72	76	65	69	53	54	53
The way peers are selected to be members of the House of Lords	39	43	36	26	34	41	49	44	38	39	37	40	38	45	38	43	40	43	40	47	54	41	44	39	42	41
The quality of our political parties	39	41	37	31	37	40	45	43	36	37	41	40	39	43	37	42	36	36	36	62	53	59	59	39	41	39
The fact that Britain normally has single-party governments, elected with less than half the votes	23	24	21	25	20	23	24	26	23	19	20	24	20	21	17	27	15	24	42	27	25	36	31	22	25	26
The degree to which MPs hold ministers to account	22	22	21	18	23	23	20	22	23	19	21	23	20	25	20	23	23	21	23	30	37	31	32	22	20	22
The coverage of politics in our newspapers	10	13	8	12	8	11	11	13	10	9	8	11	9	8	8	13	11	12	15	7	0	10	8	10	13	11
The role played by the Queen	9	11	8	14	12	8	7	10	8	10	10	9	10	5	11	10	4	16	9	5	16	16	9	9	10	10
The coverage of politics on radio and television	7	8	6	6	6	7	8	8	6	5	7	7	6	9	5	8	10	6	3	10	8	3	8	7	5	6
None of these	6	5	7	7	6	6	5	5	7	5	7	6	6	5	7	4	8	5	5	1	0	1	1	6	6	6
Don't know	10	6	13	17	14	8	5	5	11	13	12	8	12	5	13	2	7	8	6	2	0	0	2	10	7	10

With just a few exceptions, every adult citizen of the United Kingdom is allowed to vote in general elections. For each of the following groups, do you think they should or should not have the right to vote in British elections?

People serving prison sentences of less than 12 months

Should have the right to vote	36	35	37	41	39	35	32	37	35	33	38	36	36	27	33	47	29	43	49	21	38	43	30	36	39	39
Should not have the right to vote	55	58	52	47	50	57	61	56	55	58	52	56	55	68	56	48	64	49	45	74	59	52	65	55	55	53
Don't know	9	7	10	12	11	7	7	7	9	9	10	8	10	5	10	5	7	8	6	4	3	5	5	9	6	8

People who are no longer in prison, but have been jailed for serious crimes in the past

Should have the right to vote	61	65	57	52	57	65	63	66	60	57	59	63	58	58	57	72	60	64	73	73	66	67	69	61	63	60
Should not have the right to vote	28	27	28	34	28	25	27	25	27	29	29	26	29	33	30	21	29	27	19	22	29	24	23	28	27	29
Don't know	11	9	14	13	15	10	10	9	12	13	12	11	13	10	13	7	11	9	8	6	5	9	7	12	10	11

16 and 17 year-olds

Should have the right to vote	29	30	28	38	38	28	18	27	28	29	33	27	31	17	35	23	19	35	31	15	26	37	25	28	35	29
Should not have the right to vote	62	63	61	49	50	63	77	67	63	60	58	65	59	77	56	72	76	57	62	79	71	51	69	63	58	60
Don't know	9	7	11	14	12	8	5	6	9	11	9	8	10	6	9	5	5	9	7	5	4	12	6	9	7	11

Immigrants during their first five years in Britain

Should have the right to vote	15	17	13	20	18	15	10	18	15	12	13	17	12	9	10	26	8	21	21	7	6	29	14	14	19	15
Should not have the right to vote	76	75	76	65	70	77	84	73	74	80	77	73	79	84	82	64	87	70	68	92	94	60	81	76	72	77
Don't know	9	8	11	15	12	8	6	9	11	8	10	10	9	7	8	10	5	10	10	1	0	11	5	9	10	8

People who fail a basic test of literacy and knowledge about British democracy

Should have the right to vote	39	39	40	38	45	44	29	41	38	39	40	39	39	32	40	43	31	48	48	34	35	45	37	39	38	40
Should not have the right to vote	45	49	40	42	37	42	56	47	44	45	42	46	43	57	43	45	55	37	37	55	53	38	50	45	44	42

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Again, please tick up to three

The quality of our politicians	53	56	44	39	50	53	62	52	61	53	62
The way peers are selected to be members of the House of Lords	39	53	41	21	40	43	39	45	41	44	38
The quality of our political parties	39	39	31	31	37	38	50	37	48	38	49
The fact that Britain normally has single-party governments, elected with less than half the votes	23	28	29	11	22	24	30	27	24	22	29
The degree to which MPs hold ministers to account	22	24	23	13	23	22	28	23	24	22	24
The coverage of politics in our newspapers	10	16	21	6	9	12	9	14	8	12	9
The role played by the Queen	9	12	17	6	9	9	14	10	9	7	17
The coverage of politics on radio and television	7	10	12	6	7	7	8	8	6	7	6
None of these	6	2	4	15	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Don't know	10	1	4	28	13	6	5	4	6	6	5

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Should not have the right to vote	55	55	41	52	56	56	59	52	61	58	57
Don't know	9	5	8	18	9	7	7	6	6	6	5

People who are no longer in prison, but have been jailed for serious crimes in the past

Should have the right to vote	61	72	68	45	60	66	59	73	58	65	60
Should not have the right to vote	28	21	23	33	31	25	33	20	33	26	34
Don't know	11	7	9	21	10	9	8	7	9	9	6

16 and 17 year-olds

Should have the right to vote	29	32	40	28	32	27	33	26	31	25	39
Should not have the right to vote	62	63	50	56	60	66	59	69	62	69	54
Don't know	9	5	10	16	8	7	8	5	7	6	6

Immigrants during their first five years in Britain

Should have the right to vote	15	22	32	7	13	16	16	19	13	15	18
Should not have the right to vote	76	69	57	77	77	76	77	73	82	78	76
Don't know	9	9	11	16	10	8	8	8	5	7	6

People who fail a basic test of literacy and knowledge about British democracy

Should have the right to vote	39	42	52	32	38	40	41	44	38	39	44
Should not have the right to vote	45	44	35	43	44	46	48	45	49	47	44

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Don't know	16	12	20	20	18	15	15	12	18	17	18	15	17	11	17	12	14	14	15	11	12	18	13	16	17	18
People who have been unemployed for more than 12 months																										
Should have the right to vote	87	87	87	83	81	90	92	89	86	85	89	87	87	89	85	92	87	91	91	87	87	89	88	87	91	88
Should not have the right to vote	7	8	5	8	10	6	5	7	8	6	6	7	6	7	7	7	8	5	7	8	13	4	7	7	5	6
Don't know	6	4	8	9	9	5	4	4	7	8	6	6	7	4	8	2	5	4	3	4	0	7	5	6	5	5

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Don't know	16	14	13	24	18	14	11	12	13	13	11
People who have been unemployed for more than 12 months											
Should have the right to vote	87	93	88	74	86	91	86	94	88	91	86
Should not have the right to vote	7	5	7	9	8	6	8	5	7	6	9
Don't know	6	2	5	17	6	3	6	2	4	3	5

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Putting aside your own party preferences and your views on the current government, do you think that, in general, the Westminster Parliament in recent years has done a good job or a bad job in...?
Representing the interests and wishes of people like you

Very good	1	4	5	1	2	2	0	2	1	2	1
Fairly good	14	14	16	8	16	18	4	21	10	19	3
TOTAL GOOD	15	18	22	9	18	20	4	23	11		
Neither good nor bad	23	19	23	20	24	27	11	26	20	27	13
Fairly bad	32	34	31	28	32	34	26	35	33	33	35
Very bad	24	29	21	23	21	16	56	16	34	18	47
TOTAL BAD	57	62	53	51	53	51	82	51	68		
Don't know	5	1	3	20	5	3	2	1	2	2	1

Debating issues of public concern in a sensible and considered way

Very good	2	5	6	1	2	3	0	3	2	3	1
Fairly good	22	25	28	11	25	29	7	30	19	30	8
TOTAL GOOD	24	31	35	12	26	32	7	33	21		
Neither good nor bad	28	22	24	28	28	29	18	27	26	29	22
Fairly bad	25	27	24	20	25	26	30	27	28	25	32
Very bad	16	19	15	16	14	10	43	11	22	11	35
TOTAL BAD	42	47	39	36	39	36	72	38	51		
Don't know	7	1	2	24	6	3	3	2	3	2	2

Understanding the daily lives of people like you

Very good	1	3	4	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	0
Fairly good	11	11	16	6	13	15	3	16	9	16	3
TOTAL GOOD	12	15	20	6	14	16	3	17	10		
Neither good nor bad	19	15	18	18	19	23	8	22	15	22	11
Fairly bad	33	32	32	28	36	36	24	37	33	35	30
Very bad	31	37	29	29	26	24	63	23	41	24	55
TOTAL BAD	64	69	61	57	62	59	87	60	74		
Don't know	5	1	2	20	4	2	2	1	1	1	1

Reflecting the full range of people and views of the British electorate

Very good	2	5	4	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	0
Fairly good	14	17	19	7	17	19	4	21	12	20	5
TOTAL GOOD	16	22	24	8	18	21	4	23	13		
Neither good nor bad	23	15	20	24	25	25	13	24	20	26	15
Fairly bad	32	33	34	25	32	35	28	36	34	33	34
Very bad	22	29	21	21	19	16	52	16	31	16	44
TOTAL BAD	55	62	55	46	51	50	80	51	65		
Don't know	6	1	2	23	6	3	3	1	3	2	2

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Again, putting aside your own party preferences, which of these views about Britain's current coalition government comes closer to your own?

'The agreement to form the coalition was democratically legitimate, given that no one party won the last general election outright, and the two parties that formed the coalition won 60% of all votes cast'	47	52	42	42	46	44	53	59	50	39	36	54	37	55	35	69	75	27	74	46	19	41	40	47	43	42
'The agreement to form the coalition was NOT democratically legitimate, as nobody voted for this particular government. Coalitions are legitimate only when the parties tell voters BEFORE the election that they intend to work together'	37	37	37	31	36	40	37	32	34	41	44	33	42	34	44	25	16	60	18	50	65	50	52	36	42	40
Don't know	16	11	21	27	18	15	10	9	16	21	20	13	21	11	21	6	9	13	8	5	16	9	8	16	15	18

Which of these views comes closer to your own about political parties in Britain these days:

'For all their faults, political parties play a vital role in our democracy. Without them we would have no real way of voting for the government we want, and politics would become dangerously unpredictable'	50	51	49	44	46	50	57	60	52	45	40	56	42	58	44	65	71	50	54	33	21	33	31	50	48	49
'Political parties these days do more harm than good. They stifle debate and limit our choices. Britain would be governed better if all our MPs were independent, elected purely on their individual merits'	34	37	30	27	35	35	35	29	33	33	41	31	37	33	35	26	20	36	33	64	70	57	63	33	38	35
Don't know	16	12	20	29	19	16	9	11	15	22	19	13	21	9	21	9	9	15	13	2	8	10	6	16	14	16

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Again, putting aside your own party preferences, which of these views about Britain's current coalition government comes closer to your own?

'The agreement to form the coalition was democratically legitimate, given that no one party won the last general election outright, and the two parties that formed the coalition won 60% of all votes cast'	47	58	54	29	48	58	30	66	39	57	31
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Don't know	16	5	9	41	16	9	13	6	11	9	18

Which of these views comes closer to your own about political parties in Britain these days:

'For all their faults, political parties play a vital role in our democracy. Without them we would have no real way of voting for the government we want, and politics would become dangerously unpredictable'	50	57	58	31	53	64	18	70	41	66	21
'Political parties these days do more harm than good. They stifle debate and limit our choices. Britain would be governed better if all our MPs were independent, elected purely on their individual merits'	34	36	32	29	31	25	68	24	48	26	62
Don't know	16	6	11	39	16	10	13	6	11	8	17

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about Britain these days?
We have a good choice of parties at election time - I feel able to vote for a party that represents my views and concerns

Agree strongly	8	10	7	8	4	7	14	9	8	8	8	8	8	10	9	9	14	9	7	10	6	5	8	8	9	10
Tend to agree	39	39	38	30	32	38	48	39	38	37	40	38	38	46	38	41	50	41	45	30	28	17	25	38	41	41
TOTAL AGREE	47	49	45	38	37	45	62	48	46	45	48	47	47	57	47	50	64	50	53	41	33	21	32	46	50	50
Tend to disagree	30	28	32	29	36	31	23	31	31	30	27	31	29	26	29	30	25	30	32	30	18	48	34	30	30	28
Disagree strongly	15	17	12	14	16	16	12	16	14	16	14	15	15	13	13	18	7	15	11	27	48	29	33	15	14	14
TOTAL DISAGREE	45	45	44	44	52	48	35	47	45	46	41	46	44	39	42	47	32	44	43	57	67	77	66	45	44	42
Don't know	8	6	11	18	11	7	4	5	10	9	11	7	10	5	11	3	4	6	4	2	0	2	1	9	6	7

Politicians tell lies all the time - you can't believe a word they say

Agree strongly	21	23	18	20	20	21	21	17	19	21	26	18	24	18	24	12	10	25	13	39	65	30	39	20	21	23
Tend to agree	42	39	45	37	42	44	42	40	41	45	42	41	43	48	42	39	40	42	40	41	32	52	43	42	45	42
TOTAL AGREE	62	62	63	57	62	65	63	58	60	66	68	59	67	66	66	51	50	67	53	80	97	81	82	62	65	65
Tend to disagree	25	28	22	21	24	24	28	31	25	22	20	28	21	26	21	35	38	22	32	16	4	14	14	25	24	25
Disagree strongly	3	4	2	6	2	2	4	5	4	2	2	4	2	3	2	7	4	4	5	2	0	2	2	3	3	3
TOTAL DISAGREE	28	32	24	27	26	27	32	36	29	24	22	32	23	29	23	42	42	26	37	18	4	16	16	28	27	28
Don't know	9	6	12	17	12	8	5	6	11	11	10	9	10	5	11	6	8	7	11	2	0	3	2	10	7	7

It doesn't make much difference to my daily life who wins general elections these days - there's very little real difference between the main political parties

Agree strongly	16	18	14	12	14	16	19	14	15	15	20	14	18	15	16	12	8	13	14	38	45	29	37	16	17	18
Tend to agree	42	41	43	37	42	44	41	38	41	45	43	40	44	42	43	39	39	38	49	41	44	49	44	41	46	42
TOTAL AGREE	58	59	56	49	56	60	61	52	56	61	63	54	62	57	59	50	47	51	63	80	89	78	81	57	63	60
Tend to disagree	25	25	25	26	23	25	26	31	25	24	19	28	21	29	23	34	36	27	26	12	7	16	13	25	22	24
Disagree strongly	11	12	10	11	12	11	12	14	12	9	10	13	9	13	10	14	14	18	7	5	0	5	4	11	10	12
TOTAL DISAGREE	37	37	36	37	35	36	38	45	37	33	29	41	31	41	33	47	49	44	33	18	7	21	17	37	32	35
Don't know	6	4	8	14	9	5	1	3	7	7	8	5	7	2	8	2	3	4	4	2	4	1	2	6	5	5

Britain would be governed better if our politicians got out of the way, and instead our ministers were non-political experts who knew how to run large organisations

Agree strongly	9	10	7	8	9	8	10	7	8	9	10	8	10	9	9	7	7	8	10	14	19	14	15	9	9	10
Tend to agree	29	31	28	25	30	29	32	29	29	29	31	29	30	33	30	27	30	28	29	38	59	29	38	29	30	28
TOTAL AGREE	38	41	35	33	39	36	41	36	37	38	41	37	40	42	39	34	36	36	39	53	78	43	53	38	38	38
Tend to disagree	28	28	27	24	25	29	30	31	27	28	24	29	26	29	27	32	32	29	31	21	17	20	20	28	25	27
Disagree strongly	15	18	12	13	11	16	18	20	14	13	12	17	12	15	11	25	18	17	17	17	1	17	15	14	18	16
TOTAL DISAGREE	43	46	39	37	36	45	48	51	41	40	36	46	38	44	38	56	51	46	48	38	18	37	35	43	43	43
Don't know	19	13	26	30	25	19	11	13	21	22	23	17	22	14	23	10	13	19	13	9	5	20	12	19	19	19

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about Britain these days?

We have a good choice of parties at election time - I feel able to vote for a party that represents my views and concerns

Agree strongly	8	14	13	3	10	11	4	11	8	12	3
Tend to agree	39	40	42	31	39	45	24	46	36	50	20
TOTAL AGREE	47	54	55	34	49	56	27	56	44		
Tend to disagree	30	29	26	25	30	29	32	30	32	27	39
Disagree strongly	15	15	14	16	13	11	34	11	19	8	34
TOTAL DISAGREE	45	44	40	41	43	40	66	41	51		
Don't know	8	3	5	26	8	4	6	3	4	3	3

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Agree strongly	21	21	19	25	19	14	46	12	29	14	41
Tend to agree	42	36	31	38	46	42	39	41	45	42	43
TOTAL AGREE	62	57	50	63	65	56	86	53	74		
Tend to disagree	25	32	37	13	25	33	8	36	19	34	12
Disagree strongly	3	8	8	2	2	4	2	6	2	4	2
TOTAL DISAGREE	28	40	45	15	27	37	10	42	21		
Don't know	9	3	5	22	9	7	4	5	5	6	2

It doesn't make much difference to my daily life who wins general elections these days - there's very little real difference between the main political parties

Agree strongly	16	16	15	20	16	12	33	12	22	13	28
Tend to agree	42	36	25	42	42	43	39	42	44	43	40
TOTAL AGREE	58	52	40	63	58	55	72	54	65		
Tend to disagree	25	25	32	13	27	29	14	30	23	30	20
Disagree strongly	11	21	25	4	9	13	9	14	10	13	10
TOTAL DISAGREE	36	46	57	17	37	42	23	44	33		
Don't know	6	2	3	20	6	3	4	2	2	1	2

Britain would be governed better if our politicians got out of the way, and instead our ministers were non-political experts who knew how to run large organisations

Agree strongly	9	9	10	8	10	7	17	6	12	7	16
Tend to agree	29	26	25	28	30	28	37	26	36	28	40
TOTAL AGREE	38	35	35	35	39	35	54	31	48		
Tend to disagree	28	31	26	22	28	33	21	35	25	33	21
Disagree strongly	15	27	31	5	12	18	12	24	11	19	10
TOTAL DISAGREE	43	57	57	27	41	51	32	59	36		
Don't know	19	8	9	38	20	15	13	10	16	13	13

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For all its faults, Britain's democratic system is one of the finest in the world

Agree strongly	14	24	20	6	12	20	4	21	11	22	0
Tend to agree	49	46	47	39	53	60	27	56	49	78	0
TOTAL AGREE	63	70	67	44	65	79	31	77	61		
Tend to disagree	18	18	20	16	16	11	39	14	22	0	75
Disagree strongly	6	7	6	7	4	1	21	3	8	0	25
TOTAL DISAGREE	23	25	26	23	21	12	60	16	30		
Don't know	13	5	7	32	15	8	9	7	9	0	0

How much power do you think each of the following has to make a difference to the daily lives of people like you?

Britain's government

A great deal of power	41	54	48	30	44	45	38	46	43	46	38
A fair amount of power	44	38	41	34	42	47	40	48	44	47	42
TOTAL POWER	85	92	89	63	86	92	79	94	87		
Not much power	7	6	6	10	6	6	13	5	9	6	13
Little or no power	2	2	2	3	2	1	5	1	2	1	5
TOTAL NO POWER	9	7	8	13	8	6	18	6	11		
Don't know	6	1	3	24	6	2	4	1	1	1	3

The European Union

A great deal of power	29	37	29	20	25	28	41	29	34	31	31
A fair amount of power	45	47	45	32	49	50	36	52	43	50	40
TOTAL POWER	74	84	74	52	74	79	77	81	78		
Not much power	14	11	18	13	13	15	11	15	13	14	17
Little or no power	4	4	5	8	5	4	7	3	6	3	8
TOTAL NO POWER	19	15	23	21	18	18	18	18	19		
Don't know	8	1	3	27	8	3	6	2	3	2	4

Your local council

A great deal of power	11	13	14	7	12	12	12	11	11	12	10
A fair amount of power	47	53	48	31	44	52	40	52	48	53	40
TOTAL POWER	58	66	61	38	56	63	51	64	60		
Not much power	31	28	32	31	31	31	35	32	32	31	37
Little or no power	5	5	4	7	7	3	9	3	6	3	10
TOTAL NO POWER	36	33	36	38	38	34	44	35	39		
Don't know	6	1	3	24	6	2	4	1	2	1	3

Your local MP

A great deal of power	3	4	6	3	3	3	4	2	4	3	4
A fair amount of power	26	27	29	19	27	28	19	26	28	30	20
TOTAL POWER	29	31	35	22	30	31	23	28	31		
Not much power	52	53	51	40	51	56	49	58	52	55	51
Little or no power	13	15	12	13	13	11	24	12	15	11	22
TOTAL NO POWER	65	68	63	53	64	67	73	71	67		
Don't know	7	1	3	25	6	2	4	1	2	1	3

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

The people who run big businesses in Britain

A great deal of power	26	27	25	20	23	28	29	28	26	24	25	27	25	22	24	29	19	32	31	27	42	44	34	26	28	25
A fair amount of power	45	47	44	38	45	44	51	50	46	44	41	48	43	56	40	52	53	42	45	50	48	42	47	46	45	43
TOTAL POWER	71	74	69	58	67	72	80	78	72	68	66	75	67	78	65	82	72	74	76	77	90	85	81	71	73	68
Not much power	16	17	16	18	18	16	15	15	16	18	16	16	17	15	19	14	21	14	15	19	2	9	14	17	15	17
Little or no power	5	5	4	7	5	5	3	4	3	5	6	4	6	4	5	4	4	5	3	4	8	5	5	4	5	6
TOTAL NO POWER	21	22	20	25	23	21	18	20	19	23	23	19	23	19	24	17	24	20	17	23	10	15	19	21	20	24
Don't know	8	4	11	17	10	7	3	3	9	9	11	6	10	3	11	1	3	6	6	0	0	0	1	8	7	8

The people who run big international banks and other financial institutions

A great deal of power	42	43	41	30	35	44	51	45	43	38	41	44	39	44	39	41	34	48	44	52	54	64	56	42	43	46
A fair amount of power	37	37	37	33	40	36	36	39	37	39	33	38	36	41	35	43	46	34	38	37	38	26	32	37	36	31
TOTAL POWER	79	80	78	63	74	80	87	83	79	77	73	81	75	85	74	84	80	82	83	89	92	90	88	79	79	77
Not much power	10	12	8	15	11	10	7	11	9	10	10	10	10	9	10	12	14	8	8	7	0	6	6	10	10	10
Little or no power	4	4	3	5	4	4	3	3	3	4	5	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	4	2	6	5	4	4	3	5
TOTAL NO POWER	14	16	12	19	15	14	10	14	12	14	15	13	15	12	14	15	17	11	12	10	6	10	11	14	14	15
Don't know	8	5	11	17	10	6	3	3	8	9	11	6	10	3	11	1	3	6	5	1	2	0	1	8	8	7

And how much power do you think each of the following SHOULD have to make a difference to the daily lives of people like you?

Britain's government

A great deal of power	47	54	41	38	44	47	55	51	48	48	41	49	44	53	46	54	60	46	42	59	58	48	54	48	42	49
A fair amount of power	40	35	44	35	40	41	40	42	39	38	39	41	39	41	37	39	35	42	50	38	39	45	41	39	44	39
TOTAL POWER	87	89	85	73	84	88	94	93	87	86	80	90	83	93	83	94	94	87	92	97	97	93	95	87	86	88
Not much power	4	4	4	6	4	4	4	4	3	5	5	4	5	3	5	3	2	5	3	3	3	4	3	4	5	4
Little or no power	1	2	1	2	1	2	0	0	1	1	3	1	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	2
TOTAL NO POWER	5	6	5	8	5	6	4	5	4	6	8	4	7	3	7	4	2	6	4	3	3	6	4	5	7	6
Don't know	8	5	10	18	11	6	2	3	9	9	12	6	10	4	10	2	3	6	5	0	0	1	0	8	7	6

The European Union

A great deal of power	4	4	3	6	5	2	3	4	4	2	4	4	3	2	4	4	1	6	7	1	3	6	3	4	5	5
A fair amount of power	21	20	21	26	26	19	15	24	19	19	19	22	19	11	19	29	12	30	31	2	3	20	8	20	26	25
TOTAL POWER	24	24	25	32	31	22	19	29	23	21	23	26	22	13	22	33	13	36	38	3	6	27	11	24	31	30
Not much power	34	33	35	28	33	35	37	38	36	33	30	37	31	37	33	36	36	33	39	23	11	52	31	34	34	34
Little or no power	33	38	29	21	25	37	41	30	32	37	35	31	36	46	34	29	48	23	18	73	82	20	57	34	29	29
TOTAL NO POWER	67	71	64	49	58	72	78	68	67	69	65	68	67	83	67	65	84	56	57	96	94	72	88	68	62	63
Don't know	8	5	12	19	11	7	3	3	9	9	12	7	11	4	11	2	3	8	5	1	0	1	1	8	7	7

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The people who run big businesses in Britain

A great deal of power	26	37	34	15	23	25	38	29	27	26	34
A fair amount of power	45	48	41	34	42	50	38	52	46	51	38
TOTAL POWER	71	86	74	50	64	76	76	80	73		
Not much power	16	10	16	18	22	17	13	15	18	17	17
Little or no power	5	3	6	7	6	4	6	4	6	4	8
TOTAL NO POWER	21	13	22	25	28	21	19	18	24		
Don't know	8	1	3	26	8	4	5	2	3	3	3

The people who run big international banks and other financial institutions

A great deal of power	42	55	47	28	37	42	55	45	46	43	50
A fair amount of power	37	34	28	31	38	40	27	40	37	41	30
TOTAL POWER	79	89	75	59	75	83	82	85	83		
Not much power	10	8	15	11	12	11	8	11	9	10	10
Little or no power	4	2	6	6	6	3	6	3	5	3	6
TOTAL NO POWER	14	10	21	16	18	14	13	14	14		
Don't know	8	1	4	25	7	4	5	2	3	2	4

And how much power do you think each of the following SHOULD have to make a difference to the daily lives of people like you?

Britain's government

A great deal of power	47	60	54	31	47	53	46	56	48	56	38
A fair amount of power	40	35	34	34	40	41	37	40	42	40	44
TOTAL POWER	87	96	87	65	87	94	83	96	90		
Not much power	4	3	6	6	4	3	9	2	6	3	10
Little or no power	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	0	2	0	3
TOTAL NO POWER	5	4	8	9	5	3	12	3	7		
Don't know	8	1	4	27	8	3	6	1	2	2	6

The European Union

A great deal of power	4	5	9	2	2	4	4	4	3	4	5
A fair amount of power	21	27	31	12	20	22	20	25	18	22	23
TOTAL POWER	24	32	39	14	22	26	24	29	21		
Not much power	34	34	31	28	39	38	27	39	34	37	33
Little or no power	33	32	25	30	31	33	43	30	42	36	33
TOTAL NO POWER	67	66	56	58	70	71	70	69	76		
Don't know	8	2	5	28	8	3	6	2	3	2	6

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Your local council																											
A great deal of power	17	16	18	21	20	15	15	15	20	14	18	18	16	13	18	16	13	21	21	12	19	29	18	17	17	15	
A fair amount of power	58	58	58	44	57	60	63	64	54	60	54	59	57	64	54	63	64	58	59	59	58	60	59	58	60	59	
TOTAL POWER	75	74	76	65	77	75	78	79	75	75	72	77	73	77	73	79	77	78	80	71	77	88	77	75	77	74	
Not much power	15	18	12	12	11	16	18	16	15	14	14	15	14	19	14	16	17	13	15	26	21	10	21	15	15	16	
Little or no power	2	3	1	4	1	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	3	1	3	3	2	3	1	3	2	1	2	2	2	4	
TOTAL NO POWER	17	21	14	16	12	19	20	18	16	17	17	17	17	20	17	19	19	15	16	29	23	10	23	17	17	20	
Don't know	8	5	10	19	11	6	2	3	9	9	11	6	10	3	10	2	3	6	5	0	0	1	0	8	6	7	
Your local MP																											
A great deal of power	14	13	16	13	17	12	15	13	16	14	14	14	14	12	15	12	12	17	17	11	22	21	15	14	15	15	
A fair amount of power	56	57	56	50	53	56	61	59	56	55	54	57	55	64	54	60	63	55	56	67	58	60	63	56	56	55	
TOTAL POWER	71	69	72	63	71	68	76	72	71	70	69	72	69	77	69	71	75	72	73	78	80	81	78	70	72	70	
Not much power	19	22	16	15	16	22	19	22	18	19	16	20	17	19	17	23	20	19	18	19	20	15	19	19	18	18	
Little or no power	3	4	2	4	2	4	3	3	2	2	5	3	4	1	4	4	2	3	4	3	0	1	3	3	4	5	
TOTAL NO POWER	22	26	18	18	19	25	22	25	20	21	20	22	21	20	21	27	22	22	22	22	20	17	21	22	22	23	
Don't know	8	5	11	19	11	6	2	3	9	9	11	6	10	3	10	2	4	6	5	0	0	3	1	8	6	7	
The people who run big businesses in Britain																											
A great deal of power	3	3	3	5	3	2	3	2	3	4	3	3	3	4	4	2	3	3	5	5	0	5	4	3	2	3	
A fair amount of power	21	21	20	18	20	19	24	22	20	21	21	21	21	27	23	19	28	18	17	19	25	15	18	21	19	13	
TOTAL POWER	24	25	23	23	24	21	27	24	23	25	24	24	24	31	27	21	31	20	22	24	25	20	22	24	21	16	
Not much power	41	40	41	34	38	41	46	47	40	38	37	43	38	47	37	48	48	39	42	45	44	37	41	41	39	40	
Little or no power	27	30	24	23	27	31	24	26	26	28	27	26	27	18	25	29	18	34	31	29	31	41	36	26	33	35	
TOTAL NO POWER	68	70	66	57	65	72	70	73	67	66	64	70	65	65	62	77	66	72	74	75	75	78	76	67	72	76	
Don't know	8	5	12	20	12	7	3	3	10	10	12	7	11	4	11	2	4	7	5	1	0	2	1	9	7	8	
The people who run big international banks and other financial institutions																											
A great deal of power	2	2	2	4	2	1	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	1	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	
A fair amount of power	14	14	14	11	15	14	16	15	14	13	15	15	14	19	16	13	19	13	13	13	16	4	10	15	13	11	
TOTAL POWER	16	17	16	15	17	15	18	17	16	16	16	17	16	22	19	15	21	15	17	13	16	4	10	17	16	12	
Not much power	37	36	38	34	35	37	39	41	36	38	33	39	35	45	33	45	46	35	38	36	34	33	33	37	35	35	
Little or no power	38	42	35	30	36	41	40	38	38	37	39	38	38	30	37	38	29	43	41	49	50	60	54	38	42	44	
TOTAL NO POWER	75	78	72	64	71	79	80	79	74	74	71	77	73	74	70	83	75	78	79	85	84	93	88	75	77	79	
Don't know	9	5	12	21	12	7	3	3	10	9	12	7	11	4	11	2	4	7	5	2	0	2	2	9	7	8	

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Your local council											
A great deal of power	17	18	25	11	16	18	17	18	18	18	18
A fair amount of power	58	59	52	43	61	63	55	64	61	64	54
TOTAL POWER	75	78	77	54	78	80	71	81	80		
Not much power	15	19	16	16	13	15	19	15	15	15	18
Little or no power	2	3	2	3	2	2	5	2	3	2	4
TOTAL NO POWER	17	22	18	19	15	17	23	18	18		
Don't know	8	1	5	27	8	3	5	1	2	2	5
Your local MP											
A great deal of power	14	17	20	9	14	15	15	13	18	15	15
A fair amount of power	56	59	52	44	58	60	54	62	59	61	54
TOTAL POWER	71	76	72	53	72	75	69	74	77		
Not much power	19	20	21	15	18	19	21	22	17	19	22
Little or no power	3	3	3	4	2	3	5	3	3	3	4
TOTAL NO POWER	22	23	23	20	20	22	25	24	21		
Don't know	8	1	4	27	8	3	5	1	3	2	5
The people who run big businesses in Britain											
A great deal of power	3	4	5	3	5	3	3	3	4	3	4
A fair amount of power	21	19	19	18	24	22	20	21	22	24	18
TOTAL POWER	24	23	24	21	29	25	22	24	26		
Not much power	41	43	37	32	42	44	37	47	41	45	37
Little or no power	27	32	35	19	21	27	35	29	29	26	34
TOTAL NO POWER	68	75	72	51	63	72	72	75	71		
Don't know	8	2	4	28	8	4	6	1	3	2	6
The people who run big international banks and other financial institutions											
A great deal of power	2	2	4	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	3
A fair amount of power	14	14	13	13	16	15	12	13	16	17	12
TOTAL POWER	16	16	17	15	19	17	14	15	18		
Not much power	37	36	31	29	37	41	30	43	36	41	33
Little or no power	38	46	47	29	37	39	51	40	43	38	46
TOTAL NO POWER	75	82	79	57	74	79	80	83	78		
Don't know	9	2	4	28	8	4	6	2	3	3	6

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Thinking about outside pressures, such as globalisation, modern technology, the European Union, big multinational companies and the financial markets, which of these views comes closer to your own?

'These pressures are so great these days that Britain's Government and Parliament have largely lost their power to make big decisions about Britain's future'	47	49	45	32	43	49	53	46	46	47	49	46	48	53	48	44	48	42	38	74	69	72	72	47	48	44
'These pressures are real, but Britain's Government and Parliament still have plenty of power to make big decisions about Britain's future.'	39	41	38	42	40	37	41	46	40	35	35	43	35	39	34	51	45	44	53	24	28	24	25	39	40	40
Don't know	14	10	17	27	17	13	6	9	14	17	17	11	17	9	17	6	8	14	10	1	3	4	3	14	12	15

Do you happen to know the name of your local MP?

Yes	63	65	61	50	51	66	74	70	61	57	62	65	60	72	56	81	68	65	70	79	47	67	71	63	62	63
No	37	35	39	50	49	34	26	30	39	43	38	35	41	28	44	19	32	35	30	21	53	33	29	37	38	37

Have you heard or read about anything that he or she has been doing in Westminster lately?

Yes	20	22	18	12	13	19	30	28	19	15	17	23	16	27	16	34	25	22	23	26	12	21	23	21	17	15
No	80	78	82	88	87	81	70	72	81	85	83	77	84	73	84	66	75	78	77	74	88	80	77	79	83	85

Have you heard or read about anything he or she has been doing in your area?

Yes	27	27	27	15	21	28	36	34	27	20	25	31	23	34	22	40	32	29	31	29	13	33	28	27	24	21
No	73	73	73	85	79	72	64	66	73	80	75	70	77	66	78	60	68	71	69	71	87	67	72	73	76	79

On the whole, would you say that he or she is doing a good job or a bad job as your MP?

Good	15	15	15	10	12	15	20	20	15	11	14	17	12	18	13	24	20	15	23	16	0	17	14	15	15	14
Bad	13	17	9	14	14	13	12	14	12	14	13	13	14	13	14	13	9	16	11	29	32	19	27	13	12	14
Average	37	38	35	29	30	38	44	35	35	38	38	35	38	44	36	39	39	38	38	34	46	31	35	37	36	36
Don't know	35	30	41	47	44	34	23	31	38	37	35	35	36	26	37	24	31	30	28	21	22	33	25	35	38	35

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'These pressures are so great these days that Britain's Government and Parliament have largely lost their power to make big decisions about Britain's future'	47	51	39	37	43	45	63	42	58	46	58
'These pressures are real, but Britain's Government and Parliament still have plenty of power to make big decisions about Britain's future.'	39	46	52	26	41	46	28	54	34	47	29
Don't know	14	3	8	37	16	9	10	4	8	7	13

Do you happen to know the name of your local MP?

Yes	63	81	81	37	63	68	64	74	62	69	57
No	37	19	19	63	37	32	36	26	38	31	43

Have you heard or read about anything that he or she has been doing in Westminster lately?

Yes	20	39	41	7	22	23	21	29	17	24	15
No	80	61	59	93	78	77	80	71	83	76	85

Have you heard or read about anything he or she has been doing in your area?

Yes	27	42	44	13	30	30	24	35	25	32	21
No	73	58	56	87	70	70	76	65	75	68	79

On the whole, would you say that he or she is doing a good job or a bad job as your MP?

Good	15	24	29	8	14	18	11	22	12	19	10
Bad	13	19	20	8	15	11	25	12	16	11	22
Average	37	39	34	27	37	39	33	39	39	41	33
Don't know	35	18	17	57	33	32	31	27	33	29	35

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Which of these views comes closer to your own about Members of Parliament these days?

'However they start out, most of them end up becoming remote from the everyday lives and concerns of the people they represent'	66	69	63	55	62	70	68	64	65	67	68	64	67	72	65	61	62	67	61	87	100	84	87	65	70	70
'Of course MPs lead different lives from most people, but most of them keep in touch with the lives and concerns of the people they represent'	21	21	21	19	20	19	25	26	22	17	18	24	17	22	18	30	29	21	30	8	0	12	9	21	20	18
Don't know	13	10	16	26	18	11	7	10	13	17	15	12	16	7	17	9	9	12	9	5	0	5	4	14	11	12

Which three or four of the following do you think MPs generally pay most attention to? Please tick up to four

People who run large companies	56	59	53	45	54	59	59	57	57	54	54	57	54	55	56	62	52	61	59	64	82	75	70	55	61	58
Senior civil servants in Whitehall	44	47	42	26	34	49	55	48	43	43	43	45	43	52	40	52	49	45	48	50	22	48	45	44	44	46
Owners and editors of tabloid newspapers	35	41	30	34	32	37	37	39	36	30	34	38	32	32	33	46	32	40	40	36	46	53	44	35	38	37
Senior officials in the European Union	30	29	31	22	25	32	36	27	30	33	33	28	33	42	30	24	35	26	21	57	58	30	48	30	33	31
Voters who live in their own constituency	27	27	26	27	27	24	29	32	26	24	24	29	24	24	25	36	31	29	33	15	20	27	20	27	27	23
Trade union leaders	22	22	21	22	22	18	25	23	21	22	20	22	21	30	22	25	33	16	19	23	22	17	20	21	25	22
Senior members of the American government	20	19	20	14	18	23	19	19	20	18	21	19	20	20	20	16	14	23	23	24	23	28	25	19	22	20
Immigrants	17	16	19	13	14	18	21	14	15	19	22	15	20	23	21	10	19	14	8	39	52	20	34	17	17	18
Pressure groups such as Liberty, RSPCA, Migration Watch and TaxPayers' Alliance	15	18	12	15	14	14	17	21	15	10	12	18	11	18	12	20	18	14	18	18	10	9	15	15	17	16
People like you	5	5	5	6	5	4	5	6	6	3	4	6	4	4	5	5	6	5	9	1	0	2	2	5	4	5
Poor families	4	5	4	4	6	4	4	5	5	4	4	5	4	5	4	4	6	3	6	4	5	1	3	5	4	5
White men and women born in Britain	4	5	4	7	6	3	2	5	5	4	3	5	3	1	5	6	3	7	3	1	0	4	2	4	3	3
Don't know	14	11	17	25	17	13	8	9	14	16	17	12	17	9	15	8	10	12	11	5	0	2	4	14	12	13

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Which of these views comes closer to your own about Members of Parliament these days?

'However they start out, most of them end up becoming remote from the everyday lives and concerns of the people they represent'	66	65	55	59	63	65	83	63	78	65	79
'Of course MPs lead different lives from most people, but most of them keep in touch with the lives and concerns of the people they represent'	21	30	35	10	22	25	9	30	16	27	10
Don't know	13	5	10	32	15	10	8	7	6	8	11

Which three or four of the following do you think MPs generally pay most attention to?

Please tick up to four

People who run large companies	56	65	58	37	56	58	63	62	59	58	62
Senior civil servants in Whitehall	44	52	44	28	46	48	47	53	44	49	42
Owners and editors of tabloid newspapers	35	51	46	22	33	37	40	43	35	36	42
Senior officials in the European Union	30	28	19	27	31	29	42	24	41	31	34
Voters who live in their own constituency	27	30	31	15	28	31	18	34	24	31	20
Trade union leaders	22	20	23	17	23	24	17	23	23	24	17
Senior members of the American government	20	20	20	15	20	17	34	18	24	18	27
Immigrants	17	16	11	18	19	14	27	10	24	16	23
Pressure groups such as Liberty, RSPCA, Migration Watch and TaxPayers' Alliance	15	22	21	8	14	17	14	20	13	17	14
People like you	5	6	9	3	6	6	2	6	5	6	3
Poor families	4	4	5	5	5	5	3	4	5	5	4
White men and women born in Britain	4	6	10	3	3	5	4	5	4	4	5
Don't know	14	3	6	36	11	11	8	8	8	10	11

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Which three or four of the following do you think MPs SHOULD pay most attention to?

Please tick up to four

Voters who live in their own constituency	77	80	75	61	71	80	86	83	77	77	72	80	74	86	71	86	84	75	81	91	77	83	87	77	78	74
People like you	73	71	75	63	73	76	75	70	73	77	74	72	75	75	77	63	77	72	69	75	84	76	76	74	71	72
Poor families	40	40	41	43	43	40	38	30	38	42	54	34	48	31	47	32	27	51	35	32	41	45	38	39	48	44
White men and women born in Britain	29	28	30	20	23	29	37	23	27	34	34	25	34	37	34	17	32	24	20	47	88	18	42	30	21	24
Pressure groups such as Liberty, RSPCA, Migration Watch and TaxPayers' Alliance	20	20	20	17	17	19	23	22	20	17	17	21	17	21	17	23	17	21	21	14	21	38	22	19	19	22
Senior civil servants in Whitehall	14	17	11	10	10	13	19	22	14	10	7	18	8	17	9	25	20	11	19	13	2	9	10	14	13	12
Trade union leaders	12	11	12	15	14	10	10	11	12	11	13	11	12	6	14	9	3	22	10	4	10	10	7	11	12	11
People who run large companies	9	10	7	5	7	8	11	11	10	7	5	11	6	13	7	12	14	6	12	9	0	9	7	9	7	8
Immigrants	5	6	5	6	7	5	4	5	5	5	7	5	6	4	7	4	5	6	4	2	0	6	3	6	3	4
Senior officials in the European Union	2	3	2	5	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	1	2	5	2	3	5	0	1	1	1	2	3	3
Owners and editors of tabloid newspapers	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	2
Senior members of the American government	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
Don't know	18	15	20	15	16	18	20	13	17	23	23	15	23	24	22	8	19	13	10	27	64	6	25	19	7	8

In general, how much attention should MPs pay to each of the following when voting in

Parliament, for example on taxation, public spending, or proposed new laws?

The promises they made at the most recent election

A great deal of attention	72	72	73	56	64	75	83	71	72	73	73	71	73	78	70	74	71	76	71	89	87	79	86	72	74	75
Some attention	16	18	14	19	21	14	13	20	17	14	13	18	13	16	15	20	22	14	21	9	8	14	10	16	16	16
TOTAL ATTENTION	88	90	87	74	84	89	96	91	88	86	86	89	86	93	85	94	93	90	91	98	96	93	96	88	89	91
Not much attention	4	5	3	8	5	4	2	5	4	5	4	4	4	2	5	4	4	5	4	0	0	3	1	4	2	2
No attention	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	4	2	2	1	2	1
TOTAL NO ATTENTION	5	6	4	10	6	5	3	6	5	5	5	5	5	4	6	6	4	5	5	2	4	5	3	5	5	4
Don't know	7	4	9	16	10	5	1	4	7	8	9	5	8	3	9	1	3	5	4	0	0	1	0	7	6	5
The policy of their party leadership																										
A great deal of attention	24	21	27	20	22	25	27	23	23	26	24	23	25	26	27	24	28	24	21	16	20	18	17	24	23	26
Some attention	51	52	50	46	51	51	54	57	51	48	48	54	48	54	48	57	59	52	53	57	43	50	52	51	53	51
TOTAL ATTENTION	75	74	77	66	73	76	82	79	74	74	73	77	73	80	75	81	87	76	75	72	63	69	69	75	76	76
Not much attention	13	16	11	16	14	14	12	14	14	13	12	14	13	12	12	14	8	15	18	18	24	22	20	14	12	13
No attention	4	6	2	3	4	5	5	3	4	4	6	4	5	4	4	4	2	4	3	10	12	8	11	4	5	5
TOTAL NO ATTENTION	18	22	13	18	17	18	17	17	18	17	18	18	17	16	16	18	10	19	22	28	37	30	31	18	17	18
Don't know	7	4	10	16	10	6	2	4	8	9	9	6	9	3	9	1	3	5	4	0	0	1	0	7	7	6

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Voters who live in their own constituency	77	84	79	61	77	83	77	85	79	83	73
People like you	73	70	65	69	76	73	74	70	80	74	75
Poor families	40	38	45	43	40	36	47	33	47	37	49
White men and women born in Britain	29	28	18	33	28	24	37	20	38	28	34
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Immigrants	5	4	6	5	6	5	6	4	6	5	7
Senior officials in the European Union	2	4	6	1	2	3	2	3	2	2	3
Owners and editors of tabloid newspapers	1	1	2	2	2	1	0	1	1	1	1
Senior members of the American government	1	1	3	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Don't know	18	12	12	30	19	14	20	11	19	15	19

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The promises they made at the most recent election

A great deal of attention	72	78	73	55	74	75	76	74	82	76	75
Some attention	16	18	20	14	15	18	13	20	13	18	13
TOTAL ATTENTION	88	96	92	68	89	93	89	95	95		
Not much attention	4	2	3	4	4	4	5	4	3	4	6
No attention	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	2
TOTAL NO ATTENTION	5	3	4	6	5	4	7	5	4		
Don't know	7	1	4	25	6	3	4	1	1	2	5

The policy of their party leadership

A great deal of attention	24	24	21	19	26	25	21	24	28	27	21
Some attention	51	54	56	38	53	58	42	61	49	57	45
TOTAL ATTENTION	75	78	77	57	79	82	62	85	77		
Not much attention	13	15	16	14	12	12	22	11	15	12	20
No attention	4	5	3	3	3	3	11	3	6	3	9
TOTAL NO ATTENTION	18	20	19	17	14	15	33	14	21		
Don't know	7	2	4	26	6	3	5	1	2	2	5

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Their personal judgement

A great deal of attention	28	31	26	22	22	28	37	30	28	30	25	29	27	29	27	39	30	28	35	33	23	30	30	28	30	31
Some attention	48	48	47	42	51	47	47	51	46	46	47	49	46	48	45	50	51	49	49	46	59	56	51	48	46	46
TOTAL ATTENTION	76	79	73	65	73	75	84	82	74	75	72	78	74	77	72	89	82	77	84	78	83	86	81	76	76	77
Not much attention	13	13	13	16	13	14	12	12	14	14	14	13	14	15	15	8	13	15	10	16	12	8	13	13	13	13
No attention	3	3	4	3	3	5	2	3	4	2	4	4	3	4	3	2	2	3	2	6	5	4	5	3	5	4
TOTAL NO ATTENTION	17	17	17	18	16	18	14	15	18	16	18	16	17	19	18	10	15	18	12	22	17	12	19	17	17	17
Don't know	7	4	10	17	10	6	2	3	8	9	10	6	9	4	10	1	3	5	4	0	0	1	0	8	7	6

The majority view among voters in their constituency

A great deal of attention	64	63	66	45	56	68	77	62	64	67	65	63	66	74	63	61	69	63	60	83	63	72	77	64	65	67
Some attention	23	26	20	29	27	21	18	29	23	20	19	26	19	18	21	32	23	26	30	15	26	22	18	23	22	24
TOTAL ATTENTION	87	89	86	74	83	89	95	91	87	87	84	89	85	93	84	93	92	89	90	97	89	94	95	87	88	90
Not much attention	4	5	3	6	5	4	3	5	4	3	4	5	4	3	5	5	4	5	4	1	4	3	2	4	4	3
No attention	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1
TOTAL NO ATTENTION	5	7	4	8	6	5	3	6	5	4	6	5	5	4	6	6	4	6	6	3	6	4	3	5	6	4
Don't know	7	4	10	18	11	6	2	3	8	9	10	6	10	4	10	1	3	5	4	0	5	2	1	8	6	5

If these different considerations are in conflict with each other, which ONE of them should MPs pay MOST attention to?

The majority view among voters in their constituency	41	41	40	35	41	44	40	42	42	41	37	42	39	46	38	41	45	38	41	50	56	45	50	40	45	41
The promises they made at the most recent election	38	37	40	31	35	37	46	36	37	39	43	36	41	39	40	35	33	43	34	44	36	44	42	38	38	42
Their personal judgement	8	10	6	9	8	7	8	12	8	5	6	10	6	6	6	16	10	7	18	5	7	7	6	8	8	6
The policy of their party leadership	5	5	4	5	5	5	4	7	4	4	3	6	4	5	5	4	8	5	2	0	0	3	1	5	3	4
Don't know	8	6	10	20	12	7	2	4	8	10	12	6	11	4	11	3	4	7	4	1	0	1	1	8	6	7

Which one of these do you think MPs nowadays pay most attention to in practice?

The policy of their party leadership	63	70	55	49	53	66	73	69	62	61	58	65	59	70	53	78	67	62	72	83	64	79	79	62	66	61
Their personal judgement	17	14	21	21	20	17	15	15	17	19	19	16	19	18	21	10	17	19	9	15	33	11	15	17	17	20
The majority view among voters in their constituency	4	4	4	6	6	3	3	4	5	2	4	4	3	3	5	3	4	4	7	0	0	2	1	4	3	3
The promises they made at the most recent election	2	3	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	3	1	4	1	1	4	3	0	0	3	1	2	2	3
Don't know	13	9	18	22	17	12	8	10	14	15	15	12	15	9	17	8	11	11	9	2	4	4	3	14	12	12

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Some attention	48	50	49	36	49	51	45	50	51	51	45
TOTAL ATTENTION	76	83	81	56	76	83	71	87	77		
Not much attention	13	10	11	13	13	12	18	9	16	12	18
No attention	3	5	4	4	4	3	6	2	5	2	7
TOTAL NO ATTENTION	17	16	15	17	18	15	25	12	21		
Don't know	7	1	4	27	6	3	5	1	2	2	5

The majority view among voters in their constituency

A great deal of attention	64	69	58	50	66	68	68	64	76	70	62
Some attention	23	26	31	17	23	25	21	29	18	24	24
TOTAL ATTENTION	87	95	88	67	89	93	89	94	94		
Not much attention	4	3	7	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	6
No attention	1	0	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	2
TOTAL NO ATTENTION	5	4	8	7	5	4	6	5	5		
Don't know	7	1	4	26	6	3	4	1	2	2	6

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The majority view among voters in their constituency	41	39	36	31	39	44	43	41	47	43	40
The promises they made at the most recent election	38	40	36	35	42	37	41	37	44	38	43
Their personal judgement	8	12	14	3	6	10	7	14	4	10	5
The policy of their party leadership	5	8	9	3	5	5	4	7	3	6	3
Don't know	8	1	4	28	8	4	5	2	2	3	8

Which one of these do you think MPs nowadays pay most attention to in practice?

The policy of their party leadership	63	76	67	44	60	70	66	78	62	70	59
Their personal judgement	17	15	15	18	17	16	18	12	23	16	22
The majority view among voters in their constituency	4	3	7	4	5	4	5	3	5	4	5
The promises they made at the most recent election	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3
Don't know	13	3	8	32	15	9	8	5	7	8	11

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Sometimes there is a 'free vote' in Parliament, when parties do NOT advise their MPs which way to vote. In principle, when there is a conflict between an MP's own judgement and the majority view of his or her local electorate on a 'free vote', do you think the MP should generally...

Vote according to his or her judgement	29	31	26	27	28	27	31	31	32	24	27	31	26	25	28	38	31	32	35	18	8	31	20	29	30	27
Vote according to the majority view of his or her local electorate	58	60	57	47	53	62	64	61	56	59	57	58	58	68	55	58	62	56	58	80	79	60	74	58	60	60
Don't know	13	9	17	26	18	11	5	8	12	17	16	10	17	7	17	4	8	12	8	2	13	9	6	13	10	13

Thinking about the four or five biggest policy decisions that Parliament considers each year, which of these views comes closer to yours?

'The best way to make such decisions is for MPs to consider them in detail and for the majority view in Parliament to determine what happens'	39	46	32	34	34	38	47	54	42	28	28	47	28	41	29	67	48	41	57	23	14	30	25	39	45	39
'The best way to make such decisions is for Parliament to hold a referendum and for the majority view among voters to determine what happens'	45	43	46	37	44	47	45	36	43	52	51	40	51	50	52	26	42	45	34	76	78	64	71	45	42	44
Don't know	16	11	21	29	23	14	7	10	16	20	21	13	21	9	19	7	10	14	9	1	8	6	4	16	14	17

How would you vote in a referendum to...

Withdraw the UK from the EU

Withdraw from EU	50	51	49	36	41	53	61	42	48	56	58	46	57	70	55	36	66	38	25	91	84	39	74	51	43	46
Remain in EU	36	40	32	45	41	32	31	47	37	30	26	42	28	21	30	57	25	49	62	9	5	54	22	35	43	38
Don't know / would not vote	14	9	19	19	18	15	8	11	14	14	16	13	15	9	15	7	9	13	13	1	11	7	4	14	14	17

Restore the death penalty for murdering a police officer

Restore death penalty	44	49	40	30	37	47	54	40	40	49	52	40	50	58	53	28	57	39	27	68	75	29	56	45	41	43
Not restore death penalty	42	41	43	56	46	39	36	49	44	36	36	47	36	31	30	68	33	50	62	28	19	64	39	42	46	42
Don't know / would not vote	14	9	18	15	17	14	10	11	16	15	13	14	14	11	17	5	10	11	11	4	6	7	5	14	13	15

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Vote according to his or her judgement	29	38	42	22	32	32	22	40	24	31	28
Vote according to the majority view of his or her local electorate	58	60	51	43	56	61	67	57	70	63	59
Don't know	13	3	7	36	12	7	10	3	6	6	13

Thinking about the four or five biggest policy decisions that Parliament considers each year, which of these views comes closer to yours?

'The best way to make such decisions is for MPs to consider them in detail and for the majority view in Parliament to determine what happens'	39	58	53	19	36	49	25	100	0	48	27
'The best way to make such decisions is for Parliament to hold a referendum and for the majority view among voters to determine what happens'	45	38	37	42	50	40	64	0	100	43	58
Don't know	16	4	10	39	15	11	11	0	0	9	15

How would you vote in a referendum to...

Withdraw the UK from the EU

Withdraw from EU	50	46	40	52	53	48	63	40	64	52	54
Remain in EU	36	49	54	16	33	42	26	52	26	39	34
Don't know / would not vote	14	5	6	32	15	10	11	9	10	9	12

Restore the death penalty for murdering a police officer

Restore death penalty	44	38	31	51	45	43	50	37	53	45	47
Not restore death penalty	42	55	62	22	38	46	40	55	36	44	43
Don't know / would not vote	14	7	8	27	16	11	10	8	11	11	10

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	Gender		Age				Social Grade 1				Social Grade 2		Newspaper			Voting intention							Country			
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	Blue Top	Red Top	Broad sheet	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	UKIP	BNP	Green	Others	Eng-land	Scot-land	Wales
Weighted Sample	3612	1758	1854	436	914	1234	1027	934	1022	717	758	1956	1475	512	1263	406	1047	1120	240	143	32	75	268	3119	1007	1034
Unweighted Sample	5160	2495	2665	516	1157	1842	1645	1207	1257	708	954	2464	1662	668	959	567	1358	1531	317	165	33	132	361	3119	1007	1034
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Reduce net immigration to zero, so that the number of immigrants settling in Britain each year is no more than the number of Britons leaving this country to settle abroad

Reduce net immigration to zero	69	68	70	53	62	72	79	63	66	75	75	65	75	84	77	49	79	64	54	91	98	61	81	70	61	71
Not reduce net immigration to zero	21	24	19	30	26	20	16	29	24	16	15	26	15	11	15	41	15	27	38	9	2	35	17	21	29	19
Don't know / would not vote	9	7	11	17	12	8	5	8	10	9	10	9	9	5	9	9	5	9	9	0	0	4	2	9	9	10

Make it legal to use and own small quantities of 'soft' drugs such as cannabis

Make it legal	32	36	28	36	39	33	24	33	33	29	32	33	30	22	30	41	25	36	45	27	41	50	35	31	37	33
Keep it illegal	54	53	55	49	44	54	65	55	53	58	52	54	55	67	55	50	63	52	43	65	45	41	55	55	49	54
Don't know / would not vote	14	11	17	15	16	13	12	12	14	13	17	13	15	11	14	9	11	12	12	8	15	8	9	14	14	14

Set a legal maximum earnings level of £1 million a year including bonuses

Set a maximum pay level of £1 million a year	49	48	50	32	39	51	63	44	46	51	57	45	54	49	54	35	39	58	45	57	67	54	58	48	54	54
Not set a maximum pay level	36	41	32	48	44	35	26	45	39	34	25	42	29	37	31	56	51	30	43	35	30	33	32	37	32	30
Don't know / would not vote	15	10	19	20	17	15	11	11	15	15	18	13	17	14	16	9	9	13	12	8	4	13	10	15	14	16

Provide parents with the names and addresses of all convicted paedophiles living in their area

Provide parents with this information	49	47	51	45	44	49	54	41	44	53	60	43	56	56	61	27	50	50	35	55	71	46	52	49	46	55
Keep this information confidential	34	39	29	34	35	35	30	43	35	31	23	39	27	27	24	56	33	36	50	29	24	42	33	34	36	30
Don't know / would not vote	18	15	20	21	21	16	16	16	20	17	18	18	17	16	15	17	17	14	15	16	5	12	14	18	18	15

Prohibit local councils from increasing council tax for the next ten years

Prohibit council tax increases for next ten years	45	42	48	51	51	43	39	36	43	52	51	40	52	43	55	30	40	46	35	45	65	46	48	45	43	45
Allow councils some room to increase council tax	46	50	41	31	36	48	57	57	45	38	38	51	38	51	35	62	54	46	57	52	28	47	47	45	48	46
Don't know / would not vote	10	8	12	18	13	9	4	7	12	10	10	9	10	6	11	7	6	8	7	3	6	7	5	10	9	9

MP decisions

MPs should vote according to their own judgement and big policy decisions should be decided by MPs	15	19	12	17	13	15	18	22	17	9	11	19	10	12	12	32	18	17	28	5	2	9	6			
MPs should vote according to their own judgement and referendums should decide big policy decisions	11	10	11	8	12	10	12	7	12	12	13	10	12	11	14	4	11	13	5	13	6	21	14			
MPs should vote according to the majority view of their constituency and big policy decisions should be decided by MPs	22	26	19	16	19	21	29	31	23	17	16	27	17	28	16	33	29	22	28	17	11	18	17			
MPs should vote according to the majority view of their constituency and referendums should decide big policy decisions	31	31	32	25	28	35	32	27	29	36	35	28	36	38	34	21	30	29	26	62	68	41	55			
Don't know	20	14	26	34	27	18	10	13	19	26	24	16	25	12	24	9	13	19	13	3	13	11	7			

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	Total	Engaged in Politics	Follow Politicians on Social Media	Not engaged in Politics	Non political reality TV voters	Britain is democratic	Britain is not democratic	MPs should make big decisions	Referendums should be held for big decisions	Britain's democratic system	
										One of finest in World	Not one of finest in World
Weighted Sample	3612	466	314	533	523	2402	608	1414	1613	2283	842
Unweighted Sample	5160	707	463	744	692	3409	949	2173	2207	3258	1256
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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Reduce net immigration to zero	69	62	47	75	71	67	75	61	80	70	72
Not reduce net immigration to zero	21	30	43	7	20	25	20	31	16	23	22
Don't know / would not vote	9	8	11	18	9	8	6	8	4	7	6

Make it legal to use and own small quantities of 'soft' drugs such as cannabis

Make it legal	32	41	46	22	31	32	40	34	33	30	42
Keep it illegal	54	49	42	55	56	57	47	55	56	59	47
Don't know / would not vote	14	9	11	23	13	11	13	10	11	11	12

Set a legal maximum earnings level of £1 million a year including bonuses

Set a maximum pay level of £1 million a year	49	52	46	50	53	47	59	42	60	49	57
Not set a maximum pay level	36	42	43	23	33	42	29	49	29	40	31
Don't know / would not vote	15	6	11	27	14	11	12	9	11	11	12

Provide parents with the names and addresses of all convicted paedophiles living in their area

Provide parents with this information	49	41	37	58	56	45	54	36	60	47	54
Keep this information confidential	34	43	46	18	28	39	32	49	27	37	31
Don't know / would not vote	18	16	17	24	15	16	15	16	13	16	15

Prohibit local councils from increasing council tax for the next ten years

Prohibit council tax increases for next ten years	45	37	40	56	52	38	55	30	56	39	57
Allow councils some room to increase council tax	46	58	50	25	40	54	38	64	39	54	36
Don't know / would not vote	10	4	9	20	8	7	7	6	5	7	7

MP decisions

MPs should vote according to their own judgement and big policy decisions should be decided by MPs	15	26	29	7	14	19	9	40	0	20	11
MPs should vote according to their own judgement and referendums should decide big policy decisions	11	10	11	11	15	11	12	0	24	10	15
MPs should vote according to the majority view of their constituency and big policy decisions should be decided by MPs	22	30	22	11	20	28	15	57	0	30	12
MPs should vote according to the majority view of their constituency and referendums should decide big policy decisions	31	27	25	27	31	28	48	0	70	29	41
Don't know	20	6	13	45	19	13	15	3	6	10	21