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**BRITISH ELECTION STUDY 2005
SELF-COMPLETION QUESTIONNAIRE (ENGLAND)**

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Completing the questionnaire:

Most of the questions inside this booklet can be answered simply by placing a tick (✓) in one or more of the boxes. No special knowledge is required. The questionnaire should not take very long to complete, and we hope you will find it interesting and enjoyable. The answers you give will be treated as confidential and anonymous in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

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

Returning the questionnaire:

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

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TWENTY PRIZES OF £5**

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP.

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1. Did you care which party won the general election held on May 5th?

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY

(✓)

Cared a good deal (1)

Didn't care very much (2)

Don't know (8)

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2. Some people say that political parties look after the interests of some groups and are not so concerned about others. How well do you think that the **Labour Party** looks after the interests of the following groups?

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX
ON EACH LINE

	Very well	Fairly well	Not very well	Not at all well	Don't know	
a. Working class people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2032
b. Middle class people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2033
c. People who are unemployed or on benefits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2034
d. Big business	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2035
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e. Trade unions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2036
f. Black people and Asians	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2037
g. Women	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2038
h. Pensioners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2039
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(8)	

3. How well do you think that the **Conservative Party** looks after the interests of the following groups?

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX
ON EACH LINE

	Very well	Fairly well	Not very well	Not at all well	Don't know	
a. Working class people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2040
b. Middle class people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2041
c. People who are unemployed or on benefits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2042
d. Big business	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2043
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e. Trade unions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2044
f. Black people and Asians	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2045
g. Women	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2046
h. Pensioners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2047
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(8)	

4. On the whole, would you describe the following political parties as...

<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>	...in touch with ordinary people	...out of touch with ordinary people	Don't know	
a. Conservative Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2048
b. Labour Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2049
c. Liberal Democrats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2050
	(1)	(2)	(8)	

5. On the whole, would you describe the following political parties as...

<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>	...united	...divided	Don't know	
a. Conservative Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2053
b. Labour Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2054
c. Liberal Democrats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2055
	(1)	(2)	(8)	

6. On the whole, would you say that each of the following political parties ...

<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>	...keeps its promises	...breaks its promises	Don't know	
a. Conservative Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2058
b. Labour Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2059
c. Liberal Democrats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2060
	(1)	(2)	(8)	

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7. On the whole, would you describe the following political parties as...

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<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>	...capable of strong government	...not capable of strong government	Don't know	
a. Conservative Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2110
b. Labour Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2111
c. Liberal Democrats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2112
	(1)	(2)	(8)	

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8. Considering everything the Conservative and Labour parties stand for, would you say there is...

*PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY*

	(✓)	
...a great difference between them,	<input type="checkbox"/>	(1)
some difference between them,	<input type="checkbox"/>	(2)
or, not much difference between them?	<input type="checkbox"/>	(3)
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	(8)

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9. Generally speaking, do you think of the Liberal Democrats as being closer to the Conservative Party or closer to the Labour Party?

*PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY*

	(✓)	
Closer to the Conservative Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	(1)
Closer to the Labour Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	(2)
No difference or not close to either	<input type="checkbox"/>	(3)
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	(8)

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10. Did you vote in the **local** election held where you live on May 5th?

*PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY*

	(✓)	
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→ PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 11 (1)
No / No local election in my area	<input type="checkbox"/>	→ PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 12 (2)

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PLEASE ANSWER IF YOU VOTED IN THE LOCAL ELECTION ON MAY 5TH

11. People decide how they are going to vote for a number of reasons. Which of these were important to you in deciding how to vote in the **local** election on May 5th?

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|------|--|
| | (✓) | | |
| I always vote that way. | <input type="checkbox"/> | (01) | |
| I thought the person I voted for was the best candidate. | <input type="checkbox"/> | (02) | |
| I wanted to stop another party/candidate from winning. | <input type="checkbox"/> | (03) | |
| The party I really supported had no chance of winning. | <input type="checkbox"/> | (04) | |
| The party I voted for has the best policies for this local area. | <input type="checkbox"/> | (05) | |
| I think it is good to have different parties in control of different parts of government. | <input type="checkbox"/> | (06) | |
| I usually vote for that party in the local elections. | <input type="checkbox"/> | (07) | |
| I normally vote for that party, but did not do so at the general election. | <input type="checkbox"/> | (08) | |
| I wanted to send a message to the party I normally vote for that they are doing a poor job for the council. | <input type="checkbox"/> | (09) | |
| Some other reason (<i>PLEASE WRITE IN</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> | (10) | |

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EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER

12. Please tick one box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements.

- | <i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i> | Agree strongly | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Disagree strongly | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| a. The death penalty, even for very serious crimes, is never justified. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2138 |
| b. Violent criminals deserve to be deprived of some of their human rights. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2139 |
| c. Convicted criminals need to be rehabilitated rather than be punished. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2140 |
| d. People who break the law should be given longer prison sentences. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2141 |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | |

13. Please indicate how you feel about general elections in Britain – not a particular election but elections in general. Please tick one box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements.

<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	
a. Elections help to keep politicians accountable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2142
b. Elections allow voters to express their opinions but don't really change anything.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2143
c. Elections give voters an opportunity to tell politicians what they think is really important.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2144
d. All things considered, most elections are just a big waste of time and money.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2145
e. The electoral system in Britain is unfair because only Labour or the Conservatives can ever win an election.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2146
f. In elections, the political parties give people <i>real</i> choices.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2147
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	

14. Please tick one box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements.

<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	
a. Women MPs better represent women's interests than do male MPs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2148
b. Most men are better suited for politics than are most women.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2149
c. Women need to get more involved in politics to solve problems that concern them.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2150
d. A husband's job is to earn the money, a wife's job is to look after the home and family.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2151
e. Black and Asian MPs can better represent Black and Asian interests than White MPs can.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2152
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	

15. Now, thinking about institutions like Parliament, please use the scale of 0 to 10 to indicate how much trust you have for each of the following, where 0 is **no trust** and 10 is **a great deal of trust**:

*PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX
ON EACH LINE*

	No trust						A great deal of trust					
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
a. The parliament at Westminster	<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"/>	2210-11
b. The Civil Service	<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"/>	2212-13
c. The Police	<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"/>	2214-15
d. Local government in your area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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e. The European Union	<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"/>	2218-19
f. Politicians generally	<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"/>	2220-21
g. The Courts	<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"/>	2222-23
h. The Scottish Parliament	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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i. The Welsh Assembly	<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"/>	2226-27
j. The BBC	<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"/>	2228-29
k. The Labour Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2230-31
l. The Conservative Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2232-33
m. The Liberal Democrats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2234-35
	(00)	(01)	(02)	(03)	(04)	(05)	(06)	(07)	(08)	(09)	(10)	

16. Please tick one box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements.

<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	
a. Ordinary working people get their fair share of the nation's wealth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2240
b. There is one law for the rich and one for the poor.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2241
c. There is no need for strong trade unions to protect employees' working conditions and wages.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2242
d. Private enterprise is the best way to solve Britain's economic problems.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2243
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e. Young people today don't have enough respect for traditional British values.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2244
f. Censorship of films and magazines is necessary to uphold moral values.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2245
g. People should be allowed to organise public meetings to protest against the government.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2246
h. People in Britain should be more tolerant of those who lead unconventional lifestyles.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2247
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i. Political parties that wish to overthrow democracy should not be allowed to stand in general elections.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2248
j. We worry too much about the environment today and not enough about people's jobs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2249
k. The government has the right to put people suspected of terrorism in prison without trial.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2250
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	

17. Thinking now of trade unions and big business in this country. First, do you think that trade unions...

*PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY*

(✓)

...have too much power (1)

or, not? (2)

Don't know (8)

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18. Do you think that big business in this country...

*PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY*

(✓)

...has too much power (1)

or, not? (2)

Don't know (8)

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19. Now some questions about political parties in Britain, not any particular party, but political parties generally. Please tick one box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements.

<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	
a. There is often a big difference between what a party promises it will do and what it actually does when it wins an election.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2253
b. Political parties are more interested in winning elections than in governing afterwards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2254
c. The main political parties in Britain don't offer voters real choices in elections because their policies are pretty much the same.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2255
d. I usually take the opinions of people who support other parties seriously even if I don't agree with them.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2256
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e. Political parties do more to divide the country than to unite it.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2257
f. Political parties spend too much time bickering with each other.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2258
g. Parties generally do a good job in finding well-qualified people to run for Parliament.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2259
h. It is important to treat supporters of parties that I oppose with respect.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2260
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i. In elections, political parties don't tell people about the really important problems facing the country.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2261
j. Being involved in a group like Greenpeace or the Countryside Alliance is a better way of influencing government than being active in a political party.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2262
k. I lose interest in politics when parties I do not support are in power.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2263
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	

20. Thinking about the outcomes of general elections, which of these statements is more important to you?

*PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY*

OR

That one party gets more than half the seats in parliament so it can govern on its own

(✓)

(1)

That every party's percentage of seats in parliament is the same as their percentage of the vote

(2)

Don't know

(8)

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21. There is a lot of talk about **democracy** these days and people have different opinions about what a democracy should be. Please tick one box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements.

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<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	
a. In a democracy, the majority has a right to pass laws to protect its own language and culture.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2310
b. A democracy has the right to ban violent political groups, even if it means restricting some individuals' rights.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2311
c. In a true democracy, the majority has a responsibility to protect the rights of all minorities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2312
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d. There is nothing more to democracy than giving people the right to vote in free elections.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2313
e. In a true democracy, income and wealth are redistributed to ordinary working people.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2314
f. In a true democracy, people not only vote, they can influence important decisions affecting their daily lives.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2315
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	

22. We have a number of parties in Britain, each of which would like to get your vote. Using the scale of 0 to 10 where 0 means **very unlikely** and 10 means **very likely**, how likely is it that you would **ever** vote for each of the following parties?

<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>	Very unlikely										Very likely	
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
a. The Conservative Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2316-17
b. The Labour Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2318-19
c. The Liberal Democrats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2320-21
d. The United Kingdom Independence 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"/>	2322-23
e. The 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"/>	2324-25
	(00)	(01)	(02)	(03)	(04)	(05)	(06)	(07)	(08)	(09)	(10)	SPARE 2326-29

23. Generally speaking, which do you prefer...

*PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY*

(✓)

...a government made up of a single party (1)

or, a coalition government made up of two or more parties? (2)

Don't know (8)

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24. Please tick one box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements.

*PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX
ON EACH LINE*

Agree strongly **Agree** **Neither agree nor disagree** **Disagree** **Disagree strongly**

- | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| a. Immigrants increase crime rates. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2331 |
| b. Immigrants generally are good for Britain's economy. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2332 |
| c. Most asylum seekers who come to Britain should be sent home immediately. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2333 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | |
| d. The ability of banks and companies to move money across borders seriously undermines the British government's ability to manage the economy. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2334 |
| e. The spread of radio, TV and the Internet worldwide exposes people in Britain to many good ideas from other cultures. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2335 |
| f. Big international companies are a threat to democratic government in Britain. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2336 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | |
| g. I am very concerned about the loss of British jobs to countries overseas. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2337 |
| h. I am confident that I will have an adequate pension in my retirement. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2338 |
| f. Young people in Britain can easily find affordable housing. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2339 |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | |

25. How worried are you that, in the next year or so, you or someone in your household might be out of work and unable to find a job?

*PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY*

(✓)

Very worried (1)

Somewhat worried (2)

Not very worried (3)

Not worried at all (4)

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26. Please tick one box on each line to show how often you talk about politics with the following people:

<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>	Frequently	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Not applicable	
a. Spouse or partner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2341
b. Other family members	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2342
c. Friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2343
d. Neighbours	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2344
e. Fellow workers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2345
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(7)	

27. Do the people you talk about politics with support the same political party as you do?

<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>	Yes	Some do, some don't	No	Don't know	Not applicable	
a. Spouse or partner	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2346
b. Other family members	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2347
c. Friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2348
d. Neighbours	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2349
e. Fellow workers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2350
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(8)	(7)	

28. Imagine that the people you know well are on different rungs of the ladder shown below. Those who are worst off are on rung 0. Those who are best off are on rung 10. In your opinion, which rung are **you** on?

<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY</i>	(✓) Best off		
10	<input type="checkbox"/>	(10)	
9	<input type="checkbox"/>	(09)	
8	<input type="checkbox"/>	(08)	
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	(07)	
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	(06)	
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	(05)	
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	(04)	
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	(03)	
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	(02)	
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	(01)	
0	<input type="checkbox"/>	(00)	
	Worst off		2351-52

29. How long have you lived in this neighbourhood?

PLEASE WRITE IN:

YEARS

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30. How strong are your feelings of attachment to...

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX
ON EACH LINE**

- | | Very
strong | Fairly
strong | Not very
strong | Not at all
strong | Don't
know |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. ...your neighbourhood? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. ...your constituency? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (8) |

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31. Please tick one box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements.

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX
ON EACH LINE**

- | | Agree
strongly | Agree | Neither
agree nor
disagree | Disagree | Disagree
strongly |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| a. I feel like I belong to this neighbourhood. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. The friends and associations I have with other people in my neighbourhood mean a lot to me. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. I like to think of myself as similar to the people who live in this neighbourhood. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. I regularly stop and talk to people in my neighbourhood. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |

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32. Do you have any of the following kinds of people in your care?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX
ON EACH LINE**

- | | Yes | No |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Children under five years of age | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Children between five and fifteen years of age | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Elderly people | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. People with disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Other people needing special assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | (1) | (2) |

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To help us plan better in the future, please tell us how long it took you to complete this questionnaire.

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY

- (✓)
- Less than 15 minutes (1)
- Between 15 and 20 minutes (2)
- Between 21 and 30 minutes (3)
- Between 31 and 45 minutes (4)
- Between 46 and 60 minutes (5)
- Over one hour (6)

And on what date did you fill in the questionnaire?

PLEASE WRITE IN: 2005
DATE MONTH

And lastly just a few details about yourself.

Are you

- (✓)
- Male (1)
- Female (2)

What was your age last birthday?

PLEASE WRITE IN:
YEARS

Please check that you have answered all the questions.
Please use the stamped address envelope and return the questionnaire promptly
to us by post to the address on the front page.

If you would like to see a summary of the study results, then please tick here: (1)

A summary will also be available at www.essex.ac.uk/bes

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**THE PRIZES ARE: ONE PRIZE OF £500, THREE PRIZES OF £100,
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The draw will be made on 15 August 2005 and questionnaires received by this date will be entered into the draw. Winners will be notified within 6 weeks.
For further details, please contact the address on the front page of this questionnaire, quoting reference P2474.

Please enter here the name that you would like the cheque made payable to if you win:

(BLOCK CAPITALS) _____

(If you leave this blank, any prize will be sent in gift vouchers).

If you do **not** want to be entered into the draw, please tick here: (1)

Thank you very much for your help!

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