

2005-06 British Election Study – One-Year Out (Internet) Questionnaire
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BASE: ALL

In which of the following do you live?

East Anglia
East Midlands
Greater London
North
North West
Scotland
South East
South West
Wales
West Midlands
Yorkshire & Humberside

PAGE 2

BASE: ALL

Now, 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?

[TEXT AREA]

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Which party is best able to handle this issue?

There are no important issues	ROUTE PAGE 5
None/No Party	ROUTE PAGE 5
Labour	ROUTE PAGE 5
Conservatives	ROUTE PAGE 5
Liberal Democrat	ROUTE PAGE 5
Scottish National Party (SNP)	ROUTE PAGE 5
Plaid Cymru	ROUTE PAGE 5
Green Party	ROUTE PAGE 5
United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)	ROUTE PAGE 5
British National Party (BNP)	ROUTE PAGE 5
Other	ROUTE PAGE 4
Don't know	ROUTE PAGE 5

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BASE: ALL THOSE WHO ANSWERED OTHER AT PAGE 3

You said you thought an 'other' party is best able to handle this issue. Please say here which party this is:

[TEXT]

ROTATE PAGES 5, 6, 7, AND 8

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 5

BASE: ALL

How well do you think the present government has handled crime in Britain?

Very well

Fairly well
Neither well nor badly
Fairly badly
Very badly
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 6

BASE: ALL

How well do you think the present government has handled the economy in general?

Very well
Fairly well
Neither well nor badly
Fairly badly
Very badly
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 7

BASE: ALL

How well do you think the present government has handled the National Health Service?

Very well
Fairly well
Neither well nor badly
Fairly badly
Very badly
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 8

BASE: ALL

How well do you think the present government has handled the risk of terrorism in Britain?

Very well
Fairly well
Neither well nor badly
Fairly badly
Very badly
Don't know

ROTATE PAGES 9, 10, 11, AND 12

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 9

BASE: ALL

How well do you think a Conservative government would handle crime in Britain?

Very well
Fairly well
Neither well nor badly
Fairly badly
Very badly
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 10

BASE: ALL

How well do you think a Conservative government would handle the economy in general?

Very well
 Fairly well
 Neither well nor badly
 Fairly badly
 Very badly
 Don't know

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 11

BASE: ALL

How well do you think a Conservative government would handle the National Health Service?

Very well
 Fairly well
 Neither well nor badly
 Fairly badly
 Very badly
 Don't know

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 12

BASE: ALL

How well do you think a Conservative government would handle the risk of terrorism in Britain?

Very well
 Fairly well
 Neither well nor badly
 Fairly badly
 Very badly
 Don't know

PAGE 13

BASE: ALL

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrat or what?

Labour	ROUTE PAGE 17
Conservative	ROUTE PAGE 17
Liberal Democrat	ROUTE PAGE 17
Scottish National Party (SNP)	ROUTE PAGE 17
Plaid Cymru	ROUTE PAGE 17
Green Party	ROUTE PAGE 17
United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)	ROUTE PAGE 17
British National Party (BNP)	ROUTE PAGE 17
Other	ROUTE PAGE 14
No – None	ROUTE PAGE 15
Don't know	ROUTE PAGE 15

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BASE: ALL THOSE WHO ANSWERED OTHER AT PAGE 13

You said you generally think of yourself as an 'other' party. Please say here what this is:

TEXT

PAGE 15

BASE: ALL THOSE WHO FAILED TO NAME A PARTY AT PAGE 13

Do you generally think of yourself as a little closer to one of the parties than the others? If yes, please tell me which party?

Labour	ROUTE PAGE 17
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Conservative	ROUTE PAGE 17
Liberal Democrat	ROUTE PAGE 17
Scottish National Party (SNP)	ROUTE PAGE 17
Plaid Cymru	ROUTE PAGE 17
Green Party	ROUTE PAGE 17
United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)	ROUTE PAGE 17
British National Party (BNP)	ROUTE PAGE 17
Other	ROUTE PAGE 16
No – None	ROUTE PAGE 18
Don't know	ROUTE PAGE 18

PAGE 16**BASE: ALL THOSE WHO ANSWERED OTHER AT PAGE 15**

You said you generally think of yourself as a little closer to an 'other' party. Please say here which party this is.

TEXT**PAGE 17****BASE: ALL THOSE WHO NAMED A PARTY OR SAID OTHER AT PAGE 13 OR NAMED A PARTY OR SAID OTHER AT PAGE 15**

Would you call yourself very strong [POPUF OF PARTY NAMED ON PAGE 13 OR 15 OR 'supporter of this party' FOR THOSE WHO ANSWERED OTHER AT PAGE 13 OR 15], fairly strong, or not very strong?

Very strongly

Fairly strongly

Not very strongly

Don't know

ROTATE PAGES 18, 19, 20, 21, AND 22**ROTATE PAGE****PAGE 18****BASE: ALL**

Please say how far you agree or disagree with the following statement:

I would be seriously neglecting my duty as a citizen if I didn't vote.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

ROTATE PAGE**PAGE 19****BASE: ALL**

Please say how far you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Being active in politics is a good way to get benefits for me and my family.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 20

BASE: ALL

Please say how far you agree or disagree with the following statement:

It takes too much time and effort to be active in politics and public affairs.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 21

BASE: ALL

Please say how far you agree or disagree with the following statement:

People are so busy that they do not have time to vote.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 22

BASE: ALL

Please say how far you agree or disagree with the following statement:

It is every citizen's duty to vote in an election.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

ROTATE PAGES 23, 24, AND 25

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 23

BASE: ALL

On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do feel about the Labour Party?

0 – Strongly dislike

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10 – Strongly like
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 24

BASE: ALL

On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do feel about the Conservative Party?

0 – Strongly dislike

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 25

BASE: ALL

On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do feel about the Liberal Democrats?

0 – Strongly dislike

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

PAGE 26

BASE: ALL WHO LIVE IN SCOTLAND

On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do feel about the Scottish National Party?

0 – Strongly dislike

1

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

PAGE 27**BASE: ALL WHO LIVE IN WALES**

On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do feel about the Plaid Cymru?

0 – Strongly dislike

1

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

ROTATE PAGES 28, 29, 30, AND 31**ROTATE PAGE****PAGE 28****BASE: ALL**

Now, a few questions about economic conditions.

How does the *financial situation of your household* now compare with what it was *12 months ago*? Has it:

Got a lot worse

Got a little worse

Stayed the same

Got a little better

Got a lot better

Don't know

ROTATE PAGE**PAGE 29****BASE: ALL**

Now, a few questions about economic conditions.

How do you think the *general economic situation in this country* has changed over the *last 12 months*? Has it:

Got a lot worse

Got a little worse

Stayed the same

Got a little better

Got a lot better

Don't know

ROTATE PAGE**PAGE 30****BASE: ALL**

Now, a few questions about economic conditions.

How do you think the *financial situation of your household* will change over the *next 12 months*?

Will it:

Get a lot worse

Get a little worse

Stay the same

Get a little better
 Get a lot better
 Don't know

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 31

BASE: ALL

Now, a few questions about economic conditions.

How do you think the *general economic situation in this country* will develop over the *next 12 months*? Will it:

Get a lot worse
 Get a little worse
 Stay the same
 Get a little better
 Get a lot better
 Don't know

PAGE 32

BASE: ALL

Now, another issue. Using the 0 to 10 scale below, 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?

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

1

2

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4

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9

10 – Government should increase taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services

Don't know

ROTATE PAGES 33, 34, AND 35

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 33

BASE: ALL

Where would you place the Labour Party on this scale?

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

1

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10 – Government should increase taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services

Don't know

ROTATE PAGE**PAGE 34****BASE: ALL****Where would you place the Conservative Party on this scale?**

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

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10 – Government should increase taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services

Don't know

ROTATE PAGE**PAGE 35****BASE: ALL****Where would you place the Liberal Democrats on this scale?**

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

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10 – Government should increase taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services

Don't know

PAGE 36**BASE: ALL**

Some people think that *reducing crime is more important* than protecting the rights of people accused of committing crimes. Other people think that *protecting the rights of accused people is more important* than reducing crime. On the 0-10 scale below, where would you place your own view?

0 – Reducing crime more important

1

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10 –Rights of accused more important

ROTATE PAGES 37, 38, AND 39**ROTATE PAGE****PAGE 37****BASE: ALL**

Where would you place the Labour Party on this scale?

0 – Reducing crime more important

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

10 – Rights of accused more important

Don't know

ROTATE PAGE**PAGE 38****BASE: ALL****Where would you place the Conservative Party on this scale?**

0 – Reducing crime more important

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

10 – Rights of accused more important

Don't know

ROTATE PAGE**PAGE 39****BASE: ALL****Where would you place the Liberal Democrats on this scale?**

0 – Reducing crime more important

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

10 – Rights of accused more important

Don't know

PAGE 40**BASE: ALL****Please think of a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means very unlikely and 10 means very likely, how likely is it that you will vote in the next general election?**

0 – Very unlikely

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

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10 – Very likely
Don't know

PAGE 41

BASE: ALL

If there were a General Election tomorrow, which party would you vote for?

Conservative	ROUTE PAGE 45
Labour	ROUTE PAGE 45
Liberal Democrat	ROUTE PAGE 45
None – won't vote / never vote	ROUTE PAGE 43
Other party	ROUTE PAGE 42
Don't know	ROUTE PAGE 43

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BASE: ALL THOSE WHO ANSWERED OTHER AT PAGE 41

You say you would vote for another party. Which, if any, of the following would you vote for?

Scottish National Party (SNP)	ROUTE PAGE 45
Plaid Cymru	ROUTE PAGE 45
Green Party	ROUTE PAGE 45
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	ROUTE PAGE 45
Other party	ROUTE PAGE 45
Don't know	ROUTE PAGE 43

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BASE: ALL THOSE WHO ANSWERED DON'T KNOW AT PAGE 41 OR PAGE 42

Which party would you be most inclined to vote for?

Conservative	ROUTE PAGE 45
Labour	ROUTE PAGE 45
Liberal Democrat	ROUTE PAGE 45
None – won't vote / never vote	ROUTE PAGE 45
Other party	ROUTE PAGE 44
Don't know	ROUTE PAGE 45

PAGE 44

BASE: ALL THOSE WHO ANSWERED OTHER AT PAGE 43

You say you would be most inclined to vote for one of the other parties. Which, if any, of the following would you be most inclined to vote for?

Scottish National Party (SNP)
Plaid Cymru
Green Party
UK Independence Party (UKIP)
Other party
Don't know

PAGE 45

BASE: ALL

On a scale from 0 to 10, where 10 means a great deal of influence and 0 means no influence, how much influence do you have on politics and public affairs?

0 – No influence

1

- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 – Great deal of influence
- Don't know

PAGE 46

BASE: ALL

On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, a little dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the way that democracy works in this country?

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- A little dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Don't know

ROTATE PAGES 47, 48, AND 49

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 47

BASE: ALL

Now, some questions about the party leaders.

Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about Tony Blair?

- 0 – Strongly dislike
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
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- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 – Strongly like
- Don't know

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 48

BASE: ALL

Now, some questions about the party leaders.

Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about David Cameron?

- 0 – Strongly dislike
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

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9
10 – Strongly like
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 49

BASE: ALL

Now, some questions about the party leaders.

Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about Menzies ('Ming') Campbell?

0 – Strongly dislike
1
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10 – Strongly like
Don't know

PAGE 50

BASE: ALL

Now, using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about Gordon Brown?

0 – Strongly dislike
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10 – Strongly like
Don't know

PAGE 51

BASE: ALL THOSE WHO LIVE IN SCOTLAND

Now, using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about Alex Salmond?

0 – Strongly dislike
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10 – Strongly like
Don't know

PAGE 52

BASE: ALL THOSE WHO LIVE IN WALES

Now, using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about Elfyn Llwyd?

0 – Strongly dislike

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

ROTATE PAGES 53, 54, 55, 57, AND 58

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 53

BASE: ALL

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Those elected to Parliament soon lose touch with the people

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 54

BASE: ALL

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Parties are only interested in people's votes, not in their opinions

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 55

BASE: ALL

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Government does not care much what people like me think

Strongly agree

Agree
 Neither agree nor disagree
 Disagree
 Strongly disagree
 Don't know

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 56

BASE: ALL

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement:

People like me have no say in what government does

Strongly agree
 Agree
 Neither agree nor disagree
 Disagree
 Strongly disagree
 Don't know

ROTATE PAGE

PAGE 57

BASE: ALL

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement:

It is often difficult for me to understand what is going on in government and politics

Strongly agree
 Agree
 Neither agree nor disagree
 Disagree
 Strongly disagree
 Don't know

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BASE: ALL THOSE WHO LIVE IN WALES

Now, a few questions about yourself and your background.

Can you speak Welsh?

Yes **ROUTE PAGE 59**
 No **ROUTE PAGE 60**
 Don't Know **ROUTE PAGE 60**

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BASE: ALL THOSE WHO ANSWERED YES AT PAGE 58

Do you speak Welsh fluently or not?

Yes, fluently
 Yes, but not fluently
 No
 Don't know

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BASE: ALL

Finally, a few questions about yourself and your background.

What is your year of birth?

1900 or earlier

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- 1984
- 1985
- 1986
- 1987
- Abstain

ROUTE PAGE 61

PAGE 61

BASE: ALL WHO ABSTAINED AT PAGE 60

In that case, could you say which age band you would fall into?

- 16 to 17
- 18 to 24
- 25 to 39
- 40 to 54
- 55 or over

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BASE: ALL

What is your gender?

- Male
- Female