

BBC Daily Politics Show Poll

Fieldwork : May 17th-18th 2006

Absolutes/col percents

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Q.1 Please say if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**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	1004	437	567	69	195	207	194	143	196	279	240	166	319	265	260	246	143	90
Weighted base	1004	482	522	110	171	201	171	151	201	251	291	211	251	267	262	247	140	88
<u>Immigrants make a positive contribution to the economy of Britain</u>																		
Agree	595 59%	301 63%	293 56%	64 58%	97 57%	119 59%	106 62%	102 68%	107 53%	162 65%	178 61%	121 57%	134 54%	159 60%	150 57%	135 55%	83 59%	67 76%
Disagree	339 34%	150 31%	190 36%	40 36%	60 35%	68 34%	57 33%	38 25%	76 38%	72 29%	93 32%	74 35%	101 40%	80 30%	99 38%	101 41%	44 32%	16 19%
Refused	3 *	- -	3 1%	- -	- -	1 1%	* *	- -	1 1%	2 1%	- -	* *	- -	- -	1 *	1 1%	* *	- -
Don't know	67 7%	31 6%	36 7%	7 6%	13 8%	13 6%	7 4%	10 7%	17 8%	15 6%	21 7%	16 8%	15 6%	29 11%	12 5%	10 4%	12 9%	4 5%
<u>Immigration, rather than other issues like health and education, is the most important issue facing Britain today</u>																		
Agree	520 52%	245 51%	275 53%	65 59%	86 50%	98 49%	83 49%	74 49%	114 57%	105 42%	150 51%	120 57%	145 58%	147 55%	127 49%	141 57%	66 47%	39 44%
Disagree	474 47%	236 49%	238 46%	46 41%	83 48%	101 50%	86 50%	77 51%	82 41%	142 57%	141 49%	88 42%	102 40%	118 44%	132 51%	103 42%	71 51%	49 55%
Refused	3 *	- -	3 *	- -	- -	- -	* *	- -	2 1%	1 *	- -	* *	1 *	- -	1 *	1 *	* *	- -
Don't know	8 1%	2 *	6 1%	- -	2 1%	2 1%	1 1%	* *	2 1%	2 1%	* *	2 1%	4 2%	3 1%	1 *	2 1%	2 1%	* *

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Weighted base	1004	482	522	110	171	201	171	151	201	251	291	211	251	267	262	247	140	88
<u>I'm more worried about immigrants coming into Britain from Europe, rather than further abroad</u>																		
Agree	463 46%	244 51%	219 42%	45 41%	72 42%	80 40%	84 49%	69 46%	112 56%	100 40%	127 43%	110 52%	126 50%	127 48%	128 49%	111 45%	68 49%	28 32%
Disagree	492 49%	223 46%	269 52%	57 52%	88 52%	112 56%	80 47%	75 50%	80 40%	137 55%	151 52%	89 42%	114 45%	122 46%	121 46%	127 51%	64 46%	59 67%
Refused	3 *	1 *	2 *	- -	- -	- -	* *	1 1%	1 1%	3 1%	- -	* *	- -	- -	3 1%	- -	* *	- -
Don't know	46 5%	14 3%	32 6%	8 7%	10 6%	9 4%	6 3%	6 4%	8 4%	11 5%	13 5%	11 5%	11 4%	19 7%	11 4%	9 3%	7 5%	1 1%
<u>Introducing identity cards and tighter border controls will help tackle the problem of illegal immigrants</u>																		
Agree	651 65%	306 63%	345 66%	67 61%	113 66%	119 59%	112 65%	99 66%	141 70%	141 56%	183 63%	158 75%	170 68%	164 61%	172 66%	175 71%	89 64%	51 58%
Disagree	332 33%	172 36%	159 31%	43 39%	54 32%	76 38%	57 33%	48 32%	54 27%	102 41%	104 36%	51 24%	75 30%	101 38%	82 31%	67 27%	47 33%	34 39%
Refused	2 *	- -	2 *	- -	- -	- -	* *	- -	1 1%	1 *	- -	* *	- -	- -	1 *	- -	* *	- -
Don't know	20 2%	4 1%	16 3%	- -	3 2%	6 3%	2 1%	3 2%	5 3%	7 3%	4 2%	2 1%	7 3%	3 1%	6 2%	5 2%	4 3%	3 3%