

Opinion Poll

Fieldwork : July 21st-23rd 2006

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

Q.A Some people have said they would not vote in a new General Election, while others would go and vote at their polling station. I would like to know how certain it is that you would actually go and vote in a general election?

Base: All respondents

	Total	Sex		Age				Social Class				Voting Intention				Region		
		Male	Fe- male	18-24	25-34	35-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Other	North	Mid- lands	South
Unweighted base	1001	504	497	77	169	568	187	302	239	176	284	237	219	107	61	334	310	357
Weighted base	1001	480	521	107	170	522	202	254	290	208	249	236	214	115	65	335	310	357
Certain to vote	(10) 470 47%	234 49%	236 45%	27 25%	57 33%	259 50%	127 63%	132 52%	127 44%	96 46%	114 46%	151 64%	117 55%	60 52%	31 48%	142 42%	141 46%	187 52%
(9)	50 5%	29 6%	21 4%	7 7%	9 5%	25 5%	8 4%	21 8%	10 3%	6 3%	12 5%	17 7%	11 5%	3 3%	4 6%	19 6%	11 4%	19 5%
(8)	110 11%	49 10%	62 12%	16 15%	21 13%	52 10%	21 11%	27 11%	38 13%	23 11%	23 9%	26 11%	33 15%	14 12%	8 12%	46 14%	33 11%	32 9%
(7)	51 5%	21 4%	30 6%	8 8%	14 9%	23 4%	6 3%	11 4%	20 7%	11 5%	9 4%	9 4%	12 6%	12 10%	5 7%	13 4%	17 6%	20 6%
(6)	28 3%	12 3%	16 3%	7 6%	10 6%	11 2%	1 *	8 3%	5 2%	7 3%	8 3%	5 2%	5 2%	5 4%	2 3%	7 2%	6 2%	16 4%
(5)	104 10%	38 8%	66 13%	13 12%	20 12%	61 12%	10 5%	16 6%	34 12%	27 13%	27 11%	20 8%	20 9%	19 17%	10 16%	32 10%	33 11%	39 11%
(4)	12 1%	8 2%	4 1%	2 2%	1 1%	9 2%	- -	4 2%	2 1%	1 *	5 2%	3 1%	1 *	2 1%	1 2%	6 2%	3 1%	2 1%
(3)	19 2%	16 3%	3 1%	9 8%	2 1%	6 1%	2 1%	6 2%	5 2%	6 3%	2 1%	5 2%	7 3%	- -	3 5%	10 3%	6 2%	3 1%
(2)	21 2%	13 3%	8 2%	4 4%	5 3%	10 2%	3 1%	6 2%	6 2%	2 1%	7 3%	1 *	7 3%	1 *	1 2%	10 3%	4 1%	7 2%
Certain not to vote	(1) 121 12%	56 12%	65 12%	13 12%	27 16%	61 12%	20 10%	18 7%	41 14%	25 12%	37 15%	- -	- -	- -	- -	45 14%	49 16%	26 7%
Refused	2 *	1 *	1 *	1 1%	* *	1 *	- -	* *	2 1%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 *	1 *	1 *
Don't know	13 1%	3 1%	10 2%	- -	3 2%	6 1%	5 3%	3 1%	3 1%	3 2%	4 2%	- -	- -	- -	- -	4 1%	5 2%	4 1%
Mean	7.45	7.49	7.41	6.47	6.76	7.54	8.33	8.01	7.23	7.36	7.20	8.86	8.37	8.31	7.99	7.18	7.20	7.92
Standard deviation	3.20	3.24	3.16	3.13	3.29	3.18	2.93	2.86	3.28	3.20	3.38	1.89	2.29	2.05	2.41	3.32	3.38	2.86
Standard error	0.10	0.15	0.14	0.36	0.26	0.13	0.22	0.17	0.21	0.24	0.20	0.12	0.15	0.20	0.31	0.18	0.19	0.15

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Table 2

Data derived from:-

Q.A Some people have said they would not vote in a new General Election, while others would go and vote at their polling station.

I would like to know how certain it is that you would actually go and vote in a general election?

Q.B The Conservatives, Labour, the Liberal Democrats and other parties would fight a new election in your area.

If there were a general election tomorrow which party do you think you would vote for?

Data excludes those who definitely will not vote (12%), don't know who they would vote for (18%) or refuse to answer (7%)

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

	Sex			Age				Social Class				Voting Intention				Region		
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-24	25-34	35-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Other	North	Mid- lands	South
Unweighted base	509	268	241	28	73	290	118	176	119	80	134	202	178	83	46	177	145	187
Weighted base	514	255	259	42	76	263	132	148	150	95	121	203	174	89	48	180	149	185
Conservative	203 40%	97 38%	106 41%	5 12%	32 43%	97 37%	68 52%	62 42%	58 39%	39 41%	44 36%	203 100%	-	-	-	47 26%	62 42%	94 51%
Labour	174 34%	86 34%	88 34%	23 54%	19 25%	93 35%	38 29%	41 28%	47 31%	34 36%	51 42%	-	174 100%	-	-	71 39%	55 37%	48 26%
Liberal Democrat/ Liberal	89 17%	45 18%	45 17%	6 15%	17 23%	50 19%	16 12%	33 22%	29 20%	9 9%	19 15%	-	-	89 100%	-	35 19%	23 15%	31 17%
Scottish National Party/ SNP	18 4%	10 4%	8 3%	- -	- -	11 4%	7 5%	2 1%	6 4%	6 7%	4 3%	-	-	-	18 38%	18 10%	-	-
Plaid Cymru	2 *	- -	2 1%	2 4%	- -	- -	1 *	2 1%	- -	- -	1 *	-	-	-	2 5%	-	2 1%	-
Green Party	11 2%	7 3%	4 2%	1 2%	5 6%	5 2%	- -	3 2%	3 2%	3 3%	1 1%	-	-	-	11 23%	3 2%	3 2%	4 2%
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	6 1%	3 1%	3 1%	- -	1 1%	3 1%	2 1%	- -	3 2%	3 3%	- -	-	-	-	6 12%	1 1%	-	5 3%
Other	10 2%	8 3%	2 1%	5 12%	1 1%	3 1%	1 1%	5 3%	3 2%	1 1%	2 1%	-	-	-	10 22%	5 3%	4 2%	2 1%

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Table 3
Published Vote Intention Figures
Percentages derived from the responses of 681 respondents

	<u>Total</u>
Conservative	39%
Labour	35%
Liberal Democrat	17%
Other	9%

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Table 4

Q.1 From what you have seen or heard, do you think the war against Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein was justified or unjustified?

Base: All respondents

	Sex			Age				Social Class				Voting Intention				Region		
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-24	25-34	35-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Other	North	Mid- lands	South
Unweighted base	1001	504	497	77	169	568	187	302	239	176	284	237	219	107	61	334	310	357
Weighted base	1001	480	521	107	170	522	202	254	290	208	249	236	214	115	65	335	310	357
Justified	355 36%	200 42%	155 30%	39 36%	62 36%	198 38%	57 28%	90 35%	98 34%	84 40%	84 34%	82 35%	103 48%	31 27%	15 23%	110 33%	127 41%	119 33%
Unjustified	508 51%	230 48%	278 53%	59 55%	83 49%	244 47%	122 60%	137 54%	153 53%	95 46%	123 49%	130 55%	89 42%	75 65%	43 66%	171 51%	145 47%	193 54%
Don't know/ refused	138 14%	50 10%	87 17%	9 8%	26 15%	80 15%	23 11%	27 11%	39 14%	29 14%	42 17%	23 10%	22 10%	10 8%	7 11%	55 16%	38 12%	45 13%

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Table 5

Q.2 Do you think the presence of British forces in Iraq is helping to improve the situation there, making it worse or is there no difference one way or the other?

Base: All respondents

	Sex		Age				Social Class				Voting Intention			Region				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-24	25-34	35-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Other	North	Mid- lands	South
Unweighted base	1001	504	497	77	169	568	187	302	239	176	284	237	219	107	61	334	310	357
Weighted base	1001	480	521	107	170	522	202	254	290	208	249	236	214	115	65	335	310	357
Improve situation	194 19%	124 26%	71 14%	22 21%	41 24%	101 19%	30 15%	66 26%	59 20%	34 17%	35 14%	58 25%	57 27%	12 10%	8 12%	62 19%	61 20%	71 20%
No difference one way or the other	349 35%	148 31%	200 38%	33 31%	65 38%	183 35%	68 34%	74 29%	106 37%	72 35%	97 39%	84 36%	78 37%	42 37%	22 34%	111 33%	116 37%	121 34%
Make it worse	361 36%	181 38%	180 35%	47 44%	46 27%	177 34%	90 45%	90 36%	101 35%	79 38%	91 36%	80 34%	61 28%	53 46%	33 51%	134 40%	98 32%	129 36%
Don't know/ refused	98 10%	28 6%	70 13%	4 4%	18 11%	61 12%	14 7%	24 9%	24 8%	23 11%	27 11%	14 6%	18 8%	8 7%	2 3%	28 8%	35 11%	35 10%

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Table 6

Q.3 Do you think the presence of British forces in Afghanistan is helping to improve the situation there, making it worse or is there no difference one way or the other?

Base: All respondents

	Sex			Age				Social Class				Voting Intention				Region		
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-24	25-34	35-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Other	North	Mid- lands	South
Unweighted base	1001	504	497	77	169	568	187	302	239	176	284	237	219	107	61	334	310	357
Weighted base	1001	480	521	107	170	522	202	254	290	208	249	236	214	115	65	335	310	357
Improve situation	229 23%	144 30%	84 16%	23 22%	43 25%	122 23%	40 20%	75 30%	64 22%	44 21%	45 18%	68 29%	61 28%	21 19%	10 15%	68 20%	77 25%	84 24%
No difference one way or the other	337 34%	145 30%	192 37%	37 35%	53 31%	180 34%	67 33%	76 30%	92 32%	83 40%	86 34%	77 33%	81 38%	42 36%	26 40%	121 36%	107 35%	109 30%
Make it worse	293 29%	146 30%	147 28%	42 39%	48 28%	137 26%	65 32%	73 29%	91 31%	58 28%	71 28%	68 29%	50 23%	41 36%	25 38%	104 31%	76 24%	113 32%
Don't know/ refused	143 14%	45 9%	98 19%	4 4%	26 15%	82 16%	31 15%	30 12%	43 15%	23 11%	48 19%	22 10%	23 11%	11 9%	5 7%	43 13%	50 16%	51 14%

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Table 7

Q.4 Given the fact that British military forces are stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere, do you think the government is or is not currently overstretching our military resources?

Base: All respondents

	Sex		Age				Social Class				Voting Intention				Region			
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-24	25-34	35-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Other	North	Mid- lands	South
Unweighted base	1001	504	497	77	169	568	187	302	239	176	284	237	219	107	61	334	310	357
Weighted base	1001	480	521	107	170	522	202	254	290	208	249	236	214	115	65	335	310	357
Yes, is over stretching military resources	693 69%	329 69%	363 70%	63 59%	113 66%	361 69%	156 77%	175 69%	196 67%	147 71%	175 70%	185 78%	138 64%	85 74%	49 75%	222 66%	217 70%	254 71%
No is not overstretching military resources	194 19%	101 21%	93 18%	28 26%	35 21%	112 21%	20 10%	50 20%	61 21%	39 19%	44 18%	39 17%	55 26%	21 18%	8 13%	70 21%	56 18%	68 19%
Don't know/ refused	114 11%	50 10%	64 12%	16 15%	23 13%	49 9%	27 13%	29 11%	33 11%	22 11%	30 12%	12 5%	21 10%	9 8%	8 13%	43 13%	37 12%	35 10%

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Table 8

Q.5 Some people say that the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, has made Britain too close to the United States while others think he has got the relationship about right. Do you think that Britain is..?

Base: All respondents

	Sex		Age				Social Class				Voting Intention				Region			
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-24	25-34	35-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Other	North	Mid- lands	South
Unweighted base	1001	504	497	77	169	568	187	302	239	176	284	237	219	107	61	334	310	357
Weighted base	1001	480	521	107	170	522	202	254	290	208	249	236	214	115	65	335	310	357
Too close to the USA	634 63%	303 63%	330 63%	56 52%	114 67%	336 64%	129 64%	162 64%	178 61%	137 66%	156 63%	161 68%	117 54%	96 83%	48 74%	213 64%	189 61%	232 65%
Has about the right sort of relationship with the USA	296 30%	150 31%	146 28%	46 43%	43 25%	148 28%	60 30%	74 29%	97 34%	59 29%	66 26%	65 28%	86 40%	18 16%	15 24%	100 30%	96 31%	99 28%
Not close enough to the USA	29 3%	18 4%	11 2%	4 4%	6 3%	14 3%	6 3%	10 4%	4 1%	7 3%	9 4%	9 4%	5 2%	1 1%	1 1%	12 4%	6 2%	11 3%
Don't know/ refused	42 4%	9 2%	33 6%	2 2%	8 5%	24 5%	8 4%	8 3%	11 4%	4 2%	18 7%	2 1%	6 3%	* *	1 1%	10 3%	17 6%	14 4%

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Table 9

Q.6 You may have seen or heard that the government is considering plans to replace Britain's nuclear weapons system, Trident, which is coming to the end of its operational lifetime. Do you think Britain should replace the nuclear weapons system with a new one or should it no longer have any nuclear deterrent?

Base: All respondents

	Sex			Age				Social Class				Voting Intention				Region		
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-24	25-34	35-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Other	North	Mid- lands	South
Unweighted base	1001	504	497	77	169	568	187	302	239	176	284	237	219	107	61	334	310	357
Weighted base	1001	480	521	107	170	522	202	254	290	208	249	236	214	115	65	335	310	357
Should replace it with a new one	508 51%	273 57%	235 45%	57 53%	90 53%	267 51%	96 47%	133 53%	148 51%	117 56%	110 44%	146 62%	112 52%	50 43%	30 46%	161 48%	157 51%	190 53%
Should no longer have a nuclear deterrent	393 39%	178 37%	214 41%	47 44%	63 37%	200 38%	82 41%	95 38%	111 38%	80 38%	106 43%	72 31%	89 42%	60 52%	27 42%	148 44%	118 38%	127 36%
Don't know/ refused	100 10%	29 6%	71 14%	3 3%	17 10%	55 11%	25 12%	25 10%	31 11%	12 6%	33 13%	18 8%	13 6%	6 5%	8 12%	26 8%	35 11%	40 11%

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Table 10

Q.7 As you may have seen or heard, Israel has recently been attacking targets in Lebanon in response to the kidnapping of Israeli soldiers and other threats it believes it faces from militant groups based there. Do you think Israel has or has not over-reacted to the threats posed to it?

Base: All respondents

	Sex		Age				Social Class				Voting Intention			Region				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-24	25-34	35-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Other	North	Mid- lands	South
Unweighted base	1001	504	497	77	169	568	187	302	239	176	284	237	219	107	61	334	310	357
Weighted base	1001	480	521	107	170	522	202	254	290	208	249	236	214	115	65	335	310	357
Yes- has over reacted	611 61%	297 62%	315 60%	68 63%	103 60%	313 60%	128 63%	163 64%	190 65%	122 59%	136 55%	139 59%	143 67%	85 74%	35 54%	220 66%	175 56%	217 61%
No - has not over reacted	225 22%	139 29%	86 16%	28 27%	37 22%	114 22%	45 22%	64 25%	55 19%	50 24%	56 23%	71 30%	49 23%	16 13%	16 24%	61 18%	76 25%	88 25%
Don't know/ refused	165 16%	44 9%	120 23%	11 10%	30 18%	95 18%	29 14%	27 10%	46 16%	35 17%	57 23%	26 11%	22 10%	15 13%	14 22%	54 16%	59 19%	52 15%

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Table 11
Classification
Base: All respondents

		Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Unweighted base		1001	1001
Weighted base		1001	1001
Sex			
Male		504 50%	480 48%
Female		497 50%	521 52%
Age			
18-24	(21)	77 8%	107 11%
25-34	(29.5)	169 17%	170 17%
35-44	(39.5)	190 19%	201 20%
45-54	(49.5)	200 20%	169 17%
55-64	(59.5)	178 18%	152 15%
65+	(70)	187 19%	202 20%
Average age		47.64	46.70

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Table 11
Classification
Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1001	1001
<u>Social Class</u>		
AB	302 30%	254 25%
C1	239 24%	290 29%
C2	176 18%	208 21%
DE	284 28%	249 25%
<u>Region</u>		
North	334 33%	335 33%
Midlands	310 31%	310 31%
South	357 36%	357 36%

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Table 11
Classification
Base: All respondents

	<u>Unweighted Total</u>	<u>Weighted Total</u>
Weighted base	1001	1001
<u>Working status</u>		
Full-time	471 47%	443 44%
Part-time	131 13%	114 11%
Not working but seeking work or temporarily unemployed/sick	52 5%	57 6%
Not working/not seeking work	76 8%	85 9%
Retired	229 23%	248 25%
Student	17 2%	32 3%
Refused	25 2%	21 2%

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Table 11
Classification
Base: All respondents

	<u>Unweighted Total</u>	<u>Weighted Total</u>
Weighted base	1001	1001
Tenure		
Own outright	304 30%	323 32%
Own with a mortgage	376 38%	413 41%
Council	97 10%	128 13%
Housing Assoc.	55 5%	33 3%
Rented from someone else	117 12%	68 7%
Rent free	11 1%	6 1%
Refused	41 4%	30 3%

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Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1001	1001
<u>Foreign Holiday in last 3 years</u>		
Yes	630 63%	621 62%
No	371 37%	380 38%
<u>Number of cars</u>		
None	249 25%	202 20%
1	393 39%	433 43%
2	267 27%	284 28%
3+	92 9%	82 8%

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Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1001	1001
<u>Internet Access</u>		
At all	675 67%	664 66%
At home (net)	592 59%	587 59%
At work (net)	319 32%	304 30%
At home	330 33%	338 34%
At work	57 6%	56 6%
Both at home and at work	262 26%	249 25%
Somewhere else	26 3%	22 2%
Not at all	326 33%	337 34%

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Classification
Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1001	1001
<u>Age Finished Full Time Education</u>		
Up to 15	221 22%	237 24%
16	249 25%	322 32%
17	72 7%	57 6%
18	133 13%	106 11%
19 or over	265 26%	201 20%
Still in full time education	29 3%	48 5%
Had no full time education	2 *	4 *
Refused	30 3%	25 3%

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Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1001	1001
<u>Marital Status</u>		
Single	236 24%	247 25%
Married/ co-habiting	518 52%	518 52%
Widowed/ separated/ divorced	212 21%	208 21%
Refused	35 3%	28 3%
<u>Children</u>		
None aged 18 or under	701 70%	703 70%
NET: Yes	296 30%	294 29%
NET: Yes any aged 15 or under	259 26%	260 26%
- Aged under 5	92 9%	97 10%
- Aged 5-10	125 12%	127 13%
- Aged 11-15	120 12%	114 11%
- Aged 16-18	93 9%	88 9%
Refused	4 *	4 *

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Classification
Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1001	1001
<u>Grocery shopping status</u>		
I am the main grocery shopper in the household	681 68%	675 67%
I regularly do the main grocery shop	709 71%	712 71%
I regularly do top up grocery shopping (buy items or a basket of items as they are needed)	758 76%	765 76%
I do not do grocery shopping	109 11%	105 11%
Refused	27 3%	24 2%

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Table 12
Q.C/D Voting in May 5th 2005 General Election
Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Unweighted base	1001	1001
Weighted base	1001	1001
Conservative	192 19%	194 19%
Labour	240 24%	232 23%
Liberal Democrat/ Liberal	105 10%	131 13%
Scottish National Party/SNP	16 2%	16 2%
Plaid Cymru	4 *	2 *
Green Party	9 1%	12 1%
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	9 1%	9 1%
Other	7 1%	7 1%
Did not vote	327 33%	308 31%
Don't know	20 2%	20 2%
Refused	72 7%	70 7%