

Times Poll

CATI Fieldwork : December 5th-7th 2008

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Table 1

Q.2 If there was a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for?**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention		Vote in 2005			Labour 2005, Con 2008	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid- lands	North Eng- land	Wales & South West	Scot- land	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Con- ser- vative	Labour		Lib- eral Demo- crat
Unweighted base	1505	643	862	94	200	291	281	301	338	441	380	237	447	391	382	380	217	135	372	345	138	304	428	150	33
Weighted base	1505	722	783	181	239	297	252	223	313	394	437	317	357	394	396	368	215	132	367	324	162	294	352	187	29
Conservative	367	174	192	39	51	70	57	66	83	117	108	64	77	126	111	66	51	13	367	-	-	238	29	21	29
	24%	24%	25%	22%	21%	24%	23%	30%	27%	30%	25%	20%	22%	32%	28%	18%	24%	10%	100%	-	-	81%	8%	11%	100%
Labour	324	166	158	43	56	60	57	49	60	86	94	62	82	89	66	93	35	41	-	324	-	5	210	19	-
	22%	23%	20%	24%	23%	20%	22%	22%	19%	22%	22%	20%	23%	23%	17%	25%	16%	31%	-	100%	-	2%	60%	10%	-
Liberal Democrat	162	77	85	23	25	30	30	18	36	48	48	41	25	41	49	37	25	10	-	-	162	6	20	94	-
	11%	11%	11%	13%	11%	10%	12%	8%	11%	12%	11%	13%	7%	10%	12%	10%	11%	8%	-	-	100%	2%	6%	50%	-
SNP	27	10	17	-	7	4	5	2	10	6	6	2	12	-	-	-	-	27	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
	2%	1%	2%	-	3%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	3%	-	-	-	-	20%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-
Plaid Cymru	10	-	10	4	-	1	3	1	1	3	6	-	1	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	1%	-	1%	2%	-	*	1%	*	*	1%	1%	-	*	-	-	-	4%	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-
The Green Party	15	9	5	1	3	2	6	2	1	5	8	-	1	6	4	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	2%	1%	*	1%	2%	-	*	2%	1%	1%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	1%	1%	-
The United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)	17	12	4	2	1	5	3	2	3	7	4	3	2	6	5	3	2	1	-	-	-	3	2	-	-
	1%	2%	1%	1%	*	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	1%	-	-
The British National Party (BNP)	14	9	5	4	-	3	4	2	1	2	2	5	5	2	7	3	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
	1%	1%	1%	2%	-	1%	2%	1%	*	*	1%	2%	1%	*	2%	1%	*	-	-	-	-	1%	*	-	-
Some other party	15	10	5	2	1	6	1	2	2	6	2	4	3	2	3	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-
	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	*	1%	-
Would not vote at all	232	119	113	51	48	50	34	19	29	36	63	62	72	48	63	74	31	15	-	-	-	8	17	9	-
	15%	16%	14%	28%	20%	17%	14%	9%	9%	9%	14%	19%	20%	12%	16%	20%	15%	12%	-	-	-	3%	5%	5%	-
Refused	108	44	63	-	14	13	18	21	42	27	32	17	32	23	33	29	14	8	-	-	-	8	9	6	-
	7%	6%	8%	-	6%	4%	7%	9%	13%	7%	7%	5%	9%	6%	8%	8%	7%	6%	-	-	-	3%	3%	3%	-
Don't know	216	91	125	12	33	53	34	39	45	51	64	57	44	50	54	57	38	17	-	-	-	22	60	33	-
	14%	13%	16%	7%	14%	18%	13%	17%	15%	13%	15%	18%	12%	13%	14%	15%	18%	13%	-	-	-	7%	17%	18%	-

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Table 2

Q.1 Many people currently say that they probably won't vote at all, while others say they would definitely vote.

How likely are you, personally, to vote at the next election?

Q.2 If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for?

THIS TABLE DOES NOT INCLUDE ADJUSTMENT FOR DON'T KNOW/REFUSERS

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention		Vote in 2005			Labour 2005, Con 2008	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Con-ser-vative	Labour		Lib-eral Demo-crat
Unweighted base	849	370	479	45	99	160	168	180	197	279	216	117	238	243	202	200	119	84	342	308	124	255	295	103	31
Weighted base	838	410	428	87	119	161	153	133	184	252	246	157	182	245	210	187	114	82	333	283	143	244	245	127	27
Conservative	333	157	176	32	42	64	53	63	80	107	99	57	70	118	97	62	45	12	333	-	-	227	27	19	27
	40%	38%	41%	36%	35%	40%	35%	47%	43%	43%	40%	36%	39%	48%	46%	33%	39%	15%	100%	-	-	93%	11%	15%	100%
Labour	283	145	139	32	45	54	51	45	56	75	80	55	73	77	56	84	29	37	-	283	-	5	195	18	-
	34%	35%	32%	37%	38%	33%	34%	34%	30%	30%	33%	35%	40%	31%	27%	45%	26%	46%	-	100%	-	2%	79%	14%	-
Liberal Democrat	143	67	76	16	23	25	28	17	34	45	44	34	20	38	40	33	24	8	-	-	143	6	18	86	-
	17%	16%	18%	19%	19%	16%	18%	13%	18%	18%	18%	21%	11%	16%	19%	18%	21%	10%	-	-	100%	2%	7%	68%	-
SNP	24	9	14	-	5	4	4	2	8	5	5	2	11	-	-	-	-	24	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	3%	2%	3%	-	4%	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	1%	6%	-	-	-	-	29%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-
Plaid Cymru	7	-	7	1	-	1	3	1	1	3	4	-	*	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	1%	-	2%	2%	-	1%	2%	1%	*	1%	2%	-	*	-	-	-	6%	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-
The Green Party	12	7	5	*	3	2	6	1	*	4	6	-	1	5	3	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	4%	1%	*	2%	3%	-	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	1%	1%	-
The United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)	12	9	3	1	1	4	3	1	3	5	4	2	1	4	4	2	2	1	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	-	-	-	1%	1%	-	-
The British National Party (BNP)	11	7	5	2	-	3	4	2	1	2	2	5	3	2	7	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
	1%	2%	1%	2%	-	2%	3%	1%	*	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	4%	1%	1%	-	-	-	-	1%	*	-	-
Some other party	12	8	4	2	1	4	1	2	1	6	2	3	2	2	2	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	1%	2%	-

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Table 3
Published voting intention figures

	<u>Total</u>
Conservative	39%
Labour	35%
Liberal Democrat/ Liberal	17%
Scottish National Party/SNP	3%
Plaid Cymru	1%
Other	5%

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Table 4

Q.4 With Britain's economy facing problems in the months or years ahead, who do you most trust to deal with it in the best interests of Britain?

Base: All "Sample A" respondents

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention		Vote in 2005			Labour 2005, Con 2008	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid- lands	North Eng- land	Wales & South West	Scot- land	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Con- ser- vative	Labour		Lib- eral Demo- crat
Unweighted base	751	326	425	42	111	159	131	148	160	223	203	120	205	202	183	190	108	68	186	179	66	156	220	80	18
Weighted base	760	364	396	80	135	163	116	115	151	207	235	154	164	209	191	185	108	66	191	169	74	156	182	102	16
David Cameron & the Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne	234 31%	122 34%	111 28%	29 36%	42 31%	45 27%	32 27%	38 33%	49 32%	72 35%	83 35%	37 24%	43 26%	78 37%	70 37%	42 23%	33 31%	11 16%	154 81%	12 7%	19 26%	115 74%	21 11%	31 31%	11 66%
Gordon Brown & the Chancellor of the Exchequer Alistair Darling	300 40%	153 42%	147 37%	31 39%	63 47%	60 37%	46 39%	46 40%	54 36%	83 40%	80 34%	66 43%	71 43%	69 33%	64 34%	86 46%	44 41%	37 56%	16 9%	139 82%	36 49%	16 10%	127 70%	42 41%	4 22%
Neither	137 18%	63 17%	75 19%	10 13%	15 11%	31 19%	25 21%	22 19%	34 23%	31 15%	43 18%	29 19%	34 21%	37 18%	36 19%	36 19%	20 18%	9 13%	14 7%	11 6%	14 18%	17 11%	21 12%	20 20%	2 12%
Don't know	88 12%	26 7%	63 16%	10 13%	14 11%	26 16%	14 12%	10 8%	14 9%	21 10%	29 12%	23 15%	16 10%	25 12%	21 11%	22 12%	10 10%	10 15%	7 4%	7 4%	5 7%	8 5%	13 7%	9 8%	-

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Table 5

Q.5 Putting aside your party preference, which of the three main party leaders do you feel would make the better Prime Minister...?

Base: All "Sample B" respondents

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			Vote in 2005			Labour 2005, Con 2008		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat			
Unweighted base	754	317	437	52	89	132	150	153	178	218	177	117	242	189	199	190	109	67	186	166	72	148	208	70	15		
Weighted base	745	358	387	101	104	135	136	107	161	187	203	163	193	185	205	183	107	66	176	155	88	138	169	84	12		
<u>Right now, to deal with Britain's economy in recession</u>																											
Gordon Brown	294	152	142	44	51	57	48	41	53	79	83	66	65	76	64	77	42	35	19	132	34	17	113	35	3		
	39%	42%	37%	44%	48%	42%	35%	38%	33%	42%	41%	41%	34%	41%	31%	42%	40%	53%	11%	85%	38%	12%	67%	41%	27%		
David Cameron	240	114	126	30	28	40	50	36	55	65	64	54	58	72	67	49	37	14	129	14	27	95	32	27	9		
	32%	32%	33%	30%	27%	30%	36%	34%	34%	35%	31%	33%	30%	39%	33%	27%	34%	22%	74%	9%	31%	69%	19%	32%	68%		
Nick Clegg	47	28	19	4	5	7	10	8	13	14	13	8	12	9	15	12	6	5	10	*	21	8	6	17	1		
	6%	8%	5%	3%	5%	6%	7%	8%	8%	7%	6%	5%	6%	5%	8%	6%	6%	8%	6%	*	24%	6%	3%	20%	5%		
Don't know	164	64	100	23	20	31	29	22	40	29	42	35	58	28	59	45	22	12	18	9	6	18	19	6	-		
	22%	18%	26%	23%	20%	23%	21%	20%	25%	15%	21%	21%	30%	15%	29%	24%	20%	18%	10%	6%	7%	13%	11%	8%	-		
<u>To lead Britain forward after the next general election</u>																											
Gordon Brown	253	130	123	42	42	45	41	35	49	64	65	62	62	56	66	68	36	28	11	123	27	9	108	25	1		
	34%	36%	32%	42%	40%	33%	30%	33%	30%	34%	32%	38%	32%	30%	32%	37%	33%	42%	6%	79%	31%	6%	64%	30%	9%		
David Cameron	270	132	139	28	33	45	55	39	69	72	77	52	70	82	70	56	41	21	142	20	22	107	33	26	11		
	36%	37%	36%	28%	32%	34%	41%	36%	43%	38%	38%	32%	36%	44%	34%	31%	39%	32%	81%	13%	25%	78%	20%	31%	91%		
Nick Clegg	55	32	23	10	9	8	7	11	11	12	17	13	13	18	15	13	6	3	9	2	28	6	9	21	-		
	7%	9%	6%	10%	8%	6%	5%	10%	7%	7%	8%	8%	7%	10%	7%	7%	5%	4%	5%	1%	31%	4%	5%	24%	-		
Don't know	166	65	102	21	21	37	33	22	32	39	44	36	48	29	53	46	24	14	14	10	11	16	19	12	-		
	22%	18%	26%	21%	20%	27%	25%	21%	20%	21%	22%	22%	25%	16%	26%	25%	23%	21%	8%	6%	13%	12%	11%	15%	-		

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Table 6

Q.6 Please say which one of the following statements you most agree with?**Base: All "Sample A" respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention		Vote in 2005			Labour 2005, Con 2008	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid- lands	North Eng- land	Wales & South West	Scot- land	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Con- ser- vative	Labour		Lib- eral Demo- crat
Unweighted base	751	326	425	42	111	159	131	148	160	223	203	120	205	202	183	190	108	68	186	179	66	156	220	80	18
Weighted base	760	364	396	80	135	163	116	115	151	207	235	154	164	209	191	185	108	66	191	169	74	156	182	102	16
I am satisfied with the Labour Government overall	190 25%	94 26%	96 24%	28 35%	39 29%	38 23%	23 20%	24 21%	39 26%	45 22%	54 23%	40 26%	51 31%	41 20%	31 16%	64 35%	25 23%	30 45%	5 3%	103 61%	14 19%	6 4%	83 46%	23 23%	1 5%
I am dissatisfied with the Labour Government overall, but I still prefer them to a Conservative Government	186 25%	83 23%	104 26%	21 27%	36 27%	48 30%	31 27%	24 21%	26 17%	51 25%	48 20%	44 29%	43 26%	49 23%	54 28%	39 21%	28 26%	16 24%	15 8%	51 30%	32 43%	10 6%	61 33%	35 34%	4 23%
I am dissatisfied with the Labour Government overall and I would rather have a Conservative Government	269 35%	136 37%	133 33%	28 36%	49 36%	47 29%	41 35%	51 44%	52 35%	84 41%	97 41%	49 32%	38 23%	91 43%	76 40%	53 28%	35 33%	14 22%	169 89%	10 6%	17 23%	135 86%	23 12%	30 29%	12 73%
Refused	18 2%	8 2%	10 3%	-	2 1%	5 3%	2 2%	4 3%	5 3%	6 3%	6 2%	1 1%	6 4%	4 2%	7 4%	3 2%	3 2%	1 1%	-	-	-	1 *	1 1%	2 2%	-
Don't know	96 13%	43 12%	54 14%	2 3%	10 7%	24 15%	19 17%	13 11%	29 19%	20 10%	30 13%	20 13%	25 16%	24 12%	23 12%	26 14%	18 16%	5 8%	1 1%	6 3%	11 15%	5 3%	15 8%	12 12%	-

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Table 7

Q.8a If a civil servant in a government department believes that important information is being hidden from the public do you think that passing this information to opposition MPs is the right thing to do, or the wrong thing to do?

Base: All "Sample A" respondents

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			Vote in 2005			Labour 2005, Con 2008
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid- lands	North Eng- land	Wales & South West	Scot- land	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	
Unweighted base	751	326	425	42	111	159	131	148	160	223	203	120	205	202	183	190	108	68	186	179	66	156	220	80	18
Weighted base	760	364	396	80	135	163	116	115	151	207	235	154	164	209	191	185	108	66	191	169	74	156	182	102	16
Right thing	218	127	91	16	33	39	36	44	51	69	79	44	27	67	65	42	31	13	75	30	33	66	44	46	4
	29%	35%	23%	20%	24%	24%	31%	38%	34%	33%	33%	29%	16%	32%	34%	22%	29%	20%	39%	18%	44%	42%	24%	45%	26%
Wrong thing	101	54	47	8	15	17	18	13	30	35	22	18	26	34	16	22	13	16	15	36	7	18	36	11	*
	13%	15%	12%	10%	11%	10%	16%	11%	20%	17%	9%	12%	16%	16%	8%	12%	12%	25%	8%	21%	9%	12%	19%	11%	3%
Haven't followed closely enough to have a view	428	180	248	54	84	106	59	59	66	100	133	86	107	108	106	116	62	37	99	101	35	72	101	43	11
	56%	49%	63%	68%	63%	65%	50%	51%	43%	49%	57%	56%	66%	51%	56%	62%	57%	55%	52%	60%	47%	46%	55%	42%	71%
Don't know	13	2	10	1	2	1	3	-	5	3	1	6	3	1	4	7	2	-	2	2	-	-	2	2	-
	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	*	3%	-	3%	1%	*	4%	2%	*	2%	4%	1%	-	1%	1%	-	-	1%	2%	-

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Table 8

Q.8b If Opposition MPs were to encourage civil servants to pass such information to them so they could put it into the public domain, do you think that would be the right thing to do or the wrong thing to do?

Base: All "Sample A" respondents

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			Vote in 2005			Labour 2005, Con 2008
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid- lands	North Eng- land	Wales & South West	Scot- land	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	
Unweighted base	751	326	425	42	111	159	131	148	160	223	203	120	205	202	183	190	108	68	186	179	66	156	220	80	18
Weighted base	760	364	396	80	135	163	116	115	151	207	235	154	164	209	191	185	108	66	191	169	74	156	182	102	16
Right thing	194	109	85	22	33	32	28	36	44	60	61	45	28	52	53	41	29	19	54	33	29	52	39	43	4
	26%	30%	22%	27%	24%	20%	24%	31%	29%	29%	26%	29%	17%	25%	28%	22%	27%	29%	28%	19%	39%	33%	22%	42%	26%
Wrong thing	123	68	54	4	14	24	29	18	34	44	37	17	25	46	28	24	14	11	32	33	10	29	38	14	*
	16%	19%	14%	5%	11%	15%	25%	16%	22%	21%	16%	11%	15%	22%	15%	13%	13%	16%	17%	19%	13%	18%	21%	14%	3%
Haven't followed closely enough to have a view	428	180	248	54	84	106	59	59	66	100	133	86	107	108	106	116	62	37	99	101	35	72	101	43	11
	56%	49%	63%	68%	63%	65%	50%	51%	43%	49%	57%	56%	66%	51%	56%	62%	57%	55%	52%	60%	47%	46%	55%	42%	71%
Don't know	15	7	8	-	3	1	*	3	8	3	3	5	3	3	3	5	3	-	6	3	-	4	4	2	-
	2%	2%	2%	-	3%	1%	*	2%	5%	1%	1%	4%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	-	3%	2%	-	3%	2%	2%	-

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Table 9

Q.8c How well or badly do you think that each of the following have handled this affair?**The Home Secretary****Base: All "Sample A" respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			Vote in 2005			Labour 2005, Con 2008
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid- lands	North Eng- land	Wales & South West	Scot- land	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	
Unweighted base	751	326	425	42	111	159	131	148	160	223	203	120	205	202	183	190	108	68	186	179	66	156	220	80	18
Weighted base	760	364	396	80	135	163	116	115	151	207	235	154	164	209	191	185	108	66	191	169	74	156	182	102	16
NET: Well	90 12%	55 15%	35 9%	13 16%	16 12%	12 7%	17 15%	14 12%	18 12%	32 16%	25 11%	14 9%	19 12%	25 12%	8 4%	22 12%	22 20%	13 20%	10 5%	36 21%	11 14%	10 6%	37 20%	13 13%	1 7%
Very well	(4) 11 1%	6 2%	4 1%	- -	3 2%	- -	2 2%	2 2%	4 2%	1 1%	5 2%	- -	4 2%	1 *	1 *	7 4%	2 2%	- -	2 1%	4 2%	2 2%	3 2%	4 2%	3 3%	- -
Quite well	(3) 80 10%	48 13%	31 8%	13 16%	13 10%	12 7%	15 13%	12 10%	15 10%	31 15%	19 8%	14 9%	15 9%	25 12%	7 4%	15 8%	20 18%	13 20%	8 4%	33 19%	9 12%	6 4%	34 18%	10 10%	1 7%
Quite badly	(2) 139 18%	77 21%	62 16%	10 12%	21 16%	25 15%	25 22%	21 18%	37 24%	44 21%	45 19%	29 19%	21 13%	42 20%	45 24%	29 16%	13 12%	10 15%	40 21%	24 14%	20 27%	40 26%	29 16%	28 28%	1 9%
Very badly	(1) 87 12%	50 14%	37 9%	- -	9 7%	17 10%	12 10%	22 19%	27 18%	25 12%	27 12%	19 13%	15 9%	35 17%	24 12%	15 8%	9 9%	5 7%	38 20%	6 3%	8 11%	33 21%	12 7%	15 15%	2 14%
NET: Badly	226 30%	128 35%	99 25%	10 12%	30 22%	42 26%	37 32%	43 37%	64 42%	69 34%	73 31%	48 31%	36 22%	76 36%	69 36%	44 24%	23 21%	15 23%	78 41%	30 18%	28 38%	73 47%	41 22%	43 42%	4 23%
Haven't followed closely enough to have a view	428 56%	180 49%	248 63%	54 68%	84 63%	106 65%	59 50%	59 51%	66 43%	100 49%	133 57%	86 56%	107 66%	108 51%	106 56%	116 62%	62 57%	37 55%	99 52%	101 60%	35 47%	72 46%	101 55%	43 42%	11 71%
Don't know	16 2%	2 *	14 4%	2 3%	4 3%	3 2%	3 2%	- -	3 2%	5 2%	4 2%	6 4%	1 1%	- -	8 4%	4 2%	2 1%	2 2%	4 2%	2 1%	- -	2 1%	4 2%	2 2%	- -
Mean	2.04	2.06	2.02	2.56	2.22	1.90	2.13	1.89	1.94	2.08	2.03	1.92	2.14	1.91	1.81	2.21	2.33	2.30	1.70	2.51	2.10	1.76	2.37	2.02	1.75
Standard deviation	0.81	0.83	0.80	0.51	0.84	0.73	0.80	0.86	0.83	0.78	0.84	0.74	0.91	0.78	0.64	0.92	0.87	0.75	0.72	0.74	0.79	0.76	0.80	0.82	0.90
Standard error	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.15	0.14	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.07	0.09	0.11	0.11	0.08	0.08	0.11	0.12	0.14	0.08	0.09	0.14	0.08	0.08	0.12	0.40

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Table 10

Q.8c How well or badly do you think that each of the following have handled this affair?**The civil service****Base: All "Sample A" respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			Vote in 2005			Labour 2005, Con 2008
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid- lands	North Eng- land	Wales & South West	Scot- land	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	
Unweighted base	751	326	425	42	111	159	131	148	160	223	203	120	205	202	183	190	108	68	186	179	66	156	220	80	18
Weighted base	760	364	396	80	135	163	116	115	151	207	235	154	164	209	191	185	108	66	191	169	74	156	182	102	16
NET: Well	106 14%	64 18%	42 11%	17 22%	18 13%	10 6%	20 17%	14 12%	26 17%	29 14%	39 17%	22 14%	16 10%	30 15%	23 12%	21 11%	16 15%	16 24%	18 9%	30 18%	14 19%	15 9%	28 16%	23 23%	1 6%
Very well	(4) 7 1%	5 1%	2 1%	- -	- -	- -	3 2%	1 1%	3 2%	1 *	4 2%	- -	2 1%	1 *	1 *	3 2%	2 2%	- -	1 1%	1 *	2 2%	1 1%	1 *	3 3%	- -
Quite well	(3) 99 13%	59 16%	39 10%	17 22%	18 13%	10 6%	17 15%	13 11%	23 16%	28 14%	35 15%	22 14%	14 9%	30 14%	22 12%	18 9%	14 13%	16 24%	16 9%	30 18%	12 16%	13 9%	28 15%	20 20%	1 6%
Quite badly	(2) 135 18%	71 20%	64 16%	5 7%	20 15%	28 17%	25 22%	24 21%	32 21%	53 25%	39 17%	24 16%	19 11%	44 21%	33 17%	30 16%	21 19%	7 11%	45 23%	20 12%	21 28%	40 25%	32 18%	25 24%	4 24%
Very badly	(1) 67 9%	43 12%	24 6%	- -	7 5%	15 9%	8 7%	17 15%	20 13%	19 9%	16 7%	16 10%	16 10%	24 12%	18 9%	11 6%	7 6%	6 9%	22 12%	15 9%	5 6%	25 16%	16 9%	7 7%	- -
NET: Badly	201 26%	114 31%	88 22%	5 7%	27 20%	43 26%	33 29%	41 36%	52 34%	71 34%	55 23%	40 26%	35 21%	68 32%	51 27%	41 22%	28 26%	13 20%	67 35%	35 20%	25 34%	65 41%	49 27%	32 32%	4 24%
Haven't followed closely enough to have a view	428 56%	180 49%	248 63%	54 68%	84 63%	106 65%	59 50%	59 51%	66 43%	100 49%	133 57%	86 56%	107 66%	108 51%	106 56%	116 62%	62 57%	37 55%	99 52%	101 60%	35 47%	72 46%	101 55%	43 42%	11 71%
Don't know	25 3%	6 2%	19 5%	2 3%	6 4%	4 2%	4 3%	1 1%	8 5%	6 3%	7 3%	6 4%	6 4%	3 2%	11 6%	8 4%	2 2%	1 1%	8 4%	3 2%	- -	5 3%	5 3%	3 3%	- -
Mean	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.76	2.25	1.91	2.27	1.96	2.12	2.11	2.29	2.09	2.04	2.07	2.07	2.21	2.26	2.33	1.96	2.25	2.28	1.88	2.16	2.34	2.20
Standard deviation	0.78	0.81	0.73	0.44	0.71	0.69	0.78	0.80	0.84	0.70	0.80	0.78	0.87	0.76	0.76	0.81	0.79	0.82	0.72	0.82	0.74	0.74	0.76	0.78	0.45
Standard error	0.04	0.06	0.06	0.13	0.12	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.07	0.09	0.12	0.11	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.11	0.15	0.08	0.10	0.13	0.08	0.08	0.12	0.20

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Table 11

Q.8c How well or badly do you think that each of the following have handled this affair?**The police****Base: All "Sample A" respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			Vote in 2005			Labour 2005, Con 2008
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid- lands	North Eng- land	Wales & South West	Scot- land	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	
Unweighted base	751	326	425	42	111	159	131	148	160	223	203	120	205	202	183	190	108	68	186	179	66	156	220	80	18
Weighted base	760	364	396	80	135	163	116	115	151	207	235	154	164	209	191	185	108	66	191	169	74	156	182	102	16
NET: Well	105 14%	71 19%	34 9%	12 15%	18 13%	9 6%	25 22%	16 14%	25 16%	29 14%	37 16%	17 11%	22 14%	27 13%	23 12%	25 14%	18 17%	10 15%	19 10%	33 19%	12 16%	17 11%	32 17%	16 15%	2 10%
Very well	(4) 27 4%	19 5%	8 2%	- -	7 5%	2 1%	6 5%	5 5%	7 5%	5 2%	8 3%	6 4%	9 5%	8 4%	5 2%	4 2%	8 7%	2 4%	4 2%	7 4%	4 5%	5 3%	9 5%	3 3%	1 7%
Quite well	(3) 77 10%	52 14%	26 6%	12 15%	11 8%	7 4%	19 16%	11 9%	18 12%	24 12%	29 12%	11 7%	13 8%	19 9%	19 10%	21 11%	10 9%	8 12%	15 8%	25 15%	8 11%	12 7%	23 12%	13 12%	* 3%
Quite badly	(2) 120 16%	56 15%	65 16%	8 10%	13 9%	24 15%	23 20%	16 14%	37 24%	43 21%	34 15%	26 17%	17 10%	37 18%	27 14%	25 14%	17 16%	14 21%	36 19%	22 13%	12 16%	35 22%	28 15%	23 22%	2 10%
Very badly	(1) 95 12%	56 15%	39 10%	2 3%	17 13%	24 15%	6 5%	25 22%	21 14%	30 15%	29 13%	19 12%	16 10%	36 17%	30 15%	16 9%	8 8%	5 8%	34 18%	11 7%	15 21%	31 20%	18 10%	18 18%	2 10%
NET: Badly	215 28%	112 31%	103 26%	10 13%	30 22%	48 29%	29 25%	40 35%	57 38%	74 36%	64 27%	45 29%	32 20%	73 35%	56 29%	41 22%	26 24%	19 28%	70 37%	33 20%	27 36%	66 42%	46 25%	41 40%	3 20%
Haven't followed closely enough to have a view	428 56%	180 49%	248 63%	54 68%	84 63%	106 65%	59 50%	59 51%	66 43%	100 49%	133 57%	86 56%	107 66%	108 51%	106 56%	116 62%	62 57%	37 55%	99 52%	101 60%	35 47%	72 46%	101 55%	43 42%	11 71%
Don't know	13 2%	2 *	11 3%	2 3%	3 2%	- -	3 3%	- -	4 3%	4 2%	1 *	6 4%	2 1%	1 *	5 3%	3 2%	2 2%	1 1%	3 2%	2 1%	- -	2 1%	4 2%	2 2%	- -
Mean	2.12	2.18	2.03	2.44	2.15	1.78	2.46	1.94	2.13	2.03	2.15	2.06	2.28	2.00	1.98	2.20	2.41	2.26	1.87	2.44	2.01	1.90	2.29	2.00	2.23
Standard deviation	0.93	0.99	0.85	0.68	1.08	0.81	0.84	1.01	0.90	0.85	0.94	0.94	1.06	0.94	0.92	0.88	1.01	0.86	0.85	0.90	1.00	0.88	0.96	0.87	1.27
Standard error	0.05	0.08	0.07	0.20	0.17	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.10	0.08	0.10	0.14	0.13	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.15	0.16	0.09	0.11	0.17	0.10	0.10	0.13	0.57

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Table 12

Q.8c How well or badly do you think that each of the following have handled this affair?**The Speaker****Base: All "Sample A" respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			Vote in 2005			Labour 2005, Con 2008	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid- lands	North Eng- land	Wales & South West	Scot- land	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat		
Unweighted base	751	326	425	42	111	159	131	148	160	223	203	120	205	202	183	190	108	68	186	179	66	156	220	80	18	
Weighted base	760	364	396	80	135	163	116	115	151	207	235	154	164	209	191	185	108	66	191	169	74	156	182	102	16	
NET: Well	89	53	36	13	18	8	26	7	17	24	25	21	20	20	22	17	11	19	17	27	12	14	24	12	-	
	12%	15%	9%	17%	13%	5%	22%	6%	11%	12%	11%	13%	12%	10%	11%	9%	11%	28%	9%	16%	16%	9%	13%	12%	-	
Very well	(4)	16	13	4	5	2	-	5	1	3	6	4	2	4	3	4	2	5	2	3	6	3	3	6	4	-
		2%	3%	1%	7%	2%	-	4%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	4%	3%	1%	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	-
Quite well	(3)	73	41	33	8	16	8	21	6	14	18	21	18	16	17	17	15	7	17	14	22	9	11	18	8	-
		10%	11%	8%	10%	12%	5%	18%	6%	9%	9%	12%	10%	8%	9%	8%	6%	26%	7%	13%	12%	7%	10%	8%	-	
Quite badly	(2)	102	54	47	6	14	23	14	18	26	39	30	16	16	32	21	26	18	5	26	17	14	28	23	22	*
		13%	15%	12%	8%	10%	14%	12%	16%	17%	19%	13%	11%	10%	15%	11%	14%	17%	7%	13%	10%	19%	18%	13%	21%	3%
Very badly	(1)	119	72	47	3	13	22	15	29	36	38	44	22	15	47	34	20	14	4	45	18	13	41	26	23	4
		16%	20%	12%	4%	10%	14%	13%	25%	24%	18%	19%	14%	9%	22%	18%	11%	13%	5%	24%	10%	17%	26%	14%	22%	26%
NET: Badly		221	126	94	9	27	45	30	47	62	77	74	38	32	78	56	46	32	8	71	35	27	69	49	45	5
		29%	35%	24%	12%	20%	28%	26%	41%	41%	37%	31%	25%	19%	38%	29%	25%	30%	13%	37%	20%	36%	44%	27%	44%	29%
Haven't followed closely enough to have a view		428	180	248	54	84	106	59	59	66	100	133	86	107	108	106	116	62	37	99	101	35	72	101	43	11
		56%	49%	63%	68%	63%	65%	50%	51%	43%	49%	57%	56%	66%	51%	56%	62%	57%	55%	52%	60%	47%	46%	55%	42%	71%
Don't know		22	5	18	2	6	3	2	2	7	6	3	9	5	3	8	7	2	3	4	6	-	1	9	2	-
		3%	1%	4%	3%	4%	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%	1%	6%	3%	1%	4%	4%	2%	4%	2%	4%	-	1%	5%	2%	-
Mean		1.96	1.97	1.94	2.68	2.17	1.74	2.27	1.61	1.79	1.92	1.84	2.02	2.16	1.76	1.89	1.99	2.05	2.62	1.71	2.25	2.06	1.71	2.05	1.88	1.10
Standard deviation		0.91	0.95	0.85	1.00	0.92	0.71	0.98	0.75	0.86	0.89	0.89	0.93	0.95	0.85	0.94	0.84	0.97	0.81	0.85	0.98	0.93	0.83	0.97	0.91	0.34
Standard error		0.05	0.07	0.07	0.30	0.15	0.10	0.13	0.09	0.10	0.08	0.10	0.14	0.12	0.09	0.11	0.11	0.14	0.16	0.09	0.12	0.16	0.09	0.10	0.14	0.15

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Table 13

Q.8e From what you know about this story, which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Base: All "Sample A" respondents

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention		Vote in 2005			Labour 2005, Con 2008		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid- lands	North Eng- land	Wales & South West	Scot- land	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Con- ser- vative		Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat
Unweighted base	751	326	425	42	111	159	131	148	160	223	203	120	205	202	183	190	108	68	186	179	66	156	220	80	18
Weighted base	760	364	396	80	135	163	116	115	151	207	235	154	164	209	191	185	108	66	191	169	74	156	182	102	16
There are important issues at stake in this case and it is right that politicians should be giving it so much attention	295 39%	147 40%	148 37%	26 33%	55 41%	57 35%	47 41%	47 40%	63 42%	96 46%	86 36%	68 44%	46 28%	88 42%	69 36%	67 36%	45 42%	26 39%	89 47%	66 39%	43 58%	68 44%	73 40%	46 45%	10 62%
This is one of those typical Westminster arguments that bear no relation to the lives of ordinary people and politicians should be discussing more important issues	340 45%	168 46%	172 43%	42 53%	57 42%	71 44%	51 44%	53 46%	65 43%	88 43%	106 45%	64 41%	82 50%	85 40%	95 50%	83 45%	47 43%	30 46%	79 42%	81 48%	26 35%	73 47%	82 45%	51 50%	5 30%
Don't know	125 16%	49 13%	76 19%	11 14%	22 17%	35 21%	18 16%	15 13%	23 15%	23 11%	43 18%	23 15%	35 22%	36 17%	27 14%	35 19%	16 15%	10 15%	22 12%	23 13%	5 7%	15 10%	27 15%	5 5%	1 8%

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Table 14
Classification
Base: All respondents

		Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Unweighted base		1505	1505
Weighted base		1505	1505
<u>Gender</u>			
Male		643 43%	722 48%
Female		862 57%	783 52%
<u>Age</u>			
18-24	(21)	94 6%	179 12%
25-34	(29.5)	200 13%	238 16%
35-44	(39.5)	291 19%	298 20%
45-54	(49.5)	281 19%	253 17%
55-64	(59.5)	301 20%	224 15%
65+	(70)	338 22%	313 21%
Average age		49.73	46.72

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Table 14
Classification
Base: All respondents

	<u>Unweighted Total</u>	<u>Weighted Total</u>
Weighted base	1505	1505
<u>Social Class</u>		
AB	441 29%	391 26%
C1	380 25%	436 29%
C2	237 16%	316 21%
DE	447 30%	361 24%
<u>Region</u>		
North	515 34%	504 34%
Midlands	461 31%	473 31%
South	529 35%	528 35%

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Table 14
Classification
Base: All respondents

	<u>Unweighted Total</u>	<u>Weighted Total</u>
Weighted base	1505	1505
<u>Working status</u>		
Full-time	588 39%	677 45%
Part-time	221 15%	181 12%
Not working but seeking work or temporarily unemployed/sick	81 5%	91 6%
Not working/not seeking work	123 8%	112 7%
Retired	454 30%	387 26%
Student	36 2%	55 4%
Refused	2 *	2 *

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Table 14
Classification
Base: All respondents

	<u>Unweighted Total</u>	<u>Weighted Total</u>
Weighted base	1505	1505
<u>Tenure</u>		
Own outright	543 36%	492 33%
Own with a mortgage	561 37%	581 39%
Council	141 9%	194 13%
Housing Assoc.	75 5%	65 4%
Rented from someone else	135 9%	127 8%
Rent free	6 *	5 *
Refused	44 3%	42 3%

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Table 14
Classification
Base: All respondents

	<u>Unweighted Total</u>	<u>Weighted Total</u>
Weighted base	1505	1505
<u>Foreign Holiday in last 3 years</u>		
Yes	941 63%	903 60%
No	564 37%	602 40%
<u>Number of cars</u>		
None	310 21%	313 21%
1	711 47%	626 42%
2	390 26%	432 29%
3+	94 6%	134 9%

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Table 14
Classification
Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1505	1505
<u>Internet Access</u>		
At all	1111 74%	1145 76%
At home (net)	1039 69%	1072 71%
At work (net)	480 32%	520 35%
At home	595 40%	588 39%
At work	36 2%	37 2%
Both at home and at work	444 30%	483 32%
Somewhere else	36 2%	36 2%
Not at all	392 26%	359 24%
Refused	2 *	1 *

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Table 14
Classification
Base: All respondents

	<u>Unweighted Total</u>	<u>Weighted Total</u>
Weighted base	1505	1505
<u>What is the highest educational level that you have achieved to date?</u>		
Secondary/ high school/ NVQ 1-3	729 48%	743 49%
University degree or equivalent professional qualification/ NVQ4	406 27%	412 27%
Higher university degree/ Doctorate/ MBA/ NVQ 5 or equivalent	134 9%	124 8%
No formal education	179 12%	171 11%
None of these	13 1%	11 1%
Refused	44 3%	43 3%

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 14
Classification
Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1505	1505
<u>Marital Status</u>		
Single	282 19%	349 23%
Married/ co-habiting	904 60%	882 59%
Widowed/ separated/ divorced	316 21%	272 18%
Refused	3 *	3 *
<u>Children</u>		
None aged 18 or under	1070 71%	1054 70%
NET: Yes	429 29%	444 30%
NET: Yes any aged 15 or under	375 25%	392 26%
- Aged under 5	147 10%	164 11%
- Aged 5-10	184 12%	189 13%
- Aged 11-15	166 11%	163 11%
- Aged 16-18	114 8%	108 7%
Refused	6 *	7 *

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 14
Classification
Base: All respondents

	<u>Unweighted Total</u>	<u>Weighted Total</u>
Weighted base	1505	1505
<u>Grocery shopping status</u>		
Yes - do half or more	1189 79%	1129 75%
No - do less than half	296 20%	359 24%
Refused	20 1%	17 1%

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Table 15

Q.3 At the last general election in May 2005, many people didn't vote. If you did vote in the general election could you tell me which party you voted for?

	<u>Unweighted Total</u>	<u>Weighted Total</u>
Unweighted base	1505	1505
Weighted base	1505	1505
Conservative	304 20%	294 20%
Labour	428 28%	352 23%
Liberal Democrat	150 10%	187 12%
Other	67 4%	69 5%
Did not vote	407 27%	465 31%
Refused	101 7%	90 6%
Don't know	48 3%	48 3%