

Immigration Survey

Fieldwork : January 27th-28th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

Q.1 Thinking ahead to the general election, which is expected to be held in a few months' time, how important will the issues of immigration and asylum be in deciding who you'll vote for?

Base: All respondents

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	1019	483	536	85	162	213	174	171	214	249	296	194	280	277	261	255	136	90
Weighted base	1019	489	530	112	173	204	173	153	204	255	295	214	255	271	266	250	142	90
NET: Important	667	319	348	79	110	127	98	103	150	152	191	153	171	194	180	152	91	49
	65%	65%	66%	71%	64%	62%	57%	67%	73%	60%	65%	71%	67%	71%	68%	61%	64%	55%
Very important	(4) 287	153	134	37	38	51	42	39	79	50	87	65	86	89	70	69	46	14
	28%	31%	25%	33%	22%	25%	25%	26%	39%	20%	29%	30%	34%	33%	26%	27%	32%	16%
Quite important	(3) 379	166	213	42	72	75	56	64	71	102	105	88	85	105	110	84	46	35
	37%	34%	40%	37%	42%	37%	32%	42%	35%	40%	35%	41%	33%	39%	41%	33%	32%	39%
Not very important	(2) 239	116	123	30	40	48	50	34	37	73	73	43	50	57	59	59	36	28
	23%	24%	23%	27%	23%	24%	29%	22%	18%	29%	25%	20%	20%	21%	22%	24%	26%	31%
Not at all important	(1) 94	45	49	2	20	25	23	13	11	26	30	14	23	17	21	30	14	11
	9%	9%	9%	1%	11%	12%	13%	9%	5%	10%	10%	7%	9%	6%	8%	12%	10%	13%
NET: Not important	333	161	172	31	60	74	73	47	48	99	103	58	73	74	80	89	51	39
	33%	33%	32%	28%	34%	36%	42%	31%	24%	39%	35%	27%	29%	27%	30%	36%	36%	44%
Don't know	20	9	11	2	3	3	2	2	7	4	1	4	11	3	6	9	-	1
	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	*	2%	4%	1%	2%	4%	-	1%
Mean	2.86	2.89	2.83	3.04	2.76	2.76	2.69	2.86	3.10	2.70	2.84	2.97	2.96	2.99	2.88	2.79	2.86	2.59
Standard deviation	0.94	0.96	0.92	0.82	0.93	0.98	0.99	0.91	0.89	0.90	0.96	0.89	0.97	0.90	0.90	0.99	0.99	0.91
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.10

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Table 2

Q.2 Which of the following statements is closest to your own view on what Britain's policy should be towards immigration in general?

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	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
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Britain should welcome all new immigrants as long as they pass strict tests to make sure they are able to support themselves	423 42%	209 43%	214 40%	41 37%	77 44%	90 44%	72 41%	62 40%	81 40%	127 50%	127 43%	76 36%	93 36%	114 42%	111 42%	98 39%	60 42%	41 46%
Britain benefits from new immigrants living here and should have a completely open-door policy welcoming anyone who wishes to come here	104 10%	53 11%	51 10%	15 14%	26 15%	23 11%	24 14%	6 4%	10 5%	30 12%	31 11%	19 9%	23 9%	34 12%	20 8%	25 10%	11 8%	14 15%
Britain can't in practice cope with any more people coming to live here and should have an absolute closed-door policy on immigration	110 11%	50 10%	59 11%	12 11%	11 6%	20 10%	19 11%	21 14%	27 13%	17 7%	29 10%	28 13%	35 14%	25 9%	32 12%	32 13%	11 8%	10 11%
Britain should only let in a specific small number of new immigrants each year who have particular skills that our economy needs and that are in short supply here	349 34%	161 33%	188 35%	41 37%	56 32%	60 29%	54 31%	61 40%	78 38%	72 28%	104 35%	85 40%	88 35%	87 32%	98 37%	87 35%	56 39%	23 25%
Don't know	33 3%	15 3%	18 3%	3 2%	4 2%	10 5%	5 3%	3 2%	8 4%	9 3%	4 1%	4 2%	16 6%	12 4%	5 2%	9 4%	4 3%	3 3%

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Table 3

Q.3 I am going to read out some statements that have been made about asylum seekers who come to Britain.

Please say if you agree or disagree with each statement?

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	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					
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<u>It is right that Britain should continue to let in all people seeking asylum if their claim is genuine</u>																		
Agree	703 69%	333 68%	370 70%	71 63%	138 80%	143 70%	119 69%	106 69%	126 62%	199 78%	213 72%	136 64%	154 60%	187 69%	181 68%	174 69%	105 74%	56 63%
Disagree	285 28%	145 30%	140 27%	40 35%	32 18%	54 27%	50 29%	41 27%	68 33%	52 21%	76 26%	67 32%	89 35%	77 28%	79 30%	70 28%	32 23%	27 31%
Don't know	31 3%	11 2%	19 4%	2 2%	4 2%	6 3%	4 2%	6 4%	10 5%	3 1%	6 2%	10 5%	12 5%	7 3%	6 2%	7 3%	5 4%	6 6%
<u>It is right in principle for Britain to accept genuine asylum seekers, but we have now accepted our fair share and cannot take any more at all</u>																		
Agree	484 47%	225 46%	259 49%	53 47%	66 38%	90 44%	81 47%	77 51%	117 57%	91 36%	126 43%	119 56%	148 58%	118 43%	132 50%	120 48%	76 53%	39 44%
Disagree	458 45%	244 50%	214 40%	54 48%	99 57%	98 48%	77 45%	65 43%	64 31%	152 60%	146 49%	79 37%	81 32%	132 48%	114 43%	111 44%	57 40%	45 50%
Don't know	77 8%	20 4%	57 11%	5 5%	9 5%	15 7%	15 9%	10 7%	24 12%	12 5%	24 8%	16 7%	26 10%	22 8%	20 7%	20 8%	10 7%	6 6%
<u>The number of asylum seekers in Britain now is a major reason why public services like health and education are overburdened.</u>																		
Agree	479 47%	222 45%	257 48%	53 47%	61 35%	95 47%	64 37%	80 53%	125 61%	82 32%	135 46%	119 56%	143 56%	137 51%	129 49%	110 44%	69 49%	33 37%
Disagree	466 46%	232 47%	235 44%	49 44%	99 57%	90 44%	104 60%	62 40%	63 31%	162 64%	138 47%	79 37%	87 34%	110 40%	120 45%	123 49%	60 42%	53 59%
Don't know	74 7%	36 7%	38 7%	10 9%	13 7%	19 9%	6 3%	11 7%	16 8%	11 4%	22 8%	16 8%	25 10%	24 9%	17 6%	17 7%	13 9%	3 3%

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Weighted base	1019	489	530	112	173	204	173	153	204	255	295	214	255	271	266	250	142	90
<u>Asylum seekers in Britain are partly responsible for rising levels of crime</u>																		
Agree	322 32%	178 36%	145 27%	38 34%	49 29%	58 28%	45 26%	60 39%	73 36%	75 29%	89 30%	74 35%	85 33%	102 38%	84 32%	69 28%	47 33%	20 22%
Disagree	607 60%	267 55%	339 64%	66 59%	112 65%	130 64%	118 68%	80 52%	100 49%	158 62%	183 62%	119 56%	147 58%	144 53%	161 61%	155 62%	83 59%	63 70%
Don't know	90 9%	44 9%	46 9%	8 7%	12 7%	16 8%	11 6%	13 8%	31 15%	22 8%	24 8%	21 10%	24 9%	25 9%	21 8%	26 10%	11 8%	7 8%
<u>Asylum seekers in Britain seem to get priority when it comes to things like housing, NHS treatment and schools - and they shouldn't</u>																		
Agree	504 49%	248 51%	256 48%	69 62%	70 40%	100 49%	85 49%	78 51%	102 50%	102 40%	144 49%	123 57%	135 53%	139 51%	138 52%	123 49%	69 49%	35 39%
Disagree	422 41%	202 41%	220 41%	36 32%	91 52%	88 43%	72 42%	65 42%	70 34%	136 53%	124 42%	72 34%	90 35%	102 38%	106 40%	100 40%	64 45%	49 55%
Don't know	93 9%	39 8%	54 10%	7 6%	13 7%	15 8%	16 9%	10 7%	32 16%	17 7%	27 9%	19 9%	30 12%	30 11%	22 8%	27 11%	9 6%	5 6%
<u>Britain should only accept asylum seekers if they have been vetted by the UN High Commissioner on Refugees to make sure they are genuine</u>																		
Agree	786 77%	364 75%	421 80%	92 82%	138 80%	144 71%	137 79%	110 72%	164 81%	184 72%	236 80%	162 76%	203 80%	199 73%	213 80%	198 79%	109 77%	67 75%
Disagree	175 17%	98 20%	76 14%	17 15%	30 17%	42 21%	29 17%	30 20%	27 13%	62 24%	40 14%	42 20%	32 12%	50 19%	42 16%	42 17%	23 16%	18 20%
Don't know	58 6%	26 5%	32 6%	3 3%	5 3%	17 8%	8 5%	13 8%	12 6%	9 3%	19 6%	11 5%	20 8%	22 8%	11 4%	10 4%	10 7%	5 6%

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Table 4

Q.4 Which party do you think is most likely to do the best job of dealing with the issue of immigration and asylum?**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	1019	483	536	85	162	213	174	171	214	249	296	194	280	277	261	255	136	90
Weighted base	1019	489	530	112	173	204	173	153	204	255	295	214	255	271	266	250	142	90
Labour	237 23%	128 26%	109 21%	41 37%	40 23%	38 19%	42 25%	26 17%	48 24%	65 25%	63 21%	40 19%	69 27%	61 22%	60 23%	67 27%	25 18%	25 28%
Conservative	227 22%	113 23%	114 21%	22 20%	23 14%	39 19%	40 23%	55 36%	48 24%	56 22%	76 26%	44 20%	51 20%	61 23%	66 25%	49 19%	37 26%	14 16%
Liberal Democrat	108 11%	58 12%	50 10%	10 9%	24 14%	28 14%	14 8%	8 5%	24 12%	37 14%	35 12%	17 8%	20 8%	32 12%	28 10%	26 10%	12 9%	11 12%
Other	30 3%	19 4%	12 2%	3 2%	6 4%	11 5%	3 2%	3 2%	4 2%	8 3%	6 2%	8 4%	9 3%	10 4%	6 2%	4 1%	5 4%	5 6%
None of them	251 25%	110 23%	141 27%	23 21%	42 25%	57 28%	50 29%	42 27%	37 18%	61 24%	70 24%	68 32%	53 21%	64 24%	69 26%	63 25%	39 27%	16 18%
Don't know	165 16%	61 12%	104 20%	13 12%	36 21%	29 14%	25 14%	19 12%	42 21%	28 11%	46 16%	37 17%	54 21%	43 16%	37 14%	42 17%	24 17%	18 20%

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Table 5
Classification
Base: All respondents

		<u>Unweighted Total</u>	<u>Weighted Total</u>
Unweighted base		1019	1019
Weighted base		1019	1019
<u>Sex</u>			
Male		483 47%	489 48%
Female		536 53%	530 52%
<u>Age</u>			
18-24	(21)	85 8%	112 11%
25-34	(29.5)	162 16%	173 17%
35-44	(39.5)	213 21%	204 20%
45-54	(49.5)	174 17%	173 17%
55-64	(59.5)	171 17%	153 15%
65+	(70)	214 21%	204 20%
Average age		47.84	46.58

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Classification
Base: All respondents

	<u>Unweighted Total</u>	<u>Weighted Total</u>
Weighted base	1019	1019
<u>Social Class</u>		
AB	249 24%	255 25%
C1	296 29%	295 29%
C2	194 19%	214 21%
DE	280 27%	255 25%
<u>Region</u>		
North	345 34%	340 33%
Midlands	309 30%	318 31%
South	365 36%	361 35%

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Table 5
Classification
Base: All respondents

	<u>Unweighted Total</u>	<u>Weighted Total</u>
Weighted base	1019	1019
<u>Working status</u>		
Full-time	406 40%	452 44%
Part-time	159 16%	114 11%
Not working but seeking work or temporarily unemployed/sick	54 5%	61 6%
Not working/not seeking work	64 6%	65 6%
Retired	280 27%	273 27%
Student	34 3%	38 4%
Refused	22 2%	16 2%

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Classification
Base: All respondents

	<u>Unweighted Total</u>	<u>Weighted Total</u>
Weighted base	1019	1019
<u>Tenure</u>		
Own outright	314 31%	326 32%
Own with a mortgage	361 35%	417 41%
Council	132 13%	133 13%
Rented from someone else	144 14%	96 9%
Rent free	20 2%	14 1%
Refused	48 5%	33 3%

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Classification
Base: All respondents

	<u>Unweighted Total</u>	<u>Weighted Total</u>
Weighted base	1019	1019
<u>Foreign Holiday in last 3 years</u>		
Yes	633 62%	632 62%
No	386 38%	387 38%
<u>Number of cars</u>		
None	220 22%	206 20%
1	446 44%	443 44%
2	277 27%	287 28%
3+	76 7%	83 8%

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Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1019	1019
<u>Internet Access</u>		
At all	627 62%	640 63%
At home (net)	503 49%	515 51%
At work (net)	277 27%	286 28%
At home	314 31%	320 31%
At work	88 9%	91 9%
Both at home and at work	189 19%	194 19%
Somewhere else	36 4%	33 3%
Not at all	389 38%	377 37%
Refused	3 *	3 *

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Base: All respondents

	<u>Unweighted Total</u>	<u>Weighted Total</u>
Weighted base	1019	1019
<u>Age Finished Full Time Education</u>		
Up to 15	222 22%	213 21%
16	256 25%	257 25%
17	75 7%	74 7%
18	121 12%	126 12%
19 or over	271 27%	276 27%
Still in full time education	34 3%	40 4%
Had no full time education	11 1%	10 1%
Refused	29 3%	23 2%

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Base: All respondents

	Unweighted Total	Weighted Total
Weighted base	1019	1019
<u>Marital Status</u>		
Single	214 21%	223 22%
Married/ co-habiting	581 57%	590 58%
Widowed/ separated/ divorced	199 20%	188 18%
Refused	25 2%	19 2%
<u>Children</u>		
None aged 18 or under	703 69%	704 69%
NET: Yes	285 28%	292 29%
NET: Yes any aged 15 or under	259 25%	266 26%
- Aged under 5	107 11%	112 11%
- Aged 5-10	105 10%	108 11%
- Aged 11-15	121 12%	122 12%
- Aged 16-18	68 7%	68 7%
Refused	31 3%	22 2%