

2005-06 British Election Study – Campaign (Internet) Questionnaire
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PAGE 1

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

How interested are you in the general election that will be held on May 5th this year?

Very interested
Somewhat interested
Not very interested
Not at all interested
Don't know

PAGE 3

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? [Please write in. If you think there are no important issues facing the country at the present time, please write NONE; if you don't know, please write DK]

TEXT AREA

PAGE 4

Which party is best able to handle this issue?

There are no important problems
None / No Party
Labour
Conservative
Liberal Democrat
Scottish National Party (SNP)
Plaid Cymru
Green Party
United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
British National Party (BNP)
Other
Don't know

PAGE 5

BASE: 'Other' at PAGE 4

BASE: If not [P4Q1=10] then routepage=6;

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

TEXT

ROTATE PAGES 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11**PAGE 6****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

PAGE 7**How well do you think the present government has handled the number of asylum-seekers coming to Britain?**

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

PAGE 8**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

PAGE 9**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

PAGE 10**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

PAGE 11**How well do you think the present government has handled the level of taxation?**

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

ROTATE PAGES 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17**PAGE 12****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

PAGE 13**How well do you think a Conservative government would handle the number of asylum-seekers coming to Britain?**

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

PAGE 14**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

PAGE 15**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 16**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

PAGE 17**How well do you think a Conservative government would handle the level of taxation?**

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

PAGE 18

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

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

PAGE 19

BASE: 'Other' at PAGE 18

BASE: If not [P18Q1=9] then routepage=20;

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

TEXT

PAGE 20

BASE: 'No-none' or 'Don't know' at PAGE 18

BASE: If not ([P18Q1=10] or [P18Q1=11]) then routepage=22;

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

PAGE 21

BASE: 'Other' at PAGE 20

BASE: If not [P20Q1=9] then routepage=22;

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

TEXT

PAGE 22

BASE: All those who named a party or 'other' at PAGE 18, 19, 20, 21

BASE: If [P20Q1=10] or [P20Q1=11] then routepage=23;

Would you call yourself very strong, fairly strong, or not very strong [VAR1]POPUP OF PARTY NAMED ON PAGE 18, 20 or 'supporter of this party' if PAGE 19, 21]?

Very strongly
 Fairly strongly
 Not very strongly
 Don't know

VAR1=[GETOPTION P18Q1];

IF [P18Q1=9] THEN VAR1="supporter of this party";

IF [P18Q1=10] OR [P18Q1=11] THEN VAR1=[GETOPTION P20Q1];

IF ([P18Q1=10] OR [P18Q1=11]) AND [P20Q1=9] THEN VAR1="supporter of this party";

PAGE 23**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 general election?

0 – Very unlikely

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10 – Very likely

Don't know

PAGE 24

If you do vote in the general election, have you decided which party you will vote for, or haven't you decided yet?

Yes, decided

No, not decided yet

Will not vote

Don't know

PAGE 25

BASE: 'Yes, decided'

BASE: If not [P24Q1=1] then routepage=27;

Which party is that?

Labour

Conservative

Liberal Democrat

Scottish National Party

Plaid Cymru

Green Party

United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)

British National Party (BNP)

Other Party

PAGE 26

BASE: 'Other' at PAGE 25

BASE: If not [P25Q1=9] then routepage=29;

You said you had decided to vote for an 'other' party in the general election. Please say here which party this is.

TEXT

PAGE 27

BASE: 'No, have not decided' at PAGE 24

BASE: If not [P24Q1=2] then routepage=29;

Which party do you think you are most likely to vote for?

Labour

Conservative

Liberal Democrat

Scottish National Party

Plaid Cymru

Green Party

United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)

British National Party (BNP)

Other

Don't know

PAGE 28**BASE: 'Other' at PAGE 27****BASE: If not [P27Q1=9] then routepage=29;**

You said you were most likely to vote for an 'other' party in the general election. Please say here which party this is.

TEXT**PAGE 29**

People give different reasons for why they vote for one party rather than another. Which of the following BEST describes your reasons?

The party has the best policies

The party has the best leader

I really prefer another party but it stands no chance of winning in my constituency.

I vote tactically.

Other reasons

PAGE 30**BASE: 'Other reasons' at PAGE 29****BASE: If not [P29Q1=5] then routepage=33;**

You said there were 'other' reasons why you would vote for one party rather than another. Please say here what these reasons are.

TEXT**PAGE 31****BASE: 'prefer another party' or 'vote tactically' at PAGE 29****BASE: If not ([P29Q1=3] or [P29Q1=4]) then routepage=33;****Which party do you really prefer?**

Labour

Conservative

Liberal Democrat

Scottish National Party (SNP)

Plaid Cymru

Green Party

United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)

British National Party (BNP)

Other

PAGE 32**BASE: 'Other' at PAGE 31****BASE: If not [P31Q1=9] then routepage=33;**

You said you really prefer an 'other' party. Please say here which party this is.

TEXT

ROTATE PAGES 33, 34, 35**PAGE 33**

On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means very unlikely and 10 means very likely, how likely is it that Labour will win the election in your local constituency?

0 – Very unlikely

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10 – Very likely

Don't know

PAGE 34

On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means very unlikely and 10 means very likely, how likely is it that the Conservative Party will win the election in your local constituency?

0 – Very unlikely

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10 – Very likely

Don't know

PAGE 35

On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means very unlikely and 10 means very likely, how likely is it that the Liberal Democrats will win the election in your local constituency?

0 – Very unlikely

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10 – Very likely

Don't know

PAGE 36**BASE: All who live in Scotland at PAGE 1****BASE: If not [P1Q1=6] then routepage=37;****On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means very unlikely and 10 means very likely, how likely is it that the Scottish National Party (SNP) will win the election in your local constituency?**

0 – Very unlikely

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10 – Very likely

Don't know

PAGE 37**BASE: All who live in Wales at PAGE 1****BASE: If not [P1Q1=9] then routepage=38;****On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means very unlikely and 10 means very likely, how likely is it that Plaid Cymru will win the election in your local constituency?**

0 – Very unlikely

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10 – Very likely

Don't know

ROTATE PAGES 38, 39, 40**PAGE 38**

And, on the 0 to 10 scale, where 0 means very unlikely and 10 means very likely, how likely is it that Labour will win the general election?

0 – Very unlikely

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10 – Very likely

Don't know

PAGE 39

And, on the 0 to 10 scale, where 0 means very unlikely and 10 means very likely, how likely is it that the Conservative Party will win the general election?

0 – Very unlikely

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10 – Very likely

Don't know

PAGE 40

And, on the 0 to 10 scale, where 0 means very unlikely and 10 means very likely, how likely is it that the Liberal Democrats will win the general election?

0 – Very unlikely

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10 – Very likely

Don't know

ROTATE PAGES 41, 42, 43**PAGE 41**

Now, thinking about party leaders for a moment. 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

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

PAGE 42

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 Michael Howard?

0 – Strongly dislike

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

PAGE 43

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 Charles Kennedy?

0 – Strongly dislike

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

PAGE 44**BASE: All who live in Scotland at PAGE 1****BASE: If not [P1Q1=6] then routepage=45;****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 45**BASE: All who live in Wales at PAGE 1****BASE: If not [P1Q1=9] then routepage=46;****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

1

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

PAGE 46**Who would make the best Prime Minister?**

Tony Blair
Michael Howard
Charles Kennedy
Don't know

PAGE 47**Please say how far you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.****I feel a sense of satisfaction when I vote.**

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

PAGE 48**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 PAGES 49, 50, 51**PAGE 49**

Now, some questions about the political parties.

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?

0 – Strongly dislike

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

PAGE 50

Now, some questions about the political parties.

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?

0 – Strongly dislike

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

PAGE 51

Now, some questions about the political parties.

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?

0 – Strongly dislike

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

PAGE 52**BASE: All who live in Scotland at PAGE 1****BASE: If not [P1Q1=6] then routepage=53;****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?**

0 – Strongly dislike

1

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9

10 – Strongly like

Don't know

PAGE 54**BASE: All who live in Wales at PAGE 1****BASE: If not [P1Q1=9] then routepage=54;****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 Plaid Cymru?**

0 – Strongly dislike

1

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

PAGE 54

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

PAGE 55

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

PAGE 56

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

PAGE 57

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 58

If Britain were in economic difficulties, which party do you think would be able to handle the situation best – Labour or the Conservatives?

Labour
Conservatives
Neither
Don't know

PAGE 59

BASE: 'Neither' or 'Don't know' at PAGE 58

BASE: If [P58Q1=1] or [P58Q1=2] then routepage=61;

If Britain were in economic difficulties, do you think another party would be able to handle the situation best?

Yes, other party
No – None
Don't know

PAGE 60

BASE: 'Yes, other party' at PAGE 60

BASE: If not [P59Q1=1] then routepage=61;

You said that you thought if Britain were in economic difficulties, an 'other' party would be able to hand the situation best. Please say which party that is.

TEXT

PAGE 61

Now, we would like your opinion about Britain's membership in the European Union.

On the scale below, 0 means that Britain should definitely get out of the EU, and 10 means that Britain should definitely stay in the EU. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

0 – Britain should definitely get out

1

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4

5

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10 – Britain should definitely stay in

Don't know

PAGE 62

Do you strongly approve, approve, disapprove, or strongly disapprove of Britain's involvement in Iraq.

Strongly approve

Approve

Disapprove

Strongly disapprove

Don't know

PAGE 63

Thinking about how well democracy works in this country, 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

PAGE 64

On a scale of 0 to 10, how much attention do you generally pay to politics?

0 – Pay no attention

1

2

3

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9

10 - Pay a great deal of attention

Don't know

PAGE 65

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

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10 – Great deal of influence

Don't know

PAGE 66

Now a few questions about the general election that will be held on May 5th. Has a canvasser from any party called at your home to talk with you during the election campaign?

Yes

No

Don't know

PAGE 67

BASE: 'Yes' at PAGE 66

BASE: If not [P66Q1=1] then routepage=68;

Which party or parties did they represent?

Labour

Conservative

Liberal Democrat

Scottish National Party (SNP)

Plaid Cymru

Green Party

United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)

British National Party (BNP)

Other Party

No – None

Don't know

PAGE 68

Has anyone from a political party telephoned you during the election campaign to ask you how you might vote?

Yes

No

Don't know

PAGE 69

BASE: 'Yes' at PAGE 68

BASE: If not [P66Q1=1] then routepage=70;

Which party or parties did they represent?

Labour

Conservative

Liberal Democrat

Scottish National Party (SNP)

Plaid Cymru

Green Party

United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)

British National Party (BNP)

Other Party

No – None

Don't know

PAGE 70

Have you seen any of the Party Election Broadcasts that are being shown on television during the election campaign?

Yes

No

Don't know

PAGE 71

BASE: 'Yes' at PAGE 70

BASE: If not [P70Q1=1] then routepage=72;

Which parties' Election Broadcasts have you seen? [Please tick all that apply]

Labour

Conservative

Liberal Democrat

Scottish National Party (SNP)

Plaid Cymru

Green Party

United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)

Other Party

No – None

Don't know

PAGE 72

BASE: 'Other' at PAGE 71

BASE: If not [P71Q1=8] then routepage=73;

You said you have seen an Election Broadcast(s) for an 'other' party. Please say for which party that was.

TEXT

PAGE 73

BASE: 'Labour' at PAGE 71

BASE: If not [P71Q1=1] then routepage=74;

Was your impression of the Labour Party Election Broadcast favourable or unfavourable?

Very favourable

Favourable

Neither favourable nor unfavourable

Unfavourable

Very unfavourable

Don't know

Did not see a Labour Party Election Broadcast

PAGE 74

BASE: 'Conservative' at PAGE 71

BASE: If not [P71Q1=2] then routepage=75;

Was your impression of the Conservative Party Election Broadcast favourable or unfavourable?

Very favourable

Favourable

Neither favourable nor unfavourable

Unfavourable

Very unfavourable

Don't know

Did not see a Conservative Party Election Broadcast

PAGE 75**BASE: 'Liberal Democrat' at PAGE 71****BASE: If not [P71Q1=3] then routepage=76;****Was your impression of the Liberal Democrat Party Election Broadcast favourable or unfavourable?**

Very favourable

Favourable

Neither favourable nor unfavourable

Unfavourable

Very unfavourable

Don't know

Did not see a Liberal Democrat Party Election Broadcast

PAGE 76**BASE: 'Scottish' at PAGE 1 and 'Scottish National Party (SNP)' at PAGE 71****BASE: If not [P1Q1=6] and not [P71Q1=4] then routepage=77;****Was your impression of the Scottish National Party Election Broadcast favourable or unfavourable?**

Very favourable

Favourable

Neither favourable nor unfavourable

Unfavourable

Very unfavourable

Don't know

Did not see a Scottish National Party Election Broadcast

PAGE 77**BASE: 'Welsh' at PAGE 1 and 'Plaid Cymru' at PAGE 71****BASE: If not [P1Q1=9] and not [P71Q1=5] then routepage=78;****J Was your impression of the Plaid Cymru Election Broadcast favourable or unfavourable?**

Very favourable

Favourable

Neither favourable nor unfavourable

Unfavourable

Very unfavourable

Don't know

Did not see a Plaid Cymru Election Broadcast

PAGE 78

Which party do you think has conducted the best election campaign thus far?

Labour
Conservative
Liberal Democrat
Scottish National Party (SNP)
Plaid Cymru
Green Party
United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
Other Party
None – No party
All parties equally good
Don't know

PAGE 79

And, which party do you think has conducted the worst election campaign thus far?

Labour
Conservative
Liberal Democrat
Scottish National Party (SNP)
Plaid Cymru
Green Party
United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
Other Party
None – No party
All parties equally bad
Don't know

PAGE 80

Using a 0 to 10 scale where 0 means no attention and 10 means a great a deal of attention, how much attention have you paid to the general election campaign thus far?

0 – No attention to election campaign
1
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10 - A great deal of attention to election campaign
Don't know

PAGE 81

Thinking about how the party leaders have performed during the election campaign, which party leader do you think has performed best during the election campaign thus far?

Tony Blair

Michael Howard

Charles Kennedy

[If you live in Scotland] Alex Salmond

[If you live in Wales] Elfyn Llwyd

None – No leader

All leaders equally good

Don't know

PAGE 82

And, which party leader do you think has performed worst during the election campaign thus far?

Tony Blair

Michael Howard

Charles Kennedy

[If you live in Scotland] Alex Salmond

[If you live in Wales] Elfyn Llwyd

None – No leader

All leaders equally bad

Don't know

PAGE 83**What is your year of birth?**

1900 or earlier

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Abstain

PAGE 84

BASE: 'Abstain' at PAGE 83

BASE: If not [P83Q1=89] then routepage=85;

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

PAGE 85

What is your gender?

Male
Female

PAGE 86

Finally, has anything happened in the last few days that has changed your view of any of the main political parties?

Yes

No

Don't know

PAGE 87

BASE: 'Yes' at PAGE 86

BASE: If not [P86Q1=1] then routepage=88;

And, what was that? [Please write in]

TEXT