

2005-06 British Election Study – One-Year Out (Internet) Questionnaire  
(YouGov Version, May 2006)

**PAGE 1**

**BASE: All**

**In which of the following do you live? [SINGLE CODE]**

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] validated

**PAGE 3**

**BASE: All**

**Which party is best able to handle this issue? [SINGLE CODE]**

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	
Don't know	ROUTE PAGE 5

**PAGE 4**

**BASE: All those who said 'other'**

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

[TEXT] validated

**ROTATE PAGES 5 - 8**

**ROTATE PAGE****PAGE 5****BASE: All**

**How well do you think the present government has handled crime in Britain? [SINGLE CODE]**

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? [SINGLE CODE]**

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? [SINGLE CODE]**

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? [SINGLE CODE]**

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

**END ROTATE PAGES****ROTATE PAGES 9 - 12****ROTATE PAGE**

**PAGE 9****BASE: All****How well do you think a Conservative government would handle crime in Britain?****[SINGLE CODE]**

- 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? [SINGLE CODE]**

- 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? [SINGLE CODE]**

- 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? [SINGLE CODE]**

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

**END ROTATE PAGES****PAGE 13****BASE: All****Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrat or what? [SINGLE CODE]**

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	
No - None	ROUTE PAGE 15
Don't know	ROUTE PAGE 15

**PAGE 14****BASE: All those who said 'other'**

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

**PAGE 15****BASE: All those who failed to name a party****SYNTAX: If [P13Q1=9] then routepage=17;**

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. **[SINGLE CODE]**

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	
No - None	ROUTE PAGE 18
Don't know	ROUTE PAGE 18

**PAGE 16****BASE: All those who answered 'other'**

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

**PAGE 17****BASE: All those who named a party or said 'other' on page 13/page 15****SYNTAX: VAR1=[GETOPTION P13Q1];****If [P13Q1=9] THEN VAR1="supporter of this party";****If [P13Q1=10] OR [P13Q1=11] THEN VAR1=[GETOPTION P15Q1];****If ([P13Q1=10] OR [P13Q1=11]) AND [P15Q1=9] THEN VAR1="supporter of this party";**

Would you call yourself very strong **[VAR1]**, fairly strong, or not very strong? **[SINGLE CODE]**

Very strongly  
 Fairly strongly  
 Not very strongly  
 Don't know

**ROTATE PAGES 18 - 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. [SINGLE CODE]**

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. [SINGLE CODE]**

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. [SINGLE CODE]**

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. [SINGLE CODE]**

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. [SINGLE CODE]**

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

**END ROTATE PAGES****ROTATE PAGES 23 - 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 you feel about the Labour Party? [SINGLE CODE]**

0 Strongly dislike

1

2

3

4

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7

8

9

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 you feel about the Conservative Party? [SINGLE CODE]**

0 Strongly dislike

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

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 you feel about the Liberal Democrats? **[SINGLE CODE]**

0 Strongly dislike

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10 Strongly like

Don't know

**END ROTATE PAGES****PAGE 26****BASE: All who live in Scotland****SYNTAX: If not [P1Q1=6] then routepage=27;**

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

0 Strongly dislike

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10 Strongly like

Don't know

**PAGE 27****BASE: All who live in Wales****SYNTAX: If not [P1Q1=9] then routepage=28;**

On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about Plaid Cymru? **[SINGLE CODE]**

0 Strongly dislike

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10 Strongly like

Don't know

**ROTATE PAGES 28 - 31****ROTATE PAGE****PAGE 28****BASE: All**

Thinking about economic conditions.

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

- 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**

Thinking about economic conditions.

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

- 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**

Thinking about economic conditions.

How do you think the *financial situation of your household* will change over the *next 12 months*? Will it: **[SINGLE CODE]**

- 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**

Thinking about economic conditions.

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

- Get a lot worse
- Get a little worse
- Stay the same

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

## END ROTATE PAGES

### 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?**

#### [SINGLE CODE]

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

Don't know

## ROTATE PAGES 33 - 35

### ROTATE PAGE

#### PAGE 33

#### BASE: All

**Where would you place the Labour Party on this scale? [SINGLE CODE]**

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

Don't know

### ROTATE PAGE

#### PAGE 34

#### BASE: All

**Where would you place the Conservative Party on this scale? [SINGLE CODE]**

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  
Don't know

**ROTATE PAGE**

**PAGE 35**

**BASE: All**

**Where would you place the Liberal Democrats on this scale? [SINGLE CODE]**

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  
Don't know

**END ROTATE PAGES**

**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? [SINGLE CODE]**

0 Reducing crime more important

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10 Rights of accused more important

Don't know

**ROTATE PAGES 37 - 39**

**ROTATE PAGE**

**PAGE 37**

**BASE: All**

**Where would you place the Labour Party on this scale? [SINGLE CODE]**

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? [SINGLE CODE]**

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? [SINGLE CODE]**

0 Reducing crime more important  
1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10 Rights of accused more important  
Don't know

**END ROTATE PAGES**

**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? [SINGLE CODE]**

0 Very unlikely  
1  
2  
3  
4  
5

6  
7  
8  
9  
10 Very likely  
Don't know

#### **PAGE 41**

##### **BASE: All**

**If there were a General Election tomorrow, which party would you vote for? [SINGLE CODE]**

Conservative	<b>ROUTE PAGE 45</b>
Labour	<b>ROUTE PAGE 45</b>
Liberal Democrat	<b>ROUTE PAGE 45</b>
None - won't vote / never vote	<b>ROUTE PAGE 45</b>
Other party	
Don't know	<b>ROUTE PAGE 43</b>

#### **PAGE 42**

##### **BASE: All those who answered 'other party'**

**You say you would vote for another party. Which, if any, of the following would you vote for? [SINGLE CODE]**

Scottish National Party (SNP)	<b>ROUTE PAGE 45</b>
Plaid Cymru	<b>ROUTE PAGE 45</b>
Green Party	<b>ROUTE PAGE 45</b>
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	<b>ROUTE PAGE 45</b>
British National Party (BNP)	<b>ROUTE PAGE 45</b>
Other party	<b>ROUTE PAGE 45</b>
Don't know	

**If you answered 'Other party' above please write in here which party, otherwise leave blank:**

**[TEXT] unvalidated**

#### **PAGE 43**

##### **BASE: All those who answered 'don't know' on page 41 or page 42**

**Which party would you be most inclined to vote for? [SINGLE CODE]**

Conservative	<b>ROUTE PAGE 45</b>
Labour	<b>ROUTE PAGE 45</b>
Liberal Democrat	<b>ROUTE PAGE 45</b>
None - won't vote / never vote	<b>ROUTE PAGE 45</b>
Other party	
Don't know	<b>ROUTE PAGE 45</b>

#### **PAGE 44**

##### **BASE: All those who answered 'other party'**

**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? [SINGLE CODE]**

Scottish National Party (SNP)
Plaid Cymru
Green Party
UK Independence Party (UKIP)
British National Party (BNP)
Other party

Don't know

If you answered 'Other party' above please write in here which party, otherwise leave blank:

[TEXT] unvalidated

**PAGE 45**

**BASE: All**

On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means pay no attention and 10 means pay a great deal of attention, how much attention do *you* generally pay to politics? [SINGLE CODE]

0 Pay no attention

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10 Pay a great deal of attention

Don't know

**PAGE 46**

**BASE: All**

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

[SINGLE CODE]

0 No influence

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10 Great deal of influence

Don't know

**PAGE 47**

**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? [SINGLE CODE]

Very satisfied

Fairly satisfied

A little dissatisfied

Very dissatisfied

Don't know

**ROTATE PAGES 48 - 50**

**ROTATE PAGE**

**PAGE 48**

**BASE: All**

Thinking 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? **[SINGLE CODE]**

0 Strongly dislike

1

2

3

4

5

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7

8

9

10 Strongly like

Don't know

**ROTATE PAGE****PAGE 49****BASE: All**

Thinking 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? **[SINGLE CODE]**

0 Strongly dislike

1

2

3

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8

9

10 Strongly like

Don't know

**ROTATE PAGE****PAGE 50****BASE: All**

Thinking 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? **[SINGLE CODE]**

0 Strongly dislike

1

2

3

4

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6

7

8

9

10 Strongly like  
Don't know

## END ROTATE PAGES

### PAGE 51

**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? **[SINGLE CODE]**

0 Strongly dislike

1

2

3

4

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7

8

9

10 Strongly like

Don't know

### PAGE 52

**BASE: All those who live in Scotland**

**SYNTAX: If not [P1Q1=6] then routepage=53;**

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? **[SINGLE CODE]**

0 Strongly dislike

1

2

3

4

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6

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8

9

10 Strongly like

Don't know

### PAGE 53

**BASE: All those who live in Wales**

**SYNTAX: If not [P1Q1=9] then routepage=54;**

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? **[SINGLE CODE]**

0 Strongly dislike

1

2

3

4

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6

7

8

9

10 Strongly like  
Don't know

**PAGE 54**  
**BASE: All**

Finally, a few questions about yourself and your background.

**What is your year of birth? [DROPDOWN]**

1900 or earlier	ROUTE PAGE 56
1901	ROUTE PAGE 56
1902	ROUTE PAGE 56
1903	ROUTE PAGE 56
1904	ROUTE PAGE 56
1905	ROUTE PAGE 56
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1918	ROUTE PAGE 56
1919	ROUTE PAGE 56
1920	ROUTE PAGE 56
1921	ROUTE PAGE 56
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1986	ROUTE PAGE 56
1987	ROUTE PAGE 56
1988	ROUTE PAGE 56
Abstain	

**PAGE 55****BASE: All who abstained**

In that case, could you say which age band you would fall into? [SINGLE CODE]

16 to 17

18 to 24

25 to 39

40 to 54

55 or over

**PAGE 56****BASE: All****What is your gender? [SINGLE CODE]**

Male

Female

**PAGE 57****BASE: All****If you would be willing for us to contact you again by e-mail, please give us your e-mail address here:****[TEXT]** unvalidated**(Your e-mail will not be passed to anyone beyond the research team and will not be used for any purpose other than the British Election Study).****PAGE 58****BASE: All****Questionnaires received by 31 May 2006 will be entered into a prize draw. The prizes are: one prize of £500, three prizes of £100, ten prizes of £10, and twenty prizes of £5. (Prizes of £10 and £5 will be paid in the form of gift vouchers). Winners will be notified within 6 weeks.****For further details about the prize draw, please contact NatCen, 35 Northampton Square, London EC1V 0AX, 020 7250 1866, quoting reference P2517, or e-mail bes@natcen.ac.uk****Do you want to be entered into the prize draw? [SINGLE CODE]**

Yes, please enter me into the prize draw

No, I prefer not to be entered into the prize draw

**ROUTE PAGE 60****PAGE 59****BASE: All those who said 'yes' to prize draw****Please enter here the name that you would like the cheque made payable to if you win one of the £500 or £100 prizes:****[TEXT]** unvalidated**(If you leave this blank, any prize will be sent in gift vouchers).****And please write in the address you would like any prize sent to:****[TEXT AREA]** validated**Is this your home address? [SINGLE CODE]**

Yes

**ROUTE PAGE 0**

No

**(Your address will not be passed to anyone beyond the research team and will not be used for any purpose other than the British Election Study).****PAGE 60****BASE: All those who said 'no' to prize draw****In case we need to contact you, it would be very helpful if you could confirm your address:****[TEXT AREA]** unvalidated

**(Your address will not be passed to anyone beyond the research team and will not be used for any purpose other than the British Election Study).**

**END**