

British Election Study 2017 Face-to-face survey v1.0: Release note

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This note accompanies the release of the 2017 British Election Study face to face survey (version 1.0).

Dataset and documentation

The dataset and additional documentation are available to download [here](#).

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The face-to-face survey

The face-to-face survey is an address-based random probability sample of eligible voters living in 468 wards in 234 Parliamentary Constituencies in England, Scotland, and Wales. 2,194 people completed the face-to-face survey. The fieldwork for the survey was conducted by GfK between June 26th 2017 and October 1st 2017 and achieved an overall response rate of 46.2%. The face-to-face dataset also includes a self-completion Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES) module that was answered by 984 respondents. Full details of the methodology and fieldwork are available in the technical report that accompanies the data release. Full details of the questionnaire can be found in the codebook which also accompanies the data release.

Weights

To ensure that the BES face-to-face survey is representative of the population (18+ adults in Great Britain who are eligible to vote) the data were weighted. Three weights were applied: design weights to correct for unequal selection probabilities, demographic weights which account for differing levels of response from various groups in the population, and result weights which account for differing levels of response from voters and non-voters. We recommend using the results weights (`wt_vote` and `wt_vote_valid`).

The data file contains 4 weight variables, as follows:

- `wt_sel_wt` – selection weights (including capping)
- `wt_demog` –demographic weight (capped selection plus uncapped demographic weights targeted to the voting eligible population)
- `wt_vote` –demographic and result weight (capped selection plus capped demographic weights targeted to the voting eligible population and weighting to GB turnout and vote results)
- `wt_vote_valid` – demographic and result weight validated (capped selection plus capped demographic weights targeted to the voting eligible population and weighting to GB turnout and vote results for cases with vote validation)
- `wt_demog_cses` – combined CSES weight (capped selection weight plus demographic weighting targeted to the voting eligible population for CSES cases)

Vote Validation

The name and address information of face-to-face respondents who had given their permission for their information to be linked with the electoral registers was matched against the marked electoral

registers by our team of BES Research Assistants (Jessica Smith, Charlotte Hargrave, and Laura Sanchez Carboneras). The results of the validation process are found in the turnoutValidationReg and validatedTurnoutBinary variables. In order to assess the reliability of the validation process a subset of respondents was coded by a second research assistant. This process suggests the reliability is very high. In the double coded cases, the two coders report the same outcome 97.5% of the time.

Future releases

At the time of the release of version 1.0 of the data two tasks are still ongoing which will affect future releases of the data and some analysis of the current data:

- We will be adding manually coded most important issue responses
- We will be adding occupational class measurements

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A Most important problem

ASK ALL

- A 1 First, I'd like to ask you a few questions about the issues and problems facing Britain today. As far as you're concerned, what is the single most important issue facing the country at the present time? [PostQ2.1]

PROBE IF NECESSARY: what in particular about?

WRITE IN - OPEN ENDED

Don't know

Refused

IF NOT DK, REFUSAL AT A 1

- A 2 Which party is best able to handle this issue? [PostQ2.2]

0 None/No party

1 Labour

2 Conservatives

3 Liberal Democrats

4 Scottish National Party (SNP)

5 Plaid Cymru

6 Green Party

7 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)

9 Other (WRITE IN)

- 1 (Don't know)

Refused

ASK ALL

- A 3 How interested would you say you are in politics? Would you say you are...

READ OUT

Very interested

Fairly interested

Not very interested

Not at all interested

(Don't know)

M2 I'd like to read you a few statements about public life. Using an answer from this card, please tell me how strongly you agree or disagree with each of them.

CAPI RANDOMISE ORDER OF STATEMENTS

- Politicians don't care what people like me think
- It is often difficult for me to understand what is going on in government and politics
- People like me have no say in what government does.
- The main political parties in Britain don't offer voters real choices in elections because their policies are pretty much all the same
- Parties and politicians in the UK are more concerned with fighting each other than with furthering the public interest.
- Politicians ignore the issues I really care about

SHOWCARD A

5 Strongly agree

4 Agree

3 Neither agree nor disagree

2 Disagree

1 Strongly disagree

- 1 (Don't know)

B Respondent's Electoral behaviour

ASK ALL

- B 1 Talking with people about the general election on June 8th, we have found that a lot of people didn't manage to vote. How about you, did you manage to vote in the general election? [PostQ12.1]

Single coded

1 Yes, voted

2 No, did not vote

- 1 (Don't know)

Refused

IF 'YES' AT B1

- B 2 Which party did you vote for in the general election? [PostQ12.2]

DO NOT PROMPT

1 Labour

2 Conservatives

3 Liberal Democrats

- 4 Scottish National Party (SNP)
- 5 Plaid Cymru
- 6 Green Party
- 7 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
- 9 Other (WRITE IN)
- 1 (Don't know)
- Refused

IF 'NO' AT B 1

B 4 If you had voted, which party would you probably have voted for?

DO NOT PROMPT

- 0 Would not vote for a party/refused/spoil ballot
- 1 Labour
- 2 Conservatives
- 3 Liberal Democrats
- 4 Scottish National Party (SNP)
- 5 Plaid Cymru
- 6 Green Party
- 7 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
- 9 Other (WRITE IN)
- 1 (Don't know)
- Refused

IF 'YES' AT B 1

B 5 There are different ways in which people can cast their votes in general elections - in person, by post or by proxy, that is, getting someone else to vote on their behalf. How did you cast your vote in the general election on June 8th?

- 1 In person
- 2 By post
- 3 By proxy (someone else voted on my behalf)
- 1 (Don't know)
- Refused

IF 'YES' AT B1

B 6 People give different reasons for why they vote for one party rather than another. Which of the following best describes your reasons? [PostQ52.2]

SHOW CARD 1

- 1 The party had the best policies
- 2 The party had the best leader

3 I really preferred another party but it stood no chance of winning in my constituency

4 (I voted tactically (VOLUNTEERED))

5 Other (WRITE IN)

- 1 (Don't know)

If 3 or 4 at B6

B 6A Which party do you really prefer?

1 Labour

2 Conservatives

3 Liberal Democrats

4 Scottish National Party (SNP)

5 Plaid Cymru

6 Green Party

7 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)

8 Other (WRITE IN)

- 1 (Don't know)

Refused

ASK ALL

B 7 Did you care which party won the recent general election?

INTERVIEWER IF YES PROBE TO PRE-CODES. IF 'NO' CODE AS 'DIDN'T CARE VERY MUCH'

INTERVIEWER NOTE If respondent says their answer is between the two answers ask which one comes closest. If they insist neither do then code as Don't Know.

1 Cared a good deal

2 Didn't care very much

- 1 (Don't know)

B 8

IF LIVE IN SCOTLAND ONLY

B 9 Thinking back to the referendum on Scottish independence held in September 2014, did you vote yes for independence or did you vote no, or did you not vote?

INTERVIEWER: DO NOT PROMPT

0 Did not vote

1 I voted "Yes" (Scotland should become an independent country)

2 I voted "No" (Scotland should NOT become an independent country)

96 Not eligible/too young to vote

- 1 (Don't know)

Refused

B 10

B 11

B 12 Some people say that all political parties look after certain groups and are not so concerned about others. How closely do you think the **Conservative Party** looks after the interests of...

SHOW CARD 2

- black people and Asians
- trade unions
- middle class people
- big business
- working class people
- people who are unemployed or on benefits

1 Very closely

2 Fairly closely

3 Not very closely

4 Not at all closely

- 1 (Don't know)

B 13 How closely do you think the **Labour Party** looks after the interests of

- black people and Asians
- trade unions
- middle class people
- big business
- working class people
- people who are unemployed or on benefits

SHOW CARD 2

1 Very closely

2 Fairly closely

3 Not very closely

4 Not at all closely

- 1 (Don't know)

C Attitudes toward voting

ASK ALL

C 1 How interested were you in the general election that was held on June 8th this year... READ OUT ...

- 1 ... very interested,
- 2 somewhat interested,
- 3 not very interested,
- 4 or, not at all interested?

C 2 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Please choose an answer from this card

READ OUT STATEMENTS

SHOW CARD A

CAPI RANDOMISE ORDER OF STATEMENTS

- Going to vote is a lot of effort
- I feel a sense of satisfaction when I vote
- It is every citizen's duty to vote in an election
- Most of my friends and family think that voting is a waste of time.

- 1 Strongly disagree
- 2 Disagree
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 Agree
- 5 Strongly agree
- 1 (Don't know)

D Party ID

ASK ALL

D 1 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrat, (Scottish National/Plaid Cymru) [in Scotland/Wales] or what? [PostQ9.1]

DO NOT PROMPT

- 0 None/No
- 1 Labour
- 2 Conservative
- 3 Liberal Democrat
- 4 Scottish National Party (SNP)
- 5 Plaid Cymru
- 6 Green Party
- 7 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
- 9 Other (WRITE IN)
- 1 (Don't know)
- Refused

IF 'none/no', DK OR REFUSAL AT D1

- D 2 Do you generally think of yourself as a little closer to one of the parties than the others? [PostQ9.2]

- 1 Yes
- 0 No
- 1 (Don't know)
- Refused

IF 'YES' AT D 2

- D 3 Which party is that? [PostQ9.3]

DO NOT PROMPT

- 0 None/No
- 1 Labour
- 2 Conservatives
- 3 Liberal Democrats
- 4 Scottish National Party (SNP)
- 5 Plaid Cymru
- 6 Green Party
- 7 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
- 9 Other (WRITE IN)
- 1 (Don't know)
- Refused

IF PARTY GIVEN AT D 1 OR AT D 3

- D 4 Would you call yourself very strong [party], fairly strong or not very strong? [PostQ9.4]

- 1 Very strong
- 2 Fairly strong
- 3 Not very strong

- 1 (Don't know)

E Left-right

F1 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Please choose an answer from this card

READ OUT STATEMENTS

SHOW CARD A

CAPI RANDOMISE ORDER OF STATEMENTS

- Ordinary working people get their fair share of the nation's wealth
- There is one law for the rich and one for the poor
- Young people today don't have enough respect for traditional British values
- Censorship of films and magazines is necessary to uphold moral standards
- There is no need for strong trade unions to protect employees' working conditions and wages
- Private enterprise is the best way to solve Britain's economic problems
- Major public services and industries ought to be in state ownership
- It is the government's responsibility to provide a job for everyone who wants one
- People should be allowed to organise public meetings to protest against the government
- People in Britain should be more tolerant of those who lead unconventional lives
- For some crimes, the death penalty is the most appropriate sentence
- People who break the law should be given stiffer sentences

1 Strongly disagree

2 Disagree

3 Neither agree nor disagree

4 Agree

5 Strongly agree

- 1 (Don't know)

F 2. Are you generally in favour of...

READ OUT

1 More nationalisation of companies by government

2 More privatisation of companies by government
 3 or, should things be left as they are now?
 -1 (Don't know)

ASK ALL

E 1 In politics people sometimes talk of left and right. Where would you place yourself on the following scale?

SHOW CARD 3

0 Left
 1
 2
 3
 4
 5
 6
 7
 8
 9
 10 - Right
 - 1 (Don't know)
 Refused

F

G Tax-spend (self and parties)

ASK ALL

G 1 Now, another issue. Please look at the 0 to 10 scale on this card, where the end marked 0 means that government should **cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services**, and the end marked 10 means that government should **raise taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services**, where would you place yourself on this scale? [first iteration] where do you think the policies of..... fit on this scale [2nd iteration onwards]

SHOW CARD 4

CAPI – RANDOMISE ORDER OF OPTIONS B – H. OPTION A SHOULD ALWAYS COME FIRST

- a) yourself
- b) The Conservative party

- c) the Labour Party
- d) the Liberal Democrats
- e) UKIP
- f) The Green party
- g) (ONLY IN SCOTLAND) The SNP
- h) (ONLY IN WALES) Plaid Cymru

0 Government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9

10 Government should increase taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services
- 1 (Don't know)

H Environment vs. Economy (0-10)

H 1 Thinking now about the environment, some believe that protecting the environment should have priority even if that reduces economic growth. Others believe that economic growth should have priority even if that hinders protecting the environment. What is your opinion? Please choose an answer from this card

SHOW CARD 5

0 - Economic growth should have priority

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9

10 - Protecting the environment should have priority
- 1 (Don't know)

I Leader likes-dislikes

- I 1 Now let's think about party leaders for a moment [First iteration only]. Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about

CAPI RANDOMISE ORDER OF INSERTS

- A) Jeremy Corbyn
- B) Theresa May
- C) Tim Farron
- D) Caroline Lucas
- E) Paul Nuttall
- F) (ONLY IN SCOTLAND) Nicola Sturgeon
- G) (ONLY IN WALES) Leanne Wood

SHOW CARD 6

- 0 Strongly dislike
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 Strongly like
- 1 (Don't know)
- 96 (Haven't heard of)

J Immigration running into accountability

- J 5. Moving now to another topic ... Do you think that too many immigrants have been let into this country, or not?

- 1 Yes, too many
- 0 No, not too many
- 1 (Don't know)

ASK ALL EXCEPT THOSE WHO SAID DON'T KNOW AT J5

- J 6. How strongly do you feel about this? Do you feel...
READ OUT

- 3 Very strongly
- 2 Fairly strongly
- 1 Not very strongly
- 1 (Don't know)

ASK ALL

- J 1 Do you think immigration is good or bad for Britain's economy? Please choose an answer from this card

SHOW CARD 7

- 1 Bad for economy
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7 Good for economy
- 1 (Don't know)

- J 8 Choosing an answer from this card, would you say that since the last general election in 2015 the National Health Service has got better, worse or has it stayed the same?

SHOW CARD B

- 1 Got a lot worse
- 2 Got a little worse
- 3 Stayed the same
- 4 Got a little better
- 5 Got a lot better
- 1 (Don't know)

- J 10 Now, using one of the answers on this card, what is your view about putting more money into the health service?

SHOW CARD 8

- 5 Very important that it should be done
- 4 Fairly important that it should be done
- 3 It doesn't matter either way
- 2 Fairly important that it should not be done
- 1 Very important that it should not be done
- 1 (Don't know)

- J 11 And do you think that the cost of living has got better, worse or stayed the same since the last general election in 2015?

SHOWCARD B

- 1 Got a lot worse
- 2 Got a little worse

- 3 Stayed the same
- 4 Got a little better
- 5 Got a lot better
- 1 (Don't know)

J 12 Do you think that the quality of education in schools has got better, worse or stayed the same since the last general election in 2015?

SHOWCARD B

- 1 Got a lot worse
- 2 Got a little worse
- 3 Stayed the same
- 4 Got a little better
- 5 Got a lot better
- 1 (Don't know)

K Media usage, political engagement and canvassing

K 1 How much attention do you generally pay to politics?

SHOW CARD 9

- 0 Pay no attention
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9

- 10 Pay a great deal of attention
- 1 (Don't know)

K 2 Do you regularly read about politics or current affairs in one or more newspapers (either online or in print)? [PostQxx]

- 1 Yes
- 0 No
- 1 (Don't know)

IF 'YES' TO K 2

K 3 In which newspaper do you read about politics or current affairs in most often? INCLUDE SUNDAY VERSION OR DAILY VERSION WHERE APPLICABLE. CODE ONE ONLY. DO NOT PROMPT

Express
 Financial Times
 Glasgow Herald
 Guardian/Observer
 Independent/The i
 London Evening Standard
 Mail
 Metro
 Mirror/Record
 Scotsman
 Star
 Sun
 Telegraph
 Times
 Western Mail
 Any other national paper
 Any other regional paper
 Other (specify]

K 11 Thinking again of the recent general election, did a canvasser from any party call at your home to talk to you during the election campaign?

1 Yes
 0 No
 - 1 (Don't know)

IF 'yes' to K 11

K 12 Which party or parties did they represent? (say all that apply)
 DO NOT PROMPT

1 Labour
 2 Conservatives
 3 Liberal Democrats
 4 Scottish National Party (SNP)
 5 Plaid Cymru
 6 Green Party
 7 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
 9 Other (WRITE IN)
 - 1 (Don't know)

ASK ALL

K 13 Did any of the political parties contact you during the recent election campaign in any other ways, shown on this card?

SHOW CARD C

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 1 (Don't know)

IF 'YES' AT K 13

K 14 In what way was that and by which party? CAPI SHOW AS GRID WITH TYPES OF CONTACT ACROSS TOP AND PARTIES DOWN SIDE. ALLOW MULTI CODING

- 1 Telephone call
 - 2 Leaflets/ other material to home
 - 3 Email or text message
 - 4 Contact in the street
 - 5 Twitter, Facebook or other social media
-
- 1 Labour
 - 2 Conservative
 - 3 Liberal Democrat
 - 4 Scottish National Party SCOTLAND ONLY
 - 5 Plaid Cymru WALES ONLY
 - 6 Green Party
 - 7 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
 - 1 (Don't know)

L Economy

L 1 Now a few questions about economic conditions. How does the financial situation of your household now compare with what it was **12 months ago**? [PostQ21]

SHOW CARD D

- 1 a lot worse
- 2 a little worse
- 3 the same
- 4 a little better
- 5 a lot better
- 1 (Don't know)

L 2 How do you think the **financial situation of your household** will change over the **next 12 months**? [PostQ23]

SHOW CARD D

- 1 a lot worse
- 2 a little worse
- 3 the same
- 4 a little better
- 5 a lot better
- 1 (Don't know)

L 3 How do you think the general economic situation in this country will develop over the next 12 months? [PostQ24]

SHOW CARD D

- 1 a lot worse
- 2 a little worse
- 3 the same
- 4 a little better
- 5 a lot better
- 1 (Don't know)

L 4 How do you think the general economic situation in this country has changed over the last 12 months?

SHOW CARD D

- 1 a lot worse
- 2 a little worse
- 3 the same
- 4 a little better
- 5 a lot better
- 1 (Don't know)

L 9 Some people feel that government should make much greater efforts to make people's incomes more equal. Other people feel that government should be much less concerned about how equal people's incomes are. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

SHOW CARD 10

- 0 Make much greater efforts to make people's incomes more equal
- 1

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10 Be much less concerned about how equal people's
incomes are
- 1 (Don't know)

M Political efficacy

M 1 On the whole, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way that democracy works in this country? Please answer from this card INTERVIEWER NOTE – IF SOMEONE ASKS WHAT WE MEAN BY “THIS COUNTRY” SAY IT IS THE UK, AND NOT ENGLAND/SCOTLAND ETC
SHOW CARD 11

1 Very satisfied
2 Fairly satisfied
3 A little dissatisfied
4 Very dissatisfied
Don't know

N Politicians and Trust

N 1
N 2

ASK ALL

I'd now like you to answer some questions yourself on the laptop. The laptop is very easy to use and I can demonstrate to you how it can be used

N4a Are you happy to answer the questions yourself, on the laptop?

Yes -read on screen and enter answers by themselves

No- prefer interviewer to read questions from screen

INTERVIEWER: HAND RESPONDENT THE CAPI MACHINE AND DEMONSTRATE USE BY GOING THROUGH THE FIRST QUESTION WITH THEM. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATA FROM THIS QUESTION WILL BE USED

N 3 How much do you trust British politicians generally?

0 No trust

1

2

3

4

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10 A great deal of trust

- 1 (Don't know)

O

P Europe 0-10, self and parties

P 1 Thinking back to the EU referendum held on June 23rd 2016, if you voted did you vote to remain in the EU or to leave the EU, or did you not vote?

INTERVIEWER: DO NOT PROMPT

1 I did not vote

2 Leave the EU

3 Remain in the EU

-1 (Don't know)

P 2 If there was another referendum on Britain's membership of the European Union, how do you think you would vote? Would you vote to leave the EU or to stay in?

1 Leave the EU

0 Stay in the EU

98 I would not vote

- 1 (Don't know)

P 3 Which of these comes closest to views. Britain Should:

CAPI – RANDOMISE ORDER OF OPTIONS B – H. OPTION A SHOULD ALWAYS COME FIRST

- A. Your own
- B. The Conservative Party's
- C. The Labour Party's
- D. the Liberal Democrats'
- E. UKIP's
- F. The Green party's
- G. (ONLY IN SCOTLAND) The SNP's
- H. (ONLY IN WALES) Plaid Cymru's

0 Do all it can to unite fully with the European Union

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10 Do all it can to protect its independence from the European Union
- 1 (Don't know)

P3 A. When Britain negotiates to leave the EU is it more important for the UK government to protect Britain's access to the single market or to gain full control of immigration?

0 Access to the single market

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10 Control immigration
- 1 (Don't know)

P3 B. After Brexit negotiations are finished would you be in favour of having a referendum on whether to accept the deal or remain in the EU?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 1 (Don't know)

P 4 Thinking now about how active you are in politics and community affairs, during the last 12 months, have you done any of the following? Please code all that apply

- 1 Contacted a politician, government or local government official?
- 2 Signed a petition on the Internet?
- 3 Signed a petition not on the internet?
- 4 Done any work on behalf of a political party or action group?
- 5 Given any money to a political party, organization or cause
- 6 Taken part in a public demonstration?
- 7 Bought - or refused to buy – any products for political or ethical reasons?
- 8 Gone on strike or taken industrial action?
- 0 None of these
- 1 (Don't know)

Q Party images: keeping promises/able to govern/united

Q 1 On the whole, how would you describe the following parties nowadays? [.....] a party that...

CAPI RANDOMISE PARTIES

- 1. keeps its promises
- 2. or, breaks its promises
- 3. neither or both
- 1 (Don't know)

- Is the Labour Party
- Is the Conservative Party
- Are the Liberal Democrats
- [ASK IN SCOTLAND ONLY] Is the Scottish National Party
- [ASK IN WALES ONLY] Is Plaid Cymru

Q 2 On the whole, how would you describe the following parties nowadays? Is [.....] a party that is...

CAPI RANDOMISE PARTIES

- The Conservative Party
- The Labour Party

- 1 Capable of being a strong government
- 2 Not capable of being a strong government
- 3 Neither or both
- 1 (Don't know)

Q 3 And would you describe as...

CAPI RANDOMISE PARTIES

- 1 United
- 2 or, divided?
- 3 Neither or both
- 1 (Don't know)

- The Conservative Party
- The Labour Party
- The Liberal Democrats

Thank you for answering these questions. Please give the laptop back to the interviewer

R Things that gone too far/not far enough

R 3 Now moving on to another topic... how do you feel about the attempts to ensure equality for women? Please use the showcard

SHOW CARD 12

- 5 Gone much too far
- 4 Gone a little too far
- 3 Is about right
- 2 Not gone quite far enough
- 1 Not gone nearly far enough
- 1 (Don't know)

R 4 And how do you feel about attempts to give equal opportunities to black people and Asians in Britain?

SHOW CARD 12

- 5 Gone much too far

- 4 Gone a little too far
- 3 Is about right
- 2 Not gone quite far enough
- 1 Not gone nearly far enough
- 1 (Don't know)

R 5 And how do you feel about cuts to disability benefits?
SHOW CARD 12

- 5 Gone much too far
- 4 Gone a little too far
- 3 Is about right
- 2 Not gone quite far enough
- 1 Not gone nearly far enough
- 1 (Don't know)

R5 A Should social care for the elderly be paid from general
taxation or from the person's own money (if necessary by
selling their home)?
SHOW CARD 12A

- 1 - Taxation
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 - Own money
- 1 (Don't know)

S Like scales

How likely is it that you would ever vote for each of the
following parties?

SHOW CARD 13

CAPI RANDOMISE

- Conservatives
- Labour
- Liberal Democrats
- UKIP
- Greens
- SNP (Scotland only)
- Plaid Cymru (Wales only)

- 0 very unlikely
- 1

2
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9

10 very likely

Q 11 Now, considering everything the Conservative and Labour Parties stand for, would you say that READ OUT...

- 1 There is a great difference between them
- 2 Some difference
- 3 or, not much difference?
- 1 (Don't know)

Q 12 Generally speaking do you regard the Liberal Democrats as closer to the Conservative Party or closer to the Labour Party?

- 1 Closer to the Conservatives
- 2 Closer to Labour
- 3 No difference/Equal
- 1 (Don't know)

T Civil Liberties vs. terrorism

T 1 Do you think the government should or should not do each of the following things or doesn't it matter either way...

CAPI RANDOMISE

- Spend less on defence?
- Spend less on foreign aid?

SHOW CARD 14

- 5 Definitely should
- 4 Probably should
- 3 Doesn't matter either way
- 2 Probably should not
- 1 Definitely should not
- 1 (Don't know)

- T 2 Some people feel that, in order to fight terrorism, we have to accept limits on privacy and civil liberties, others feel that privacy and civil liberties are to be protected at all cost. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

SHOW CARD 15

0 Fight terrorism

1

2

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10 Protect civil liberties

- 1 (Don't know)

U Political participation

- U 1 During the last week, on roughly how many days did you talk about politics with other people?

0 No days

1 One day

2 Two days

3 Three days

4 Four days

5 Five days

6 Six days

7 Seven days

- 1 (Don't know)

- U 3 Are you, or have you ever been, a member of any Political party?

1 Yes I am a member of a party

2 I am not a member now but used to be

0 No, I have never been a member

- 1 (Don't know)

- U 5 Thinking back to the previous general election held on 7th May 2015, do you remember which party you voted for then - or perhaps you didn't vote? [PostQ46.1]

IF 'YES': Which party was that?

INTERVIEWER: DO NOT PROMPT

- 0 Did not vote
- 1 Labour
- 2 Conservative
- 3 Liberal Democrat
- 4 Scottish National Party
- 5 Plaid Cymru
- 6 Green Party
- 7 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
- 8 British National Party (BNP)
- 9 Other (WRITE IN)
- 96 Not eligible/too young to vote
 - 1 (Don't know)
 - Refused

V Constitutional Matters

- V 1 Some people say that we should change the voting system to allow smaller political parties to get a fairer share of MPs. Others say that we should keep the voting system as it is to produce effective government. Which view comes closer to your own? READ OUT

- 1 that we should change the voting system,
- 2 or, keep it as it is?
- 1 (Don't know)

- V 4 [IN ENGLAND ONLY] Which, if any, of the following best describes how you see yourself?

SHOW CARD 16

- 1. English not British
- 2. More English than British
- 3. Equally English and British
- 4. More British than English
- 5. British not English
- 6. None of these
- 7. Other [WRITE IN] _____

- 1 (Don't know)

V 5 [IN SCOTLAND ONLY] Which, if any, of the following best describes how you see yourself?

SHOW CARD 16 (S)

1. Scottish not British
2. More Scottish than British
3. Equally Scottish and British
4. More British than Scottish
5. British not Scottish
6. None of these

7. Other [WRITE IN] _____

- 1 (Don't know)

V 6 [IN WALES ONLY] Which, if any, of the following best describes how you see yourself?

SHOW CARD 16 (W)

1. Welsh not British
2. More Welsh than British
3. Equally Welsh and British
4. More British than Welsh
5. British not Welsh
6. None of these

7. Other [WRITE IN] _____

- 1 (Don't know)

W Class

W 1 Do you ever think of yourself as belonging to any particular class?

IF YES: Which class is that?

- 1 Yes, middle class
- 2 Yes, working class
- 3 Yes, other (WRITE IN VERBATIM)
- 4 No
- 999 Don't know

IF NOT CODE 1 OR 2 AT W1 ASK W2

W 2 Most people say they belong either to the middle class or to the working class. If you had to make a choice, would you call yourself middle class or working class?

- 1 Middle class
- 2 Working class
- 3 DO NOT READ OUT Upper class
- 1 (Don't know)

ASK ALL

W 3 When you were growing up would you say your family was middle class or working class?

- 1 Middle class
- 2 Working class
- 3 DO NOT READ OUT Upper class
- 1 (Don't know)

W 8 Thinking back to when you were growing up. Do you know what party your mother usually voted for if she voted?

DO NOT PROMPT

IF QUERIED, FATHER AND MOTHER APPLIES TO THE PERSON WHO FILLED THAT ROLE WHEN THE RESPONDENT WAS GROWING UP.

- 1 Labour
- 2 Conservatives
- 3 Liberal Democrats/Liberals/SDP/Alliance
- 4 Scottish National Party (SNP)
- 5 Plaid Cymru
- 6 Green Party
- 7 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
- 8 British National Party (BNP)
- 9 Other (WRITE IN)
- 10 Had no usual party
- 0 Did not vote
- 1 (Don't know)
- 98 (No mother)

W 9 And what about your father? What party did your father vote for if he voted?

DO NOT PROMPT

- 1 Labour
- 2 Conservatives
- 3 Liberal Democrats/Liberals/SDP/Alliance
- 4 Scottish National Party (SNP)
- 5 Plaid Cymru
- 6 Green Party
- 7 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
- 8 British National Party (BNP)
- 9 Other (WRITE IN)
- 10 Had no usual party
- 0 Did not vote
- 1 (Don't know)
- 98 (No father)

INTERVIEWER RECORD WHETHER RESPONDENT
MADE QUERY ABOUT DEFINITION FATHER/MOTHER

W 11 Thinking now of trade unions and big business in this country. First, do you think that trade unions ... READ OUT ...

- 1 ...have too much power
- 2 or not?
- 1 (Don't know)

W 12 Do you think that big business in this country has too much power, or not?

- 1 ...has too much power
- 2 or, not?
- 1 (Don't know)

W 13 How middle class or working class are the main political parties? Firstly RANDOMISE ORDER Conservative Party/
Labour Party?

SHOW CARD 17

- 1 Very middle class
- 2 Fairly middle class
- 3 Slightly middle class
- 4 Neither middle class nor working class
- 5 Slightly working class
- 6 Fairly working class
- 7 Very working class
- 1 (Don't know)

W 15 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

CAPI RANDOMISE

- If welfare benefits weren't so generous, people would learn to stand on their own two feet
- University students should be charged tuition fees
- Many people who get social security don't really deserve any help

SHOW CARD A

5 Strongly agree

4 Agree

3 Neither agree nor disagree

2 Disagree

1 Strongly disagree

Don't know

R 6. Would you support or oppose re-introducing grammar schools?

SHOW CARD 17A

5 Strongly support

4 Support

3 Neither support nor oppose

2 Oppose

1 Strongly oppose

-1 (Don't know)

X Political knowledge

X 1 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 skip to the next one.

1 True

2 False

3 Don't Know

CAPI RANDOMISE ORDER OF STATEMENTS

- Polling stations close at 10.00pm on election day.
- No-one may stand for parliament unless they pay a deposit?
- Only taxpayers are allowed to vote in a general election.
- The Liberal Democrats favour a system of proportional representation for Westminster elections.
- MPs from different parties are on parliamentary committees?

- The number of members of parliament is about 100?

X 2 If there were another UK General Election tomorrow, how likely is it that you would vote?

READ OUT

- 5 Very likely that I would vote
- 4 Fairly likely
- 3 Neither likely nor unlikely
- 2 Fairly unlikely
- 1 Very unlikely that I would vote
- 1 (Don't know)
- Refused

X 3 And if there were a UK General Election tomorrow, which party would you vote for?

DO NOT PROMPT

- 1 I would not vote
- 2 Labour
- 3 Conservatives
- 4 Liberal Democrats
- 5 Scottish National Party (SNP) [SCOTLAND ONLY]
- 6 Plaid Cymru [WALES ONLY]
- 7 Green Party
- 8 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
- 9 Other (WRITE IN)
- 1 (Don't know)
- Refused

K 6 Do you use Twitter?

- 1 Yes
- 0 No
- 1 (Don't know)

K 8 Do you use Facebook?

- 1 Yes
- 0 No
- 1 (Don't know)

Y Demographics

Now some questions about you and your household which will enable us to understand the answers you have given.

Y 1 Which of the letters on this card represents the total income of your household from all sources before tax - including benefits, savings and so on?

SHOW CARD 18

1. A
 2. B
 3. C
 4. D
 5. E
 6. F
 7. G
 8. H
 9. I
 10. J
 11. K
 12. L
 13. M
 14. N
 15. O
- Don't know
Refused

NOTE: THE CODES ON THE SHOWCARD ARE LAID OUT AS FOLLOWS:

Annual	Weekly	Monthly
H. Under £2,600	Under £50	Under £217
B. £2,600 - £5,199	£50 - £99	£217 - £434
J. £5,200 - £10,399	£100 - £199	£435 - £866
F. £10,400 - £15,599	£200 - £299	£867 - £1,299
N. £15,600 - £20,799	£300 - £399	£1,300 - £1,732
A. £20,800 - £25,999	£400 - £499	£1,733 - £2,166
G. £26,000 - £31,199	£500 - £599	£2,167 - £2,599
O. £31,200 - £36,399	£600 - £699	£2,600 - £3,032
D. £36,400 - £39,999	£700 - £769	£3,033 - £3,333
L. £40,000 - £44,999	£770 - £865	£3,334 - £3,749
M. £45,000 - £49,999	£866 - £961	£3,750 - £4,166
I. 50,000 - £59,999	£962 - £1,153	£4,167 - £4,999
C. £60,000 - £74,999	£1,154 - £1,442	£5,000 - £6,249
E. £75,000 - £99,999	£1,443 - £1,923	£6,250 - £8,333
K. £100,000 or more	£1,924 or more	£8,333 or more

Y 2

Y 3 Which of these best describes where you live?

SHOW CARD 19

- 1 Own home outright
- 2 Own home on mortgage
- 3 Rented from local authority
- 4 Rented from private landlord
- 5 It belongs to a Housing Association
- 1 (Don't know)

Y 4 Do you have day-to-day caring responsibilities for any of the following in your family? (Please choose all that apply)

IF NECESSARY – this means any type of looking after or caring that you might do

SHOW CARD 20

- 1 Pre-school aged children
- 2 School aged children
- 3 Sick, disabled or elderly adults
- 9 None of the above
- 1 (Don't know)

Y 5

Y 6 Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion?

IF YES: Which? DO NOT PROMPT

- 0 No religion
- 1 Christian - no denomination
- 2 Roman Catholic
- 3 Church of England/ Anglican/Episcopal
- 4 Presbyterian/Church of Scotland
- 5 Methodist
- 6 Baptist
- 7 United Reform Church (URC)/Congregational
- 8 Free Presbyterian
- 9 Brethren
- 10 Other Protestant (WRITE IN)
- 11 Other Christian (WRITE IN)
- 12 Jewish
- 13 Hindu
- 14 Islam/Muslim
- 15 Sikh

16 Buddhist
17 Other non-Christian (WRITE IN)
97 Refusal

IF DID NOT SAY 'NO RELIGION' OR REFUSED AT Y 6

Y 7 Apart from such special occasions as weddings, funerals and baptisms and so on, how often nowadays do you attend services or meetings connected with your religion?

PROBE AS NECESSARY

- 1 Once a week or more
- 2 Less often but at least once in two weeks
- 3 Less often but at least once a month
- 4 Less often but at least twice a year
- 5 Less often but at least once a year
- 6 Less often
- 7 Varies too much to say
- 8 Never or practically never

ASK ALL

Y 8 Are you a member of a trade union or staff association?

PROBE AS NECESSARY. CODE FIRST TO APPLY

- 1 Yes: trade union
- 2 Yes: staff association
- 3 No

Y 9 INTERVIEWER TO OBSERVE AND RECORD: GENDER OF RESPONDENT

- 1. Male
- 2. Female

GFK TO CODE LOCATION INFORMATION

Y 10 Place can you me tell your age at your last birthday

ENTER AGE
Refused

Y 11 Please choose one option that best describes your ethnic group or background

SHOW CARD 21

White

1. English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
2. Irish
3. Gypsy or Irish Traveller
4. Any other White background, please describe

Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups

5. White and Black Caribbean
6. White and Black African
7. White and Asian
8. Any other Mixed/Multiple ethnic background, please describe

Asian/Asian British

9. Indian
10. Pakistani
11. Bangladeshi
12. Chinese
13. Any other Asian background, please describe

Black/ African/Caribbean/Black British

14. African
15. Caribbean
16. Any other Black/African/Caribbean background, please describe

Other ethnic group

17. Arab
18. Any other ethnic group, please describe

Y12A Do you have any educational or work-related qualifications?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

IF 'YES' AT Y12A ASK Y13A ELSE GO TO Y17

Y13A What is the **highest** qualification you have? Please take your answer from this card and just give me the number next to it.

SHOW CARD 22

INTERVIEWER: If qualification is not in list, probe for equivalent if possible.

1. Postgraduate degree
2. First degree

3. Univ/poly diploma
4. Teaching qualification
5. Nursing qualification
6. HNC/HND, City&Guilds level 4, NVQ/SVQ 4/5
7. A level or equivalent
8. Scottish Higher or equivalent
9. ONC/OND, City&Guilds level 3, NVQ/SVQ 3
10. GCSE A*-C, CSE grade 1, O level grade A-C
11. Scottish Standard grades, Ordinary bands
12. GCSE D-G, CSE grades 2-5, O level D-E
13. City&Guilds level 2, NVQ/SVQ 2 and equiv
14. City&Guilds level 1, NVQ/SVQ 1 and equiv
15. Clerical and commercial qualifications
16. Recognised trade apprenticeship
17. Youth training certificate, skill seekers
18. Other technical, professional or higher qualification (WRITE IN)

Y17 Which of these categories best describes what YOU mainly personally do at the moment?

SHOW CARD 23
CODE MAIN ACTIVITY ONLY

1. Working full time - employee (30+ hours)
2. Working full time - self-employed (30+ hours)
3. Working part time - employee (8-29 hours)
4. Working part time - self-employed (8-29 hours)
5. Unemployed and actively seeking work
6. On a government sponsored training scheme
7. A full time student or pupil
8. Looking after the family or home
9. Not working because temporarily sick or injured
10. Not working because long-term sick or disabled
11. Retired from paid work
12. None of these

CODE 5 AT Y17

Y17a Have you been unemployed for less than 1 year or longer than that?

1. Less than 1 year
2. 1 or more years

CODES 5-12 AT Y17

Y 18 Have you ever had a paid job at all, apart from any casual or holiday work?

1. Yes
2. No

IF YES AT Y 18

I would like to now ask you some questions about your last job...

Y18 A Were you an employee or self employed?

1. Employee
2. Self employed

CODES 1-4 AT Y17 OR YES AT Y 18

Y 19 What [does/did¹] the firm/organisation you worked for mainly make or do (at the place where you work/worked)?

NOTE: YOU NEED A FULL DESCRIPTION. PROBE FOR 'MANUFACTURING', 'PROCESSING', 'DISTRIBUTING', ETC AND MAIN GOODS PRODUCED, MATERIALS USED, WHOLESALE OR RETAIL ETC.

OPEN ENDED

Y 20 What [is/was] your (main) job?

OPEN ENDED

IF MORE THAN ONE JOB, MAIN JOB IS THE JOB WITH THE MOST HOURS. IF EQUAL HOURS THEN MAIN JOB IS JOB THAT IS HIGHEST PAID

Y 21 What [do/did] you mainly do in your job?'

OPEN

NOTE: CHECK FOR ANY SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING, ETC NEEDED TO DO THE JOB.

IF EMPLOYEE AT Y17 or Y18A

¹ For Y18 – Y24 use present tense for codes 1-4 at Y17 and past tense for code 1 at Y18

Y 22 In your job, [do/ did] you have any formal responsibility for supervising the work of other employees?

Note: Do not include supervisors of children, e.g. teachers, nannies, childminders; supervisors of animals; or people who supervise security or buildings only, e.g. caretakers, security guards.

1. Yes
2. No

Y 23 How many people work[ed] for your employer at the place where you work[ed]? [Is/Were] there...

IF NECESSARY: this is the total number of employees at the your workplace, not just the number employed within your particular section or department. This might consist of a single building, part of a building or, at the largest, a self-contained group of buildings.

1. 1 to 24
2. 25 to 499, or
3. 500 or more employees?

IF SELF EMPLOYED AT Y17 OR Y18A

Y 24 [Are/Were] you working on your own or [do/did] you have employees?

1. On own/with partner(s) but no employees
2. With employees

IF WITH EMPLOYEES AT Y 24

Y 25 How many people [do/did] you employ at the place where you worked? [Are/Were] there...

1. 1 to 9
2. 10 to 24
3. 25 to 499 or
4. 500 or more employees?

Y 26 Can I just check, are you ...

READ OUT

IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY ARE IN A CIVIL PARTNERSHIP CODE AS MARRIED

1. Married
2. Living with partner
3. Single

4. Widowed
5. Separated
6. Divorced

Y 45 Finally, as far as you know, is your name on the electoral register, that is, the official list of people entitled to vote, either at this address or somewhere else? INTERVIEWER NOTE 'if respondent says 2 addresses please select code 1 'at this address'

- 1 Yes, at this address
- 2 Yes, at another address
- 3 No, I am not registered
- 1 (Don't know)

IF REGISTERED AT ANOTHER ADDRESS CODE 2 AT Y
45

Y 46 Where is the other address where your name is on the electoral register? Please enter the postcode.

ENTER POST CODE

Don't know

Refused

Y46A_NEW We would like to link the answers you have given in this survey to other information about the proportion of people round here who voted. To do this we would like your permission to match your name and address to information held on the electoral register. This matching will only be done with information that is already publicly available, and will NOT include any information about who you voted for.

Would you be willing for us to add administrative data from the electoral register to the answers you have given us today?

IF NECESSARY ADD No information about how you voted is stored anywhere – your ballot papers are destroyed after the election

IF RESPONDENT NEEDS MORE INFORMATION Please look at this card which explains more about the process

1. Yes
2. No

That is the end of the interview. We are grateful for your help with this very important project. Please accept this £10/£20/£25² worth of gift vouchers as a thank you for taking part.

Y 47 We are also conducting a short self-completion survey, and we would be very grateful for your help with this. All participants will receive another £5 voucher. Are you happy to take part ? It will take around 10 minutes to complete
IF YES: The survey can be completed online. Are you able to provide me with your email address please?

IF NO OR IF SAYS DOES NOT WANT TO DO IT ONLINE:
you can complete through a paper questionnaire and send it back to us if you cannot do it online

IF NECESSARY: Only the person who took part in this survey should complete the self-completion questionnaire.

1. Yes- via the online survey
2. Yes – via paper questionnaire
3. No- do not want to take part

IF YES ONLINE AT Y47:

Please tell me your email address or type it directly into the laptop for me

ENTER EMAIL ADDRESS

Thank you - we will send you an email in the next few days that contains a link to the survey - the email will be from a GfK email address and the email heading will be Britain in 2017 follow up survey. Please check your spam or junk if you cannot find it in your inbox.

IF YES VIA PAPER QUESTIONNAIRE AT Y47

INTERVIEWER: Please write the serial number below on the paper questionnaire

[CAPI – PLEASE DISPLAY THE SERIAL NUMBER HERE]

NEW SCREEN

² Show £25 if respondent is aged 18-24, else show £20 if in London or £10 out of London (based on sample) or £20 if part of recontact sample

Then please type in the serial number found on the front page of questionnaire here:

NEW SCREEN:

Now please hand the questionnaire and the freepost envelope to the respondent.

IF YES AT Y47:

Thank you for agreeing to take part in the self completion survey.

Once you have [ONLINE] completed the survey / [PAPER] returned the questionnaire, we will send you a £5 voucher through the mail.

INTERVIEWER: CONFIRM ADDRESS WITH RESPONDENT. IF ANYTHING NEEDS CHANGING, PLEASE USE THE BOX BELOW AND ASK THEM TO CONFIRM.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE THE CORRECT ADDRESS IN ORDER TO SEND THE VOUCHER ONCE THE QUESTIONNAIRE IS [ONLINE] COMPLETED / [PAPER] RECEIVED.

SCRIPTER: PLEASE BRING UP THE ADDRESS INFO WITH 2 OPTIONS: A CODE TO CONFIRM ADDRESS IS CORRECT AND AN OPEN BOX FOR THEM TO WRITE IN CORRECT DETAILS

1 Address is correct

INTERVIEWER PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE RESPONDENT SIGNS THE CONTACT SHEET TO SAY THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED THE INCENTIVE FOR THE MAIN SURVEY [CAPI – IF THAT APPLIES: AND THE SELF COMPLETION SURVEY]

That should be [CAPI INSERT AMOUNT] worth of gift vouchers in total

FOLLOWUP 1

This survey is being carried out by GfK, an independent social research company. Occasionally we need to speak to people more than once. If we need to come back to you with any questions relating to this survey or to help with other connected research, would you be willing to help us?

IF NECESSARY, ADD: You can be assured that your name will never be passed to anyone outside our organisation without your permission.

1. Yes – willing to be re-contacted
2. No – not willing to be re-contacted

FOLLOWUP 2

If follow up research was being carried out for the Universities of Manchester, Oxford, and Nottingham, would you be willing for GfK to pass your name and contact details and information from this survey to another research organisation so they could contact you? If you are recontacted there will be no obligation to take part in any further research.

1. Yes – willing for details to be passed on
2. No – not willing for details to be passed on

IntUse

Approximately how many hours in total have you spent actively using the internet in the last week (i.e. the last seven days)? This includes E-mail, web browsing/surfing and other on-line services such as downloading, but does not cover time when you were connected but were not using it. Please include both work and personal use.

Less than 1 hour

1. 1 to 2 hours
2. 3-5 hours
3. 6-7 hours
4. 8-10 hours
5. 11-19 hours
6. 20-29 hours
7. 30 hours or more
8. Don't know

Y 48 INTERVIEWER CODE (DO NOT READ OUT)

Who else was present during interview?

INTERVIEWER: Code all that apply.

1. No-one else present (should not be multi-coded)
2. Respondent's partner/husband/wife
3. Respondent's son/daughter

4. Other adult living in household
5. Other young person living in household
6. Other adult/young person not living in household

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**INTERVIEWER PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING
BEFORE HANDING THIS TO RESPONDENT**

Enter serial number shown on CAPI:

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Then type in this number into CAPI
when prompted:

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

Please read the following before completing this questionnaire:

- Most of the questions inside this booklet can be answered simply by placing a cross () in one or more of the boxes.
- Please cross **one** box per question unless otherwise instructed
- If you have made a mistake in your answer, please completely fill the box to show the mistake () and then cross the correct answer. No special knowledge is required.
- If you have any queries please contact GfK on 0800 496 0301 or britainin2017@gfk.com

Returning the questionnaire:

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

GfK, Freepost RSZE-ARZR-SGAB

Q1. How closely do you follow politics on TV, radio, newspapers, or the Internet? Very closely, fairly closely, not very closely, or not at all?
PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ONLY

Very closely

Fairly closely.....

Not very closely

Not at all

Don't know.....

Q2. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements?
PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ONLY ON EACH ROW

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
You feel you understand the most important political issues of this country.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What people call compromise in politics is just selling out on one's principles.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Most politicians do not care about the people.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Most politicians are trustworthy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Politicians are the main problem in Britain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having a strong leader in government is good for Britain even if the leader bends the rules to get things done.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The people, and not politicians, should make our most important policy decisions.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Most politicians care only about the interests of the rich and powerful .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q3. Now thinking about minorities in Britain.
PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ONLY ON EACH ROW

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Minorities should adapt to the customs and traditions of Britain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The will of the majority should always prevail, even over the rights of minorities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Immigrants are generally good for Britain's economy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Britain's culture is generally harmed by immigrants.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Immigrants increase crime rates in Britain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q4. Some people say that the following things are important for being truly British. Others say they are not important. How important do you think the following is for being truly British... very important, fairly important, not very important, or not important at all? PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ONLY ON EACH ROW

	Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not important at all	Don't know
To have been born in Britain.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For your grandparents to have been born in Britain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To have British ancestry.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To be able to speak English.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To follow Britain's customs and traditions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q5. Now on to another topic. How widespread do you think corruption such as bribe taking is among politicians in Britain: very widespread, quite widespread, not very widespread, or it hardly happens at all? PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ONLY

Very widespread	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quite widespread	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not very widespread.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
It hardly happens at all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know.....	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q6. Now thinking about the performance of the UK government in general, how good or bad a job do you think the UK government did over the past two years? Has it done a very good job? A good job? A bad job? A very bad job? PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ONLY

Very good job	<input type="checkbox"/>
Good job.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bad job	<input type="checkbox"/>
Very bad job	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know.....	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q7. Would you say that any of the parties in Britain represent your views reasonably well?

Yes.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Go to Q8
No.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Go to Q9
Don't know.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Go to Q9

**Q8. Which party represents your views best?
PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW**

.....

Don't know.....

Q9. In politics people sometimes talk of left and right, where would you place the following parties on this scale? PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ONLY FOR EACH ROW

	Left											Right	Don't know
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
Conservatives.....	<input type="checkbox"/>												
Labour	<input type="checkbox"/>												
Liberal Democrats	<input type="checkbox"/>												
UKIP	<input type="checkbox"/>												
Green Party	<input type="checkbox"/>												

Q10. Some people feel that government should make much greater efforts to make people's incomes more equal. Other people feel that government should be much less concerned about how equal people's incomes are. On a scale where 0 means the government should make much greater efforts to make people's incomes more equal, and 10 means that government should be much less concerned about how equal people's incomes are where would you place the policies of the following parties on this scale? PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ONLY FOR EACH ROW

	Government should make much greater efforts to make people's income more equal						Government should be much less concerned about how equal people's incomes are						Don't know
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
Conservatives.....	<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"/>
Labour	<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"/>
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"/>
UKIP	<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"/>
Green 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"/>

Q11. On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about : PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ONLY FOR EACH ROW

	Strongly dislike							Strongly like				Don't know	
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
Conservatives.....	<input type="checkbox"/>												
Labour	<input type="checkbox"/>												
Liberal Democrats	<input type="checkbox"/>												
UKIP	<input type="checkbox"/>												
Green Party	<input type="checkbox"/>												

Q12. When thinking about the last general election in Britain, do you agree or disagree with the following statements? PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ONLY FOR EACH ROW

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Votes were counted fairly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Journalists provided fair coverage of elections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elections officials were fair.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rich people buy elections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Voters were offered a genuine choice at the ballot box.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q13. Please say to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statement:
The government should take measures to reduce differences in income levels.
PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ONLY**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree.....
- Somewhat disagree.....
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know.....

Q14. Some people say that it doesn't make any difference who is in power. Others say that it makes a big difference who is in power. Using the scale below, (where ONE means that it doesn't make any difference who is in power and FIVE means that it makes a big difference who is in power), where would you place yourself? PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ONLY

- | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| It doesn't make any
difference who
is in power | | | | | It makes a big
difference who
is in power | Don't
know |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q15. 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 big difference to what happens. Using the scale below, (where ONE means that voting won't make any difference to what happens and FIVE means that voting can make a big difference), where would you place yourself? PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ONLY

- | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Who people vote
for won't make
any difference | | | | | Who people vote
for can make
a big difference | Don't
Know |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q16. Do you usually think of yourself as close to any particular party?

- Yes..... **Go to Q18**
- No..... **Go to Q17**
- Don't know..... **Go to Q17**

Q17. Do you feel yourself a little closer to one of the political parties than the others?

- Yes..... **Go to Q18**
- No..... **Go to Q20**
- Don't know..... **Go to Q20**

Q18. Which party do you feel closest to? PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ONLY

- Conservatives.....
- Labour
- Liberal Democrats
- UKIP
- Green Party
- Don't know.....

Q19. Do you feel very close to this party, somewhat close, or not very close?
PLEASE CROSS ONE BOX ONLY

- Very close
- Somewhat close
- Not very close
- Don't know

Q20. Which country were you born in?

- England
- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland
- Other

Q21. Were either or both of your parents born outside of Britain?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Q22. What language do you usually speak at home (If more than one language is spoken at home, please tell us the language spoken most of the time)?

- English
- Other.....

Q23. What date did you complete this questionnaire?

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ENTER DATE

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And lastly just a few details about yourself...

Q24. Are you

- Male
- Female

Q25. And what was your age last birthday?

Enter years

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Thank you for taking part in the survey. We would be grateful if you check whether you have answered all relevant questions. Please return this questionnaire in the pre-paid envelope provided or send to GfK, Freepost RSZE-ARZR-SGAB as soon as possible