

**BRITISH  
QUESTIONNAIRE  
EUROPEAN ELECTIONS STUDY 2004**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> 2004**

**NB**

- a) Question ordering is somewhat different from the master questionnaire.
- b) D6 (on work situation) is worded somewhat differently to the master questionnaire.
- c) Q26 (as on the master questionnaire, asking about trust in other nationalities) is missing.

**Q1** What do you think are the most important problems in Britain at present?

Any other important problems? **[open, multiple answers possible]**

- 1 Health (e.g. NHS, etc.)
  - 2 Education (e.g. schools, universities, tuition fees, etc.)
  - 3 Law and order (e.g. crime, police, etc.)
  - 4 Unemployment
  - 5 Taxation
  - 6 Inflation (e.g. price increases, standard of living, etc.)
  - 7 Transport (e.g. roads, railways, etc.)
  - 8 Immigration (immigration, asylum seekers, etc.)
  - 9 European Union
  - 10 Foreign affairs (e.g. Iraqi war, etc.)
  - 11 Terrorism
  - 12 WRITE IN OTHER PROBLEM
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98 dk

99 na

**Q1a** If more than one problem mentioned: Of those you have mentioned what would you say is the single most important problem?

- 1 Health (e.g. NHS, etc.)
  - 2 Education (e.g. schools, universities, tuition fees, etc.)
  - 3 Law and order (e.g. crime, police, etc.)
  - 4 Unemployment
  - 5 Taxation
  - 6 Inflation (e.g. price increases, standard of living, etc.)
  - 7 Transport (e.g. roads, railways, etc.)
  - 8 Immigration (immigration, asylum seekers, etc.)
  - 9 European Union
  - 10 Foreign affairs (e.g. Iraqi war)
  - 11 Terrorism
  - 12 OTHER PROBLEM
- 98 dk  
99 na

**Q2** Which political party do you think would be best at dealing with <the most important problem>?  
**[READ OPTIONS 1-11]**

- 1 Labour
  - 2 Conservatives
  - 3 Liberal Democrats
  - 4 UK Independence Party
  - [IN SCOTLAND ONLY]** 5 Scottish National Party
  - [IN WALES ONLY]** 6 Plaid Cymru
  - 7 Green Party
  - 8 British National Party
  - 10 other party
  - 11 none of the parties
- 98 dk  
99 na

**Q3** As of today, is <**the most important issue**> mainly dealt with by regional, national, or European political authorities?

- 1 regional
- 2 national
- 3 European
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**Q4** And who do you think would be most appropriate to deal with <**the most important issue**>: regional, national, or European political authorities?

- 1 regional
- 2 national
- 3 European
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**Q5** How often did you do any of the following during the three or four weeks before the European elections on June 10<sup>th</sup>? How often did you:

**Q5a** ... watch a program about the election on television? Often, sometimes, or never?

- 1 often
- 2 sometimes
- 3 never
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**Q5b** ... read about the election in a newspaper? Often, sometimes, or never?

- 1 often
- 2 sometimes
- 3 never
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**Q5c**... talk to friends or family about the election?

- 1 often
- 2 sometimes
- 3 never
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**Q5d** ... attend a public meeting or rally about the election?

- 1 often
- 2 sometimes
- 3 never
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**Q5e** ... look into a website concerned with the election?

- 1 often
- 2 sometimes
- 3 never
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**Q6** Thinking back to just before the elections for the European Parliament were held, how interested were you in the campaign for those elections: very, somewhat, a little, or not at all?

- 1 very
- 2 somewhat
- 3 a little
- 4 not at all
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**Q7** A lot of people abstained in the European Parliament elections of June 10<sup>th</sup>, while others voted. Did you cast your vote?

- 1 yes, voted
  - 2 no, did not vote
  - 8 dk
  - 9 na
- } go to **Q9**

**Q8** Which party did you vote for? [**READ OPTIONS 1-10**]

- 1 Labour
- 2 Conservatives
- 3 Liberal Democrats
- 4 UK Independence Party
- [IN SCOTLAND ONLY]** 5 Scottish National Party
- [IN WALES ONLY]** 6 Plaid Cymru
- 7 Green Party
- 8 British National Party
- 10 other party
- 97 did not vote
- 98 do not remember
- 99 no answer

**Q9** Which party did you vote for at the General Election of 2001? [**READ OPTIONS 1-10**]

- 1 Labour
- 2 Conservatives
- 3 Liberal Democrats
- 4 UK Independence Party
- [IN SCOTLAND ONLY]** 5 Scottish National Party
- [IN WALES ONLY]** 6 Plaid Cymru
- 7 Green Party
- 8 British National Party
- 10 other party
- 97 did not vote
- 98 do not remember
- 99 no answer

**Q10** And if there was a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for? [**READ OPTIONS 1-10**]

- 1 Labour
- 2 Conservatives
- 3 Liberal Democrats
- 4 UK Independence Party
- [IN SCOTLAND ONLY]** 5 Scottish National Party
- [IN WALES ONLY]** 6 Plaid Cymru
- 7 Green Party.
- 8 British National Party
- 10 other party
- 97 would not vote
- 98 do not know
- 99 no answer

**Q11a** We have a number of parties in Britain each of which would like to get your vote. How probable is it that you will ever vote for the following parties? Please specify your views on a 10-point-scale where 1 means "not at all probable" and 10 means "very probable". If you think of the Labour Party: what mark out of ten best describes how probable it is that you will ever vote for Labour?

1 not at all probable  
2  
...  
9  
10 very probable  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q11b** And the Conservative Party: what mark out of ten best describes how probable it is that you will ever vote for the Conservative Party?

1 not at all probable  
2  
...  
9  
10 very probable  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q11c** The Liberal Democrats?

1 not at all probable  
2  
...  
9  
10 very probable  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q11d** The UK Independence Party?

1 not at all probable  
2  
...  
9  
10 very probable  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q11f** (in Scotland) The SNP?

1 not at all probable  
2  
...  
9  
10 very probable  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q11g** (in Wales) Plaid Cymru?

1 not at all probable  
2  
...  
9  
10 very probable

98 dk  
99 na

**Q12** Generally speaking, do you think that Britain's membership of the European Union is a good thing, a bad thing, or neither good nor bad?

1 good thing  
2 bad thing  
3 neither  
8 dk  
9 na

**Q13** Some say European unification should be pushed further. Others say it already has gone too far. What is your opinion? Please indicate your views using a 10-point-scale. On this scale, 1 means unification 'has already gone too far' and 10 means it 'should be pushed further'. What number on this scale best describes your position?

1 unification has already gone too far  
2  
...  
9  
10 unification should be pushed further  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q13a** And about where would you place the following parties on this scale? How about the Labour Party?

1 unification has already gone too far  
2  
...  
9  
10 unification should be pushed further  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q13b** The Conservatives?

1 unification has already gone too far  
2  
...  
9  
10 unification should be pushed further  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q13c** The Liberal Democrats?

1 unification has already gone too far  
2  
...  
9  
10 unification should be pushed further  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q13d** The UK Independence Party?

1 unification has already gone too far

2  
...  
9  
10 unification should be pushed further  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q13e** (in Scotland) The SNP?

1 not at all probable  
2  
...  
9  
10 very probable  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q13f** (in Wales) Plaid Cymru?

1 not at all probable  
2  
...  
9  
10 very probable  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q13a, Q13b, Q13c have randomised ordering. i.e. 1/6 of respondents receive Q13a, Q13b, Q13c; 1/6 receive Q13b, Q13a, Q13c; 1/6 receive Q13b, Q13c, Q13a; 1/6 receive Q13c, Q13a, Q13b; 1/6 receive Q13c, Q13b, Q13a; 1/6 receive Q13a, Q13c, Q13b.**

**Q13rot** Rotation of items **Q13a, Q13b** and **Q13c**.

**Q14** Do you ever think of yourself not only as a British citizen, but also as a citizen of the European Union? **[READ OPTIONS 1-3]**

1 often  
2 sometimes  
3 never  
8 dk  
9 na

**Q15** Are you personally proud or not to be a citizen of the European Union? Would you say you are **[READ OPTIONS 1-5]**

1 very proud  
2 fairly proud  
3 not very proud  
4 not at all proud  
8 dk  
9 na

Please tell me on a score of 1-10 how much you personally trust each of the institutions I read out. 1 means that you do not trust an institution at all, and 10 means you have complete trust. If you do not know an institution well enough, just say so and I will go on to the next.

**Q16a** Firstly, the British parliament, the House of Commons?

1 no trust at all  
2  
...

9  
10 complete trust  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q16b** The European Parliament?

1 no trust at all  
2  
...  
9  
10 complete trust  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q16c** The British government?

1 no trust at all  
2  
...  
9  
10 complete trust  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q16d** The European Commission?

1 no trust at all  
2  
...  
9  
10 complete trust  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q16e** The Council of Ministers?

1 no trust at all  
2  
...  
9  
10 complete trust  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q17** Normally, how many days of the week do you watch the news on television?

0  
1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8 dk  
9 na

**Q17a** Which channels or television news programmes do you watch regularly? [**open, multiple answers possible**]

1 BBC 9 o clock news

- 2 BBC 6 o clock (early evening) news
- 3 BBC lunchtime news
- 4 ITN 6.30 news (ITV's main evening news programme)
- 5 ITN 11.00 pm news (late news headlines)
- 6 ITN lunchtime news
- 7 Channel Four News at 7pm
- 8 Channel Five News (anytime)
- 9 BBC2's Newsnight (daily programme at 10.30pm)
- 10 SKY News (anytime)
- 11 Local news
- 12 Breakfast news
- 13 Other
- 98 dk
- 99 na

**Q18** And how many days of the week do you read a newspaper?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**Q18a** Which newspaper or newspapers do you read regularly? [**open, multiple answers possible**]

- 1 Telegraph
- 2 Times
- 3 Guardian
- 4 Financial Times
- 5 Independent
- 6 Mail
- 7 Express
- 8 Sun
- 9 Mirror
- 10 Star
- 11 LOCAL NEWSPAPER
- 12 OTHER
- 98 dk
- 99 na

**Q19** In political matters people talk of "the left" and "the right". What is your position? Please indicate your views using any number on a 10-point-scale. On this scale, where 1 means "left" and 10 means "right," which number best describes your position?

- 1 left
- 2
- ...
- 9
- 10 right
- 97 refused
- 98 dk
- 99 na

**Q19a** And about where would you place the following parties on this scale? How about the Labour Party?

1 left  
2  
...  
9  
10 right  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q19b** The Conservatives?

1 left  
2  
...  
9  
10 right  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q19c** The Liberal Democrats?

1 left  
2  
...  
9  
10 right  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q19d** The UK Independence Party?

1 left  
2  
...  
9  
10 right  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q19e** (in Scotland) The SNP?

1 left  
2  
...  
9  
10 right  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q19f** (in Wales) Plaid Cymru?

1 left  
2  
...  
9  
10 right  
98 dk  
99 na

**Q20** What do you think about the economy? Compared to 12 months ago, do you think that the general economic situation in this country is **[READ OPTIONS 1-5]**

- 1 a lot better
- 2 a little better
- 3 stayed the same
- 4 a little worse
- 5 a lot worse
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**Q21** And over the next 12 months, how do you think the general economic situation in this country will be? **[READ OPTIONS 1-5]**

- 1 a lot better
- 2 a little better
- 3 stayed the same
- 4 a little worse
- 5 a lot worse
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**Q22** When jobs are scarce, employers should give priority to British people over citizens from other EU member-countries who want to work here. **[READ OPTIONS 1-4]**

- 1 agree very much
- 2 agree
- 3 disagree
- 4 disagree very much
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**Q23** Citizens from other EU member-countries who live in Britain should be entitled to vote in local elections. **[READ OPTIONS 1-4]**

- 1 agree very much
- 2 agree
- 3 disagree
- 4 disagree very much
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**Q24** Citizens from other EU member-countries who live in Britain should not be entitled to social security or unemployment benefits. **[READ OPTIONS 1-4]**

- 1 agree very much
- 2 agree
- 3 disagree
- 4 disagree very much
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**Q25** To what extent would you say you are interested in politics? Very, somewhat, a little, or not at all?

- 1 very
- 2 somewhat
- 3 a little
- 4 not at all
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**Q26** On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Britain? Are you **[READ OPTIONS 1-4]**

- 1 very satisfied
- 2 fairly satisfied
- 3 not very satisfied
- 4 not at all satisfied
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**Q27** All in all again, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works in the European Union? **[READ OPTIONS 1-4]**

- 1 very satisfied
- 2 fairly satisfied
- 3 not very satisfied
- 4 not at all satisfied
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**Q28** Let us now come back to Britain. Do you approve or disapprove the government's record to date

- 1 approve
- 2 disapprove
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**Q29a** Do you consider yourself to be close to any particular party? If so, which party do you feel close to?

- 1 Labour
- 2 Conservatives
- 3 Liberal Democrats
- 4 UK Independence Party
- [IN SCOTLAND ONLY]** 5 Scottish National Party
- [IN WALES ONLY]** 6 Plaid Cymru
- 7 Green Party
- 8 British National Party
- 10 other party
- 11 no
- 97 refused
- 98 dk
- 99 na

**GO TO Q30 IF 10-99**

**Q29b** Do you feel yourself to be very close to this party, fairly close, or merely a sympathiser?

- 1 very close
- 2 fairly close
- 3 merely a sympathiser
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**Q30** How much confidence do you have that decisions made by the European Union will be in the interest of Britain? **[READ OPTIONS 1-5]**

- 1 a great deal of confidence
- 2 a fair amount
- 3 not very much
- 4 no confidence at all
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**Q31** And how much confidence do you have that decisions made by the European Union will be in the interest of people like you? **[READ OPTIONS 1-5]**

- 1 a great deal of confidence
- 2 a fair amount
- 3 not very much
- 4 no confidence at all
- 8 dk
- 9 na

## **DEMOGRAPHICS**

**D1** Are you yourself a member of a trade union or is anyone else in your household a member of a trade union?<sup>1</sup>

- 1 yes, I am
- 2 yes, someone else is
- 3 yes both (1) and (2)
- 4 no
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**D2** How old were you when you stopped full-time education?

- xy [age in years]
- 98 dk
- 99 na

**D3** Are you ...

- 1 male
- 2 female
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**D4** What year were you born?

- wxyz [year]
- 9998 dk
- 9999 na

**D4a** In which country were you born?

- 1 Britain
- 2 other, please specify
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**D4b** IF OTHER When did you first come to Britain?

- wxyz [year]
- 9998 dk
- 9999 na

**D5** How many people live in your household including yourself, who are 18 years of age or older?

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

- 8
- 9 and more
- 98 dk
- 99 na

**D6 {NB WORDED DIFFERENTLY TO MASTER}** What is your current work situation? Are you  
[READ OPTIONS 1-6]

- 1 self-employed
- 2 employed (part-time, 8-29 hours)
- 3 employed (full-time, 30+ hours)
- 4 studying full-time
- 5 Not working but seeking work
- 6 Not working but seeking work
- 7 refused

**D6a IF SELF-/EMPLOYED, UNEMPLOYED or RETIRED:** Are/were you working in [READ  
OPTIONS 1-5]

- 1 agriculture
- 2 state industry
- 3 private industry
- 4 public services
- 5 private services
- 7 inap
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**D7** If you were asked to chose one of these five names for your social class, which would you say you belong to - the working class, the lower middle class, the middle class, the upper middle class or the upper class?

- 1 working class
- 2 lower middle class
- 3 middle class
- 4 upper middle class
- 5 upper class
- 6 other
- 7 refused to be classified
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**D8** Would you say you live in a rural area or village, in a small or middle size town, or in a large town?

- 1 rural area or village
- 2 small or middle size town
- 3 large town
- 8 dk
- 9 na

**D9** Do you consider yourself as belonging to a particular religion? (If yes:) Which one? [open]

- 1 roman catholic
- 2 protestant (i.e. C of E, Methodist, Presbyterian, etc.)
- 3 orthodox
- 4 jewish
- 5 muslim
- 6 buddhist
- 7 hindu
- 8 other Christian

9 none  
98 dk  
99 na

**D10** How often do you attend religious services: several times a week, once a week, a few times a year, once a year or less, or never?

1 several times a week  
2 once a week  
3 a few times a year  
4 once a year or less  
5 never  
8 dk  
9 na

**D11** We also need some information about the income of this household to be able to analyse the survey results for different types of households. Please count the total wages and salaries per month of all members of this household; all pensions and state benefits, and any other income like rents. Of course your answer as all other replies in this survey will be treated confidentially and referring back to you or your household will be impossible. Can you please tell me, what about is the monthly income of your household?

uvwxyz	in British Pounds
999997	refusal
999998	dk
999999	na

## TECHNICAL VARIABLES

T1 Date of Interview

T2 Duration of Interview -- minutes

T3 Region of Interview (Standard region)