

1 Here is a list of things some people do during elections.
Which, if any, did you do during the most recent general
election in May 2005?

Did you:

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ON EACH LINE*

**Yes,
frequently** **Yes,
occasionally** **Yes,
rarely** **No**

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|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| a. ... talk to other people to persuade them to
vote for a particular party or candidate? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1200 |
| b. ...show your support for a particular party or
candidate by, for example, attending a meeting,
putting up a poster, or in some other way? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1201 |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | |

2. During the last campaign did a candidate or anyone
from a political party contact you to persuade you to
vote for them?

*PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY*

- (✓)
- Yes (1)
- No (2)

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3. What do you think has been the most important
issue facing Britain over the last four years?

*PLEASE **WRITE IN:***

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4. And thinking about that issue, how good or bad a job
do you think the UK government in Westminster has
done over the past four years. Has it done...

*PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY*

- (✓)
- ...a very good job, (1)
- a good job, (2)
- a bad job, (3)
- or a very bad job? (4)

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5. Now thinking about the performance of the UK government
in Westminster **in general**, how good or bad a job do you think
the UK government in Westminster has done over the past four years.
Has it done...

*PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY*

- (✓)
- ...a very good job, (1)
- a good job, (2)
- a bad job, (3)
- or a very bad job? (4)

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6. On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Britain? Are you...

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY

- (✓)
- ...very satisfied, (1)
- fairly satisfied, (2)
- not very satisfied, (3)
- not at all satisfied? (4)

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7. Some people say it makes a difference who is in power. Others say that it doesn't make a difference who is in power. Using the scale below, (where ONE means that it makes a difference who is in power and FIVE means that it doesn't make a difference who is in power), where would you place yourself?

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY

It makes a difference who is in power ←————→ **It doesn't make a difference who is in power**

1 2 3 4 5

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8. Some people say that no matter who people vote for, it won't make any difference to what happens. Others say that who people vote for can make a difference to what happens. Using the scale below, (where ONE means that voting won't make a difference to what happens and FIVE means that voting can make a difference), where would you place yourself?

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY

Who people vote for won't make a difference ←————→ **Who people vote for can make a difference**

1 2 3 4 5

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9. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

"Democracy may have problems but it's better than any other form of government."

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY

- (✓)
- Agree strongly (1)
- Agree (2)
- Disagree (3)
- Disagree strongly (4)

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10. Thinking back to the previous general election in **2001**, do you remember which party you voted for then, or perhaps you didn't vote in that election?

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY

	(✓)			
Didn't vote/too young/not eligible	<input type="checkbox"/>	(00)	→	PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 12
Voted:			}	
- Conservative	<input type="checkbox"/>	(01)		
- Labour	<input type="checkbox"/>	(02)		
- Liberal Democrat	<input type="checkbox"/>	(03)		
- Scottish National Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	(04)		
- Plaid Cymru	<input type="checkbox"/>	(05)		
- Other (PLEASE WRITE IN)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(06)		PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 11

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PLEASE ANSWER QUESTION 11 IF YOU VOTED IN THE 2001 GENERAL ELECTION

11. How well did the party you voted for then perform over the past four years? Has it done...

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY

	(✓)	
...a very good job,	<input type="checkbox"/>	(1)
a good job,	<input type="checkbox"/>	(2)
a bad job,	<input type="checkbox"/>	(3)
or a very bad job?	<input type="checkbox"/>	(4)

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EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER

12. Thinking about how elections in Britain work in practice, how well do elections ensure that the views of voters are represented by MPs?

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY

	(✓)	
Very well	<input type="checkbox"/>	(1)
Quite well	<input type="checkbox"/>	(2)
Not very well	<input type="checkbox"/>	(3)
Not very well at all	<input type="checkbox"/>	(4)

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13. Would you say that any of the parties in Britain represents your views reasonably well?

IF YES: Which party represents your views best?

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY

- (✓)
- No party represents my views (00)
- Yes – Conservative (01)
- Yes – Labour (02)
- Yes – Liberal Democrat (03)
- Yes – Scottish National Party (04)
- Yes – Plaid Cymru (05)
- Yes – Other party (*PLEASE WRITE IN*) (06)
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14. Regardless of how you feel about the parties, would you say that any of the individual party leaders at the last election represents your views reasonably well?

IF YES: Which party leader represents your views best?

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY

- (✓)
- No party leader represents my views (00)
- Yes – Tony Blair (01)
- Yes – Michael Howard (02)
- Yes – Charles Kennedy (03)
- Yes – Alex Salmond (04)
- Yes - Dafydd Iwan (05)
- Yes – Other party leader (*PLEASE WRITE IN*) (06)
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- 15a. Do you usually think yourself as close to any particular political party?

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY

- (✓)
- Yes → PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 15c (1) 1240
- No → PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 15b (2)

PLEASE ANSWER QUESTION 15b IF YOU DO NOT FEEL CLOSE TO ANY PARTICULAR PARTY

- b. Do you feel yourself a little closer to one of the political parties than the others?

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY

- (✓)
- Yes → PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 15c (1) 1241
- No → PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 16 ON PAGE 6 (2)

PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 15c AND 15d IF YOU FEEL CLOSE OR A LITTLE CLOSER TO ANY PARTICULAR PARTY

- c. Which party is that?

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY

- (✓)
- Conservative (01) 1242-3
- Labour (02)
- Liberal Democrat (03)
- Scottish National Party (04)
- Plaid Cymru (05)
- Other (PLEASE WRITE IN) (06)
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- d. How close do you feel to this party...

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY

- (✓)
- ...very close, (1) 1244
- somewhat close, (2)
- not very close? (3)

EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER

16. We would like to know what you think about each of our political parties. Please rate each party on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means you strongly dislike that party and 10 means that you strongly like that party. If you come to a party you haven't heard of or you feel you do not know enough about, please tick one of the boxes on the right.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Strongly Dislike ← → **Strongly Like** Haven't heard of Can't choose

a. The Conservative Party

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	96	98	

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PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Strongly Dislike ← → **Strongly Like** Haven't heard of Can't choose

b. The Labour Party

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	96	98	

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PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Strongly Dislike ← → **Strongly Like** Haven't heard of Can't choose

c. The Liberal Democrats

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	96	98	

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PLEASE ANSWER IN SCOTLAND ONLY

Strongly Dislike ← → **Strongly Like** Haven't heard of Can't choose

d. The Scottish National Party

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	96	98	

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PLEASE ANSWER IN WALES ONLY

Strongly Dislike ← → **Strongly Like** Haven't heard of Can't choose

e. Plaid Cymru

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	96	98	

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17. In politics people sometimes talk of the left and right.
Where would you place each party on scale from 0 to 10,
where 0 means the left and 10 means the right?

	<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY</i>	Left											Right	Haven't heard of	Can't choose		
a.	The Conservative Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	96	98	1260-1		
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	<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY</i>	Left											Right	Haven't heard of	Can't choose		
b.	The Labour Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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	<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY</i>	Left											Right	Haven't heard of	Can't choose		
c.	The Liberal Democrats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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	<i>PLEASE ANSWER IN SCOTLAND ONLY</i>	Left											Right	Haven't heard of	Can't choose		
d.	The Scottish National Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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	<i>PLEASE ANSWER IN WALES ONLY</i>	Left											Right	Haven't heard of	Can't choose		
e.	Plaid Cymru	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	96	98	1268-9		

18. Over the past five years or so, have you done any of the following things to express your views about something the government should or should not be doing? Have you ...

	<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>		Yes	No	
a.	...contacted a politician or government official either in person, or in writing, or some other way?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1270
b.	...taken part in a protest, march or demonstration?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1271
c.	...worked together with people who shared the same concern?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1272
		(1)	(2)		

23. Are you currently a member of any of the following?

**PLEASE TICK
ALL THAT APPLY**

- (✓)
- A trade union (1)
- A staff association (2)
- A business or employers' organisation
(e.g. Chamber of Commerce/Trade,
National Federation of Small Businesses,
Institute of Directors, Forum of Private Business) (3)
- National Farmer's Union (4)
- An organisation that organises your profession
(e.g. Royal College of General Practitioners,
Law Society, Institute of Chartered Accountants) (5)
- None of these (6)

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24. Which language do you usually speak at home?
If you speak several languages at home, please
give the one that you use the most.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- (✓)
- English (032)
- Bengali/Bangladeshi/Bangla (016)
- Gujarati (047)
- Hindi (051)
- Punjabi (094)
- Scottish Gaelic (208)
- Urdu (136)
- Welsh (139)
- Yoruba (226)
- Other (PLEASE SAY WHAT) (997)
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