

ICM Research interviewed a quota sample of 2,401 adults aged 18+ in street between 23rd-28th October 2000. Interviews were conducted across the country and the results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

Q1. Voting intention. Unadjusted. Base: All expressing an intention to vote.

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Conservative	36%	38%	35%	19%	32%
Labour	39%	40%	43%	35%	40%
Lib Dem	18%	19%	19%	8%	15%
SNP	3%	-	-	32%	-
Plaid Cymru	1%	-	-	-	13%
Green	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Other	1%	1%	-	3%	*%

Q3. Some people have been discussing recently what kinds of protests are justifiable in a democracy. For each of the following please say whether you think they were definitely justified, perhaps justified, perhaps not justified, or definitely not justified?

Street demonstrations against capitalism in London.

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Definitely justified	18%	17%	9%	19%	16%
Perhaps justified	29%	29%	22%	34%	34%
Perhaps not justified	18%	17%	26%	14%	17%
Definitely not justified	24%	22%	36%	23%	20%
Don't Know	11%	12%	7%	10%	14%

Countryside Alliance and pro hunting demonstrations.

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Definitely justified	27%	29%	18%	25%	25%
Perhaps justified	28%	27%	31%	32%	29%

Perhaps not justified	15%	15%	17%	14%	14%
Definitely not justified	22%	21%	24%	23%	26%
Don't Know	8%	8%	10%	6%	8%

The destruction of genetically modified (GM) crops in government approved trials.

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Definitely justified	28%	28%	25%	29%	22%
Perhaps justified	27%	28%	26%	27%	28%
Perhaps not justified	17%	16%	21%	18%	22%
Definitely not justified	18%	19%	16%	19%	17%
Don't Know	10%	10%	11%	7%	10%

French blockades at ports over petrol.

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Definitely justified	28%	28%	%	%	%
Perhaps justified	25%	26%	%	%	%
Perhaps not justified	16%	15%	%	%	%
Definitely not justified	25%	25%	%	%	%
Don't Know	6%	6%	%	%	%

The petrol blockades here by some road hauliers and farmers.

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Definitely justified	45%	46%	35%	48%	61%
Perhaps justified	29%	28%	33%	30%	26%
Perhaps not justified	9%	9%	13%	9%	6%
Definitely not justified	13%	13%	16%	10%	6%
Don't Know	4%	4%	2%	3%	1%

The demonstrations at the world trade talks in Seattle and Prague.

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
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Definitely justified	16%	18%	11%	16%	9%
Perhaps justified	26%	26%	24%	27%	33%
Perhaps not justified	13%	13%	19%	11%	14%
Definitely not justified	14%	13%	16%	16%	14%
Don't Know	30%	30%	30%	31%	31%

Q4. Generally speaking do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

If governments don't listen, peaceful protest, blockades and demonstrations are a legitimate way of expressing people's concerns.

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Strongly agree	49%	48%	38%	57%	62%
Tend to agree	32%	33%	39%	28%	24%
Neither agree nor disagree	8%	9%	10%	5%	6%
Tend to disagree	4%	4%	6%	4%	3%
Strongly disagree	3%	3%	6%	2%	4%
Don't know	4%	4%	1%	4%	1%

In a parliamentary democracy, governments should not change policies in response to protests, blockades or demonstrations.

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Strongly agree	13%	14%	10%	8%	11%
Tend to agree	22%	23%	19%	18%	17%
Neither agree nor disagree	19%	19%	12%	15%	16%
Tend to disagree	23%	22%	35%	26%	27%
Strongly disagree	16%	15%	24%	25%	19%
Don't know	7%	7%	1%	8%	9%

General Election results should set government policy until the next election.

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Strongly agree	25%	25%	16%	21%	20%
Tend to agree	25%	28%	25%	29%	20%

Neither agree nor disagree	16%	16%	15%	18%	17%
Tend to disagree	14%	13%	28%	15%	22%
Strongly disagree	9%	8%	13%	11%	9%
Don't know	9%	9%	2%	7%	12%

Q5. I am going to read out a number of policies and proposals and I would like you to tell me whether you agree or disagree with each?

The length of parliament should be fixed, removing the Prime Ministers power to choose the date of the next election.

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Strongly agree	31%	31%	37%	32%	30%
Tend to agree	29%	29%	31%	33%	24%
Neither agree nor disagree	17%	17%	15%	13%	14%
Tend to disagree	7%	7%	8%	6%	13%
Strongly disagree	6%	6%	8%	7%	5%
Don't know	10%	10%	1%	9%	13%

A referendum should be held on changing the system we use to elect MP's.

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Strongly agree	27%	27%	24%	28%	23%
Tend to agree	29%	29%	28%	31%	24%
Neither agree nor disagree	18%	18%	12%	12%	16%
Tend to disagree	8%	8%	13%	10%	13%
Strongly disagree	7%	7%	17%	8%	10%
Don't know	12%	11%	6%	11%	15%

Britain needs a written constitution, providing clear legal rules within which government ministers and civil servants are forced to operate.

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Strongly agree	38%	37%	39%	46%	41%
Tend to agree	33%	33%	35%	29%	37%

Neither agree nor disagree	14%	15%	16%	10%	9%
Tend to disagree	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%
Strongly disagree	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%
Don't know	10%	10%	5%	10%	9%

There should be a freedom of information act, giving the right of access to information collected by public authorities, subject to adequate safeguards on national security, crime prevention and personal privacy.

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Strongly agree	48%	48%	51%	56%	47%
Tend to agree	31%	31%	35%	29%	32%
Neither agree nor disagree	11%	12%	9%	6%	7%
Tend to disagree	2%	2%	-%	2%	3%
Strongly disagree	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%
Don't know	7%	7%	3%	6%	7%

Compulsory voting should be introduced in Britain, and people who do not vote in General Elections might be fined.

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Strongly agree	14%	14%	17%	12%	16%
Tend to agree	16%	16%	15%	12%	14%
Neither agree nor disagree	14%	15%	6%	6%	10%
Tend to disagree	15%	15%	16%	13%	15%
Strongly disagree	34%	33%	45%	50%	36%
Don't know	7%	7%	1%	7%	10%

People in all areas of England should be given the opportunity to choose whether or not to have an elected regional assembly.

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Strongly agree	25%	25%	28%	28%	25%
Tend to agree	31%	31%	24%	29%	33%
Neither agree nor disagree	20%	20%	23%	16%	16%
Tend to	7%	7%	10%	3%	5%

disagree					
Strongly disagree	7%	7%	10%	8%	6%
Don't know	11%	10%	5%	16%	16%
Parliament does not have sufficient control over what the government does.					
	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Strongly agree	21%	21%	20%	27%	13%
Tend to agree	32%	32%	24%	29%	35%
Neither agree nor disagree	20%	20%	18%	16%	20%
Tend to disagree	8%	8%	18%	6%	11%
Strongly disagree	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%
Don't know	15%	15%	15%	17%	16%
Britain needs a Bill of Rights to protect the liberty of the individual.					
	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Strongly agree	39%	38%	37%	51%	42%
Tend to agree	32%	32%	42%	22%	33%
Neither agree nor disagree	13%	14%	12%	9%	9%
Tend to disagree	4%	4%	2%	2%	5%
Strongly disagree	3%	3%	4%	6%	2%
Don't know	9%	9%	2%	10%	10%
Government power in Britain is too centralised.					
	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Strongly agree	29%	28%	26%	43%	20%
Tend to agree	31%	31%	21%	23%	34%
Neither agree nor disagree	16%	17%	13%	12%	14%
Tend to disagree	9%	9%	20%	9%	8%
Strongly disagree	4%	4%	14%	5%	7%
Don't know	10%	10%	6%	8%	17%

Q6. On this card are some things that people have said about our electoral system. For each one, please tell me whether you agree strongly, agree slightly, neither agree nor disagree, disagree slightly or disagree strongly?

This country should adopt a new voting system that would give parties seats in Parliament in proportion to their share of the vote.

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Strongly agree	31%	31%	27%	36%	28%
Tend to agree	29%	28%	24%	34%	27%
Neither agree nor disagree	14%	15%	10%	9%	13%
Tend to disagree	7%	7%	14%	5%	7%
Strongly disagree	8%	8%	21%	7%	9%
Don't know	11%	11%	4%	9%	16%

The present system of voting is the only way the country can get strong one party governments who will get things done.

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Strongly agree	14%	15%	18%	13%	15%
Tend to agree	26%	27%	30%	16%	25%
Neither agree nor disagree	19%	20%	14%	14%	21%
Tend to disagree	17%	16%	13%	26%	17%
Strongly disagree	13%	13%	18%	18%	9%
Don't know	11%	10%	6%	12%	12%

The voting system produces governments which do not represent the views of most ordinary people.

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Strongly agree	26%	25%	18%	35%	19%
Tend to agree	30%	30%	25%	33%	34%
Neither agree nor disagree	18%	19%	16%	11%	18%
Tend to disagree	12%	13%	28%	9%	13%
Strongly disagree	5%	5%	8%	6%	5%
Don't know	9%	9%	5%	7%	11%

Elections for local authorities should use a new voting system that would give parties seats on local councils in proportion to their share of the vote.

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Strongly agree	30%	29%	32%	37%	28%
Tend to agree	31%	31%	21%	31%	26%
Neither agree nor disagree	17%	17%	15%	13%	19%
Tend to disagree	5%	6%	12%	2%	7%
Strongly disagree	5%	5%	14%	3%	4%
Don't know	12%	12%	7%	14%	17%

Q7. I am going to give you a card that shows the choice you may get in a government referendum on the voting system for elections for MP's to the House of Commons. Please look at it carefully and vote for one or the other alternative?

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
The existing system of voting	27%	27%	48%	21%	34%
A proportional system of voting	53%	52%	38%	65%	46%
Don't know	20%	21%	13%	14%	20%

Q8. I would now like to ask some questions about a Bill of Rights, which some other people have been talking about. On this card is a list of rights that they have said should be included in a Bill of Rights. I'd like you to go through the list and tell me which, if any, you yourself think should be included in a Bill of Rights.

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Right to a fair trial before a jury	93%	93%	98%	95%	93%
Right of a woman to have an abortion	76%	76%	70%	81%	75%
Right to join, or not to join, a trade union	87%	87%	94%	91%	82%
Right of free assembly for peaceful meetings and demonstrations	86%	85%	88%	93%	83%

Right to know what information government departments hold about you	89%	90%	95%	91%	85%
Right to know the reasons for government decisions affecting you	90%	90%	92%	92%	85%
Right of the press to report on matters of public interest	79%	79%	81%	85%	72%
Right of British subjects to equal treatment on entering and leaving the UK, irrespective of colour or race	82%	82%	93%	88%	79%
Right of those who are homeless to be housed	76%	75%	80%	83%	74%
Right of hospital treatment on the NHS within a reasonable time	94%	94%	99%	95%	92%
Right to privacy in your phone and mail communications	90%	90%	98%	93%	83%
Right of privacy when you send or receive e-mails at home	83%	83%	90%	88%	75%
Right to join a legal strike without losing your job	86%	86%	85%	92%	78%
Right of a defendant to remain silent in court without prejudicing his case	66%	66%	59%	73%	53%

Right to practice your religion without state interference	86%	86%	89%	90%	86%
Q9. And looking through that list again, could you tell me which, if any, you think should be excluded from a Bill of Rights?					
	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Right to a fair trial before a jury	2%	2%	*%	2%	1%
Right of a woman to have an abortion	13%	14%	16%	11%	12%
Right to join, or not to join, a trade union	6%	6%	2%	5%	8%
Right of free assembly for peaceful meetings and demonstrations	5%	6%	9%	3%	5%
Right to know what information government departments hold about you	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%
Right to know the reasons for government decisions affecting you	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%
Right of the press to report on matters of public interest	11%	11%	12%	8%	12%
Right of British subjects to equal treatment on entering and leaving the UK, irrespective of colour or race	8%	9%	4%	8%	9%
Right of those who are homeless to be housed	13%	14%	16%	11%	12%

Right of hospital treatment on the NHS within a reasonable time	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Right to privacy in your phone and mail communications	3%	3%	*0%	3%	4%
Right of privacy when you send or receive e-mails at home	6%	6%	5%	7%	10%
Right to join a legal strike without losing your job	5%	5%	3%	3%	8%
Right of a defendant to remain silent in court without prejudicing his case	20%	20%	24%	20%	30%
Right to practice your religion without state interference	5%	5%	5%	6%	6%

Q10. Thinking now about England, which of the following options do you think is the best way of deciding how to generate new jobs, develop major road and public transport, and other similar issues?

	ENGLAND	THE NORTH	YORKSHIRE	EAST MIDLANDS	EAST ANGLIA
Government ministers in Whitehall should decide, taking into account the needs of the country as a whole	12%	16%	10%	6%	13%
An elected assembly for this region should decide	32%	43%	34%	24%	29%

Government officials meeting at regional level should decide	15%	9%	15%	23%	27%
Appointed business and local government representatives from this region should decide	29%	15%	31%	39%	32%
Don't know	14%	17%	11%	10%	7%
	SOUTH EAST	SOUTH WEST	WEST MIDLANDS	NORTH WEST	-
Government ministers in Whitehall should decide, taking into account the needs of the country as a whole	13%	12%	11%	14%	-
An elected assembly for this region should decide	34%	31%	32%	26%	-
Government officials meeting at regional level should decide	14%	18%	15%	11%	-
Appointed business and local government representatives from this region should decide	25%	34%	28%	29%	-
Don't know	15%	8%	14%	22%	-
Q10. Thinking now about London, which of the following options do you think is the best way of deciding how to generate new jobs, develop major road and public transport, and other similar issues?					
	LONDON	-	-	-	-
Give more power to the London Mayor and Greater London	44%	-	-	-	-

Assembly					
Keep the powers of government ministers, Whitehall and the London Mayor and Greater London assembly as they are now	37%	-	-	-	-
Increase the powers of government ministers and Whitehall	10%	-	-	-	-
Don't know	9%				
Q10. Thinking now about Scotland, which of the following options do you think is the best way of deciding how to run health, education and other services, how to generate new jobs, develop major road and public transport, and other similar issues?					
	SCOTLAND	-	-	-	-
Give more power to the London Mayor and Greater London Assembly	72%	-	-	-	-
Keep the powers of government ministers, Whitehall and the London Mayor and Greater London assembly as they are now	20%	-	-	-	-
Increase the powers of government ministers and Whitehall	3%	-	-	-	-
Don't know	6%				

Q10. Thinking now about Wales, which of the following options do you think is the best way of deciding how to run health, education and other services, how to generate new jobs, develop major road and public transport, and other similar issues?

	WALES	-	-	-	-
Give more power to the London Mayor and Greater London Assembly	43%	-	-	-	-
Keep the powers of government ministers, Whitehall and the London Mayor and Greater London assembly as they are now	28%	-	-	-	-
Increase the powers of government ministers and Whitehall	10%	-	-	-	-
Don't know	19%				

Q11. I'd like you to think now about how Parliament is run. At the moment MP's and a whole make and enforce the rules that govern their own conduct in Parliament. They are advised by a Commissioner for Standards who investigates complaints against MP's. Which of the following options comes closest to your own view about these rules?

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
The existing system of rules with MP's making and enforcing them works well and should not be changed	7%	7%	7%	8%	8%
The existing rules should be tightened up and enforced by police, courts or any outside body	21%	21%	26%	16%	19%

The rules should be made law with an independent commission and civil courts overseeing the MP's conduct	34%	34%	45%	33%	31%
The rules should be made law making breaches a crime investigated by police and punishable by the criminal courts	29%	29%	20%	32%	29%
Don't know	10%	10%	2%	11%	14%

Q12. How do you think accusations of serious professional misconduct by Government ministers should be investigated?					
	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
The Prime Minister should make enquiries as now into whether allegations are true and decide if the minister should resign	7%	7%	3%	6%	10%
The House of Commons should make enquiries and decide if the minister should resign	16%	17%	23%	11%	8%
An independent official commission should investigate and decide whether ministers should resign	42%	41%	57%	47%	43%

The police should investigate and decide whether or not ministers should face legal trial in court	28%	28%	16%	28%	32%
Don't know	8%	8%	2%	8%	8%

Q13. Do you trust government ministers and their advisory committee's to tell the truth about each of the following or not?

Safety of food we eat

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Yes	20%	21%	28%	17%	17%
No	74%	73%	64%	77%	78%
Don't know	6%	6%	8%	6%	5%

Safety of nuclear installations

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Yes	18%	18%	13%	17%	12%
No	75%	74%	77%	79%	84%
Don't know	7%	8%	9%	4%	4%

Safe sex and AIDS

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Yes	43%	44%	63%	40%	37%
No	47%	46%	30%	52%	53%
Don't know	9%	10%	7%	8%	10%

Safety of GM foods and crops

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Yes	19%	20%	24%	15%	12%
No	73%	73%	66%	76%	79%
Don't know	8%	8%	10%	9%	9%

Safety of British Beef

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Yes	27%	27%	31%	24%	24%
No	67%	66%	60%	69%	72%
Don't know	7%	7%	9%	7%	4%

Safety of medicines					
	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Yes	37%	38%	47%	30%	35%
No	55%	54%	44%	62%	58%
Don't know	8%	8%	9%	8%	6%

Q14. Parliaments has been debating options for a new Freedom of Information Act. Which of the following options would you yourself prefer?

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Ministers and civil servants should decide alone what government papers should be released	9%	9%	17%	8%	9%
An independent commission should be able to order the release of government papers	79%	79%	75%	83%	74%
Don't know	12%	12%	8%	9%	17%

Q15. And which of the following options do you prefer?

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Policy advice from civil servants to ministers should normally be kept secret	17%	18%	31%	13%	11%
Policy advice from civil servants to ministers should normally be disclosed	68%	67%	55%	77%	64%
Don't know	15%	15%	13%	10%	25%

Q16. Thinking about Britain today, do you think that each of the following are a major problem, a minor problem or no problem at all?

Financial sleaze in government

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
A major problem	49%	48%	51%	53%	55%
A minor problem	39%	40%	41%	35%	35%
No problem at all	6%	6%	5%	6%	4%
Don't know	6%	6%	4%	7%	7%

Ministers appointing friends to important public posts

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
A major problem	50%	50%	58%	49%	51%
A minor problem	36%	36%	35%	38%	32%
No problem at all	7%	7%	4%	3%	9%
Don't know	7%	7%	4%	9%	8%

The government using spin doctors to manipulate the media

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
A major problem	57%	57%	75%	61%	53%
A minor problem	30%	30%	21%	27%	27%
No problem at all	5%	5%	2%	4%	8%
Don't know	8%	7%	2%	9%	12%

Ministers appointing to government committees and task forces people who have made large donations to their party

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
A major problem	52%	52%	60%	53%	48%
A minor problem	35%	36%	36%	29%	34%
No problem at all	6%	5%	1%	8%	9%
Don't know	8%	7%	2%	10%	9%

The granting of peerages and honours to people who have made large financial donations to political parties

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
A major problem	52%	52%	60%	52%	45%

A minor problem	32%	32%	29%	31%	35%
No problem at all	8%	8%	7%	7%	12%
Don't know	8%	7%	4%	10%	8%
Government ministers favouring major private interests before the interests of ordinary people					
	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
A major problem	58%	59%	67%	59%	54%
A minor problem	29%	29%	29%	28%	30%
No problem at all	6%	6%	1%	4%	9%
Don't know	6%	6%	3%	9%	7%
Government ministers not being truthful					
	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
A major problem	66%	65%	60%	71%	70%
A minor problem	26%	26%	29%	21%	21%
No problem at all	4%	4%	2%	2%	5%
Don't know	5%	5%	9%	6%	4%

Q17. Which of these statements best describes your opinion on the present system of governing Britain?

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
It works extremely well and could not be improved	1%	1%	*%	1%	3%
It could be improved in small ways but mainly works well	30%	30%	37%	26%	35%
It could be improved quite a lot	40%	40%	40%	39%	36%
It needs a great deal of improvement	24%	23%	20%	31%	19%
Don't know	5%	5%	2%	4%	6%

Q18. The government is currently thinking about who should sit in the House of Lords. Which of the following options do you think the government should choose?

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
A wholly elected second chamber	19%	17%	30%	31%	22%
A mixture of elected and appointed members, with more than half of them elected	39%	40%	49%	35%	42%
A mixture with a third of the members elected and two thirds appointed	18%	20%	11%	9%	7%
Don't know	24%	23%	10%	26%	29%

Q19. In helping to make and improve new laws, what powers do you think the House of Lords should have to make the government think again when it objects to a new law?

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
The power to delay a new law for a few months	22%	22%	24%	21%	26%
The power to delay a new law for one year	20%	20%	29%	18%	25%
The power to delay a new law for two years	6%	6%	5%	3%	3%
The power to hold up a new law indefinitely until the two houses of Parliament can reach agreement	31%	31%	26%	30%	28%
Don't know	21%	21%	15%	28%	18%

Q20. Out of the following situations, which do you think would give a reformed House of Lords most right to block government legislation?

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
If the reformed House of Lords were wholly elected	26%	24%	41%	39%	26%
If it were mostly elected, with a minority of appointed members	33%	34%	36%	24%	32%
If it was mostly appointed with a minority of elected members	14%	16%	10%	6%	8%
Don't know	27%	26%	13%	31%	34%

Q21. In terms of what you consider to be important in a democracy, do you think Britain is?

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
Very democratic	11%	12%	14%	8%	12%
Fairly democratic	59%	59%	67%	57%	58%
Not very democratic	16%	15%	11%	24%	17%
Not at all democratic	6%	7%	6%	3%	6%
Don't know	8%	8%	2%	8%	6%

Q22. Do you think this country is getting more or less democratic?

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
More democratic	22%	22%	21%	23%	21%
Less democratic	54%	54%	52%	54%	54%
Don't know	24%	24%	26%	23%	25%

Q23. In Britain how much power would you say ordinary voters should have between elections over government policies?

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
A great deal	25%	25%	28%	25%	24%
A fair amount	45%	45%	48%	44%	47%

A little	17%	18%	17%	14%	18%
None at all	8%	8%	5%	11%	7%
Don't know	5%	5%	2%	6%	5%

Q24. In Britain how much power would you say ordinary voters do have between elections over government policies?

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES
A great deal	4%	4%	3%	6%	2%
A fair amount	15%	15%	13%	13%	14%
A little	44%	44%	46%	40%	44%
None at all	32%	31%	32%	34%	34%
Don't know	5%	5%	5%	6%	6%

Q25. Turning now to Britain's policy on asylum seekers, for each of the following types of people, do you think we should usually allow entry into the UK, usually refuse entry or judge each case on its merits?

People who want to escape poverty in their own country?

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES & (ETHNIC RESPONDENTS.)
Usually allow entry	13%	14%	18%	11%	9% (30%)
Usually refuse entry	34%	34%	33%	33%	36% (17%)
Judge each case on its merits	48%	47%	49%	50%	51% (45%)
Don't know	5%	5%	1%	5%	4% (8%)

People who have a well founded fear of death or torture in their own country

	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES & (ETHNIC RESPONDENTS.)
Usually allow entry	40%	40%	50%	42%	37% (48%)
Usually refuse entry	14%	14%	8%	12%	11% (10%)
Judge each case on its merits	42%	42%	41%	42%	49% (37%)
Don't know	4%	4%	1%	4%	4% (5%)

People who are fleeing civil war or armed invasion in their own country					
	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES & (ETHNIC RESPONDENTS.)
Usually allow entry	30%	30%	37%	34%	26% (43%)
Usually refuse entry	19%	19%	10%	16%	20% (12%)
Judge each case on its merits	46%	47%	52%	44%	49% (38%)
Don't know	5%	5%	1%	6%	4% (7%)
People who have suffered political repression or persecution in their own country					
	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES & (ETHNIC RESPONDENTS.)
Usually allow entry	29%	29%	44%	31%	22% (44%)
Usually refuse entry	19%	19%	13%	16%	19% (12%)
Judge each case on its merits	48%	47%	41%	48%	55% (36%)
Don't know	5%	5%	2%	5%	4% (7%)
People who are fleeing from genocide or ethnic cleansing					
	TOTAL	ENGLAND	LONDON	SCOTLAND	WALES & (ETHNIC RESPONDENTS.)
Usually allow entry	40%	40%	52%	45%	37% (49%)
Usually refuse entry	13%	13%	6%	11%	12% (10%)
Judge each case on its merits	42%	42%	41%	39%	46% (34%)
Don't know	5%	5%	1%	6%	4% (7%)