

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 15

**Q4 Journalists often discuss politics on the basis of a left-right political spectrum and talk about politicians being on the left or on the right, or being left wing or right wing. Thinking about your own political views, roughly where do you think you are on the left-right political spectrum on a 10-point scale where 10 means very right wing, and 5 means exactly in the centre?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Dem-ocrat	Swing Voters
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NET Score 8-10	107	59	47	5	8	22	14	23	35	19	28	22	37	36	29	25	10	6	41	36	7	20
	11%	12%	9%	5%	5%	11%	8%	15%	17%	8%	10%	11%	15%	14%	11%	10%	7%	7%	21%	12%	5%	5%
Very Right Wing	(10)	54	30	24	3	7	10	5	11	8	15	11	19	20	15	15	2	2	21	19	4	9
		5%	6%	5%	3%	4%	5%	3%	7%	9%	3%	5%	8%	7%	6%	6%	2%	2%	10%	7%	3%	2%
	(9)	9	8	1	1	-	1	1	1	5	2	3	2	3	4	2	3	-	3	3	1	2
		1%	2%	*	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	-	-	1%	1%	1%	1%
	(8)	43	20	23	1	1	10	8	11	12	9	10	9	14	12	6	8	5	17	14	2	9
		4%	4%	4%	1%	1%	5%	5%	7%	6%	4%	4%	4%	6%	4%	2%	6%	6%	9%	5%	1%	2%
	(7)	71	39	33	2	13	15	13	12	16	28	21	10	13	13	13	11	12	29	14	6	16
		7%	8%	6%	2%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	11%	7%	5%	5%	5%	9%	8%	14%	15%	5%	4%	4%
	(6)	85	48	37	15	17	15	12	9	16	32	26	13	14	22	21	17	4	27	15	18	40
		8%	10%	7%	14%	10%	7%	7%	6%	8%	13%	9%	6%	5%	8%	7%	15%	5%	13%	5%	13%	11%
Exact Centre	(5)	496	219	277	51	75	100	96	77	98	103	141	114	138	124	137	111	75	49	83	135	211
		49%	45%	53%	46%	44%	49%	56%	51%	49%	41%	48%	54%	55%	46%	52%	45%	54%	55%	42%	46%	56%
	(4)	63	37	25	11	14	14	11	8	5	24	18	13	8	21	15	19	5	5	23	19	23
		6%	8%	5%	10%	8%	7%	6%	5%	3%	9%	6%	6%	3%	8%	6%	8%	4%	3%	8%	13%	6%
	(3)	58	34	24	9	15	14	8	7	4	18	21	11	8	19	9	17	10	4	3	20	22
		6%	7%	5%	8%	9%	7%	5%	5%	2%	7%	7%	5%	3%	7%	3%	7%	7%	4%	2%	7%	6%
	(2)	20	10	9	3	6	4	3	2	1	8	4	6	1	5	3	9	2	2	11	3	6
		2%	2%	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	3%	*	2%	1%	4%	1%	1%	4%	2%	2%
Very Left Wing	(1)	25	13	12	3	4	4	4	4	6	6	5	1	12	6	8	2	2	1	12	2	8
		3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	1%	5%	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	4%	1%	2%
NET Score 1-3		103	57	46	15	26	22	15	14	11	33	31	19	21	29	20	34	13	7	43	19	36
		10%	12%	9%	14%	15%	11%	9%	9%	6%	13%	11%	9%	8%	11%	8%	14%	10%	7%	15%	13%	10%
Don't Know/ Refused		82	23	59	12	18	14	9	8	20	13	26	21	21	23	27	21	4	6	7	26	30
		8%	5%	11%	11%	11%	7%	5%	5%	10%	5%	9%	10%	8%	9%	10%	9%	3%	7%	3%	9%	8%
Mean		5.35	5.40	5.31	4.92	4.99	5.34	5.25	5.55	5.85	5.22	5.34	5.34	5.51	5.43	5.39	5.24	5.31	6.19	5.19	4.97	5.10
Standard deviation		1.81	1.91	1.70	1.59	1.72	1.78	1.59	1.92	1.99	1.74	1.76	1.72	1.99	1.96	1.80	1.96	1.42	1.84	2.05	1.50	1.46
Standard error		0.06	0.09	0.08	0.19	0.15	0.13	0.12	0.15	0.14	0.11	0.12	0.14	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.08

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**- The Labour Party**  
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	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region				Voting Intention					
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-cratic	Swing Voters	
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Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
NET Score 8-10	162	79	83	12	25	30	32	28	35	27	42	40	53	40	44	40	22	15	24	73	16	50	
	16%	16%	16%	11%	15%	15%	19%	18%	17%	11%	14%	19%	21%	15%	17%	16%	16%	17%	12%	25%	11%	13%	
Very Right Wing	(10)	66	30	36	4	10	12	15	11	14	7	16	18	25	18	17	19	6	6	9	38	7	12
		7%	6%	7%	4%	6%	6%	9%	7%	7%	3%	6%	8%	10%	7%	7%	8%	4%	7%	5%	13%	5%	3%
	(9)	22	10	12	2	4	5	3	5	4	2	9	4	6	8	9	2	1	2	2	9	3	9
		2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%
	(8)	73	38	35	6	11	14	14	13	17	18	16	18	22	14	18	19	15	8	12	26	6	28
		7%	8%	7%	5%	6%	7%	8%	8%	8%	7%	6%	8%	9%	5%	7%	8%	11%	9%	6%	9%	4%	8%
	(7)	99	52	47	9	24	18	14	17	17	27	34	20	18	20	20	27	18	13	18	28	14	36
		10%	11%	9%	8%	14%	9%	8%	11%	9%	11%	12%	10%	7%	8%	8%	11%	13%	9%	9%	9%	10%	10%
	(6)	112	62	50	20	13	24	27	17	11	45	30	21	17	40	24	26	11	19	33	24	50	
		11%	13%	10%	18%	8%	12%	16%	11%	6%	18%	10%	10%	7%	15%	9%	10%	8%	13%	10%	11%	17%	13%
Exact Centre	(5)	260	125	135	31	53	56	42	33	46	57	71	58	74	68	72	64	42	15	39	84	37	110
		26%	26%	26%	28%	31%	28%	25%	22%	23%	23%	24%	27%	29%	25%	27%	26%	30%	16%	19%	29%	26%	29%
	(4)	102	51	52	11	20	21	16	10	25	36	35	12	18	24	31	30	12	4	24	28	15	33
		10%	10%	10%	10%	11%	10%	9%	7%	12%	14%	12%	6%	7%	9%	12%	12%	9%	5%	12%	10%	10%	9%
	(3)	81	43	38	5	11	23	14	17	12	20	27	21	13	23	17	16	11	14	27	13	16	30
		8%	9%	7%	4%	6%	11%	8%	11%	6%	8%	9%	10%	5%	9%	6%	6%	8%	16%	14%	4%	11%	8%
	(2)	39	17	23	6	4	4	4	8	14	9	16	7	7	9	13	7	9	3	14	8	5	15
		4%	3%	4%	5%	2%	2%	2%	5%	7%	4%	6%	3%	3%	3%	5%	3%	6%	3%	7%	3%	3%	4%
Very Left Wing	(1)	68	24	44	3	7	12	13	12	22	12	8	22	26	19	20	18	7	4	15	12	14	21
		7%	5%	8%	3%	4%	6%	7%	8%	11%	5%	3%	10%	10%	7%	8%	7%	5%	4%	8%	4%	10%	6%
NET Score 1-3		189	84	105	13	21	38	31	37	48	42	51	49	46	51	50	40	27	21	57	32	35	66
		19%	17%	20%	12%	12%	19%	18%	25%	24%	17%	18%	23%	18%	19%	19%	16%	19%	23%	29%	11%	24%	17%
Don't Know/ Refused		83	30	53	15	16	15	10	9	19	17	28	12	26	24	21	20	8	9	18	14	3	30
		8%	6%	10%	14%	9%	7%	6%	6%	9%	7%	10%	6%	10%	9%	8%	8%	6%	11%	9%	5%	2%	8%
Mean		5.32	5.42	5.22	5.37	5.52	5.30	5.48	5.30	5.01	5.18	5.36	5.30	5.44	5.30	5.23	5.39	5.30	5.50	4.81	5.97	5.00	5.24
Standard deviation		2.32	2.22	2.41	1.94	2.11	2.20	2.39	2.49	2.57	1.98	2.18	2.52	2.60	2.33	2.38	2.32	2.17	2.35	2.33	2.36	2.23	2.10
Standard error		0.08	0.11	0.11	0.24	0.18	0.16	0.18	0.20	0.19	0.12	0.15	0.21	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.15	0.19	0.27	0.17	0.14	0.19	0.11

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**- The Conservative Party**

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NET Score 8-10	242	118	124	18	50	38	48	34	53	75	73	44	50	62	55	64	40	21	50	62	54	81	
	24%	24%	24%	16%	29%	19%	28%	23%	26%	30%	25%	21%	20%	23%	21%	26%	28%	24%	25%	21%	37%	22%	
Very Right Wing	(10)	65	29	35	6	9	10	13	7	19	14	12	16	23	19	13	19	12	17	27	7	19	
		6%	6%	7%	6%	5%	5%	8%	4%	9%	6%	4%	8%	9%	7%	5%	8%	8%	9%	9%	5%	5%	
	(9)	43	23	21	2	9	9	10	7	15	19	5	5	12	11	11	5	5	8	11	8	10	
		4%	5%	4%	2%	5%	4%	6%	5%	3%	6%	2%	2%	4%	4%	4%	3%	6%	4%	4%	6%	3%	
	(8)	134	66	68	9	33	19	25	20	28	46	43	24	22	30	31	34	24	25	23	39	53	
		13%	14%	13%	8%	19%	10%	14%	13%	14%	18%	15%	11%	9%	11%	12%	14%	17%	13%	8%	27%	14%	
	(7)	143	87	56	21	17	45	17	18	25	43	44	26	29	47	30	32	24	42	30	26	52	
		14%	18%	11%	19%	10%	22%	10%	12%	12%	17%	15%	13%	11%	18%	11%	13%	17%	21%	10%	18%	14%	
	(6)	108	59	49	13	17	22	23	15	18	38	35	20	15	29	29	22	19	39	19	13	44	
		11%	12%	9%	12%	10%	11%	13%	10%	9%	15%	12%	9%	6%	11%	11%	9%	14%	19%	6%	9%	12%	
Exact Centre	(5)	220	88	133	24	40	41	36	37	42	41	56	54	70	46	68	53	34	40	67	23	89	
		22%	18%	25%	22%	23%	20%	21%	24%	21%	16%	19%	25%	28%	17%	26%	21%	24%	20%	23%	16%	24%	
	(4)	67	35	32	6	6	15	16	13	10	14	17	22	14	22	21	16	2	9	24	4	28	
		7%	7%	6%	5%	4%	8%	9%	8%	5%	5%	6%	10%	6%	8%	8%	6%	1%	5%	8%	3%	8%	
	(3)	48	24	25	7	10	11	4	10	6	13	15	8	13	13	17	6	5	2	25	6	22	
		5%	5%	5%	6%	6%	5%	2%	7%	3%	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%	6%	2%	3%	1%	9%	4%	6%	
	(2)	34	20	14	2	2	11	5	1	13	4	9	7	15	9	6	15	3	1	21	6	8	
		3%	4%	3%	2%	1%	5%	3%	1%	7%	1%	3%	3%	6%	3%	2%	6%	2%	*	7%	4%	2%	
Very Left Wing	(1)	53	19	34	5	11	6	9	10	13	4	11	14	24	14	15	16	6	1	21	9	18	
		5%	4%	7%	4%	6%	3%	6%	7%	6%	1%	4%	7%	9%	5%	6%	6%	5%	*	7%	6%	5%	
NET Score 1-3		136	63	73	14	23	27	19	21	32	20	35	29	52	36	38	36	14	4	67	22	49	
		13%	13%	14%	12%	14%	14%	11%	14%	16%	8%	12%	14%	20%	14%	14%	15%	10%	2%	23%	15%	13%	
Don't Know/ Refused		92	35	57	15	18	13	11	13	20	22	30	16	23	25	22	25	9	14	24	4	32	
		9%	7%	11%	14%	11%	6%	7%	9%	10%	9%	10%	8%	9%	9%	8%	10%	6%	7%	8%	3%	9%	
Mean		5.89	6.00	5.78	5.81	5.99	5.87	6.01	5.73	5.88	6.43	6.01	5.66	5.40	5.93	5.66	5.87	6.29	5.83	6.61	5.39	6.25	5.78
Standard deviation		2.31	2.24	2.37	2.16	2.34	2.16	2.35	2.26	2.54	1.98	2.20	2.35	2.58	2.35	2.25	2.48	2.17	1.74	2.60	2.35	2.18	
Standard error		0.08	0.11	0.11	0.26	0.20	0.15	0.18	0.19	0.18	0.12	0.15	0.20	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.17	0.19	0.23	0.13	0.16	0.12	

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NET Score 8-10	54	24	30	6	6	6	10	9	16	9	13	11	20	15	14	13	7	4	11	23	9	25
	5%	5%	6%	6%	4%	3%	6%	6%	8%	4%	5%	5%	8%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	6%	8%	6%	7%
Very Right Wing	(10)	19	11	7	4	3	-	4	3	5	2	3	7	7	5	8	2	2	1	3	10	4
		2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	-	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	3%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	3%
	(9)	7	2	5	*	1	3	*	1	-	1	3	2	1	2	-	4	*	-	2	4	2
		1%	*	1%	*	1%	2%	*	1%	-	*	1%	1%	*	1%	-	2%	*	-	1%	3%	1%
	(8)	28	11	18	2	2	3	6	5	11	6	8	2	12	8	5	7	5	3	8	11	2
		3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	3%	3%	5%	3%	3%	1%	5%	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%	1%
	(7)	64	36	28	14	8	10	12	12	8	17	19	12	16	25	15	11	6	7	9	17	10
		6%	7%	5%	13%	4%	5%	7%	8%	4%	7%	7%	6%	6%	9%	6%	4%	5%	8%	5%	6%	7%
	(6)	107	49	58	8	12	17	19	22	29	30	30	24	23	26	30	31	10	9	16	27	22
		11%	10%	11%	7%	7%	9%	11%	14%	14%	12%	10%	11%	9%	10%	12%	13%	7%	10%	8%	9%	15%
Exact Centre	(5)	375	173	202	35	65	94	56	55	70	85	109	87	94	87	96	101	54	37	70	103	62
		37%	36%	39%	32%	38%	47%	32%	36%	35%	34%	37%	41%	37%	32%	37%	41%	38%	42%	35%	35%	43%
	(4)	131	70	62	18	23	24	23	19	23	51	40	21	20	41	25	35	21	10	31	30	29
		13%	14%	12%	17%	14%	12%	14%	13%	12%	20%	14%	10%	8%	15%	10%	14%	15%	11%	16%	10%	20%
	(3)	79	41	38	5	18	15	17	13	11	23	21	17	18	22	22	13	18	5	23	24	7
		8%	9%	7%	4%	11%	7%	10%	9%	5%	9%	7%	8%	7%	8%	8%	5%	13%	5%	11%	8%	5%
	(2)	44	23	22	2	10	11	8	6	7	8	12	13	11	9	17	8	6	5	10	18	-
		4%	5%	4%	1%	6%	6%	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%	6%	4%	3%	6%	3%	5%	5%	5%	6%	-
Very Left Wing	(1)	47	26	21	5	11	6	5	7	12	4	14	11	18	10	17	14	5	1	6	25	2
		5%	5%	4%	5%	7%	3%	3%	5%	6%	2%	5%	5%	7%	4%	6%	5%	4%	1%	3%	8%	1%
NET Score 1-3		170	90	80	11	40	32	30	26	30	35	46	41	47	41	56	34	30	39	67	9	56
		17%	19%	15%	10%	23%	16%	17%	17%	15%	14%	16%	19%	19%	15%	21%	14%	21%	20%	23%	6%	15%
Don't Know/ Refused		106	42	63	18	17	17	22	8	26	25	34	16	32	34	27	22	12	11	21	25	3
		11%	9%	12%	16%	10%	8%	13%	5%	13%	10%	12%	8%	13%	13%	10%	9%	9%	12%	11%	9%	2%
Mean		4.81	4.75	4.87	5.11	4.46	4.71	4.86	4.93	4.93	4.81	4.79	4.79	4.86	4.93	4.70	4.84	4.63	5.02	4.66	4.70	5.22
Standard deviation		1.75	1.80	1.70	1.85	1.77	1.49	1.76	1.78	1.87	1.46	1.69	1.85	1.99	1.77	1.91	1.67	1.66	1.52	1.67	2.06	1.49
Standard error		0.06	0.09	0.08	0.23	0.15	0.11	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.09	0.12	0.15	0.12	0.11	0.13	0.11	0.15	0.17	0.13	0.12	0.10

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 19

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**Party: THE LABOUR PARTY**

**Statement: Has a good team of leaders**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	532 53%	257 53%	275 52%	70 63%	97 57%	113 56%	102 60%	61 40%	89 44%	134 53%	154 53%	122 58%	122 48%	142 53%	130 50%	144 58%	68 48%	48 54%	57 29%	254 87%	67 46%	220 59%
Not true	451 45%	218 45%	233 44%	35 32%	70 41%	85 42%	65 38%	90 60%	106 53%	116 46%	132 45%	82 39%	121 48%	116 43%	127 48%	98 39%	71 50%	40 45%	140 70%	35 12%	74 51%	148 39%
Don't know	24 2%	8 2%	17 3%	6 5%	5 3%	4 2%	4 2%	- -	6 3%	1 *	6 2%	8 4%	9 4%	10 4%	6 2%	6 2%	2 1%	1 1%	2 1%	4 1%	4 3%	7 2%

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 20

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

**Statement: Has a good team of leaders**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Dem-ocrat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	224 22%	91 19%	133 25%	37 34%	36 21%	36 18%	41 24%	32 21%	43 21%	43 17%	68 23%	52 24%	63 25%	60 22%	68 26%	41 16%	36 26%	20 23%	78 39%	50 17%	22 15%	85 23%
Not true	745 74%	374 77%	371 71%	69 63%	126 74%	161 80%	127 74%	116 77%	145 72%	202 80%	217 74%	152 72%	174 69%	197 74%	181 69%	200 81%	101 72%	65 74%	114 57%	234 80%	119 82%	272 72%
Don't know	37 4%	18 4%	20 4%	4 4%	9 5%	5 2%	4 2%	3 2%	13 7%	7 3%	8 3%	8 4%	15 6%	11 4%	13 5%	7 3%	3 2%	3 4%	7 4%	9 3%	3 2%	19 5%

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Table 21

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

**Statement: Has a good team of leaders**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	525 52%	238 49%	287 55%	61 55%	99 58%	101 50%	85 49%	77 51%	101 50%	118 47%	167 57%	105 50%	135 53%	140 52%	134 51%	123 50%	75 54%	53 59%	89 45%	147 50%	110 76%	211 56%
Not true	420 42%	220 46%	200 38%	44 40%	60 35%	89 44%	73 42%	68 45%	86 42%	117 47%	112 38%	92 43%	100 40%	108 40%	113 43%	109 44%	61 43%	29 33%	96 48%	124 42%	32 22%	139 37%
Don't know	62 6%	25 5%	37 7%	6 5%	12 7%	11 6%	14 8%	5 3%	14 7%	17 7%	13 5%	14 7%	18 7%	20 8%	16 6%	15 6%	4 3%	7 8%	13 7%	21 7%	4 3%	26 7%

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 22

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE LABOUR PARTY**

**Statement: Understands the way people live their lives in today's Britain**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Dem- ocrat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	427 42%	207 43%	220 42%	57 52%	83 48%	86 43%	77 45%	54 36%	71 35%	105 42%	131 45%	92 44%	100 39%	119 44%	105 40%	106 43%	52 37%	45 51%	49 25%	213 73%	52 36%	156 42%
Not true	546 54%	262 54%	284 54%	50 45%	82 48%	110 55%	92 54%	93 62%	119 59%	140 56%	156 53%	110 52%	140 55%	144 55%	135 55%	85 61%	41 47%	143 72%	70 24%	91 63%	208 55%	
Don't know	34 3%	15 3%	20 4%	4 4%	7 4%	5 3%	3 2%	3 2%	12 6%	7 3%	6 2%	9 4%	13 5%	10 4%	13 5%	6 2%	3 2%	2 2%	6 3%	10 3%	2 1%	11 3%



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Table 23

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

**Statement: Understands the way people live their lives in today's Britain**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Dem- ocrat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	332 33%	158 33%	175 33%	41 37%	53 31%	62 31%	56 33%	49 33%	70 35%	87 35%	104 36%	70 33%	71 28%	93 34%	95 36%	67 27%	45 32%	32 37%	125 63%	70 24%	40 28%	112 30%
Not true	641 64%	315 65%	326 62%	65 59%	110 65%	132 66%	112 65%	96 63%	126 62%	157 62%	179 61%	136 64%	170 67%	168 63%	157 60%	170 69%	92 66%	55 62%	68 34%	217 74%	103 71%	249 66%
Don't know	34 3%	11 2%	23 4%	5 5%	7 4%	7 3%	3 2%	6 4%	5 3%	8 3%	8 3%	6 3%	11 5%	8 3%	11 4%	11 4%	3 2%	1 2%	6 3%	6 2%	1 1%	15 4%

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 24

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

**Statement: Understands the way people live their lives in today's Britain**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age							Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	553 55%	267 55%	286 55%	58 53%	103 60%	107 53%	92 54%	81 54%	112 56%	145 58%	167 57%	121 57%	120 48%	146 55%	144 55%	128 52%	82 58%	53 60%	105 53%	160 55%	123 85%	206 55%
Not true	399 40%	198 41%	201 38%	47 42%	57 33%	85 42%	67 39%	64 42%	80 40%	90 36%	111 38%	82 39%	116 46%	106 39%	102 39%	107 43%	53 38%	30 34%	81 41%	116 40%	20 14%	144 38%
Don't know	56 6%	19 4%	37 7%	6 5%	11 7%	10 5%	13 7%	6 4%	10 5%	16 6%	14 5%	9 4%	16 6%	16 6%	16 6%	13 5%	5 3%	6 6%	12 6%	16 5%	2 1%	26 7%

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 25

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE LABOUR PARTY**  
**Statement: Shares my values**  
**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age							Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Democ- rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	395 39%	192 40%	204 39%	47 42%	76 44%	84 42%	65 38%	48 32%	75 37%	96 38%	102 35%	94 44%	103 41%	110 41%	97 37%	109 44%	40 29%	39 44%	24 12%	232 79%	35 24%	146 39%
Not true	579 58%	283 59%	296 56%	62 56%	87 51%	111 55%	99 58%	102 67%	118 59%	147 58%	181 62%	114 54%	138 55%	149 56%	158 60%	131 53%	94 67%	48 54%	169 85%	56 19%	106 73%	215 57%
Don't know	33 3%	8 2%	24 5%	2 2%	8 5%	6 3%	7 4%	1 1%	8 4%	9 4%	9 3%	4 2%	11 4%	9 3%	8 3%	8 3%	6 4%	2 3%	5 3%	4 1%	4 3%	15 4%

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 26

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

**Statement: Shares my values**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Dem- ocrat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	352 35%	170 35%	181 35%	49 44%	45 26%	63 31%	57 33%	52 35%	86 42%	96 38%	110 38%	67 32%	79 31%	108 40%	102 39%	69 28%	49 35%	24 27%	156 78%	54 19%	38 27%	128 34%
Not true	623 62%	304 63%	320 61%	61 55%	121 71%	130 65%	107 62%	95 63%	109 54%	148 59%	173 59%	140 66%	163 65%	154 57%	151 57%	172 69%	85 60%	62 70%	36 18%	236 81%	104 72%	233 62%
Don't know	32 3%	9 2%	23 4%	1 1%	5 3%	8 4%	7 4%	4 2%	7 4%	8 3%	9 3%	5 2%	10 4%	6 2%	10 4%	7 3%	7 5%	2 3%	6 3%	2 1%	2 2%	15 4%

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 27

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

**Statement: Shares my values**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	500 50%	236 49%	264 50%	56 51%	91 53%	94 47%	75 44%	79 52%	106 52%	136 54%	142 49%	105 50%	117 47%	133 50%	142 54%	122 49%	61 44%	42 48%	80 40%	138 47%	129 89%	201 53%
Not true	443 44%	220 46%	223 43%	48 44%	69 40%	97 48%	81 47%	66 44%	81 40%	100 40%	129 44%	94 44%	121 48%	117 44%	101 38%	116 47%	71 50%	39 44%	102 51%	140 48%	14 10%	144 38%
Don't know	63 6%	27 6%	37 7%	6 6%	11 6%	11 5%	15 9%	6 4%	15 7%	15 6%	21 7%	12 6%	14 6%	18 7%	19 7%	10 4%	9 6%	8 9%	16 8%	14 5%	1 1%	31 8%

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 28

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE LABOUR PARTY**

**Statement: Is honest and principled**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Dem- ocrat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	310 31%	151 31%	159 30%	34 31%	60 35%	56 28%	59 34%	40 27%	60 30%	71 28%	82 28%	70 33%	88 35%	74 28%	77 29%	90 36%	38 27%	31 35%	19 9%	196 67%	22 15%	98 26%
Not true	667 66%	322 67%	345 66%	68 62%	108 63%	140 70%	109 64%	108 72%	133 66%	171 68%	205 70%	135 64%	156 62%	181 68%	180 68%	154 62%	97 69%	55 63%	176 89%	86 29%	118 81%	260 69%
Don't know	30 3%	11 2%	19 4%	8 7%	3 2%	5 3%	3 2%	3 2%	8 4%	10 4%	5 2%	7 3%	8 3%	13 5%	6 2%	4 2%	5 3%	2 3%	4 2%	11 4%	5 3%	18 5%

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Table 29

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

**Statement: Is honest and principled**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Dem- ocrat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	341 34%	164 34%	177 34%	36 33%	54 32%	57 28%	63 37%	58 39%	72 36%	98 39%	98 33%	70 33%	76 30%	77 29%	114 43%	62 25%	55 39%	33 37%	126 63%	73 25%	45 31%	110 29%
Not true	629 62%	305 63%	324 62%	69 63%	112 65%	137 68%	103 60%	88 58%	120 59%	146 58%	184 63%	136 64%	163 65%	176 66%	143 54%	180 73%	77 55%	53 60%	63 32%	209 71%	99 68%	248 66%
Don't know	37 4%	14 3%	23 4%	5 5%	5 3%	7 4%	5 3%	4 3%	10 5%	8 3%	10 4%	5 2%	13 5%	15 6%	6 2%	6 2%	8 5%	2 3%	10 5%	10 3%	1 1%	19 5%

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 30

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS?**

**Statement: Is honest and principled**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	524 52%	256 53%	268 51%	56 50%	84 49%	97 48%	88 51%	88 59%	111 55%	136 54%	157 54%	112 53%	119 47%	121 45%	146 55%	130 52%	83 59%	45 51%	111 56%	146 50%	111 77%	196 52%
Not true	430 43%	206 43%	224 43%	43 38%	81 47%	95 47%	74 43%	60 40%	78 39%	102 41%	122 42%	87 41%	119 47%	125 46%	104 39%	111 45%	52 37%	38 43%	76 38%	131 45%	30 21%	155 41%
Don't know	53 5%	21 4%	32 6%	13 11%	7 4%	10 5%	10 6%	2 1%	12 6%	14 5%	13 5%	12 5%	15 6%	22 8%	13 5%	7 3%	5 4%	5 6%	11 6%	16 5%	4 3%	25 7%



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Table 31

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE LABOUR PARTY**

**Statement: Is competent and capable**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	511 51%	254 53%	257 49%	70 63%	94 55%	106 53%	89 52%	62 41%	89 44%	132 53%	149 51%	103 49%	127 50%	133 50%	123 47%	133 54%	67 48%	55 62%	45 23%	259 89%	63 44%	201 53%
Not true	473 47%	224 46%	249 48%	39 35%	74 43%	93 46%	78 46%	85 57%	105 48%	114 45%	139 48%	104 49%	116 46%	127 47%	132 50%	112 45%	71 50%	32 36%	149 75%	28 10%	78 53%	160 43%
Don't know	23 2%	5 1%	18 3%	2 2%	4 2%	2 1%	3 2%	4 2%	8 4%	6 2%	3 1%	5 2%	9 4%	8 3%	7 3%	3 1%	3 2%	2 2%	4 2%	5 2%	4 3%	14 4%

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 32

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY**  
**Statement: Is competent and capable**  
**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	358 36%	164 34%	194 37%	45 41%	62 36%	63 31%	59 34%	56 37%	74 37%	93 37%	108 37%	72 34%	84 33%	96 36%	106 40%	74 30%	48 34%	35 39%	123 62%	90 31%	41 28%	127 34%
Not true	607 60%	303 63%	304 58%	64 57%	101 59%	134 67%	106 62%	88 59%	114 57%	145 58%	174 59%	132 62%	157 62%	162 60%	146 56%	164 66%	88 63%	49 55%	68 34%	194 66%	100 69%	227 61%
Don't know	42 4%	17 3%	26 5%	2 2%	9 5%	5 2%	6 4%	7 4%	14 7%	13 5%	10 3%	7 3%	11 4%	11 4%	11 4%	10 4%	5 3%	5 6%	7 4%	9 3%	4 3%	21 6%

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 33

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

**Statement: Is competent and capable**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	462 46%	213 44%	249 48%	48 43%	79 46%	92 46%	73 43%	76 50%	95 47%	116 46%	137 47%	101 48%	108 43%	121 45%	122 47%	102 41%	66 47%	51 58%	83 42%	131 45%	104 72%	188 50%
Not true	483 48%	247 51%	236 45%	59 54%	79 46%	97 48%	86 50%	70 46%	91 45%	120 48%	139 48%	101 48%	123 49%	133 50%	120 46%	131 53%	67 48%	32 36%	104 52%	146 50%	37 26%	165 44%
Don't know	62 6%	23 5%	39 7%	3 3%	13 8%	12 6%	12 7%	6 4%	16 8%	15 6%	16 5%	10 5%	21 8%	14 5%	20 8%	14 6%	8 6%	5 6%	12 6%	15 5%	4 3%	23 6%

**Times Party Conference Poll**  
**Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005**

Absolutes/col percents

Table 34

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE LABOUR PARTY**

**Statement: Cares about the problems that ordinary people have to deal with**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	454 45%	224 46%	230 44%	57 52%	80 47%	111 55%	68 40%	54 35%	84 42%	120 48%	127 43%	93 44%	115 46%	116 43%	112 43%	120 48%	58 41%	48 54%	36 18%	226 77%	55 38%	157 42%
Not true	535 53%	250 52%	285 54%	50 45%	90 53%	89 44%	101 59%	97 64%	108 54%	129 51%	165 57%	110 52%	130 52%	145 54%	146 56%	122 49%	81 58%	40 45%	159 80%	60 21%	88 61%	213 57%
Don't know	18 2%	9 2%	9 2%	4 4%	1 *	1 1%	2 1%	1 *	9 5%	3 1%	- -	8 4%	7 3%	7 3%	4 2%	5 2%	1 1%	1 1%	3 2%	6 2%	2 2%	5 1%

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 35

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

**Statement: Cares about the problems that ordinary people have to deal with**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	338 34%	161 33%	177 34%	52 47%	52 30%	64 32%	47 27%	48 32%	76 37%	82 32%	104 36%	72 34%	81 32%	83 31%	100 38%	70 28%	53 38%	32 36%	125 63%	62 21%	47 32%	114 30%
Not true	646 64%	311 64%	335 64%	54 49%	118 69%	134 67%	122 71%	101 67%	117 58%	164 65%	186 64%	134 63%	163 65%	177 66%	156 59%	173 70%	86 61%	55 62%	70 36%	224 77%	96 66%	251 67%
Don't know	23 2%	12 2%	12 2%	5 5%	1 1%	3 2%	2 1%	2 1%	9 5%	7 3%	2 1%	6 3%	9 3%	8 3%	7 3%	5 2%	1 1%	1 2%	3 2%	6 2%	2 1%	10 3%

**Times Party Conference Poll**  
**Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005**

Absolutes/col percents

Table 36

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

**Statement: Cares about the problems that ordinary people have to deal with**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age							Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Democr- at	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	579 57%	289 60%	290 55%	62 56%	94 55%	127 63%	88 51%	91 60%	117 58%	158 63%	170 58%	126 60%	125 50%	149 56%	158 60%	139 56%	81 58%	51 57%	116 59%	155 53%	124 85%	216 57%
Not true	384 38%	174 36%	210 40%	42 38%	72 42%	68 34%	73 43%	57 37%	72 36%	83 33%	112 38%	75 36%	113 45%	103 39%	91 35%	101 41%	55 39%	33 38%	73 37%	122 42%	19 13%	140 37%
Don't know	44 4%	20 4%	24 5%	7 6%	5 3%	6 3%	10 6%	4 3%	12 6%	10 4%	10 3%	10 5%	14 6%	16 6%	13 5%	7 3%	4 3%	4 5%	9 4%	15 5%	2 1%	20 5%

**Times Party Conference Poll**  
**Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005**

Absolutes/col percents

Table 37

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE LABOUR PARTY**

**Statement: Has clear ideas for dealing with the most important issues facing Britain**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	434 43%	218 45%	215 41%	67 61%	81 47%	89 44%	71 41%	56 37%	70 35%	108 43%	119 41%	107 50%	99 39%	114 42%	111 42%	111 45%	57 41%	41 46%	34 17%	222 76%	41 29%	159 42%
Not true	545 54%	257 53%	289 55%	39 35%	83 48%	111 55%	97 57%	93 61%	122 61%	137 55%	164 56%	102 48%	142 56%	145 54%	148 57%	125 51%	81 58%	45 51%	158 79%	64 22%	103 71%	206 55%
Don't know	28 3%	8 2%	20 4%	4 4%	8 4%	1 1%	3 2%	2 1%	9 5%	6 2%	8 3%	3 1%	11 4%	10 4%	3 1%	11 4%	2 1%	3 3%	6 3%	7 2%	1 *	10 3%

**Times Party Conference Poll**  
**Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005**

Absolutes/col percents

Table 38

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

**Statement: Has clear ideas for dealing with the most important issues facing Britain**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Dem- ocrat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	401 40%	195 40%	206 39%	50 45%	69 40%	73 36%	57 33%	65 43%	87 43%	112 44%	124 43%	80 38%	85 34%	122 45%	111 42%	77 31%	59 42%	32 36%	143 72%	79 27%	42 29%	131 35%
Not true	574 57%	277 57%	297 57%	57 51%	99 58%	123 61%	109 64%	84 56%	102 51%	132 52%	163 56%	125 59%	154 61%	137 51%	147 56%	162 66%	77 55%	51 58%	48 24%	205 70%	101 70%	233 62%
Don't know	32 3%	12 2%	20 4%	5 4%	3 2%	5 3%	6 3%	2 1%	12 6%	8 3%	4 1%	7 3%	13 5%	10 4%	5 2%	8 3%	5 3%	5 6%	7 3%	9 3%	2 1%	11 3%



## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 39

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

**Statement: Has clear ideas for dealing with the most important issues facing Britain**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age							Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	529 53%	258 53%	271 52%	66 59%	82 48%	99 49%	79 46%	94 62%	110 54%	136 54%	153 52%	122 58%	117 47%	133 50%	145 55%	123 50%	73 52%	54 61%	95 48%	135 46%	110 76%	200 53%
Not true	423 42%	206 43%	217 41%	40 36%	78 46%	96 48%	83 49%	52 34%	74 37%	103 41%	124 43%	82 39%	114 45%	114 43%	107 41%	113 46%	61 43%	28 31%	86 43%	139 47%	35 24%	155 41%
Don't know	55 5%	19 4%	36 7%	5 5%	11 6%	6 3%	9 5%	6 4%	18 9%	13 5%	15 5%	7 3%	20 8%	20 8%	10 4%	11 5%	6 4%	7 8%	18 9%	19 6%	-	21 6%

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 40

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE LABOUR PARTY**

**Statement: Is a united party**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Dem- ocrat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	467 46%	227 47%	240 46%	71 64%	79 46%	87 43%	84 49%	61 40%	85 42%	110 44%	152 52%	87 41%	119 47%	116 43%	118 45%	122 49%	69 49%	42 48%	56 28%	230 79%	45 31%	180 48%
Not true	523 52%	250 52%	272 52%	38 34%	90 52%	110 55%	85 50%	89 59%	111 55%	139 55%	138 47%	123 58%	123 49%	147 55%	141 54%	122 49%	69 49%	44 49%	139 70%	59 20%	98 68%	189 50%
Don't know	17 2%	6 1%	11 2%	1 1%	2 1%	5 2%	2 1%	2 1%	5 3%	3 1%	2 1%	2 1%	10 4%	5 2%	4 1%	3 1%	2 2%	3 3%	4 2%	4 1%	2 1%	7 2%

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 41

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

**Statement: Is a united party**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	280 28%	120 25%	161 31%	59 53%	69 40%	45 22%	36 21%	27 18%	45 22%	54 21%	93 32%	71 34%	62 25%	77 29%	72 27%	69 28%	40 28%	23 26%	75 38%	69 24%	37 25%	113 30%
Not true	698 69%	357 74%	342 65%	48 43%	97 57%	151 75%	131 76%	122 81%	150 74%	193 77%	190 65%	138 65%	178 70%	182 68%	184 70%	174 70%	96 69%	62 70%	120 60%	214 73%	106 73%	248 66%
Don't know	28 3%	7 1%	21 4%	4 4%	6 3%	6 3%	5 3%	2 1%	7 3%	5 2%	9 3%	2 1%	12 5%	9 3%	7 3%	4 2%	4 3%	3 4%	4 2%	9 3%	2 1%	14 4%

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 42

**Q6 I am going to read out some words and phrases that have been used about the political parties. Regardless of which party you would vote for, please say in each case whether you think the word or phrase is true or is not true of the Labour Party/the Conservative Party/the Liberal Democrats.**

**Party: THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

**Statement: Is a united party**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Democr- at	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
True	719 71%	366 76%	353 67%	85 76%	116 68%	140 70%	119 70%	119 79%	141 70%	198 79%	220 75%	144 68%	157 62%	196 73%	192 73%	166 67%	108 77%	57 65%	145 73%	195 67%	127 87%	289 77%
Not true	238 24%	105 22%	134 26%	22 20%	45 26%	55 27%	40 24%	29 19%	47 23%	44 18%	57 20%	61 29%	76 30%	57 21%	61 23%	73 29%	28 20%	20 23%	42 21%	81 28%	14 10%	66 18%
Don't know	49 5%	12 3%	37 7%	4 4%	10 6%	6 3%	12 7%	3 2%	14 7%	9 4%	15 5%	7 3%	19 7%	15 6%	10 4%	9 4%	4 3%	11 12%	11 6%	17 6%	4 3%	21 6%

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 43

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LABOUR PARTY**

**Statement: Improve the National Health Service**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	135 13%	73 15%	63 12%	9 8%	29 17%	14 7%	20 11%	16 11%	48 24%	32 13%	26 9%	31 15%	46 18%	24 9%	33 13%	44 18%	20 14%	15 17%	8 4%	84 29%	13 9%	32 8%
Quite likely	(3)	420 42%	199 41%	221 42%	51 46%	69 40%	97 48%	77 45%	59 39%	67 33%	110 44%	116 40%	95 45%	100 40%	109 41%	94 36%	116 47%	58 41%	43 48%	49 25%	162 55%	60 41%	171 45%
Quite unlikely	(2)	248 25%	108 22%	140 27%	28 25%	51 30%	54 27%	46 27%	33 22%	37 19%	71 28%	95 32%	41 19%	42 17%	80 30%	72 27%	50 20%	29 21%	17 19%	75 38%	31 11%	45 31%	107 28%
Very unlikely	(1)	193 19%	101 21%	92 18%	18 16%	21 12%	36 18%	28 17%	43 28%	47 23%	39 15%	55 19%	39 19%	60 24%	50 19%	59 23%	38 15%	33 23%	14 15%	65 33%	14 5%	27 19%	63 17%
Don't know		10 1%	2 *	8 1%	4 4%	2 1%	- *	1 *	3 1%	- -	- -	6 3%	4 2%	5 2%	4 1%	- -	- -	1 1%	2 1%	2 1%	- -	3 1%	
Very/ Quite Likely		556 55%	272 56%	283 54%	61 55%	98 57%	111 55%	97 56%	75 50%	115 57%	141 56%	142 49%	126 60%	147 58%	133 50%	127 49%	160 65%	78 56%	58 65%	57 29%	246 84%	73 50%	202 54%
Very/ Quite Unlikely		441 44%	209 43%	233 44%	46 42%	71 42%	91 45%	74 43%	75 50%	84 42%	110 44%	150 51%	80 38%	101 40%	130 48%	131 50%	88 35%	62 44%	30 34%	140 70%	45 15%	72 50%	170 45%
Mean		2.50	2.51	2.49	2.48	2.63	2.44	2.51	2.32	2.58	2.53	2.39	2.57	2.54	2.41	2.39	2.67	2.46	2.67	2.00	3.08	2.40	2.46
Standard deviation		0.95	0.99	0.92	0.88	0.91	0.87	0.90	1.00	1.10	0.90	0.89	0.97	1.05	0.90	0.98	0.94	1.00	0.94	0.86	0.76	0.89	0.87
Standard error		0.03	0.05	0.04	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.06	0.04	0.08	0.05	

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 44

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

**Statement: Improve the National Health Service**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democrat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4) 9%	41 8%	52 10%	6 6%	17 10%	12 6%	11 6%	19 13%	28 14%	25 10%	17 6%	21 10%	30 12%	23 8%	32 12%	18 7%	11 8%	10 11%	44 22%	14 5%	6 4%	32 8%	
Quite likely	(3) 40%	189 39%	217 41%	60 55%	58 34%	80 40%	65 38%	64 42%	79 39%	108 43%	130 45%	81 38%	87 35%	113 42%	91 35%	107 43%	59 42%	37 42%	114 58%	99 34%	55 38%	154 41%	
Quite unlikely	(2) 28%	147 30%	138 26%	30 27%	58 34%	69 34%	51 30%	36 24%	41 20%	73 29%	90 31%	62 29%	60 24%	85 32%	88 33%	55 22%	37 26%	20 22%	25 13%	98 34%	53 36%	122 33%	
Very unlikely	(1) 20%	98 20%	102 19%	8 8%	35 20%	38 19%	40 23%	31 20%	49 24%	41 16%	52 18%	42 20%	65 26%	39 15%	43 16%	64 26%	32 23%	22 24%	11 6%	78 27%	31 21%	60 16%	
Don't know	23 2%	9 2%	14 3%	6 5%	3 2%	2 1%	5 3%	1 1%	6 3%	4 2%	3 1%	6 3%	10 4%	8 3%	8 3%	4 1%	2 1%	1 1%	3 2%	3 1%	1 1%	8 2%	
Very/ Quite Likely	500 50%	230 48%	270 51%	67 60%	75 44%	92 46%	76 44%	84 55%	106 53%	133 53%	147 50%	101 48%	118 47%	135 50%	123 47%	124 50%	70 50%	47 53%	158 80%	113 39%	60 42%	186 50%	
Very/ Quite Unlikely	485 48%	244 51%	240 46%	38 34%	93 54%	107 53%	91 53%	67 44%	89 44%	114 45%	142 49%	104 49%	124 49%	125 46%	131 50%	119 48%	68 49%	41 47%	36 18%	176 60%	83 57%	182 48%	
Mean	2.40	2.37	2.43	2.62	2.35	2.33	2.28	2.48	2.44	2.47	2.39	2.39	2.35	2.46	2.44	2.32	2.36	2.40	2.98	2.17	2.25	2.43	
Standard deviation	0.91	0.90	0.92	0.73	0.92	0.85	0.90	0.96	1.01	0.89	0.85	0.92	1.01	0.85	0.92	0.94	0.93	0.98	0.77	0.88	0.83	0.86	
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.11	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.05	

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 45

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

**Statement: Improve the National Health Service**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	164 16%	78 16%	86 16%	19 17%	26 15%	24 12%	24 14%	26 17%	46 23%	32 13%	36 12%	40 19%	56 22%	25 9%	53 20%	41 17%	27 20%	18 20%	28 14%	37 13%	45 31%	64 17%
Quite likely	(3)	493 49%	240 50%	253 48%	58 53%	71 42%	111 55%	80 47%	80 53%	93 46%	139 55%	158 54%	101 48%	95 38%	140 52%	113 43%	122 49%	72 51%	46 52%	97 49%	144 49%	79 54%	178 47%
Quite unlikely	(2)	190 19%	92 19%	98 19%	26 24%	45 26%	38 19%	33 19%	21 14%	25 13%	47 19%	76 26%	28 13%	39 16%	59 22%	55 21%	42 17%	22 15%	12 14%	35 18%	63 22%	16 11%	88 23%
Very unlikely	(1)	115 11%	57 12%	59 11%	1 1%	21 12%	23 12%	23 14%	20 13%	27 13%	23 9%	15 5%	32 15%	45 18%	28 10%	30 12%	34 14%	16 11%	8 9%	27 13%	38 13%	4 3%	29 8%
Don't know		45 4%	17 4%	28 5%	6 6%	8 5%	5 3%	11 7%	4 3%	10 5%	10 4%	7 2%	10 5%	18 7%	17 6%	12 4%	8 3%	4 3%	4 5%	12 6%	10 3%	1 *	16 4%
Very/ Quite Likely		657 65%	317 66%	339 65%	77 70%	97 57%	134 67%	103 60%	106 70%	139 69%	171 68%	141 66%	150 67%	165 60%	166 61%	163 66%	99 71%	64 72%	125 63%	181 62%	124 86%	242 65%	
Very/ Quite Unlikely		306 30%	149 31%	157 30%	27 25%	66 39%	62 31%	57 33%	41 27%	52 26%	70 28%	91 31%	60 28%	84 33%	87 32%	85 32%	76 31%	37 27%	20 23%	62 31%	102 35%	20 14%	117 31%
Mean		2.73	2.73	2.74	2.91	2.62	2.69	2.65	2.76	2.82	2.74	2.75	2.74	2.69	2.64	2.75	2.71	2.81	2.88	2.67	2.64	3.14	2.77
Standard deviation		0.88	0.88	0.88	0.68	0.90	0.83	0.91	0.90	0.96	0.80	0.74	0.96	1.04	0.81	0.92	0.91	0.89	0.85	0.90	0.88	0.72	0.84
Standard error		0.03	0.04	0.04	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.04	

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 46

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LABOUR PARTY**

**Statement: Manage Britain's economy well in bad times as well as good**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Very likely	(4) 21%	213 25%	93 18%	30 27%	40 24%	31 15%	37 22%	27 18%	48 24%	55 22%	62 21%	35 17%	61 24%	49 18%	49 19%	61 25%	35 25%	19 22%	11 6%	124 42%	21 15%	64 17%
Quite likely	(3) 44%	442 41%	242 46%	54 48%	81 47%	93 46%	74 43%	68 45%	72 36%	114 45%	133 46%	105 50%	90 36%	128 48%	111 42%	116 47%	47 34%	39 44%	71 36%	137 47%	71 49%	184 49%
Quite unlikely	(2) 19%	196 20%	100 19%	16 15%	33 19%	48 24%	38 22%	26 17%	34 17%	56 22%	64 22%	36 17%	40 16%	47 17%	57 22%	37 15%	38 27%	17 19%	63 32%	18 6%	33 23%	74 20%
Very unlikely	(1) 13%	135 13%	61 13%	74 14%	7 6%	15 9%	27 13%	20 12%	30 20%	35 18%	23 9%	32 11%	49 15%	38 14%	38 15%	29 12%	18 13%	11 12%	48 24%	9 3%	17 12%	49 13%
Don't know	20 2%	5 1%	15 3%	4 4%	2 1%	2 1%	1 1%	- 1%	11 6%	3 1%	1 *	5 2%	12 5%	6 2%	6 2%	4 2%	1 1%	2 3%	5 3%	4 1%	3 2%	5 1%
Very/ Quite Likely	655 65%	321 66%	335 64%	84 75%	121 71%	124 62%	112 65%	95 63%	120 60%	169 67%	195 67%	140 66%	152 60%	177 66%	161 61%	177 72%	82 59%	59 66%	82 42%	261 89%	92 64%	247 66%
Very/ Quite Unlikely	331 33%	157 33%	174 33%	23 21%	48 28%	75 37%	58 34%	56 37%	70 35%	79 31%	96 33%	67 32%	89 35%	85 32%	95 36%	66 27%	57 40%	28 31%	111 56%	28 9%	50 34%	123 33%
Mean	2.74	2.79	2.70	3.00	2.86	2.64	2.76	2.61	2.70	2.81	2.77	2.70	2.68	2.71	2.67	2.86	2.71	2.78	2.24	3.30	2.68	2.71
Standard deviation	0.95	0.96	0.93	0.84	0.88	0.90	0.93	1.00	1.05	0.89	0.91	0.92	1.07	0.94	0.95	0.93	0.99	0.94	0.89	0.73	0.87	0.90
Standard error	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.10	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.06	0.04	0.07	0.05

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## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 47

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

**Statement: Manage Britain's economy well in bad times as well as good**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Very likely	(4) 100 10%	42 9%	58 11%	9 8%	15 9%	12 6%	13 7%	24 16%	27 13%	32 13%	20 7%	25 12%	24 9%	22 8%	35 13%	26 11%	14 10%	2 3%	48 24%	14 5%	5 4%	31 8%
Quite likely	(3) 466 46%	226 47%	240 46%	61 55%	77 45%	96 48%	81 47%	65 43%	86 43%	130 52%	151 52%	92 43%	93 37%	133 49%	115 44%	110 45%	70 50%	38 43%	128 64%	111 38%	63 44%	183 49%
Quite unlikely	(2) 264 26%	130 27%	135 26%	31 28%	47 27%	60 30%	47 27%	38 25%	42 21%	64 25%	75 26%	60 28%	66 26%	78 29%	69 26%	57 23%	31 22%	30 34%	11 6%	106 36%	53 37%	103 28%
Very unlikely	(1) 150 15%	78 16%	72 14%	5 5%	28 16%	30 15%	25 15%	22 15%	39 19%	21 8%	40 14%	32 15%	57 23%	27 10%	36 14%	47 19%	24 17%	15 17%	7 3%	58 20%	21 14%	47 12%
Don't know	27 3%	7 2%	19 4%	5 4%	4 2%	4 2%	6 3%	1 1%	7 4%	5 2%	6 2%	3 2%	12 5%	8 3%	8 3%	7 3%	2 1%	2 3%	5 2%	3 1%	3 2%	12 3%
Very/ Quite Likely	566 56%	268 56%	298 57%	70 64%	92 54%	107 53%	94 55%	89 59%	113 56%	162 64%	171 58%	117 55%	117 46%	155 58%	150 57%	137 55%	84 60%	41 46%	176 89%	125 43%	68 47%	214 57%
Very/ Quite Unlikely	414 41%	208 43%	207 39%	36 32%	75 44%	90 45%	72 42%	61 40%	81 40%	84 34%	115 39%	91 43%	123 49%	105 39%	105 40%	104 42%	54 39%	45 51%	18 9%	164 56%	74 51%	150 40%
Mean	2.53	2.49	2.56	2.70	2.48	2.45	2.49	2.61	2.52	2.70	2.53	2.53	2.35	2.58	2.58	2.48	2.54	2.32	3.12	2.28	2.37	2.54
Standard deviation	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.69	0.88	0.82	0.85	0.93	0.96	0.80	0.82	0.89	0.95	0.79	0.90	0.93	0.89	0.80	0.66	0.84	0.77	0.82
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.05	0.05	0.07	0.04

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## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 48

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

**Statement: Manage Britain's economy well in bad times as well as good**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Very likely	(4) 8%	44 9%	41 8%	15 13%	7 4%	8 4%	11 7%	13 9%	30 15%	12 5%	15 5%	23 11%	35 14%	21 8%	27 10%	19 8%	9 6%	10 11%	11 6%	20 7%	20 13%	23 6%
Quite likely	(3) 46%	203 42%	264 50%	60 54%	77 45%	92 46%	79 46%	70 47%	87 43%	121 48%	146 50%	102 48%	97 39%	121 45%	112 42%	118 48%	75 54%	41 47%	86 43%	123 42%	96 66%	182 48%
Quite unlikely	(2) 26%	142 29%	118 23%	22 20%	53 31%	69 34%	41 24%	39 26%	37 18%	76 30%	82 28%	49 23%	54 21%	80 30%	68 26%	63 25%	29 21%	21 24%	54 27%	97 33%	21 15%	108 29%
Very unlikely	(1) 14%	73 15%	64 12%	7 6%	21 12%	27 13%	26 15%	25 17%	30 15%	29 12%	38 13%	25 12%	45 18%	31 12%	38 15%	34 14%	24 17%	10 11%	34 17%	39 13%	3 2%	42 11%
Don't know	57 6%	21 4%	36 7%	7 6%	13 7%	5 3%	13 7%	3 2%	17 9%	14 6%	10 4%	12 6%	21 8%	16 6%	18 7%	14 6%	3 2%	6 7%	13 7%	13 4%	5 3%	21 6%
Very/ Quite Likely	552 55%	247 51%	305 58%	75 68%	85 49%	101 50%	91 53%	84 55%	118 58%	133 53%	161 55%	125 59%	133 53%	142 53%	138 53%	137 55%	85 60%	51 57%	97 49%	143 49%	116 80%	204 54%
Very/ Quite Unlikely	397 39%	215 45%	182 35%	29 26%	74 43%	95 47%	68 40%	65 43%	67 33%	105 42%	120 41%	74 35%	98 39%	111 41%	106 40%	96 39%	53 38%	32 36%	88 44%	137 47%	24 17%	150 40%
Mean	2.53	2.47	2.58	2.79	2.44	2.42	2.48	2.48	2.64	2.49	2.49	2.62	2.53	2.52	2.52	2.52	2.51	2.61	2.40	2.44	2.95	2.52
Standard deviation	0.85	0.87	0.82	0.77	0.78	0.78	0.86	0.88	0.94	0.77	0.79	0.85	0.97	0.81	0.89	0.84	0.86	0.85	0.86	0.82	0.61	0.78
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.10	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.04

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 49

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LABOUR PARTY**

**Statement: Improve standards in schools**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	205 20%	95 20%	110 21%	26 24%	35 20%	33 16%	37 21%	31 21%	43 21%	39 15%	38 13%	58 28%	70 28%	41 15%	49 19%	66 27%	29 21%	20 23%	20 10%	117 40%	9 6%	58 15%
Quite likely	(3)	374 37%	186 38%	188 36%	45 41%	70 41%	91 45%	62 36%	50 33%	55 27%	96 38%	124 43%	77 37%	77 31%	108 40%	88 33%	88 35%	50 36%	40 46%	44 22%	130 45%	54 37%	168 45%
Quite unlikely	(2)	246 24%	119 25%	127 24%	28 25%	42 24%	46 23%	43 25%	34 23%	52 26%	72 29%	93 32%	37 17%	44 17%	72 27%	70 27%	51 21%	37 26%	15 17%	75 38%	32 11%	55 38%	100 27%
Very unlikely	(1)	162 16%	76 16%	86 16%	9 8%	23 13%	29 15%	28 16%	32 21%	41 21%	42 17%	35 12%	34 16%	50 20%	40 15%	50 19%	39 16%	21 15%	12 13%	55 27%	8 3%	26 18%	45 12%
Don't know		21 2%	7 1%	14 3%	2 2%	2 1%	2 1%	1 1%	4 2%	10 5%	3 1%	1 *	5 2%	11 5%	7 3%	6 2%	4 2%	3 2%	1 1%	4 2%	4 1%	1 1%	5 1%
Very/ Quite Likely		579 58%	281 58%	298 57%	72 65%	105 61%	124 62%	99 58%	81 54%	98 49%	134 53%	163 56%	135 64%	147 58%	149 56%	137 52%	153 62%	79 56%	61 69%	65 33%	247 85%	63 43%	226 60%
Very/ Quite Unlikely		407 40%	195 40%	212 41%	37 33%	64 38%	76 38%	70 41%	66 44%	94 46%	114 45%	128 44%	71 34%	94 37%	112 42%	120 46%	90 36%	58 41%	27 31%	129 65%	41 14%	81 56%	144 38%
Mean		2.63	2.63	2.63	2.82	2.69	2.64	2.64	2.55	2.52	2.53	2.57	2.77	2.69	2.57	2.53	2.74	2.63	2.79	2.16	3.24	2.32	2.65
Standard deviation		0.99	0.98	1.00	0.90	0.95	0.93	1.00	1.05	1.07	0.95	0.87	1.04	1.10	0.93	1.01	1.03	0.99	0.95	0.95	0.76	0.84	0.89
Standard error		0.03	0.05	0.04	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.10	0.07	0.04	0.07	0.05	

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## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 50

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

**Statement: Improve standards in schools**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	128 13%	60 12%	68 13%	8 7%	22 13%	19 9%	18 11%	25 17%	36 18%	32 13%	21 7%	33 16%	43 17%	29 11%	35 13%	35 14%	16 11%	13 15%	45 23%	29 10%	14 10%	48 13%
Quite likely	(3)	501 50%	237 49%	263 50%	70 64%	72 42%	106 52%	76 45%	80 53%	97 48%	122 49%	169 58%	99 47%	111 44%	142 53%	132 50%	113 46%	69 50%	44 50%	131 66%	135 46%	58 40%	188 50%
Quite unlikely	(2)	217 22%	107 22%	110 21%	16 15%	55 32%	51 25%	41 24%	24 16%	30 15%	70 28%	62 21%	40 19%	45 18%	63 24%	56 21%	47 19%	31 22%	20 23%	14 7%	84 29%	43 30%	86 23%
Very unlikely	(1)	140 14%	73 15%	67 13%	13 11%	20 12%	23 11%	30 18%	21 14%	34 17%	27 11%	34 12%	36 17%	44 17%	27 10%	36 14%	47 19%	21 15%	10 11%	5 3%	41 14%	28 20%	45 12%
Don't know		21 2%	6 1%	15 3%	3 3%	3 2%	2 1%	5 3%	2 1%	5 2%	1 *	6 2%	4 2%	10 4%	6 2%	4 1%	6 3%	3 2%	1 2%	3 2%	4 1%	1 *	8 2%
Very/ Quite Likely		629 62%	297 62%	332 63%	78 71%	93 55%	125 62%	95 55%	105 69%	133 66%	154 61%	190 65%	131 62%	153 61%	171 64%	167 64%	148 60%	86 61%	57 64%	176 89%	164 56%	73 50%	236 63%
Very/ Quite Unlikely		357 35%	180 37%	178 34%	29 26%	75 44%	74 37%	71 42%	44 29%	63 31%	96 38%	96 33%	76 36%	89 35%	91 34%	92 35%	93 38%	52 37%	30 34%	19 10%	125 43%	72 50%	131 35%
Mean		2.63	2.60	2.65	2.68	2.56	2.61	2.50	2.73	2.69	2.64	2.62	2.62	2.63	2.66	2.64	2.57	2.59	2.69	3.10	2.52	2.40	2.65
Standard deviation		0.88	0.89	0.87	0.78	0.86	0.82	0.92	0.90	0.96	0.84	0.79	0.95	0.98	0.81	0.88	0.96	0.89	0.87	0.63	0.86	0.91	0.86
Standard error		0.03	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.05

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## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 51

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

**Statement: Improve standards in schools**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	161 16%	81 17%	80 15%	21 19%	25 15%	23 11%	24 14%	31 20%	38 19%	34 13%	28 10%	44 21%	55 22%	38 14%	46 18%	36 14%	25 18%	16 18%	24 12%	45 15%	40 28%	67 18%
Quite likely	(3)	532 53%	257 53%	274 52%	62 56%	84 49%	122 61%	77 45%	81 54%	105 52%	154 61%	176 60%	94 44%	107 43%	149 55%	130 50%	131 53%	77 55%	46 52%	114 58%	151 52%	80 55%	205 55%
Quite unlikely	(2)	158 16%	78 16%	80 15%	20 18%	33 19%	34 17%	32 19%	19 12%	21 10%	42 17%	53 18%	28 13%	36 14%	45 17%	43 16%	37 15%	21 15%	12 13%	27 13%	55 19%	17 11%	54 14%
Very unlikely	(1)	103 10%	48 10%	55 10%	4 3%	22 13%	17 8%	22 13%	17 11%	22 11%	14 6%	21 7%	34 16%	33 13%	20 8%	30 11%	34 14%	10 7%	9 10%	20 10%	27 9%	7 5%	27 7%
Don't know		53 5%	18 4%	34 7%	5 4%	7 4%	5 3%	16 9%	4 2%	16 8%	7 3%	13 5%	12 6%	20 8%	16 6%	13 5%	10 4%	8 6%	6 7%	13 7%	15 5%	1 1%	23 6%
Very/ Quite Likely		693 69%	339 70%	354 68%	83 75%	109 64%	145 72%	101 59%	112 74%	142 71%	188 75%	204 70%	138 65%	162 64%	187 70%	176 67%	166 67%	102 72%	62 70%	139 70%	195 67%	120 83%	272 72%
Very/ Quite Unlikely		261 26%	126 26%	135 26%	23 21%	55 32%	51 25%	54 32%	35 23%	43 21%	57 22%	74 25%	61 29%	69 27%	65 24%	73 28%	71 29%	31 22%	21 24%	46 23%	82 28%	24 16%	81 21%
Mean		2.79	2.80	2.78	2.94	2.69	2.77	2.67	2.86	2.85	2.76	2.75	2.80	2.81	2.77	2.71	2.88	2.83	2.77	2.77	3.06	2.88	
Standard deviation		0.85	0.85	0.85	0.72	0.89	0.77	0.90	0.88	0.88	0.72	0.73	0.99	0.96	0.79	0.89	0.89	0.80	0.87	0.81	0.83	0.77	0.80
Standard error		0.03	0.04	0.04	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.10	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.04	

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 52

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LABOUR PARTY**

**Statement: Get the right balance between taxes and public spending**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	125 12%	63 13%	63 12%	13 11%	17 10%	14 7%	24 14%	17 11%	42 21%	19 8%	26 9%	27 13%	53 21%	28 10%	35 13%	33 10%	14 10%	15 17%	7 4%	77 26%	13 9%	32 8%
Quite likely	(3)	332 33%	157 33%	175 33%	32 29%	67 39%	77 38%	50 29%	48 32%	58 29%	91 36%	93 32%	68 32%	80 32%	92 34%	69 26%	95 38%	45 32%	32 36%	33 17%	136 47%	46 32%	132 35%
Quite unlikely	(2)	272 27%	135 28%	137 26%	39 36%	46 27%	48 24%	54 31%	40 27%	44 22%	76 30%	96 33%	50 24%	49 20%	80 30%	71 27%	58 24%	39 28%	23 26%	70 36%	49 17%	52 36%	114 30%
Very unlikely	(1)	255 25%	122 25%	132 25%	21 19%	38 22%	60 30%	41 24%	44 29%	51 25%	59 24%	74 26%	61 29%	60 24%	61 23%	82 31%	58 23%	38 27%	15 17%	84 42%	21 7%	33 23%	87 23%
Don't know		22 2%	5 1%	17 3%	6 5%	4 2%	2 1%	2 1%	2 1%	6 3%	2 2%	5 2%	10 4%	7 3%	5 2%	4 2%	4 3%	2 3%	3 2%	10 3%	1 1%	10 3%	
Very/ Quite Likely		458 45%	220 46%	238 45%	45 40%	84 49%	91 45%	74 43%	65 43%	100 50%	110 44%	120 41%	95 45%	133 53%	120 45%	104 40%	128 52%	59 42%	47 54%	41 21%	213 73%	59 41%	164 44%
Very/ Quite Unlikely		527 52%	258 53%	269 51%	61 55%	84 49%	108 54%	95 56%	84 56%	95 47%	135 54%	171 59%	112 53%	109 43%	141 53%	153 58%	116 47%	77 55%	39 44%	154 78%	70 24%	85 59%	202 54%
Mean		2.33	2.34	2.33	2.34	2.37	2.22	2.34	2.25	2.47	2.29	2.24	2.29	2.52	2.33	2.22	2.42	2.26	2.55	1.82	2.95	2.27	2.30
Standard deviation		1.00	1.00	1.00	0.94	0.94	0.96	1.00	1.01	1.10	0.92	0.94	1.03	1.09	0.95	1.04	0.99	0.98	0.98	0.85	0.86	0.92	0.93
Standard error		0.03	0.05	0.04	0.11	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.11	0.06	0.05	0.08	0.05

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## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 53

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

**Statement: Get the right balance between taxes and public spending**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Very likely	(4) 8%	37 8%	42 8%	3 2%	10 6%	12 6%	11 7%	15 10%	28 14%	17 7%	16 5%	19 9%	28 11%	18 7%	28 11%	13 5%	11 8%	9 10%	35 17%	7 2%	6 4%	33 9%
Quite likely	(3) 34%	159 33%	187 36%	33 30%	48 28%	70 35%	60 35%	63 42%	70 35%	102 40%	87 30%	72 34%	85 34%	88 33%	88 33%	87 35%	55 39%	27 31%	115 58%	74 25%	37 26%	113 30%
Quite unlikely	(2) 33%	169 35%	159 30%	48 44%	58 34%	67 33%	56 33%	48 32%	50 25%	79 31%	120 41%	64 30%	65 26%	105 39%	83 32%	74 30%	40 28%	26 29%	38 19%	126 43%	58 40%	139 37%
Very unlikely	(1) 22%	111 23%	115 22%	22 20%	48 28%	50 25%	39 23%	22 15%	45 22%	48 19%	63 22%	52 24%	63 25%	48 18%	58 22%	67 27%	30 21%	24 27%	7 4%	75 26%	41 28%	77 20%
Don't know	28 3%	7 1%	21 4%	5 4%	7 4%	2 1%	4 2%	3 2%	8 4%	6 2%	6 2%	5 2%	11 4%	10 4%	5 2%	6 3%	4 3%	2 3%	3 2%	11 4%	2 1%	14 4%
Very/ Quite Likely	425 42%	196 41%	228 44%	36 32%	58 34%	83 41%	71 42%	78 51%	99 49%	119 47%	102 35%	91 43%	113 45%	106 40%	116 44%	100 40%	66 47%	36 41%	150 75%	81 28%	44 30%	146 39%
Very/ Quite Unlikely	554 55%	280 58%	274 52%	70 63%	107 62%	117 58%	95 56%	71 47%	95 47%	127 50%	183 63%	116 55%	128 51%	152 57%	141 54%	141 57%	70 50%	50 56%	45 23%	201 69%	99 69%	216 58%
Mean	2.28	2.26	2.31	2.16	2.12	2.23	2.26	2.47	2.43	2.36	2.19	2.28	2.32	2.30	2.33	2.19	2.35	2.25	2.91	2.04	2.06	2.28
Standard deviation	0.91	0.90	0.92	0.77	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.87	1.00	0.87	0.84	0.94	0.99	0.85	0.95	0.91	0.92	0.98	0.72	0.79	0.85	0.90
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.11	0.05	0.05	0.07	0.05

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## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 54

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

**Statement: Get the right balance between taxes and public spending**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Very likely	(4) 98 10%	53 11%	45 9%	11 10%	14 8%	14 7%	15 9%	14 9%	31 15%	14 6%	20 7%	27 13%	38 15%	23 9%	19 7%	22 9%	19 13%	15 17%	15 7%	18 6%	33 23%	36 9%
Quite likely	(3) 442 44%	208 43%	234 45%	45 41%	70 41%	92 46%	69 40%	74 49%	92 46%	120 48%	127 43%	99 47%	97 39%	114 42%	119 45%	111 45%	58 42%	41 46%	85 43%	133 45%	71 49%	156 42%
Quite unlikely	(2) 241 24%	121 25%	119 23%	34 31%	44 25%	58 29%	47 27%	34 22%	25 12%	73 29%	83 28%	40 19%	44 18%	75 28%	62 24%	57 23%	35 25%	12 13%	48 24%	71 24%	30 21%	98 26%
Very unlikely	(1) 174 17%	81 17%	93 18%	16 14%	37 22%	33 17%	27 16%	25 17%	35 17%	32 13%	54 19%	33 15%	55 22%	41 15%	47 18%	48 19%	23 16%	15 17%	38 19%	55 19%	9 6%	65 17%
Don't know	52 5%	20 4%	32 6%	5 4%	7 4%	4 2%	14 8%	4 3%	19 9%	12 5%	9 3%	13 6%	18 7%	15 6%	15 6%	10 4%	5 4%	6 7%	13 6%	16 5%	2 1%	22 6%
Very/ Quite Likely	541 54%	261 54%	279 53%	56 50%	84 49%	106 53%	83 49%	88 58%	123 61%	134 53%	146 50%	125 59%	135 54%	137 51%	138 53%	133 54%	77 55%	55 63%	100 51%	151 52%	104 72%	192 51%
Very/ Quite Unlikely	415 41%	202 42%	212 41%	50 45%	81 47%	91 45%	74 43%	59 39%	60 30%	105 42%	137 47%	73 35%	99 39%	116 43%	109 42%	104 42%	58 41%	27 30%	85 43%	126 43%	39 27%	162 43%
Mean	2.49	2.50	2.47	2.48	2.37	2.44	2.45	2.52	2.65	2.49	2.39	2.60	2.50	2.47	2.44	2.45	2.54	2.67	2.42	2.41	2.89	2.46
Standard deviation	0.91	0.91	0.90	0.87	0.93	0.86	0.89	0.89	0.97	0.80	0.87	0.92	1.02	0.87	0.89	0.92	0.93	0.98	0.90	0.88	0.83	0.90
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.11	0.07	0.05	0.07	0.05

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## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 55

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LABOUR PARTY**

**Statement: Improve public transport**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democrat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	128 13%	67 14%	61 12%	16 14%	22 13%	20 10%	26 15%	17 11%	27 13%	24 10%	27 9%	26 12%	50 20%	43 16%	32 12%	29 12%	12 8%	12 13%	9 4%	66 23%	10 7%	47 12%
Quite likely	(3)	333 33%	133 27%	200 38%	43 39%	62 36%	64 32%	52 31%	43 29%	67 33%	82 33%	97 33%	76 36%	78 31%	88 33%	77 29%	93 38%	45 32%	30 34%	50 25%	131 45%	44 30%	118 31%
Quite unlikely	(2)	297 29%	148 31%	149 29%	27 24%	54 32%	66 33%	52 31%	44 29%	54 27%	87 35%	101 35%	54 26%	55 22%	79 30%	76 29%	66 27%	50 36%	25 29%	71 36%	61 21%	54 37%	116 31%
Very unlikely	(1)	230 23%	130 27%	100 19%	19 17%	31 18%	48 24%	38 22%	44 29%	49 24%	54 21%	64 22%	51 24%	61 24%	52 19%	70 27%	56 23%	32 23%	18 21%	64 32%	27 9%	36 25%	88 23%
Don't know		20 2%	6 1%	14 3%	6 5%	2 1%	3 2%	2 1%	2 1%	5 2%	3 1%	4 2%	8 3%	6 2%	6 2%	3 1%	2 1%	3 4%	4 2%	7 2%	1 1%	8 2%	
Very/ Quite Likely		460 46%	200 41%	261 50%	59 53%	84 49%	84 42%	78 46%	61 40%	94 47%	106 42%	124 42%	103 49%	127 50%	131 49%	109 42%	122 49%	56 40%	42 47%	59 30%	198 68%	54 37%	165 44%
Very/ Quite Unlikely		526 52%	277 57%	249 48%	46 42%	85 50%	114 57%	91 53%	88 58%	102 51%	141 56%	165 56%	105 50%	117 46%	131 49%	147 56%	122 49%	82 59%	44 50%	135 68%	88 30%	90 62%	204 54%
Mean		2.36	2.29	2.43	2.52	2.45	2.28	2.39	2.23	2.37	2.31	2.30	2.38	2.47	2.46	2.28	2.39	2.26	2.41	2.02	2.83	2.19	2.33
Standard deviation		0.98	1.02	0.94	0.96	0.94	0.95	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.92	0.92	0.99	1.08	0.99	1.00	0.97	0.91	0.98	0.88	0.89	0.89	0.98
Standard error		0.03	0.05	0.04	0.11	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.11	0.06	0.05	0.08	0.05	

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### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 56

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

**Statement: Improve public transport**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Democr at	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Very likely	(4) 8%	34 7%	48 9%	11 10%	17 10%	9 5%	7 4%	15 10%	24 12%	14 6%	23 8%	16 8%	30 12%	22 8%	26 10%	21 9%	8 6%	6 7%	26 13%	21 7%	7 5%	31 8%
Quite likely	(3) 33%	140 29%	190 36%	41 37%	54 32%	67 33%	51 30%	50 33%	68 34%	76 30%	99 34%	79 37%	77 30%	96 36%	80 30%	76 31%	49 35%	29 32%	83 42%	98 34%	43 30%	117 31%
Quite unlikely	(2) 33%	172 36%	160 31%	37 33%	56 33%	64 32%	67 39%	52 35%	57 28%	102 41%	103 35%	59 28%	68 27%	97 36%	84 32%	67 27%	52 37%	31 36%	62 31%	101 35%	47 33%	127 34%
Very unlikely	(1) 23%	127 26%	104 20%	17 15%	38 22%	56 28%	40 24%	33 22%	47 23%	50 20%	61 21%	52 25%	68 27%	44 16%	65 25%	74 30%	29 20%	20 22%	23 11%	64 22%	46 32%	89 24%
Don't know	30 3%	9 2%	21 4%	6 5%	7 4%	5 2%	6 3%	1 1%	5 3%	10 4%	6 2%	5 2%	9 4%	9 3%	7 3%	9 4%	2 1%	3 4%	5 2%	8 3%	1 1%	11 3%
Very/ Quite Likely	413 41%	174 36%	239 46%	51 46%	70 41%	76 38%	58 34%	64 43%	93 46%	90 36%	122 42%	95 45%	107 42%	118 44%	106 40%	97 39%	57 41%	34 39%	109 55%	119 41%	50 35%	148 39%
Very/ Quite Unlikely	564 56%	299 62%	264 50%	54 48%	94 55%	120 60%	107 63%	85 56%	104 51%	152 60%	164 56%	112 53%	136 54%	141 53%	150 57%	141 57%	81 58%	51 58%	85 43%	165 56%	93 64%	216 58%
Mean	2.27	2.17	2.36	2.43	2.30	2.15	2.15	2.31	2.36	2.22	2.29	2.28	2.28	2.37	2.26	2.19	2.27	2.24	2.58	2.27	2.08	2.25
Standard deviation	0.92	0.91	0.92	0.88	0.94	0.89	0.84	0.93	0.98	0.84	0.89	0.93	1.01	0.86	0.95	0.98	0.85	0.89	0.87	0.89	0.90	0.92
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.10	0.06	0.05	0.08	0.05

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## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 57

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

**Statement: Improve public transport**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	117 12%	55 11%	62 12%	15 14%	16 9%	23 11%	16 9%	18 12%	30 15%	22 9%	27 9%	26 12%	42 17%	30 11%	36 14%	28 11%	14 10%	8 9%	16 8%	32 11%	25 17%	48 13%
Quite likely	(3)	423 42%	199 41%	224 43%	45 41%	71 41%	84 42%	65 38%	69 46%	89 44%	122 49%	118 41%	87 41%	95 38%	119 44%	105 40%	92 37%	66 47%	41 46%	78 39%	123 42%	85 59%	154 41%
Quite unlikely	(2)	262 26%	123 26%	139 27%	29 26%	47 27%	60 30%	51 30%	36 24%	40 20%	71 28%	92 31%	46 22%	53 21%	79 30%	58 22%	69 28%	35 25%	21 24%	62 32%	80 27%	21 14%	100 27%
Very unlikely	(1)	152 15%	88 18%	64 12%	14 13%	27 16%	30 15%	22 13%	24 16%	35 17%	22 9%	43 15%	42 20%	45 18%	26 10%	48 18%	44 18%	22 16%	12 14%	30 15%	44 15%	12 8%	55 15%
Don't know		53 5%	18 4%	34 7%	7 7%	11 6%	6 3%	16 9%	5 3%	8 4%	14 5%	12 4%	10 5%	17 7%	14 5%	16 6%	14 6%	2 2%	6 7%	12 6%	14 5%	2 1%	19 5%
Very/ Quite Likely		540 54%	254 53%	286 55%	60 54%	86 50%	106 53%	81 48%	87 57%	119 59%	145 57%	145 50%	113 54%	137 54%	149 56%	141 54%	120 49%	81 58%	49 55%	94 48%	155 53%	110 76%	202 54%
Very/ Quite Unlikely		415 41%	211 44%	204 39%	43 39%	74 43%	89 44%	73 43%	60 40%	75 37%	93 37%	135 46%	88 42%	99 39%	105 39%	106 40%	113 46%	57 41%	34 38%	92 47%	124 42%	33 22%	154 41%
Mean		2.53	2.48	2.58	2.59	2.47	2.51	2.48	2.55	2.59	2.61	2.46	2.48	2.56	2.60	2.52	2.45	2.53	2.54	2.43	2.51	2.87	2.55
Standard deviation		0.90	0.93	0.87	0.90	0.89	0.89	0.87	0.91	0.96	0.78	0.87	0.96	1.00	0.83	0.97	0.93	0.88	0.86	0.86	0.89	0.80	0.91
Standard error		0.03	0.05	0.04	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.05

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## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 58

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LABOUR PARTY**

**Statement: Supporting hard-working families**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	181 18%	88 18%	93 18%	15 13%	35 20%	25 12%	30 18%	22 14%	55 27%	33 13%	37 13%	44 21%	67 27%	37 14%	42 16%	56 23%	31 22%	15 17%	14 7%	107 37%	17 12%	55 15%
Quite likely	(3)	388 39%	187 39%	201 38%	54 48%	65 38%	87 43%	68 40%	52 34%	63 31%	113 45%	114 48%	77 37%	83 33%	108 40%	90 34%	105 43%	48 34%	36 41%	56 28%	141 48%	64 44%	157 42%
Quite unlikely	(2)	220 22%	104 22%	116 22%	26 23%	35 20%	43 21%	36 21%	37 25%	43 21%	63 25%	79 27%	37 17%	41 16%	70 26%	68 26%	36 15%	25 18%	22 25%	65 33%	30 10%	33 23%	91 24%
Very unlikely	(1)	203 20%	98 20%	105 20%	14 13%	34 20%	46 23%	37 22%	39 26%	34 17%	39 16%	59 20%	51 24%	54 22%	49 18%	58 22%	49 20%	34 24%	14 15%	61 31%	12 4%	29 20%	68 18%
Don't know		15 1%	6 1%	9 2%	3 2%	2 1%	1 *	* *	2 1%	6 3%	2 1%	3 2%	6 2%	5 2%	4 2%	1 1%	3 2%	1 2%	3 2%	2 1%	2 1%	5 1%	
Very/ Quite Likely		569 57%	275 57%	294 56%	68 62%	100 58%	112 56%	98 57%	73 49%	118 58%	151 52%	121 57%	150 60%	145 54%	132 50%	161 65%	79 57%	51 58%	70 35%	248 85%	81 56%	211 56%	
Very/ Quite Unlikely		423 42%	203 42%	221 42%	40 36%	69 40%	89 44%	73 42%	76 50%	77 38%	103 41%	138 47%	87 41%	95 38%	118 44%	126 48%	85 34%	58 42%	36 41%	125 63%	42 15%	62 43%	159 42%
Mean		2.55	2.55	2.55	2.64	2.60	2.46	2.54	2.38	2.71	2.56	2.45	2.55	2.67	2.51	2.45	2.68	2.56	2.60	2.12	3.18	2.49	2.54
Standard deviation		1.01	1.02	1.01	0.88	1.03	0.98	1.02	1.02	1.06	0.91	0.96	1.08	1.10	0.95	1.01	1.04	1.10	0.95	0.94	0.78	0.94	0.95
Standard error		0.03	0.05	0.04	0.10	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.10	0.07	0.05	0.08	0.05	

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## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 59

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

**Statement: Supporting hard-working families**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4) 9%	90 9%	45 9%	45 6%	6 10%	17 9%	19 8%	13 9%	13 10%	21 9%	23 8%	22 8%	17 11%	28 9%	24 9%	24 9%	23 9%	12 9%	7 7%	41 21%	21 7%	7 5%	34 9%
Quite likely	(3) 40%	193 40%	209 40%	51 46%	58 34%	79 39%	70 41%	61 41%	83 41%	117 47%	123 42%	72 34%	89 35%	104 39%	104 40%	94 38%	60 43%	40 45%	104 52%	99 34%	57 39%	144 38%	
Quite unlikely	(2) 28%	129 27%	156 30%	31 28%	53 31%	58 29%	53 31%	42 28%	47 23%	70 28%	91 31%	59 28%	65 26%	91 34%	77 30%	62 25%	31 22%	23 26%	40 20%	98 33%	44 31%	118 31%	
Very unlikely	(1) 21%	106 22%	103 20%	18 17%	39 23%	45 22%	33 19%	30 20%	43 21%	37 15%	52 18%	58 27%	63 25%	43 16%	53 20%	61 25%	35 25%	18 20%	9 5%	70 24%	36 25%	72 19%	
Don't know	21 2%	10 2%	11 2%	4 4%	4 2%	- -	2 1%	4 3%	8 4%	4 2%	4 1%	5 3%	8 3%	6 2%	4 2%	8 3%	2 2%	1 2%	4 2%	5 2%	1 *	8 2%	
Very/ Quite Likely	492 49%	238 49%	254 48%	57 52%	75 44%	98 49%	83 49%	75 49%	104 51%	141 56%	145 50%	90 42%	116 46%	128 48%	128 49%	117 47%	72 52%	46 52%	145 73%	120 41%	64 44%	178 47%	
Very/ Quite Unlikely	494 49%	235 49%	259 49%	50 45%	93 54%	103 51%	86 50%	72 48%	90 45%	107 42%	143 49%	116 55%	128 51%	134 50%	130 50%	123 50%	66 47%	41 46%	49 25%	167 57%	81 56%	190 51%	
Mean	2.38	2.38	2.38	2.42	2.31	2.36	2.38	2.39	2.42	2.51	2.40	2.24	2.33	2.42	2.39	2.33	2.36	2.40	2.91	2.25	2.24	2.38	
Standard deviation	0.92	0.94	0.90	0.85	0.94	0.93	0.89	0.92	0.95	0.86	0.87	0.96	0.98	0.87	0.91	0.96	0.96	0.90	0.78	0.91	0.89	0.90	
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.05	

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## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 60

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

**Statement: Supporting hard-working families**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	135 13%	65 13%	70 13%	14 13%	20 12%	25 13%	17 10%	24 16%	34 17%	25 10%	30 10%	35 17%	44 17%	28 10%	28 11%	40 16%	29 20%	9 10%	19 10%	39 13%	25 17%	55 15%
Quite likely	(3)	512 51%	248 51%	265 51%	66 59%	80 47%	105 52%	89 52%	76 51%	96 48%	156 62%	156 53%	95 45%	106 42%	139 52%	138 52%	124 50%	62 44%	50 57%	104 52%	156 53%	95 66%	181 48%
Quite unlikely	(2)	198 20%	97 20%	100 19%	20 18%	37 21%	44 22%	30 18%	31 21%	35 18%	44 17%	68 23%	38 18%	48 19%	61 23%	58 22%	39 16%	28 20%	12 13%	45 23%	45 15%	18 12%	87 23%
Very unlikely	(1)	120 12%	57 12%	63 12%	7 6%	27 16%	23 11%	25 14%	16 11%	22 11%	18 7%	26 9%	34 16%	41 16%	27 10%	29 11%	35 14%	16 12%	12 14%	20 10%	39 13%	6 4%	36 10%
Don't know		43 4%	17 3%	26 5%	4 4%	7 4%	4 2%	10 6%	4 3%	14 7%	9 3%	12 4%	9 4%	13 5%	15 6%	9 3%	9 4%	5 4%	5 6%	11 6%	13 5%	1 *	16 4%
Very/ Quite Likely		647 64%	312 65%	334 64%	80 72%	100 59%	131 65%	106 62%	100 66%	130 65%	181 72%	186 64%	131 62%	149 59%	166 62%	166 63%	165 66%	91 65%	59 67%	123 62%	195 67%	120 83%	236 63%
Very/ Quite Unlikely		317 32%	154 32%	163 31%	27 24%	64 37%	67 33%	55 32%	47 31%	57 28%	62 25%	94 32%	72 34%	89 35%	87 32%	88 33%	74 30%	44 32%	24 27%	65 33%	84 29%	24 17%	123 33%
Mean		2.69	2.69	2.69	2.82	2.57	2.67	2.61	2.73	2.76	2.77	2.68	2.65	2.64	2.66	2.65	2.71	2.76	2.68	2.65	2.70	2.97	2.71
Standard deviation		0.86	0.86	0.87	0.74	0.91	0.84	0.87	0.86	0.89	0.73	0.79	0.95	0.97	0.81	0.83	0.92	0.93	0.86	0.80	0.88	0.68	0.85
Standard error		0.03	0.04	0.04	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.08	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.05

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## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 61

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LABOUR PARTY**

**Statement: Deal effectively with crime and anti-social behaviour**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	157 16%	81 17%	76 14%	19 17%	25 14%	32 16%	21 12%	22 15%	37 19%	26 10%	32 11%	40 19%	59 23%	29 11%	36 14%	55 22%	18 13%	19 22%	13 7%	84 29%	11 8%	58 15%
Quite likely	(3)	342 34%	155 32%	187 36%	39 35%	71 42%	67 33%	62 36%	46 31%	55 28%	98 39%	114 39%	61 29%	68 27%	98 37%	91 35%	73 29%	50 35%	31 35%	38 19%	130 45%	56 38%	132 35%
Quite unlikely	(2)	280 28%	145 30%	136 26%	36 32%	46 27%	60 30%	51 30%	43 28%	46 23%	82 33%	94 32%	56 26%	48 19%	83 31%	70 27%	62 25%	43 31%	23 26%	75 38%	50 17%	49 34%	107 29%
Very unlikely	(1)	216 21%	99 20%	118 22%	14 13%	29 17%	40 20%	37 21%	40 26%	57 28%	43 17%	51 18%	52 24%	70 28%	54 20%	64 24%	55 22%	29 21%	14 16%	69 35%	23 8%	28 20%	76 20%
Don't know		12 1%	4 1%	8 1%	3 3%	1 1%	1 1%	- -	- -	6 3%	3 1%	- -	2 1%	7 3%	5 2%	1 1%	3 1%	1 1%	1 2%	2 1%	5 2%	- -	4 1%
Very/ Quite Likely		499 50%	236 49%	263 50%	58 53%	96 56%	99 49%	84 49%	68 45%	93 46%	124 49%	146 50%	102 48%	127 50%	127 47%	127 48%	128 52%	67 48%	50 57%	52 26%	215 73%	67 46%	189 50%
Very/ Quite Unlikely		497 49%	243 50%	253 48%	50 45%	74 43%	101 50%	87 51%	83 55%	102 51%	125 50%	146 50%	107 51%	119 47%	136 51%	134 51%	117 47%	72 51%	37 41%	145 73%	73 25%	78 54%	183 49%
Mean		2.44	2.46	2.43	2.59	2.54	2.46	2.40	2.34	2.38	2.43	2.43	2.43	2.47	2.39	2.38	2.52	2.40	2.64	1.98	2.96	2.35	2.46
Standard deviation		1.00	1.00	1.00	0.93	0.94	0.99	0.96	1.02	1.10	0.89	0.90	1.06	1.14	0.93	1.00	1.08	0.96	1.00	0.91	0.88	0.88	0.98
Standard error		0.03	0.05	0.04	0.11	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.05	0.06	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.11	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.05

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### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 62

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

**Statement: Deal effectively with crime and anti-social behaviour**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	178 18%	87 18%	91 17%	17 16%	26 15%	31 15%	31 18%	24 16%	49 24%	42 17%	42 14%	34 16%	60 24%	42 16%	50 19%	45 18%	24 17%	17 19%	42 21%	53 18%	17 12%	70 19%
Quite likely	(3)	467 46%	226 47%	241 46%	54 48%	80 47%	99 49%	77 45%	66 44%	91 45%	145 58%	85 50%	92 40%	136 36%	118 45%	106 43%	61 44%	45 51%	120 60%	131 45%	64 44%	156 41%	
Quite unlikely	(2)	197 20%	94 20%	103 20%	27 24%	33 19%	36 18%	37 21%	39 26%	25 13%	40 16%	65 22%	55 26%	38 15%	58 22%	59 22%	39 16%	28 20%	13 15%	26 13%	59 20%	41 28%	84 22%
Very unlikely	(1)	148 15%	73 15%	75 14%	9 8%	28 16%	33 17%	26 15%	19 13%	32 16%	21 8%	38 13%	34 16%	55 22%	26 10%	33 13%	53 21%	25 18%	11 12%	9 4%	44 15%	22 15%	60 16%
Don't know		17 2%	3 1%	14 3%	3 3%	3 2%	3 1%	1 1%	2 1%	4 2%	4 2%	2 1%	3 1%	8 3%	6 2%	2 1%	4 2%	1 1%	3 3%	3 1%	5 2%	1 *	6 2%
Very/ Quite Likely		645 64%	313 65%	333 64%	71 64%	107 62%	130 64%	108 63%	90 60%	140 69%	187 74%	187 64%	120 57%	152 60%	179 67%	168 64%	151 61%	86 61%	62 70%	161 81%	183 63%	81 56%	226 60%
Very/ Quite Unlikely		345 34%	168 35%	177 34%	36 33%	61 36%	69 34%	63 37%	58 39%	57 29%	61 24%	103 35%	89 42%	93 37%	83 31%	92 35%	92 37%	54 38%	24 27%	34 17%	104 35%	63 44%	144 38%
Mean		2.68	2.68	2.68	2.74	2.62	2.64	2.66	2.64	2.79	2.84	2.66	2.58	2.64	2.74	2.71	2.59	2.61	2.79	3.00	2.67	2.53	2.64
Standard deviation		0.94	0.94	0.93	0.84	0.94	0.94	0.95	0.90	0.99	0.80	0.88	0.95	1.08	0.84	0.92	1.03	0.98	0.91	0.72	0.95	0.89	0.97
Standard error		0.03	0.04	0.04	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.10	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.05	



## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 63

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

**Statement: Deal effectively with crime and anti-social behaviour**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	143 14%	68 14%	75 14%	17 15%	19 11%	24 12%	22 13%	19 13%	42 21%	26 10%	21 7%	39 18%	57 23%	29 11%	36 14%	41 16%	21 15%	15 17%	21 10%	43 15%	24 17%	55 15%
Quite likely	(3)	449 45%	204 42%	244 47%	48 43%	80 46%	92 46%	75 44%	67 45%	87 43%	127 50%	153 53%	73 34%	96 38%	110 41%	125 48%	102 41%	68 49%	43 49%	92 46%	120 41%	79 54%	159 42%
Quite unlikely	(2)	230 23%	127 26%	102 20%	33 30%	38 22%	45 22%	39 23%	44 29%	31 15%	59 23%	75 26%	59 28%	38 15%	78 29%	61 23%	54 22%	23 17%	13 15%	50 25%	67 23%	31 22%	95 25%
Very unlikely	(1)	140 14%	71 15%	69 13%	8 7%	29 17%	32 16%	23 14%	18 12%	29 14%	30 12%	31 11%	32 15%	46 18%	35 13%	30 11%	44 18%	22 15%	9 10%	25 13%	47 16%	9 6%	46 12%
Don't know		46 5%	13 3%	33 6%	5 4%	6 3%	9 5%	11 6%	3 2%	12 6%	11 4%	11 4%	9 4%	16 6%	16 6%	10 4%	7 3%	6 4%	8 9%	11 6%	16 6%	2 1%	21 6%
Very/ Quite Likely		592 59%	272 56%	320 61%	65 58%	98 58%	115 57%	98 57%	86 57%	129 64%	175 61%	111 60%	153 61%	139 52%	161 62%	143 58%	89 64%	58 66%	113 57%	163 56%	103 71%	214 57%	
Very/ Quite Unlikely		369 37%	198 41%	171 33%	41 37%	67 39%	77 38%	63 37%	62 41%	60 30%	88 35%	106 36%	91 43%	84 33%	113 42%	91 35%	98 40%	45 32%	22 25%	75 38%	113 39%	41 28%	141 37%
Mean		2.62	2.57	2.66	2.69	2.53	2.56	2.60	2.59	2.75	2.62	2.59	2.58	2.69	2.53	2.66	2.58	2.66	2.81	2.58	2.58	2.82	2.63
Standard deviation		0.91	0.91	0.90	0.83	0.91	0.91	0.90	0.87	0.97	0.84	0.79	0.97	1.04	0.87	0.87	0.98	0.93	0.88	0.86	0.95	0.78	0.90
Standard error		0.03	0.04	0.04	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.05

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## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 64

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LABOUR PARTY**

**Statement: Give people more schools and hospitals to choose from within the state sector**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democrat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	142 14%	65 13%	77 15%	13 11%	16 9%	25 13%	29 17%	20 13%	38 19%	29 12%	30 10%	35 17%	47 19%	28 10%	32 12%	45 18%	22 16%	14 16%	13 6%	78 27%	13 9%	43 12%
Quite likely	(3)	360 36%	180 37%	180 34%	52 47%	59 34%	72 36%	60 35%	48 32%	70 35%	83 33%	113 39%	78 37%	85 34%	100 37%	94 36%	87 35%	43 30%	36 41%	52 26%	146 50%	44 30%	137 36%
Quite unlikely	(2)	276 27%	131 27%	144 28%	18 17%	54 32%	61 30%	53 31%	45 30%	44 22%	93 37%	75 26%	52 24%	56 22%	81 30%	67 25%	63 25%	42 30%	23 26%	72 36%	46 16%	56 39%	106 28%
Very unlikely	(1)	198 20%	95 20%	103 20%	25 23%	36 21%	40 20%	25 14%	35 23%	37 19%	41 16%	68 23%	37 18%	52 21%	46 17%	62 24%	44 18%	31 22%	15 17%	56 28%	14 5%	26 18%	78 21%
Don't know		32 3%	12 3%	20 4%	3 3%	7 4%	4 2%	4 3%	2 2%	12 6%	6 2%	5 2%	9 4%	11 4%	14 5%	7 3%	8 3%	2 1%	1 1%	5 3%	8 3%	6 4%	11 3%
Very/ Quite Likely		501 50%	245 51%	257 49%	64 58%	75 44%	97 48%	89 52%	68 45%	108 54%	112 45%	144 49%	113 54%	132 53%	127 47%	126 48%	132 53%	65 46%	50 57%	64 32%	225 77%	57 39%	180 48%
Very/ Quite Unlikely		474 47%	226 47%	248 47%	43 39%	90 52%	101 50%	77 45%	80 53%	81 40%	133 53%	143 49%	89 42%	108 43%	127 47%	129 49%	107 43%	73 52%	37 42%	129 65%	60 21%	82 57%	184 49%
Mean		2.46	2.46	2.46	2.48	2.33	2.41	2.56	2.36	2.57	2.41	2.37	2.55	2.53	2.43	2.37	2.56	2.41	2.57	2.11	3.01	2.32	2.40
Standard deviation		0.97	0.96	0.98	0.98	0.92	0.95	0.95	0.99	1.02	0.90	0.96	0.98	1.04	0.91	0.99	1.00	1.01	0.96	0.90	0.80	0.88	0.95
Standard error		0.03	0.05	0.04	0.11	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.09	0.10	0.07	0.05	0.08	0.05

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## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 65

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

**Statement: Give people more schools and hospitals to choose from within the state sector**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Very likely	(4) 96 10%	43 9%	54 10%	6 6%	10 6%	15 8%	12 7%	25 17%	28 14%	24 9%	22 8%	20 9%	30 12%	17 6%	27 10%	21 8%	20 15%	11 13%	43 22%	20 7%	13 9%	27 7%
Quite likely	(3) 386 38%	181 38%	204 39%	50 45%	64 37%	73 36%	58 34%	51 34%	89 44%	96 38%	118 41%	79 38%	92 37%	94 35%	109 42%	98 40%	50 35%	35 39%	96 48%	112 38%	51 35%	137 36%
Quite unlikely	(2) 282 28%	141 29%	141 27%	32 29%	46 27%	70 35%	58 34%	44 29%	32 16%	82 33%	85 29%	56 26%	59 23%	101 38%	61 23%	57 23%	38 27%	24 27%	32 16%	95 32%	40 28%	126 34%
Very unlikely	(1) 202 20%	102 21%	99 19%	16 14%	43 25%	38 19%	36 21%	28 19%	41 20%	43 17%	58 20%	43 20%	58 23%	37 14%	53 20%	63 25%	31 22%	18 21%	21 11%	57 20%	34 23%	71 19%
Don't know	42 4%	16 3%	26 5%	7 6%	8 5%	5 2%	7 4%	2 2%	12 6%	8 3%	9 3%	13 6%	12 5%	19 7%	12 5%	9 4%	2 1%	1 1%	6 3%	9 3%	6 4%	15 4%
Very/ Quite Likely	482 48%	224 46%	258 49%	56 51%	74 43%	89 44%	70 41%	76 50%	116 58%	119 47%	141 48%	99 47%	123 49%	111 41%	137 52%	119 48%	70 50%	46 52%	139 70%	132 45%	64 44%	164 44%
Very/ Quite Unlikely	483 48%	243 50%	240 46%	48 43%	89 52%	108 53%	94 55%	72 48%	73 36%	125 50%	142 49%	99 47%	117 47%	139 52%	114 43%	120 48%	69 49%	42 48%	53 27%	152 52%	75 51%	197 52%
Mean	2.39	2.35	2.43	2.45	2.25	2.34	2.28	2.49	2.54	2.41	2.37	2.38	2.40	2.36	2.45	2.32	2.43	2.44	2.84	2.33	2.31	2.33
Standard deviation	0.93	0.92	0.93	0.83	0.92	0.88	0.89	0.99	0.99	0.89	0.90	0.94	0.99	0.82	0.94	0.96	1.00	0.96	0.90	0.88	0.95	0.88
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.07	0.05	0.08	0.05

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## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 66

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

**Statement: Give people more schools and hospitals to choose from within the state sector**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Very likely	(4) 12%	63 13%	59 11%	9 8%	12 7%	21 10%	17 10%	23 15%	40 20%	23 9%	22 8%	31 15%	45 18%	27 10%	25 10%	26 10%	25 18%	19 21%	26 13%	30 10%	26 18%	46 12%
Quite likely	(3) 45%	224 46%	233 44%	60 54%	72 42%	89 44%	79 46%	69 46%	88 43%	120 48%	139 48%	95 45%	103 41%	113 42%	135 52%	109 44%	58 41%	42 47%	87 44%	146 50%	73 50%	165 44%
Quite unlikely	(2) 22%	102 21%	117 22%	17 16%	47 27%	49 24%	44 26%	35 23%	26 13%	69 27%	67 23%	42 20%	41 16%	78 29%	42 16%	54 22%	32 23%	13 15%	40 20%	57 19%	27 18%	81 22%
Very unlikely	(1) 15%	72 15%	74 14%	17 16%	29 17%	35 17%	19 11%	21 14%	24 12%	27 11%	49 17%	27 13%	43 17%	26 10%	43 16%	48 19%	19 13%	11 12%	31 16%	43 15%	12 8%	59 16%
Don't know	63 6%	22 5%	41 8%	7 7%	11 6%	7 4%	12 7%	2 1%	24 12%	13 5%	14 5%	17 8%	20 8%	24 9%	17 6%	12 5%	6 4%	4 5%	15 7%	17 6%	7 5%	25 7%
Very/ Quite Likely	578 57%	287 59%	291 56%	69 62%	85 49%	110 55%	96 56%	92 61%	127 63%	143 57%	161 55%	126 60%	149 59%	139 52%	161 61%	134 54%	83 59%	60 68%	113 57%	176 60%	99 69%	211 56%
Very/ Quite Unlikely	365 36%	174 36%	191 36%	35 31%	76 44%	84 42%	63 37%	56 37%	50 25%	96 38%	116 40%	69 33%	84 33%	104 39%	85 32%	101 41%	51 36%	24 27%	71 36%	100 34%	38 26%	140 37%
Mean	2.59	2.60	2.57	2.58	2.42	2.49	2.59	2.63	2.80	2.58	2.48	2.67	2.65	2.58	2.58	2.48	2.67	2.81	2.58	2.59	2.83	2.56
Standard deviation	0.90	0.91	0.89	0.87	0.87	0.91	0.84	0.91	0.94	0.82	0.88	0.91	0.99	0.82	0.90	0.94	0.94	0.93	0.93	0.88	0.84	0.92
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.10	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.07	0.05	0.07	0.05

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### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 67

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LABOUR PARTY**

**Statement: Deal effectively with the issue of asylum seekers**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democrat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	106 11%	48 10%	58 11%	12 11%	16 10%	19 9%	17 10%	9 6%	33 16%	17 7%	22 8%	25 12%	41 16%	26 10%	28 10%	34 14%	13 9%	6 7%	8 4%	59 20%	11 8%	27 7%
Quite likely	(3)	273 27%	134 28%	139 26%	35 32%	56 33%	47 23%	52 30%	44 29%	39 19%	77 31%	77 26%	53 25%	66 26%	73 27%	59 27%	67 26%	37 41%	36 16%	32 16%	106 36%	34 23%	106 28%
Quite unlikely	(2)	276 27%	130 27%	145 28%	39 35%	50 29%	55 28%	47 28%	41 27%	43 21%	93 37%	88 30%	50 24%	45 18%	82 31%	72 27%	63 26%	40 28%	18 21%	66 33%	68 23%	51 36%	106 28%
Very unlikely	(1)	326 32%	166 34%	160 31%	23 20%	47 28%	77 38%	50 29%	53 35%	76 38%	60 24%	99 34%	80 38%	87 34%	79 29%	97 37%	80 32%	47 34%	23 26%	90 45%	50 17%	46 32%	130 35%
Don't know		27 3%	5 1%	22 4%	2 2%	2 1%	4 2%	4 3%	4 3%	11 5%	4 2%	6 2%	2 1%	13 5%	8 3%	7 3%	4 2%	4 3%	5 5%	3 2%	10 3%	2 2%	7 2%
Very/ Quite Likely		379 38%	182 38%	197 38%	47 42%	72 42%	66 33%	69 40%	53 35%	72 36%	95 38%	99 34%	78 37%	107 43%	99 37%	87 33%	101 41%	50 35%	42 48%	39 20%	164 56%	45 31%	132 35%
Very/ Quite Unlikely		601 60%	296 61%	306 58%	62 56%	97 57%	132 66%	98 57%	94 62%	119 59%	153 61%	186 64%	131 62%	132 52%	161 60%	169 64%	143 58%	87 62%	42 47%	156 79%	118 40%	98 67%	237 63%
Mean		2.16	2.14	2.19	2.33	2.24	2.04	2.22	2.07	2.15	2.21	2.08	2.11	2.26	2.18	2.07	2.22	2.11	2.30	1.78	2.61	2.07	2.08
Standard deviation		1.01	1.01	1.01	0.93	0.97	1.00	0.99	0.96	1.13	0.89	0.96	1.06	1.13	0.98	1.02	1.05	0.99	0.96	0.86	1.01	0.94	0.96
Standard error		0.03	0.05	0.04	0.10	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.09	0.11	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.05	

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### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 68

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

**Statement: Deal effectively with the issue of asylum seekers**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	176 17%	90 19%	86 16%	23 21%	26 15%	23 12%	29 17%	25 17%	49 25%	43 17%	53 18%	41 19%	39 16%	46 17%	47 18%	44 18%	29 21%	10 11%	53 27%	43 15%	20 14%	58 15%
Quite likely	(3)	345 34%	169 35%	176 34%	31 28%	64 37%	70 35%	58 34%	55 36%	68 34%	95 38%	112 38%	56 27%	82 33%	82 30%	92 35%	81 33%	54 39%	37 41%	99 50%	90 31%	44 30%	137 37%
Quite unlikely	(2)	221 22%	105 22%	115 22%	27 25%	39 23%	55 27%	38 22%	32 21%	29 14%	65 26%	67 23%	45 21%	44 18%	80 30%	51 19%	52 21%	21 15%	18 20%	28 14%	75 26%	38 27%	83 22%
Very unlikely	(1)	234 23%	113 23%	122 23%	27 25%	42 24%	48 24%	38 22%	33 22%	46 23%	41 16%	53 18%	66 31%	75 30%	54 20%	63 24%	66 27%	31 22%	21 24%	15 8%	75 25%	41 28%	91 24%
Don't know		30 3%	6 1%	24 5%	2 2%	1 1%	5 2%	7 4%	6 4%	9 4%	8 3%	7 3%	4 2%	12 5%	7 2%	9 3%	5 2%	5 4%	4 4%	4 2%	10 4%	2 1%	8 2%
Very/ Quite Likely		522 52%	259 54%	263 50%	54 49%	89 52%	93 46%	87 51%	80 53%	117 58%	138 55%	165 57%	97 46%	122 48%	128 48%	140 53%	124 50%	84 60%	46 53%	152 76%	133 45%	64 44%	195 52%
Very/ Quite Unlikely		455 45%	218 45%	237 45%	55 49%	81 47%	103 51%	76 45%	65 43%	75 37%	106 42%	119 41%	110 52%	119 47%	134 50%	114 43%	118 48%	51 37%	38 43%	43 22%	149 51%	79 55%	173 46%
Mean		2.47	2.49	2.45	2.46	2.43	2.35	2.48	2.50	2.63	2.57	2.58	2.35	2.36	2.46	2.49	2.42	2.61	2.42	2.98	2.36	2.30	2.44
Standard deviation		1.04	1.05	1.04	1.09	1.02	0.98	1.04	1.03	1.11	0.97	1.00	1.12	1.09	1.01	1.06	1.07	1.07	0.99	0.85	1.03	1.03	1.03
Standard error		0.03	0.05	0.04	0.12	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.09	0.11	0.06	0.06	0.09	0.05

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## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 69

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

**Statement: Deal effectively with the issue of asylum seekers**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crats	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Very likely	(4) 9%	96 10%	48 9%	10 9%	15 9%	14 7%	13 8%	16 10%	27 13%	21 8%	20 7%	23 11%	32 13%	21 8%	27 10%	26 10%	15 10%	8 9%	14 7%	28 10%	21 15%	38 10%
Quite likely	(3) 37%	376 35%	171 39%	205 36%	40 39%	67 33%	66 38%	55 36%	81 40%	101 40%	125 43%	61 29%	89 35%	97 36%	89 34%	92 37%	55 39%	44 49%	79 40%	108 37%	64 44%	135 36%
Quite unlikely	(2) 28%	279 30%	143 26%	136 34%	53 31%	61 30%	43 25%	45 30%	40 20%	76 30%	89 30%	68 32%	46 18%	81 30%	72 27%	73 30%	37 26%	16 18%	63 32%	78 27%	38 26%	105 28%
Very unlikely	(1) 20%	202 22%	106 18%	96 16%	31 18%	51 25%	33 20%	31 20%	38 19%	40 16%	44 15%	50 24%	67 27%	54 20%	58 22%	49 20%	27 19%	14 16%	33 17%	60 21%	19 13%	75 20%
Don't know	5%	55 3%	16 7%	39 5%	6 3%	8 4%	15 9%	5 3%	15 8%	14 6%	14 5%	9 4%	18 7%	16 6%	17 6%	8 3%	7 5%	7 8%	9 5%	18 6%	3 2%	22 6%
Very/ Quite Likely	47%	471 45%	218 48%	253 45%	50 48%	82 40%	81 46%	79 47%	71 54%	109 48%	145 50%	85 40%	121 48%	118 44%	115 44%	117 47%	69 49%	52 58%	93 47%	136 47%	85 59%	173 46%
Very/ Quite Unlikely	48%	481 52%	249 44%	232 50%	56 49%	83 56%	112 45%	77 50%	75 39%	78 46%	133 45%	118 56%	114 45%	135 50%	130 50%	122 49%	64 46%	30 34%	96 49%	138 47%	56 39%	180 48%
Mean	2.38	2.34	2.42	2.40	2.40	2.23	2.38	2.38	2.52	2.43	2.43	2.29	2.36	2.34	2.34	2.39	2.42	2.56	2.39	2.38	2.62	2.39
Standard deviation	0.93	0.94	0.92	0.88	0.90	0.93	0.92	0.94	0.98	0.87	0.84	0.97	1.04	0.90	0.96	0.93	0.94	0.89	0.86	0.94	0.90	0.94
Standard error	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.05

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## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 70

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LABOUR PARTY**

**Statement: Cut unnecessary civil service jobs and administration to shift money into frontline services like the NHS and schools**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	151 15%	76 16%	75 14%	11 10%	24 14%	27 14%	25 15%	19 13%	44 22%	29 12%	30 10%	39 19%	52 21%	33 12%	37 14%	46 18%	20 14%	15 17%	70 24%	18 13%	42 11%	
Quite likely	(3)	314 31%	144 30%	170 33%	43 39%	62 36%	62 31%	54 31%	43 29%	50 25%	77 30%	87 30%	77 37%	74 29%	81 30%	78 30%	79 32%	51 36%	25 29%	41 21%	120 41%	39 27%	136 36%
Quite unlikely	(2)	278 28%	134 28%	145 28%	37 34%	46 27%	59 29%	45 26%	46 31%	44 22%	82 33%	95 33%	44 21%	57 23%	83 31%	68 26%	64 26%	32 23%	31 35%	55 28%	71 24%	52 36%	94 25%
Very unlikely	(1)	237 24%	123 26%	114 22%	14 13%	33 19%	51 25%	44 26%	41 27%	54 24%	61 24%	71 24%	46 22%	59 23%	60 23%	75 29%	54 22%	34 24%	14 15%	83 42%	21 7%	32 22%	92 24%
Don't know		26 3%	6 1%	20 4%	5 4%	6 4%	2 1%	3 2%	1 *	10 5%	3 1%	8 3%	5 2%	11 4%	11 4%	4 2%	6 2%	3 2%	3 3%	2 1%	10 3%	5 3%	12 3%
Very/ Quite Likely		465 46%	220 46%	245 47%	54 49%	86 50%	90 45%	79 46%	63 41%	94 47%	106 42%	117 40%	117 55%	126 50%	114 42%	115 44%	124 50%	71 51%	41 46%	59 29%	190 65%	57 39%	178 47%
Very/ Quite Unlikely		515 51%	257 53%	258 49%	52 47%	79 46%	109 54%	89 52%	88 58%	98 48%	143 57%	166 57%	90 43%	116 46%	144 54%	143 55%	118 47%	66 47%	45 51%	138 70%	93 32%	84 58%	186 49%
Mean		2.39	2.36	2.41	2.47	2.47	2.33	2.36	2.27	2.44	2.30	2.27	2.53	2.49	2.33	2.30	2.48	2.41	2.50	1.96	2.84	2.31	2.35
Standard deviation		1.01	1.03	1.00	0.85	0.97	1.00	1.03	1.01	1.13	0.97	0.96	1.04	1.08	0.97	1.04	1.04	1.02	0.97	0.99	0.88	0.96	0.98
Standard error		0.03	0.05	0.04	0.10	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.09	0.11	0.07	0.05	0.08	0.05

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## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 71

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

**Statement: Cut unnecessary civil service jobs and administration to shift money into frontline services like the NHS and schools**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Scotland	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democrat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	143 14%	71 15%	72 14%	12 11%	18 10%	26 13%	20 12%	24 16%	43 21%	40 16%	41 14%	23 11%	39 15%	43 16%	40 15%	27 11%	21 15%	11 13%	45 23%	34 12%	14 10%	48 13%
Quite likely	(3)	395 39%	184 38%	211 40%	55 49%	73 43%	77 38%	57 33%	54 36%	78 39%	93 37%	121 41%	99 47%	82 33%	103 39%	97 37%	99 40%	58 41%	38 43%	99 50%	113 39%	53 37%	151 40%
Quite unlikely	(2)	260 26%	122 25%	138 26%	25 22%	44 26%	57 28%	50 29%	49 33%	35 17%	71 28%	83 29%	48 23%	58 23%	74 27%	73 28%	61 25%	33 23%	19 22%	33 17%	88 30%	43 30%	100 27%
Very unlikely	(1)	178 18%	98 20%	80 15%	14 13%	30 17%	38 19%	39 23%	21 14%	36 18%	44 17%	39 13%	36 17%	60 24%	39 15%	46 17%	54 22%	23 16%	17 19%	18 9%	49 17%	31 21%	64 17%
Don't know		31 3%	7 2%	24 5%	5 4%	7 4%	4 2%	4 3%	2 1%	9 5%	4 2%	8 3%	6 3%	13 5%	9 3%	7 3%	6 3%	5 4%	3 4%	3 2%	8 3%	3 2%	13 3%
Very/ Quite Likely		538 53%	256 53%	283 54%	67 61%	91 53%	103 51%	77 45%	79 52%	121 60%	133 53%	162 56%	122 58%	121 48%	146 54%	137 52%	126 51%	79 57%	49 56%	144 73%	147 50%	67 46%	199 53%
Very/ Quite Unlikely		438 43%	220 46%	217 42%	39 35%	74 43%	94 47%	89 52%	71 47%	71 35%	114 45%	122 42%	83 39%	118 47%	113 42%	118 45%	115 47%	56 40%	36 41%	51 26%	137 47%	74 51%	164 44%
Mean		2.52	2.48	2.55	2.62	2.48	2.46	2.35	2.55	2.66	2.52	2.58	2.53	2.42	2.58	2.52	2.41	2.58	2.51	2.88	2.47	2.36	2.50
Standard deviation		0.95	0.98	0.93	0.86	0.91	0.95	0.97	0.93	1.03	0.96	0.90	0.91	1.04	0.94	0.96	0.96	0.95	0.96	0.87	0.92	0.93	0.93
Standard error		0.03	0.05	0.04	0.10	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.11	0.06	0.05	0.08	0.05

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## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 72

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

**Statement: Cut unnecessary civil service jobs and administration to shift money into frontline services like the NHS and schools**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	117 12%	64 13%	53 10%	10 9%	13 8%	22 11%	15 9%	23 15%	35 17%	24 10%	22 8%	32 15%	39 15%	22 8%	30 12%	29 12%	26 18%	11 12%	20 10%	33 11%	23 16%	42 11%
Quite likely	(3)	415 41%	189 39%	227 43%	52 47%	68 40%	78 39%	69 40%	59 39%	89 44%	104 41%	128 44%	86 41%	98 39%	113 42%	107 41%	107 43%	52 37%	36 40%	90 45%	116 40%	67 46%	144 38%
Quite unlikely	(2)	257 26%	120 25%	136 26%	27 24%	52 30%	62 31%	42 25%	44 29%	30 15%	76 30%	84 29%	45 21%	51 20%	76 28%	72 28%	54 22%	36 26%	19 22%	44 22%	73 25%	38 26%	107 28%
Very unlikely	(1)	158 16%	93 19%	65 12%	15 13%	27 16%	32 16%	33 19%	19 12%	33 16%	45 13%	34 15%	46 16%	39 18%	37 14%	46 19%	21 15%	15 17%	34 17%	52 18%	11 8%	56 8%	15 15%
Don't know		59 6%	17 4%	42 8%	7 7%	11 6%	8 4%	13 7%	6 4%	15 7%	15 6%	13 5%	14 7%	18 7%	18 7%	16 6%	12 5%	5 4%	8 9%	10 5%	19 6%	6 4%	28 7%
Very/ Quite Likely		533 53%	253 52%	280 53%	61 55%	82 48%	100 50%	84 49%	82 54%	124 62%	128 51%	119 51%	136 56%	135 54%	137 50%	136 55%	78 56%	46 53%	111 56%	149 51%	90 62%	186 49%	
Very/ Quite Unlikely		415 41%	213 44%	202 39%	42 38%	79 46%	93 46%	75 44%	63 42%	63 31%	109 43%	129 44%	79 37%	98 39%	114 43%	109 42%	100 40%	57 41%	34 39%	78 39%	124 43%	49 34%	163 43%
Mean		2.52	2.48	2.56	2.54	2.43	2.47	2.41	2.59	2.67	2.50	2.46	2.59	2.55	2.48	2.53	2.50	2.61	2.52	2.51	2.48	2.74	2.49
Standard deviation		0.91	0.96	0.86	0.86	0.87	0.90	0.92	0.90	0.98	0.86	0.85	0.96	0.99	0.86	0.89	0.94	0.97	0.95	0.91	0.93	0.83	0.90
Standard error		0.03	0.05	0.04	0.10	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.11	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.05

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 73

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LABOUR PARTY**

**Statement: Protect the security of the country from the threat of terrorism**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democrat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Very likely	(4) 299 30%	145 30%	153 29%	36 33%	45 26%	53 26%	54 32%	46 31%	64 32%	76 30%	80 28%	64 30%	78 31%	72 27%	86 33%	71 29%	37 27%	32 36%	41 21%	130 44%	31 22%	110 29%
Quite likely	(3) 399 40%	189 39%	210 40%	45 41%	72 42%	89 44%	74 43%	55 36%	64 32%	107 42%	123 42%	86 41%	83 33%	110 41%	93 35%	101 41%	61 43%	34 38%	73 37%	123 42%	64 44%	155 41%
Quite unlikely	(2) 157 16%	73 15%	83 16%	12 11%	31 18%	36 18%	27 16%	24 16%	27 13%	40 16%	53 18%	30 14%	34 14%	46 17%	37 14%	34 14%	24 17%	15 17%	41 21%	28 9%	26 18%	62 16%
Very unlikely	(1) 142 14%	74 15%	68 13%	15 13%	21 12%	24 12%	14 8%	24 16%	44 22%	27 11%	35 12%	29 14%	51 20%	34 13%	43 16%	39 16%	19 13%	7 8%	44 22%	10 4%	23 16%	44 12%
Don't know	11 1%	2 *	9 2%	3 2%	2 1%	- -	2 1%	2 1%	3 1%	2 1%	1 *	3 1%	6 2%	6 2%	3 1%	1 *	- -	1 2%	- -	2 1%	1 *	5 1%
Very/ Quite Likely	697 69%	334 69%	363 69%	81 73%	117 68%	142 70%	129 75%	101 67%	128 63%	183 73%	204 70%	150 71%	161 64%	182 68%	179 68%	173 70%	98 70%	65 74%	113 57%	253 86%	95 66%	265 71%
Very/ Quite Unlikely	299 30%	147 30%	152 29%	27 24%	52 31%	60 30%	41 24%	48 32%	71 35%	67 27%	88 30%	59 28%	86 34%	80 30%	80 31%	74 30%	42 30%	22 25%	85 43%	38 13%	49 34%	106 28%
Mean	2.86	2.84	2.87	2.95	2.83	2.85	3.00	2.83	2.74	2.93	2.86	2.89	2.76	2.84	2.86	2.83	2.83	3.03	2.56	3.28	2.72	2.89
Standard deviation	1.00	1.02	0.99	1.00	0.96	0.95	0.90	1.05	1.13	0.95	0.96	1.00	1.11	0.97	1.06	1.02	0.97	0.93	1.05	0.78	0.98	0.96
Standard error	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.11	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.07	0.05	0.08	0.05

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 74

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

**Statement: Protect the security of the country from the threat of terrorism**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	319 32%	154 32%	165 32%	38 35%	41 24%	56 28%	54 31%	53 35%	77 38%	84 34%	89 30%	67 32%	80 32%	87 32%	89 34%	79 32%	32 23%	33 37%	72 36%	100 34%	31 22%	108 29%
Quite likely	(3)	432 43%	207 43%	224 43%	48 44%	78 46%	92 46%	77 45%	61 40%	76 38%	123 49%	135 46%	83 39%	90 36%	113 42%	116 44%	99 40%	72 51%	32 36%	103 52%	124 42%	66 45%	168 45%
Quite unlikely	(2)	137 14%	67 14%	70 13%	8 7%	26 15%	34 17%	24 14%	22 15%	23 11%	25 10%	50 17%	27 13%	35 14%	40 15%	33 13%	30 12%	17 12%	17 19%	13 6%	35 12%	30 21%	55 15%
Very unlikely	(1)	98 10%	49 10%	49 9%	14 13%	22 13%	18 9%	11 7%	12 8%	22 11%	15 6%	13 5%	31 15%	39 15%	20 7%	20 8%	34 14%	17 12%	6 7%	8 4%	28 9%	18 12%	37 10%
Don't know		21 2%	6 1%	15 3%	3 2%	3 2%	2 1%	6 3%	3 2%	4 2%	4 2%	4 1%	4 2%	9 3%	9 3%	4 1%	5 2%	2 1%	1 2%	3 1%	5 2%	1 *	8 2%
Very/ Quite Likely		751 75%	361 75%	390 74%	86 78%	120 70%	148 73%	130 76%	114 75%	153 76%	208 83%	224 77%	150 71%	170 67%	199 74%	205 78%	178 72%	104 74%	64 73%	175 88%	224 77%	97 67%	276 73%
Very/ Quite Unlikely		235 23%	116 24%	119 23%	22 20%	48 28%	52 26%	35 21%	34 23%	44 22%	40 16%	64 22%	58 27%	74 29%	60 22%	54 20%	64 26%	35 25%	23 26%	21 11%	63 22%	47 33%	92 24%
Mean		2.99	2.98	2.99	3.02	2.83	2.93	3.04	3.05	3.06	3.12	3.04	2.89	2.86	3.03	3.06	2.92	2.86	3.04	3.22	3.03	2.77	2.94
Standard deviation		0.93	0.94	0.92	0.98	0.95	0.90	0.86	0.92	0.97	0.82	0.82	1.02	1.05	0.89	0.89	1.01	0.92	0.93	0.75	0.93	0.93	0.92
Standard error		0.03	0.04	0.04	0.11	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.05	

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## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 75

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

**Statement: Protect the security of the country from the threat of terrorism**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Very likely	(4) 25%	118 24%	134 26%	25 23%	35 21%	44 22%	40 23%	39 26%	68 34%	55 22%	62 21%	60 29%	75 30%	58 22%	70 27%	64 26%	33 23%	28 32%	40 20%	91 31%	34 23%	86 23%
Quite likely	(3) 42%	191 40%	233 44%	48 43%	73 42%	87 43%	81 47%	65 43%	70 35%	120 48%	140 48%	78 37%	86 34%	111 41%	119 45%	105 43%	53 38%	35 40%	97 49%	112 38%	74 51%	164 44%
Quite unlikely	(2) 18%	97 20%	85 16%	22 20%	38 22%	40 20%	25 14%	28 19%	29 14%	46 18%	62 21%	35 16%	39 15%	59 22%	42 16%	37 15%	33 24%	11 12%	33 17%	46 16%	30 21%	73 20%
Very unlikely	(1) 11%	62 13%	49 9%	12 11%	21 12%	23 11%	15 9%	15 10%	27 13%	23 9%	20 7%	31 15%	38 15%	26 10%	25 9%	33 13%	18 13%	10 12%	22 11%	34 12%	6 4%	37 10%
Don't know	38 4%	15 3%	23 4%	4 3%	5 3%	7 3%	11 7%	3 2%	8 4%	8 3%	7 3%	15 6%	15 6%	7 3%	8 3%	4 3%	4 3%	7 3%	8 3%	2 1%	15 4%	
Very/ Quite Likely	676 67%	309 64%	367 70%	73 66%	108 63%	131 65%	120 70%	104 69%	138 69%	175 69%	202 69%	139 66%	161 64%	169 63%	189 72%	169 68%	86 61%	64 72%	137 69%	204 70%	107 74%	250 67%
Very/ Quite Unlikely	293 29%	159 33%	134 26%	34 30%	58 34%	63 31%	40 23%	43 29%	56 28%	69 27%	83 28%	66 31%	77 30%	85 32%	66 25%	71 29%	51 36%	21 24%	55 28%	80 28%	36 25%	111 29%
Mean	2.84	2.78	2.90	2.81	2.74	2.79	2.91	2.87	2.93	2.85	2.86	2.82	2.83	2.79	2.92	2.83	2.74	2.97	2.81	2.92	2.94	2.83
Standard deviation	0.94	0.97	0.91	0.92	0.93	0.93	0.88	0.93	1.03	0.87	0.84	1.02	1.05	0.91	0.91	0.98	0.97	0.98	0.90	0.98	0.78	0.91
Standard error	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.11	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.11	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.05

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### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 76

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LABOUR PARTY**

**Statement: Ensure that Britain's pensioners are properly provided for**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Democr at	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	145 14%	66 14%	79 15%	12 11%	22 13%	23 12%	25 15%	16 11%	46 23%	22 9%	29 10%	33 16%	61 24%	34 13%	34 13%	44 18%	18 13%	15 17%	8 4%	88 30%	12 8%	36 10%
Quite likely	(3)	336 33%	156 32%	180 34%	54 49%	68 40%	51 25%	57 33%	50 33%	56 28%	93 37%	99 34%	67 31%	77 31%	91 34%	80 31%	82 33%	51 37%	31 36%	54 27%	116 40%	43 30%	137 36%
Quite unlikely	(2)	285 28%	144 30%	141 27%	27 24%	51 30%	82 41%	47 27%	37 25%	42 21%	87 35%	97 33%	54 25%	47 19%	83 31%	75 29%	67 27%	34 24%	26 29%	69 35%	59 20%	40 28%	113 30%
Very unlikely	(1)	224 22%	109 23%	115 22%	11 10%	28 17%	44 22%	41 24%	45 30%	55 27%	44 18%	62 21%	54 26%	63 25%	57 21%	68 26%	48 20%	36 25%	15 17%	64 32%	27 9%	46 32%	82 22%
Don't know		16 2%	9 2%	8 2%	7 6%	2 1%	2 1%	1 1%	2 1%	3 2%	5 2%	4 2%	4 2%	3 1%	4 1%	5 2%	6 2%	2 1%	1 1%	3 2%	3 1%	3 2%	8 2%
Very/ Quite Likely		481 48%	222 46%	259 49%	66 60%	90 52%	74 37%	82 48%	67 44%	102 51%	115 46%	128 44%	100 47%	138 55%	124 46%	115 44%	126 51%	69 49%	47 53%	62 31%	204 70%	56 38%	173 46%
Very/ Quite Unlikely		510 51%	253 52%	257 49%	38 34%	80 46%	126 62%	88 51%	83 55%	97 48%	132 52%	159 55%	108 51%	111 44%	140 52%	143 55%	115 47%	69 49%	41 47%	133 67%	86 29%	86 60%	195 52%
Mean		2.41	2.38	2.43	2.65	2.49	2.27	2.39	2.25	2.47	2.38	2.33	2.38	2.55	2.38	2.31	2.50	2.37	2.53	2.03	2.91	2.15	2.35
Standard deviation		0.99	0.99	1.00	0.83	0.92	0.93	1.01	1.01	1.13	0.88	0.93	1.04	1.12	0.96	1.01	1.01	1.01	0.98	0.88	0.93	0.98	0.93
Standard error		0.03	0.05	0.04	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.09	0.11	0.06	0.05	0.08	0.05

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## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 77

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

**Statement: Ensure that Britain's pensioners are properly provided for**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democrat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Very likely	(4) 10%	50 10%	52 10%	11 10%	14 8%	18 9%	11 6%	17 11%	31 16%	14 5%	26 9%	27 13%	35 14%	22 8%	31 12%	26 10%	10 7%	13 15%	32 16%	27 9%	12 8%	29 8%
Quite likely	(3) 37%	163 34%	212 40%	51 46%	69 40%	67 33%	54 31%	57 38%	78 39%	93 37%	123 42%	77 36%	82 33%	107 40%	101 38%	78 31%	61 43%	28 31%	104 52%	103 35%	50 34%	136 36%
Quite unlikely	(2) 28%	151 31%	133 25%	30 27%	55 32%	67 33%	53 31%	37 24%	43 21%	91 36%	82 28%	53 25%	59 23%	77 29%	65 25%	77 31%	36 26%	30 34%	39 20%	92 32%	41 28%	115 31%
Very unlikely	(1) 22%	107 22%	113 22%	13 12%	29 17%	45 23%	48 28%	38 25%	46 23%	50 20%	51 18%	51 24%	69 27%	55 20%	60 23%	58 23%	32 23%	15 17%	19 9%	64 22%	40 28%	81 22%
Don't know	3%	11 2%	15 3%	7 6%	4 3%	3 2%	6 4%	2 2%	3 2%	5 2%	10 3%	4 2%	8 3%	7 3%	5 2%	9 4%	2 1%	2 3%	5 2%	6 2%	2 1%	14 4%
Very/ Quite Likely	47%	213 44%	263 50%	61 55%	83 48%	85 42%	65 38%	73 49%	109 54%	106 42%	149 51%	104 49%	117 46%	130 48%	132 50%	104 42%	70 50%	40 46%	136 68%	130 45%	62 43%	166 44%
Very/ Quite Unlikely	50%	259 54%	246 47%	43 39%	84 49%	113 56%	101 59%	75 50%	89 44%	141 56%	133 46%	103 49%	127 51%	131 49%	125 47%	135 55%	68 48%	46 52%	58 29%	156 53%	81 56%	196 52%
Mean	2.37	2.33	2.40	2.57	2.41	2.29	2.17	2.35	2.48	2.29	2.44	2.39	2.34	2.37	2.40	2.30	2.35	2.44	2.77	2.33	2.23	2.31
Standard deviation	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.84	0.88	0.92	0.92	0.99	1.02	0.85	0.89	0.99	1.04	0.91	0.98	0.96	0.91	0.96	0.84	0.93	0.96	0.91
Standard error	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.10	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.06	0.05	0.08	0.05

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 78

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

**Statement: Ensure that Britain's pensioners are properly provided for**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Dem- ocrat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Very likely	(4) 17%	92 19%	79 15%	20 18%	29 17%	25 12%	27 16%	21 14%	49 24%	32 13%	45 16%	40 19%	54 21%	44 16%	44 17%	40 16%	25 18%	18 21%	27 14%	55 19%	35 24%	64 17%
Quite likely	(3) 44%	208 43%	235 45%	60 55%	66 39%	87 43%	70 41%	76 50%	84 42%	123 49%	145 50%	78 37%	97 39%	120 45%	115 44%	102 41%	66 47%	39 44%	92 47%	125 43%	73 51%	156 42%
Quite unlikely	(2) 21%	103 21%	110 21%	16 14%	48 28%	61 30%	33 19%	26 17%	28 14%	61 24%	59 20%	50 24%	42 17%	60 22%	52 20%	57 23%	22 16%	20 23%	44 22%	63 21%	21 14%	84 22%
Very unlikely	(1) 14%	63 13%	75 14%	6 6%	22 13%	23 11%	28 17%	24 16%	35 17%	24 10%	30 10%	36 17%	46 18%	32 12%	42 16%	37 15%	21 15%	5 5%	27 13%	38 13%	13 9%	50 13%
Don't know	4% 4%	17 4%	25 5%	8 7%	6 3%	5 2%	13 7%	4 3%	7 3%	10 4%	13 4%	7 3%	13 5%	12 4%	9 3%	11 4%	6 4%	5 6%	8 4%	12 4%	3 2%	22 6%
Very/ Quite Likely	61% 61%	301 62%	314 60%	81 73%	95 56%	112 56%	97 57%	97 64%	132 66%	156 62%	190 65%	118 56%	151 60%	164 61%	159 61%	142 57%	91 65%	58 65%	120 60%	180 62%	108 75%	220 59%
Very/ Quite Unlikely	35% 35%	165 34%	185 35%	22 20%	70 41%	84 42%	61 36%	50 33%	63 31%	86 34%	89 31%	87 41%	88 35%	93 35%	94 36%	94 38%	43 31%	25 29%	70 35%	100 34%	34 23%	134 36%
Mean	2.67	2.71	2.64	2.92	2.62	2.58	2.61	2.65	2.75	2.68	2.73	2.59	2.66	2.68	2.64	2.61	2.71	2.86	2.64	2.70	2.92	2.66
Standard deviation	0.93	0.94	0.92	0.77	0.92	0.86	0.97	0.92	1.02	0.83	0.86	0.99	1.03	0.90	0.96	0.94	0.95	0.83	0.90	0.93	0.87	0.93
Standard error	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.09	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.07	0.05	0.07	0.05



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### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 79

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LABOUR PARTY**

**Statement: Represent Britains's best interests in the EU**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	174 17%	87 18%	87 17%	26 24%	24 14%	28 14%	32 19%	28 19%	36 18%	40 14%	41 19%	59 23%	48 18%	42 16%	41 17%	30 21%	13 15%	18 9%	88 30%	13 9%	66 18%	
Quite likely	(3)	426 42%	206 43%	220 42%	61 55%	86 50%	87 43%	74 43%	51 34%	68 47%	118 48%	87 41%	82 33%	121 45%	91 35%	104 42%	65 47%	44 50%	74 37%	135 46%	61 42%	169 45%	
Quite unlikely	(2)	200 20%	96 20%	104 20%	18 16%	34 20%	46 23%	35 21%	29 19%	38 19%	59 23%	65 22%	34 16%	41 16%	52 19%	57 22%	60 24%	18 13%	13 14%	53 27%	35 12%	41 28%	79 21%
Very unlikely	(1)	170 17%	86 18%	83 16%	2 2%	22 13%	36 18%	27 16%	36 24%	46 23%	34 14%	42 14%	43 20%	51 20%	33 12%	64 24%	34 14%	24 17%	15 17%	48 24%	22 8%	22 15%	49 13%
Don't know		37 4%	7 2%	30 6%	3 3%	6 3%	5 2%	3 1%	7 5%	14 7%	6 2%	6 3%	19 7%	14 5%	9 3%	9 3%	3 2%	3 4%	4 2%	13 4%	8 5%	12 3%	
Very/ Quite Likely		600 60%	293 61%	307 59%	87 79%	110 64%	114 57%	106 62%	80 53%	103 51%	152 61%	128 61%	141 56%	170 63%	133 51%	145 59%	95 68%	57 65%	92 47%	223 76%	74 51%	236 63%	
Very/ Quite Unlikely		370 37%	182 38%	187 36%	20 18%	56 32%	82 41%	63 37%	64 43%	84 42%	93 37%	107 37%	77 36%	93 37%	85 32%	121 46%	94 38%	42 30%	28 32%	102 51%	57 19%	63 43%	128 34%
Mean		2.62	2.62	2.63	3.04	2.68	2.54	2.66	2.50	2.49	2.62	2.62	2.62	2.64	2.73	2.44	2.64	2.74	2.64	2.32	3.03	2.48	2.69
Standard deviation		0.97	0.98	0.96	0.70	0.88	0.95	0.97	1.07	1.06	0.89	0.90	1.03	1.09	0.92	1.04	0.93	0.99	0.95	0.95	0.87	0.88	0.92
Standard error		0.03	0.05	0.04	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.09	0.08	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.11	0.07	0.05	0.08	0.05	

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Table 80

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

**Statement: Represent Britain's best interests in the EU**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Scotland	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democrat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	154 15%	78 16%	76 14%	24 22%	20 11%	26 13%	14 8%	29 19%	41 20%	33 13%	45 15%	34 16%	41 16%	40 15%	46 17%	31 12%	23 16%	14 16%	45 23%	37 12%	6 4%	67 18%
Quite likely	(3)	407 40%	179 37%	228 43%	45 40%	73 43%	90 45%	77 45%	55 36%	68 34%	99 39%	136 47%	87 41%	84 33%	104 39%	105 40%	100 41%	58 41%	40 45%	107 54%	102 35%	53 37%	157 42%
Quite unlikely	(2)	252 25%	123 26%	128 24%	27 24%	43 25%	49 24%	49 29%	38 25%	45 23%	72 29%	76 26%	45 21%	58 23%	77 29%	68 26%	54 22%	34 24%	19 22%	28 14%	86 29%	52 36%	94 25%
Very unlikely	(1)	155 15%	94 19%	61 12%	11 10%	28 16%	31 15%	24 14%	25 16%	36 18%	39 15%	25 8%	38 18%	53 21%	33 12%	37 14%	50 20%	21 15%	14 15%	13 7%	57 19%	28 19%	45 12%
Don't know		40 4%	9 2%	31 6%	4 4%	8 4%	6 3%	6 4%	5 3%	11 5%	8 3%	10 3%	7 3%	15 6%	14 5%	7 3%	13 5%	4 3%	2 2%	4 2%	11 4%	7 5%	13 3%
Very/ Quite Likely		560 56%	257 53%	303 58%	69 62%	93 54%	116 57%	91 53%	84 55%	109 54%	133 53%	181 62%	121 57%	126 50%	144 54%	151 57%	131 53%	81 58%	54 61%	153 77%	138 47%	59 41%	223 59%
Very/ Quite Unlikely		406 40%	217 45%	189 36%	38 34%	71 42%	80 40%	73 43%	63 41%	82 41%	111 44%	101 35%	83 39%	111 44%	110 41%	105 40%	104 42%	55 39%	33 37%	41 21%	143 49%	79 55%	140 37%
Mean		2.58	2.51	2.65	2.77	2.52	2.56	2.50	2.60	2.59	2.52	2.71	2.57	2.48	2.60	2.62	2.48	2.60	2.63	2.95	2.42	2.27	2.67
Standard deviation		0.94	0.99	0.89	0.92	0.91	0.91	0.85	0.99	1.03	0.92	0.84	0.98	1.02	0.91	0.94	0.97	0.95	0.94	0.81	0.95	0.83	0.92
Standard error		0.03	0.05	0.04	0.11	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.05

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 81

**Q7 Now, thinking about each political party in turn I'd like to find out how well you think they would deal with the main policy issues and problems in Britain. If they were to be in power after the next election, how likely do you think each party would be to do the following?**

**Party: LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

**Statement: Represent Britains's best interests in the EU**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Very likely	(4)	132 13%	68 14%	64 12%	13 12%	17 10%	22 11%	23 14%	25 16%	32 16%	33 13%	30 10%	29 14%	40 16%	36 13%	37 14%	30 12%	16 11%	13 15%	24 12%	45 15%	21 15%	47 12%
Quite likely	(3)	447 44%	211 44%	236 45%	52 47%	80 47%	93 46%	78 45%	68 45%	76 38%	121 48%	139 48%	94 45%	92 37%	109 41%	115 44%	116 47%	67 48%	39 44%	90 45%	114 39%	80 55%	178 47%
Quite unlikely	(2)	231 23%	112 23%	119 23%	28 25%	42 24%	54 27%	46 27%	24 16%	37 18%	59 23%	74 25%	48 23%	49 20%	68 25%	59 23%	52 21%	31 22%	20 23%	44 22%	74 25%	28 19%	84 22%
Very unlikely	(1)	131 13%	73 15%	59 11%	12 11%	21 12%	24 12%	12 7%	24 16%	38 19%	25 10%	31 11%	29 14%	46 18%	35 13%	39 15%	29 12%	17 12%	11 12%	28 14%	40 14%	7 5%	41 11%
Don't know		65 7%	21 4%	45 9%	6 5%	11 6%	8 4%	12 7%	10 6%	18 9%	14 5%	18 6%	10 5%	24 9%	20 7%	12 4%	20 8%	8 6%	6 6%	13 6%	19 6%	8 6%	26 7%
Very/ Quite Likely		579 58%	278 58%	301 57%	66 59%	97 57%	115 57%	101 59%	92 61%	108 54%	170 61%	123 58%	132 53%	145 54%	152 58%	147 59%	83 59%	52 59%	114 57%	160 55%	102 70%	225 60%	
Very/ Quite Unlikely		362 36%	184 38%	178 34%	39 35%	63 37%	78 39%	58 34%	49 32%	75 37%	84 33%	105 36%	78 37%	96 38%	103 38%	98 38%	81 33%	49 35%	31 35%	72 36%	114 39%	35 24%	125 33%
Mean		2.62	2.59	2.64	2.64	2.58	2.58	2.70	2.66	2.56	2.68	2.62	2.61	2.55	2.59	2.60	2.65	2.62	2.65	2.59	2.60	2.85	2.66
Standard deviation		0.89	0.92	0.86	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.81	0.96	1.01	0.84	0.83	0.91	1.01	0.90	0.92	0.87	0.86	0.90	0.89	0.93	0.74	0.85
Standard error		0.03	0.05	0.04	0.10	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.05	

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Table 82

**Q8 I am going to read out some things that have been said about the Labour Party. Please say in each case if you agree or disagree.**

**- If Gordon Brown takes over from Tony Blair as Prime Minister the government's policies will significantly change?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age							Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367	
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376	
Agree	528 52%	222 46%	307 59%	42 38%	83 49%	109 54%	84 49%	90 59%	121 60%	135 54%	150 51%	109 52%	134 53%	154 57%	132 50%	128 52%	71 51%	43 48%	121 61%	152 52%	79 54%	185 49%	
Disagree	442 44%	245 51%	198 38%	61 55%	79 46%	86 43%	83 48%	59 39%	75 37%	107 43%	135 46%	92 43%	108 43%	107 40%	118 45%	111 45%	64 45%	43 49%	71 36%	131 45%	64 44%	173 46%	
Don't know	36 4%	17 3%	20 4%	8 7%	9 5%	6 3%	5 3%	2 2%	6 3%	9 4%	7 2%	11 5%	10 4%	7 3%	12 5%	9 4%	6 4%	3 3%	6 3%	9 3%	3 2%	18 5%	

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Table 83

**Q8 I am going to read out some things that have been said about the Labour Party. Please say in each case if you agree or disagree.**

**- In terms of policies there isn't much difference now between Labour and the Conservatives?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Agree	586 58%	296 61%	289 55%	59 54%	106 62%	114 57%	104 61%	84 56%	117 58%	145 57%	161 55%	137 65%	143 57%	140 52%	170 65%	151 61%	78 56%	47 53%	99 50%	131 45%	104 72%	239 64%
Disagree	408 41%	185 38%	223 43%	51 46%	62 36%	82 41%	64 37%	67 44%	83 41%	105 42%	127 44%	72 34%	103 41%	124 46%	90 34%	93 37%	61 44%	41 46%	95 48%	157 54%	41 28%	132 35%
Don't know	14 1%	2 *	11 2%	1 *	4 2%	5 2%	3 2%	- -	2 1%	2 1%	4 1%	2 1%	5 2%	4 2%	3 1%	4 2%	1 1%	1 2%	4 2%	4 1%	- -	4 1%

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Table 84

**Q8 I am going to read out some things that have been said about the Labour Party. Please say in each case if you agree or disagree.**

**- Labour used to be the party for the working class and the unions - now it is a party for the middle class and business?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Agree	687 68%	340 70%	348 66%	80 72%	113 66%	120 59%	123 72%	117 77%	134 67%	170 68%	201 69%	147 70%	169 67%	188 70%	182 69%	172 70%	90 64%	55 62%	123 62%	171 59%	117 81%	275 73%
Disagree	310 31%	144 30%	167 32%	30 27%	57 33%	78 39%	47 27%	34 23%	64 32%	82 32%	88 30%	63 30%	78 31%	77 29%	78 30%	74 30%	50 35%	31 35%	73 37%	120 41%	27 19%	96 26%
Don't know	9 1%	-	9 2%	1 1%	1 *	4 2%	1 *	-	3 2%	-	3 1%	1 *	5 2%	3 1%	2 1%	1 *	1 1%	3 3%	3 1%	1 *	1 1%	5 1%

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 85

**Q8 I am going to read out some things that have been said about the Labour Party. Please say in each case if you agree or disagree.**

**- The Labour Party has really changed from its old Labour past and won't change back, even when Tony Blair retires?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Agree	704	332	372	62	114	139	124	115	150	175	194	157	178	172	194	179	96	63	144	194	108	249
	70%	69%	71%	56%	67%	69%	73%	76%	75%	70%	67%	74%	71%	64%	74%	72%	68%	71%	73%	66%	75%	66%
Disagree	267	134	133	41	52	56	39	33	45	68	85	52	63	84	63	59	36	24	49	92	32	110
	27%	28%	25%	37%	30%	28%	23%	22%	22%	27%	29%	25%	25%	31%	24%	24%	26%	28%	25%	31%	22%	29%
Don't know	36	17	19	7	5	7	8	3	6	9	13	3	11	11	5	9	9	1	5	7	5	17
	4%	4%	4%	7%	3%	3%	5%	2%	3%	4%	4%	1%	5%	4%	2%	4%	6%	2%	3%	2%	3%	5%

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Table 86

**Q8 I am going to read out some things that have been said about the Labour Party. Please say in each case if you agree or disagree.**

**- Labour has become the natural party of government?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Agree	522	268	255	68	88	108	95	69	95	123	147	121	131	129	137	142	66	49	51	242	56	197
	52%	55%	49%	61%	51%	54%	55%	46%	47%	49%	50%	57%	52%	48%	52%	57%	47%	55%	26%	83%	39%	53%
Disagree	457	210	246	41	78	89	71	80	98	124	133	88	111	129	121	100	71	36	140	43	86	168
	45%	44%	47%	37%	46%	44%	41%	53%	49%	49%	46%	42%	44%	48%	46%	41%	50%	41%	71%	15%	59%	45%
Don't know	28	5	23	2	5	4	6	2	9	4	11	2	11	11	5	5	3	3	7	7	3	10
	3%	1%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	4%	2%	4%	1%	4%	4%	2%	2%	4%	4%	4%	3%	2%	3%



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Table 87

**Q8 I am going to read out some things that have been said about the Labour Party. Please say in each case if you agree or disagree.**

**- Labour will be more attractive to me once Tony Blair has gone?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Agree	383	192	191	50	48	69	60	64	91	94	96	81	112	97	98	96	57	34	86	91	68	145
	38%	40%	36%	45%	28%	34%	35%	42%	45%	37%	33%	38%	45%	36%	37%	39%	41%	38%	43%	31%	47%	39%
Disagree	591	276	315	58	117	126	105	82	103	152	189	123	128	159	158	144	78	52	108	194	73	215
	59%	57%	60%	52%	68%	63%	61%	55%	51%	60%	65%	58%	51%	59%	60%	58%	56%	58%	54%	66%	50%	57%
Don't know	33	15	18	3	6	6	6	5	8	6	7	8	12	12	7	7	4	3	4	7	5	16
	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	5%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%

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Table 88  
**Q9 How do you think Tony Blair will go down in history?**  
**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Scotland	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
A great Prime Minister	59 6%	30 6%	28 5%	10 9%	7 4%	12 6%	17 10%	6 4%	8 4%	14 6%	13 4%	18 8%	14 5%	17 6%	10 4%	14 6%	11 8%	7 8%	3 1%	46 16%	5 4%	12 3%
A good Prime Minister but not a great one	421 42%	218 45%	203 39%	55 49%	88 52%	90 45%	70 41%	57 38%	61 30%	122 49%	125 43%	91 43%	83 33%	121 45%	100 38%	108 44%	52 37%	40 45%	49 25%	174 60%	61 42%	173 46%
An average Prime Minister	397 39%	165 34%	231 44%	38 35%	54 31%	77 38%	71 41%	61 40%	96 48%	81 32%	122 42%	83 39%	112 44%	92 34%	115 44%	100 40%	58 41%	32 36%	105 53%	65 22%	55 38%	164 44%
A bad Prime Minister	129 13%	68 14%	61 12%	8 7%	21 12%	23 11%	14 8%	27 18%	36 18%	33 13%	32 11%	21 10%	43 17%	37 14%	37 14%	25 10%	20 14%	10 11%	42 21%	7 2%	24 16%	26 7%
Don't know	2 *	2 *	-	-	1 1%	-	-	-	1 *	1 *	-	-	1 *	1 *	1 *	-	-	-	-	-	1 1%	-

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Table 89

**Q10 Thinking back to when Labour first came to power in 1997 and the various things that they set out to do for the country then, would you say that as a result of the things they've done .....**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Britain has changed significantly for the better	(5) 118 12%	67 14%	51 10%	14 12%	20 12%	24 12%	19 11%	13 8%	29 14%	28 11%	33 11%	24 11%	33 13%	39 15%	24 9%	29 12%	14 10%	12 13%	1 1%	92 31%	4 3%	33 9%
Britain has changed a little for the better	(4) 354 35%	172 36%	182 35%	52 47%	58 34%	76 38%	66 39%	52 34%	50 25%	89 36%	114 39%	64 30%	88 35%	97 36%	82 31%	100 40%	40 29%	35 40%	42 21%	129 44%	58 40%	139 37%
Britain hasn't really changed at all	(3) 189 19%	95 20%	93 18%	33 30%	37 22%	39 20%	26 15%	23 16%	29 14%	52 20%	57 20%	47 22%	33 13%	43 16%	54 21%	46 18%	31 22%	15 17%	39 20%	43 15%	31 22%	87 23%
Britain has changed a little for the worse	(2) 184 18%	80 17%	104 20%	6 5%	33 19%	29 15%	36 21%	34 22%	46 23%	44 18%	48 16%	43 20%	49 19%	51 19%	53 20%	41 17%	24 17%	16 18%	53 27%	20 7%	31 22%	73 20%
Britain has changed significantly for the worse	(1) 157 16%	68 14%	89 17%	5 5%	19 11%	31 15%	24 14%	30 20%	47 24%	37 15%	37 13%	34 16%	49 19%	35 13%	48 18%	32 13%	30 22%	10 12%	60 30%	9 3%	20 14%	43 11%
Don't know	5 *	1 *	4 1%	1 *	3 2%	1 1%	-	-	-	1 *	3 1%	-	1 *	3 1%	1 *	-	-	1 1%	3 1%	-	-	-
NET Slightly/ Strongly Better	472 47%	239 50%	233 45%	66 60%	78 46%	100 50%	85 50%	64 42%	79 39%	118 47%	147 50%	87 41%	120 48%	136 51%	106 40%	129 52%	55 39%	47 53%	43 22%	221 75%	62 43%	172 46%
NET Slightly/ Stronger Worse	341 34%	148 31%	193 37%	11 10%	53 31%	60 30%	61 35%	63 42%	94 47%	81 32%	85 29%	76 36%	98 39%	86 32%	101 39%	73 30%	54 39%	26 29%	113 57%	29 10%	51 35%	117 31%
Mean	3.09	3.19	3.00	3.58	3.16	3.17	3.11	2.89	2.83	3.11	3.20	3.01	3.02	3.20	2.92	3.21	2.89	3.26	2.34	3.94	2.97	3.12
Standard deviation	1.28	1.27	1.28	0.94	1.21	1.27	1.27	1.30	1.40	1.25	1.23	1.26	1.36	1.28	1.27	1.23	1.32	1.24	1.14	1.00	1.14	1.17
Standard error	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.07	0.08	0.10	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.11	0.13	0.08	0.06	0.10	0.06

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Table 90

**Q11 I am going to read out some things that have been said about the Liberal Democrats. Please say in each case if you agree or disagree:**

**- If the Liberal Democrats were to win a general election they would do a good job of running the country?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Agree	484	224	260	54	91	96	74	68	102	121	136	104	124	135	122	114	72	41	63	123	128	194
	48%	46%	50%	49%	53%	48%	43%	45%	51%	48%	47%	49%	49%	50%	46%	46%	51%	47%	32%	42%	88%	52%
Disagree	452	238	214	48	67	95	75	75	92	112	136	94	111	120	117	116	60	39	123	149	14	149
	45%	49%	41%	44%	39%	47%	44%	50%	46%	44%	47%	44%	44%	45%	45%	47%	42%	44%	62%	51%	10%	40%
Don't know	71	21	50	9	14	11	23	7	7	19	20	14	17	13	24	17	9	8	12	20	3	33
	7%	4%	10%	8%	8%	5%	13%	5%	3%	8%	7%	7%	7%	5%	9%	7%	6%	9%	6%	7%	2%	9%

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 91

**Q11 I am going to read out some things that have been said about the Liberal Democrats. Please say in each case if you agree or disagree:**

**- The Liberal Democrats are basically a protest vote party because realistically they have no chance of ever forming a government?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crats	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Agree	647	327	320	60	103	132	118	105	130	158	181	145	163	168	189	151	84	56	159	199	57	227
	64%	68%	61%	54%	60%	66%	69%	69%	64%	63%	62%	69%	65%	63%	72%	61%	60%	63%	80%	68%	39%	60%
Disagree	335	152	183	45	65	66	50	46	65	92	100	63	80	94	69	90	52	30	35	88	85	138
	33%	31%	35%	40%	38%	33%	29%	31%	32%	37%	34%	30%	32%	35%	26%	36%	37%	34%	18%	30%	59%	37%
Don't know	24	4	20	6	3	4	4	-	7	1	11	3	9	6	5	7	4	2	5	6	3	11
	2%	1%	4%	6%	2%	2%	2%	-	3%	1%	4%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 92

**Q11 I am going to read out some things that have been said about the Liberal Democrats. Please say in each case if you agree or disagree:**

**- The Liberal Democrats are a more effective opposition to the government than the Conservatives?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Agree	484	232	252	59	83	87	77	80	98	116	129	102	137	123	124	125	65	47	33	161	109	189
	48%	48%	48%	53%	48%	43%	45%	53%	49%	46%	44%	48%	55%	46%	47%	51%	46%	53%	17%	55%	75%	50%
Disagree	496	242	254	48	82	110	90	67	98	130	157	102	107	139	133	111	73	39	157	125	36	178
	49%	50%	48%	44%	48%	55%	53%	44%	49%	52%	54%	48%	42%	52%	51%	45%	52%	44%	79%	43%	25%	47%
Don't know	27	9	18	3	6	4	4	4	5	5	6	7	8	5	6	11	2	2	7	6	-	9
	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	5%	2%	3%	4%	2%	-	2%

**Times Party Conference Poll**  
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Absolutes/col percents

Table 93

**Q11 I am going to read out some things that have been said about the Liberal Democrats. Please say in each case if you agree or disagree:**

**- Liberal Democrats seem decent people, but their policies probably don't really add up?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Agree	647	323	324	65	93	130	113	95	152	159	187	133	168	176	176	159	79	57	158	197	55	242
	64%	67%	62%	58%	54%	65%	66%	63%	76%	63%	64%	63%	67%	66%	67%	64%	57%	65%	80%	67%	38%	64%
Disagree	321	147	174	41	71	64	50	55	39	89	95	66	71	85	73	79	55	28	34	83	90	120
	32%	30%	33%	37%	42%	32%	29%	36%	20%	36%	32%	31%	28%	32%	28%	32%	39%	31%	17%	29%	62%	32%
Don't know	39	14	25	5	7	7	9	2	10	3	11	13	13	7	13	9	6	3	6	12	1	14
	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%	3%	5%	1%	5%	1%	4%	6%	5%	3%	5%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	1%	4%

**Times Party Conference Poll**  
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Absolutes/col percents

Table 94

**Q11 I am going to read out some things that have been said about the Liberal Democrats. Please say in each case if you agree or disagree:**

**- I might not have voted Liberal Democrat if there had been a realistic chance of them winning the election and forming a government?**

**Base: All Lib Dem voters**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	113	48	65	10	21	17	18	27	20	43	25	17	28	28	29	28	21	7	7	2	84	44
Weighted base	119	58	61	18	24	15	16	26	20	38	36	24	22	27	31	28	27	7	7	2	87	45
Agree	37 31%	20 34%	18 29%	8 42%	6 26%	2 11%	1 8%	7 28%	13 65%	10 27%	8 22%	8 32%	12 54%	4 16%	15 48%	5 19%	11 42%	2 26%	4 58%	-	23 26%	13 28%
Disagree	81 68%	39 66%	42 69%	11 58%	17 72%	13 89%	14 92%	18 71%	7 35%	28 72%	28 78%	16 68%	10 44%	22 83%	16 52%	22 79%	15 58%	5 74%	3 42%	2 100%	63 72%	32 71%
Don't know	1 1%	-	1 2%	-	1 2%	-	-	* 2%	-	1 1%	-	-	* 2%	* 2%	-	1 2%	-	-	-	-	1 1%	* 1%



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### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 95

**Q11 I am going to read out some things that have been said about the Liberal Democrats. Please say in each case if you agree or disagree:**

**- I would seriously consider voting Liberal Democrat if I thought they had a chance of winning an election and forming a government?**

**Base: All non Lib Dem voters**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters	
Unweighted base	894	394	500	70	128	199	172	136	189	247	201	141	305	247	227	222	119	79	191	300	57	323	
Weighted base	888	425	463	93	147	187	155	125	181	213	256	188	230	241	232	220	114	82	191	291	58	331	
Agree	436 49%	195 46%	241 52%	43 46%	75 51%	91 49%	74 48%	65 52%	87 48%	105 49%	124 48%	96 51%	111 48%	122 50%	126 54%	109 50%	44 38%	36 44%	75 39%	131 45%	46 81%	195 59%	
Disagree	431 49%	222 52%	209 45%	46 50%	67 46%	90 48%	76 49%	60 48%	92 51%	104 49%	125 49%	86 46%	115 50%	116 48%	99 43%	105 48%	68 59%	43 52%	115 60%	153 53%	11 18%	123 37%	
Don't know	21 2%	8 2%	13 3%	4 4%	4 3%	5 3%	5 3%	1 *	2 1%	4 2%	7 3%	6 3%	4 2%	4 1%	6 3%	6 3%	3 2%	3 3%	1 *	7 2%	1 1%	12 4%	

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 96

**Q12 Now I am going read out some things that some people have suggested the Liberal Democrats could say or do to persuade more people to vote for them.**

**- Be more sceptical in their attitude towards the EU?**

**Base: All answering**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	736	323	413	59	117	150	144	119	147	237	162	104	233	208	188	184	100	56	129	202	141	295
Weighted base	733	355	377	81	132	138	128	110	143	203	212	140	177	204	188	183	98	59	128	194	145	300
More likely	278	153	125	33	37	59	47	44	58	72	72	64	70	76	64	76	44	19	48	60	56	124
	38%	43%	33%	40%	28%	43%	37%	40%	41%	35%	34%	46%	40%	37%	34%	41%	45%	33%	38%	31%	39%	41%
Less likely	118	57	61	8	29	15	21	18	27	44	26	21	27	39	31	24	12	12	18	37	20	43
	16%	16%	16%	10%	22%	11%	17%	17%	19%	22%	12%	15%	15%	19%	16%	13%	12%	21%	14%	19%	14%	14%
No difference	278	125	153	37	57	57	49	37	41	75	97	47	59	75	77	62	38	25	47	82	65	115
	38%	35%	40%	46%	43%	41%	38%	33%	29%	37%	46%	34%	34%	37%	41%	34%	39%	43%	37%	42%	45%	38%
Would never vote Lib Dem	42	13	29	2	6	4	9	8	13	7	14	8	13	8	13	15	4	2	14	10	-	13
	6%	4%	8%	2%	4%	3%	7%	7%	9%	3%	7%	6%	7%	4%	7%	8%	4%	3%	11%	5%	-	4%
Refused/ Don't know	17	8	9	1	4	3	2	2	4	6	4	-	7	6	4	5	1	1	1	6	4	4
	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	-	4%	3%	2%	3%	1%	1%	*	3%	3%	1%

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 97

**Q12 Now I am going read out some things that some people have suggested the Liberal Democrats could say or do to persuade more people to vote for them.**

**- Put forward tough policies on crime and anti-social behaviour?**

**Base: All answering**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Dem-o-crats	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	730	329	401	59	116	156	139	119	141	244	157	105	224	212	183	179	99	57	130	203	141	290
Weighted base	730	364	366	81	130	144	125	111	140	211	207	142	171	208	185	177	98	61	130	197	145	294
More likely	477	234	243	61	79	97	74	76	90	137	142	84	114	130	126	113	68	39	84	114	116	211
	65%	64%	66%	75%	61%	68%	59%	69%	64%	65%	68%	59%	67%	63%	68%	64%	69%	64%	65%	58%	80%	72%
Less likely	45	27	18	2	10	6	10	8	10	16	9	6	14	12	10	13	3	7	6	14	5	15
	6%	7%	5%	2%	8%	4%	8%	7%	7%	8%	4%	4%	8%	6%	5%	7%	3%	12%	4%	7%	4%	5%
No difference	169	87	81	18	37	30	31	21	31	45	49	44	31	54	40	39	26	10	27	57	22	58
	23%	24%	22%	22%	29%	21%	25%	19%	22%	21%	24%	31%	18%	26%	22%	22%	26%	17%	21%	29%	15%	20%
Would never vote Lib Dem	33	15	18	-	4	9	9	6	5	12	7	6	8	8	8	13	1	3	13	10	-	7
	5%	4%	5%	-	3%	6%	7%	5%	4%	6%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	7%	1%	6%	10%	5%	-	2%
Refused/ Don't know	6	1	6	-	-	1	1	-	4	1	1	1	4	5	1	-	-	1	-	3	2	4
	1%	*	2%	-	-	1%	*	-	3%	*	*	1%	2%	2%	*	-	-	1%	-	2%	1%	1%

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 98

**Q12 Now I am going read out some things that some people have suggested the Liberal Democrats could say or do to persuade more people to vote for them.**

**- Promise to abolish Council Tax and replace it with a local income tax?**

**Base: All answering**

	Sex		Age							Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	741	335	406	63	120	156	138	117	147	239	164	109	229	213	189	176	106	57	127	212	141	294
Weighted base	741	371	370	87	135	144	123	108	145	206	216	147	173	211	190	173	107	61	127	204	145	300
More likely	398	197	201	45	66	80	59	60	87	105	116	72	105	115	102	79	65	38	62	104	92	164
	54%	53%	54%	52%	49%	55%	48%	56%	60%	51%	54%	49%	61%	55%	53%	46%	60%	62%	49%	51%	64%	55%
Less likely	95	57	38	11	23	18	16	15	12	42	24	16	13	35	19	25	8	9	16	22	18	35
	13%	15%	10%	13%	17%	12%	13%	14%	8%	21%	11%	11%	8%	17%	10%	14%	7%	14%	13%	11%	13%	12%
No difference	194	90	104	22	38	36	39	26	33	48	62	50	35	45	54	57	26	13	38	58	32	81
	26%	24%	28%	25%	28%	25%	31%	24%	23%	23%	29%	34%	20%	21%	29%	33%	24%	21%	30%	29%	22%	27%
Would never vote Lib Dem	43	22	21	7	6	7	9	4	10	7	14	9	13	11	14	9	7	2	9	18	-	13
	6%	6%	6%	8%	5%	5%	7%	4%	7%	3%	7%	6%	7%	5%	7%	5%	7%	3%	7%	9%	-	4%
Refused/ Don't know	12	6	6	2	1	3	*	2	3	4	-	-	7	5	1	4	2	-	3	2	2	6
	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	*	2%	2%	2%	-	-	4%	2%	1%	2%	1%	-	2%	1%	2%	2%

## Times Party Conference Poll

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 99

**Q12 Now I am going read out some things that some people have suggested the Liberal Democrats could say or do to persuade more people to vote for them.**

**- Emphasise a strong commitment to civil liberties in debates about ID cards and anti-terrorism measures?**

**Base: All answering**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	745	336	409	59	122	158	141	118	147	241	163	109	232	214	187	179	105	60	131	211	141	292
Weighted base	741	367	375	81	136	145	126	110	144	208	214	146	174	209	188	176	105	63	131	203	145	294
More likely	372	195	178	47	51	79	61	57	78	104	97	75	96	110	96	87	50	29	62	96	79	155
	50%	53%	47%	59%	37%	55%	48%	52%	54%	50%	45%	52%	55%	53%	51%	50%	47%	45%	47%	47%	55%	53%
Less likely	93	56	38	13	24	11	13	14	18	34	22	12	26	22	19	27	17	8	14	24	24	45
	13%	15%	10%	16%	18%	8%	10%	13%	12%	16%	10%	8%	15%	11%	10%	15%	16%	13%	11%	12%	17%	15%
No difference	221	94	126	17	51	44	40	31	37	55	81	49	36	59	59	51	29	22	37	64	40	81
	30%	26%	34%	21%	38%	31%	32%	28%	25%	27%	38%	34%	20%	28%	32%	29%	28%	35%	28%	32%	28%	27%
Would never vote Lib Dem	46	19	28	1	9	8	10	7	10	10	13	10	14	14	12	8	8	4	17	17	-	10
	6%	5%	7%	1%	7%	6%	8%	6%	7%	5%	6%	7%	8%	7%	7%	4%	7%	7%	13%	9%	-	3%
Refused/ Don't know	9	3	5	2	1	2	2	1	1	4	1	-	3	3	1	3	2	-	2	1	1	4
	1%	1%	1%	2%	*	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	2%	2%	*	2%	2%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 100

**Q12 Now I am going read out some things that some people have suggested the Liberal Democrats could say or do to persuade more people to vote for them.**

**- Propose radical reform of public services involving more private sector involvement, rather than defend the existing structure of public services ?**

**Base: All answering**

	Sex		Age							Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	761	343	418	63	119	160	142	126	151	239	166	114	242	215	187	188	107	64	128	212	141	300
Weighted base	761	378	383	87	135	148	128	116	147	206	218	154	183	212	190	185	105	68	129	206	145	305
More likely	243	134	110	21	29	51	44	51	48	72	77	37	58	70	66	55	37	15	50	55	49	105
	32%	35%	29%	24%	21%	35%	34%	44%	32%	35%	35%	24%	31%	33%	35%	29%	35%	23%	39%	27%	34%	34%
Less likely	216	113	103	27	48	42	30	28	41	71	68	31	46	62	48	60	30	15	33	64	46	81
	28%	30%	27%	31%	35%	29%	24%	24%	28%	35%	31%	20%	25%	29%	26%	32%	29%	22%	25%	31%	32%	26%
No difference	232	105	127	32	48	41	46	25	38	52	56	65	59	57	65	55	27	28	31	63	49	101
	30%	28%	33%	37%	36%	28%	36%	22%	26%	25%	26%	42%	32%	27%	34%	30%	26%	41%	24%	31%	34%	33%
Would never vote Lib Dem	58	24	34	6	10	11	5	9	17	8	16	18	17	17	10	15	9	8	15	19	-	15
	8%	6%	9%	7%	7%	7%	4%	8%	12%	4%	7%	11%	9%	8%	5%	8%	8%	11%	11%	9%	-	5%
Refused/ Don't know	12	2	10	1	-	2	3	3	3	4	1	3	4	6	1	1	2	2	*	4	1	4
	2%	*	3%	1%	-	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	*	2%	2%	3%	*	*	2%	3%	*	2%	1%	1%

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 101

**Q12 Now I am going read out some things that some people have suggested the Liberal Democrats could say or do to persuade more people to vote for them.**

**- Replace Charles Kennedy as leader with someone who would be a more credible Prime Minister?**

**Base: All answering**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	756	341	415	62	118	161	143	124	148	236	159	111	250	212	192	186	103	63	126	209	141	297
Weighted base	746	373	373	84	131	149	127	112	142	203	209	149	186	208	192	180	101	66	125	198	145	301
More likely	243	131	112	31	35	36	36	48	57	79	59	46	59	77	52	59	40	16	41	48	50	120
	33%	35%	30%	37%	27%	24%	29%	42%	40%	39%	28%	31%	32%	37%	27%	33%	40%	24%	33%	24%	35%	40%
Less likely	126	68	57	17	19	21	23	19	27	33	37	21	34	35	34	27	15	16	14	42	22	37
	17%	18%	15%	20%	15%	14%	18%	17%	19%	16%	18%	14%	18%	17%	18%	15%	14%	24%	12%	21%	15%	12%
No difference	312	144	168	29	69	72	59	39	45	83	101	62	67	76	93	77	41	26	56	87	70	126
	42%	39%	45%	35%	52%	48%	46%	34%	32%	41%	48%	41%	36%	36%	48%	43%	41%	40%	44%	44%	48%	42%
Would never vote Lib Dem	50	23	26	5	5	16	7	6	10	6	9	14	21	13	13	12	5	6	13	15	-	10
	7%	6%	7%	6%	4%	11%	6%	6%	7%	3%	4%	9%	11%	6%	7%	6%	5%	10%	10%	8%	-	3%
Refused/ Don't know	16	6	10	2	3	5	2	1	3	2	2	5	6	7	1	6	1	2	1	6	3	9
	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	4%	3%	3%	*	3%	1%	3%	1%	3%	2%	3%

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 102

**Q12 Now I am going read out some things that some people have suggested the Liberal Democrats could say or do to persuade more people to vote for them.**

**- Emphasis that the party's goal now is to get into government not just be Britain's third main party?**

**Base: All answering**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	751	336	415	67	119	156	144	120	145	238	169	112	232	208	189	186	108	60	122	213	141	307
Weighted base	755	373	381	93	135	146	128	112	140	204	222	153	175	204	194	185	108	64	121	209	145	318
More likely	318 42%	164 44%	154 41%	36 39%	56 41%	59 40%	57 45%	49 44%	61 43%	92 45%	93 42%	58 38%	74 42%	85 41%	79 41%	87 47%	44 40%	24 38%	44 36%	67 32%	84 58%	140 44%
Less likely	68 9%	29 8%	39 10%	6 7%	16 12%	5 4%	11 9%	13 11%	16 11%	16 8%	11 5%	20 13%	21 12%	17 8%	15 8%	18 10%	11 10%	7 11%	8 7%	26 13%	9 6%	21 7%
No difference	297 39%	148 40%	149 39%	37 40%	54 40%	66 45%	47 37%	40 36%	52 37%	86 42%	94 42%	54 35%	64 36%	88 43%	81 42%	61 33%	41 38%	26 42%	59 49%	86 41%	51 35%	122 38%
Would never vote Lib Dem	61 8%	29 8%	32 8%	12 13%	8 6%	13 9%	10 8%	9 8%	9 6%	8 4%	22 10%	19 13%	12 7%	10 5%	18 9%	15 8%	13 12%	6 9%	10 8%	26 12%	- -	29 9%
Refused/ Don't know	10 1%	3 1%	7 2%	1 1%	1 1%	2 2%	3 2%	- -	3 2%	2 1%	1 1%	2 1%	4 3%	5 2%	1 *	4 2%	- -	- -	* *	4 2%	1 1%	6 2%



**Times Party Conference Poll**  
**Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005**

Absolutes/col percents

Table 103

**Q13 I am going to read out some things that some people have said about the Conservative Party. Please say in each case if you agree or disagree.**

**- The Conservative Party doesn't seem to stand for anything anymore?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region				Voting Intention					
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Agree	578	283	295	55	91	121	107	90	114	141	145	147	145	148	151	143	82	53	61	187	105	227
	57%	59%	56%	50%	53%	60%	63%	59%	57%	56%	50%	70%	58%	55%	58%	59%	60%	31%	64%	72%	60%	
Disagree	413	195	218	53	78	78	61	61	82	107	144	63	99	116	104	101	58	34	134	102	40	140
	41%	40%	42%	47%	45%	39%	36%	41%	41%	42%	49%	30%	39%	43%	40%	41%	41%	38%	67%	35%	28%	37%
Don't know	16	5	11	3	3	2	3	-	5	4	3	1	8	4	7	3	-	1	3	4	-	8
	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	-	3%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%	-	2%	2%	1%	-	2%

**Times Party Conference Poll**  
**Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005**

Absolutes/col percents

Table 104

**Q13 I am going to read out some things that some people have said about the Conservative Party. Please say in each case if you agree or disagree.**

**- The Conservatives would do a good job of running the country?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Agree	368	176	192	40	58	67	58	60	85	97	121	64	87	98	113	81	46	29	171	44	32	128
	37%	36%	37%	36%	34%	33%	34%	40%	42%	38%	41%	30%	34%	37%	43%	33%	33%	33%	86%	15%	22%	34%
Disagree	590	290	300	66	105	122	103	87	106	141	161	136	152	155	135	155	88	58	17	240	111	223
	59%	60%	57%	60%	61%	61%	60%	58%	52%	56%	55%	64%	60%	58%	51%	62%	63%	65%	9%	82%	76%	59%
Don't know	50	17	32	5	8	12	10	4	11	14	10	12	13	15	15	12	6	1	10	8	3	26
	5%	4%	6%	4%	5%	6%	6%	2%	6%	6%	4%	6%	5%	6%	6%	5%	5%	2%	5%	3%	2%	7%

**Times Party Conference Poll**  
**Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005**

Absolutes/col percents

Table 105

**Q13 I am going to read out some things that some people have said about the Conservative Party. Please say in each case if you agree or disagree.**

**- The Conservatives just attack the government over whatever happens to be in the news but never seem to say anything positive?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age							Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters
Base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Agree	697	347	350	80	117	138	127	100	135	172	194	158	172	172	183	179	99	63	79	235	119	271
	69%	72%	67%	72%	68%	68%	74%	66%	67%	69%	66%	75%	68%	64%	70%	72%	71%	71%	40%	80%	82%	72%
Disagree	291	132	159	29	51	60	39	50	63	77	93	47	74	93	74	61	39	24	116	50	25	96
	29%	27%	30%	26%	30%	30%	23%	33%	31%	31%	32%	22%	29%	35%	28%	25%	28%	27%	58%	17%	17%	25%
Don't know	19	5	15	2	3	4	5	2	3	2	5	6	6	3	5	7	2	1	4	8	1	9
	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%

**Times Party Conference Poll**  
**Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005**

Absolutes/col percents

Table 106

**Q13 I am going to read out some things that some people have said about the Conservative Party. Please say in each case if you agree or disagree.**

**- British politics would be better off if the present Conservative Party were to be replaced by a new right-of-centre party?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region				Voting Intention					
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters
Base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Agree	497	243	255	59	89	89	84	71	105	117	134	117	129	139	125	131	55	47	87	165	70	196
	49%	50%	49%	53%	52%	44%	49%	47%	52%	47%	46%	55%	51%	52%	47%	53%	39%	53%	44%	56%	48%	52%
Disagree	455	226	229	48	72	104	76	74	81	122	141	87	105	118	128	96	78	36	99	114	67	159
	45%	47%	44%	43%	42%	51%	44%	49%	40%	48%	48%	41%	42%	44%	49%	39%	55%	40%	50%	39%	46%	42%
Don't know	55	15	40	4	10	9	11	6	15	13	17	8	18	11	10	20	7	6	13	14	8	22
	5%	3%	8%	4%	6%	4%	6%	4%	7%	5%	6%	4%	7%	4%	4%	8%	5%	6%	6%	5%	6%	6%

**Times Party Conference Poll**  
**Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005**

Absolutes/col percents

Table 107

**Q13 I am going to read out some things that some people have said about the Conservative Party. Please say in each case if you agree or disagree.**

**- The Conservative Party's leadership contest has shown that the party is desperately short of strong leaders?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters
Base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Agree	831	397	435	90	136	174	145	129	156	204	246	179	202	217	218	211	114	71	155	247	124	313
	83%	82%	83%	82%	80%	87%	85%	85%	78%	81%	84%	85%	80%	81%	83%	85%	81%	80%	78%	84%	86%	83%
Disagree	160	79	80	18	31	25	22	22	41	47	42	25	47	47	38	34	23	17	40	40	19	54
	16%	16%	15%	16%	18%	13%	13%	15%	20%	18%	14%	12%	18%	18%	15%	14%	17%	19%	20%	14%	13%	14%
Don't know	16	7	9	3	3	2	4	-	4	1	4	7	4	3	6	3	3	1	4	5	2	8
	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	-	2%	*	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%

**Times Party Conference Poll**  
**Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005**

Absolutes/col percents

Table 108

**Q13 I am going to read out some things that some people have said about the Conservative Party. Please say in each case if you agree or disagree.**

**- The Conservative Party seems stuck in the past?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region				Voting Intention					
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters
Base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Agree	726	363	362	77	118	144	128	113	146	180	202	151	192	192	187	185	95	66	94	239	114	275
	72%	75%	69%	69%	69%	71%	75%	75%	73%	72%	69%	72%	76%	72%	71%	75%	68%	75%	48%	82%	79%	73%
Disagree	267	117	150	33	48	55	41	38	52	71	87	55	54	73	71	57	45	21	102	50	30	93
	27%	24%	29%	30%	28%	27%	24%	25%	26%	28%	30%	26%	22%	27%	27%	23%	32%	24%	51%	17%	21%	25%
Don't know	14	2	12	1	6	2	2	*	3	1	3	5	5	3	4	5	*	1	2	4	1	7
	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	*	1%	*	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	*	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%

**Times Party Conference Poll**  
**Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005**

Absolutes/col percents

Table 109

**Q13 I am going to read out some things that some people have said about the Conservative Party. Please say in each case if you agree or disagree.**

**- Taxes would be lower under a Conservative government than under a Labour one?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters
Base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
Agree	370	202	168	42	55	77	69	55	72	126	106	62	76	108	97	78	58	29	128	64	44	138
	37%	42%	32%	38%	32%	38%	40%	37%	36%	50%	36%	29%	30%	40%	37%	31%	42%	33%	65%	22%	30%	37%
Disagree	594	270	324	65	107	114	98	91	120	119	169	139	167	147	154	162	75	56	58	221	98	219
	59%	56%	62%	59%	62%	56%	57%	60%	60%	47%	58%	66%	66%	55%	59%	66%	54%	63%	29%	75%	68%	58%
Don't know	43	11	32	4	9	11	5	5	9	7	17	10	9	13	12	7	7	4	12	7	3	19
	4%	2%	6%	4%	5%	5%	3%	3%	4%	3%	6%	5%	3%	5%	5%	3%	5%	4%	6%	3%	2%	5%

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 110

**Q14 Now I am going read out some things that some people have suggested the Conservative Party could say or do to persuade more people to vote for them.**

**- Put forward a clear promise to cut taxes?**

**Base: All answering**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	667	293	374	51	100	143	127	114	132	210	164	95	198	193	173	160	92	49	198	136	82	258
Weighted base	672	325	347	69	111	137	118	107	129	181	211	126	154	190	178	157	94	54	198	136	86	269
More likely	360	189	171	49	55	67	64	53	72	93	123	73	72	104	97	86	49	25	141	51	38	145
	54%	58%	49%	71%	50%	49%	54%	50%	56%	51%	58%	58%	47%	55%	54%	55%	52%	46%	71%	38%	44%	54%
Less likely	69	35	34	2	12	18	14	14	9	21	17	11	19	19	10	19	14	6	11	24	9	24
	10%	11%	10%	3%	11%	13%	12%	13%	7%	12%	8%	9%	13%	10%	6%	12%	15%	11%	6%	18%	10%	9%
No difference	200	84	116	13	39	42	32	36	37	57	60	37	45	56	60	45	22	17	44	43	37	88
	30%	26%	33%	19%	36%	30%	27%	33%	29%	31%	29%	30%	29%	30%	34%	28%	23%	32%	22%	32%	43%	33%
Would never vote Conservative	33	14	19	5	4	8	6	3	7	8	6	4	15	7	6	7	9	4	-	15	2	8
	5%	4%	5%	7%	4%	6%	5%	3%	5%	4%	3%	3%	10%	4%	4%	4%	9%	8%	-	11%	3%	3%
Refused/ Don't know	10	3	7	-	-	3	2	1	4	3	5	-	2	3	4	1	-	2	2	2	-	3
	1%	1%	2%	-	-	3%	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	-	1%	2%	2%	1%	-	3%	1%	2%	-	1%



## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 111

**Q14 Now I am going read out some things that some people have suggested the Conservative Party could say or do to persuade more people to vote for them.**

**- Be much tougher in opposing the EU constitution and offer a referendum on whether Britain should remain in the EU?**

**Base: All answering**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	667	290	377	52	100	143	124	119	129	214	165	98	190	194	174	162	91	46	198	134	87	261
Weighted base	674	324	350	70	113	137	116	111	127	186	212	128	147	193	178	158	92	53	198	135	91	273
More likely	331 49%	161 50%	169 48%	30 43%	40 36%	64 47%	57 49%	58 52%	81 64%	85 45%	105 50%	69 54%	72 49%	91 47%	92 52%	84 53%	46 50%	19 35%	142 72%	35 26%	40 44%	109 40%
Less likely	102 15%	61 19%	40 11%	19 28%	14 13%	18 13%	21 18%	12 11%	17 14%	34 18%	32 15%	14 11%	22 15%	29 15%	26 15%	25 16%	16 17%	5 9%	15 7%	32 24%	20 22%	52 19%
No difference	191 28%	82 25%	109 31%	14 20%	48 42%	45 33%	33 28%	31 28%	20 15%	51 27%	64 30%	36 28%	40 27%	55 29%	50 28%	40 26%	20 22%	25 47%	40 20%	49 36%	21 23%	93 34%
Would never vote Conservative	43 6%	17 5%	25 7%	5 8%	9 8%	8 5%	5 4%	9 9%	7 5%	16 9%	7 3%	8 6%	11 8%	15 8%	6 3%	8 5%	9 10%	4 8%	- -	18 13%	10 11%	16 6%
Refused/ Don't know	8 1%	2 *	7 2%	1 2%	1 1%	2 1%	1 1%	- -	2 2%	1 1%	4 2%	1 1%	2 2%	3 1%	4 2%	- -	1 1%	1 1%	1 1%	1 1%	- -	3 1%

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 112

**Q14 Now I am going read out some things that some people have suggested the Conservative Party could say or do to persuade more people to vote for them.**

**- Promise that a Conservative government will interfere less in people's ttleveryday lives?**

**Base: All answering**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	658	289	369	49	100	142	126	112	129	206	160	104	188	189	173	163	87	46	198	129	83	253
Weighted base	669	323	346	69	112	138	118	105	128	178	207	139	145	188	179	163	88	52	198	131	87	267
More likely	323	173	150	34	51	58	57	52	71	96	96	68	63	91	90	78	46	18	126	47	42	127
	48%	54%	43%	49%	45%	42%	49%	50%	55%	54%	46%	49%	43%	49%	50%	48%	52%	34%	64%	36%	48%	47%
Less likely	65	32	33	8	6	14	10	14	13	18	19	8	21	16	12	20	12	5	11	12	12	28
	10%	10%	10%	11%	6%	10%	9%	14%	10%	10%	9%	6%	14%	9%	7%	12%	14%	9%	6%	9%	14%	10%
No difference	240	100	140	23	48	55	43	34	37	56	86	48	49	69	70	53	23	26	56	60	29	101
	36%	31%	40%	33%	43%	40%	37%	33%	29%	32%	42%	35%	34%	37%	39%	32%	26%	50%	28%	46%	34%	38%
Would never vote Conservative	32	15	17	4	7	7	6	4	4	7	2	15	8	8	5	12	5	3	-	12	4	10
	5%	5%	5%	6%	6%	5%	5%	4%	3%	4%	1%	11%	6%	4%	3%	7%	5%	6%	-	9%	4%	4%
Refused/ Don't know	9	3	6	-	-	5	*	-	4	1	4	-	4	3	3	1	2	-	5	-	-	2
	1%	1%	2%	-	-	3%	*	-	3%	*	2%	-	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	-	3%	-	-	1%

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 113

**Q14 Now I am going read out some things that some people have suggested the Conservative Party could say or do to persuade more people to vote for them.**

**- Promise to expand the police force and build more prisons?**

**Base: All answering**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Dem-ocrat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	661	290	371	49	98	139	128	113	134	205	162	102	192	190	176	161	88	46	198	135	86	252
Weighted base	668	320	348	66	110	135	119	105	134	177	209	136	146	188	183	158	87	52	198	137	91	264
More likely	348	172	176	50	42	75	55	52	75	81	112	79	76	92	91	84	53	28	126	53	43	137
	52%	54%	51%	75%	38%	55%	47%	50%	56%	45%	54%	58%	52%	49%	50%	53%	61%	53%	63%	38%	48%	52%
Less likely	68	38	30	3	12	14	13	14	11	25	16	9	18	22	17	15	12	2	12	18	11	24
	10%	12%	9%	5%	11%	11%	11%	14%	8%	14%	8%	7%	12%	12%	9%	10%	14%	4%	6%	13%	12%	9%
No difference	221	99	122	11	50	41	46	37	37	66	76	38	42	65	68	52	18	19	59	51	29	95
	33%	31%	35%	17%	45%	31%	38%	35%	28%	37%	36%	28%	29%	35%	37%	33%	21%	36%	30%	37%	32%	36%
Would never vote Conservative	26	9	17	2	5	3	5	2	9	5	4	10	8	6	6	8	3	4	-	14	8	5
	4%	3%	5%	3%	5%	2%	4%	2%	7%	3%	2%	7%	5%	3%	3%	5%	4%	7%	-	11%	9%	2%
Refused/ Don't know	4	2	2	-	1	2	-	-	2	1	1	-	3	3	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	3
	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	-	-	1%	*	*	-	2%	2%	*	-	-	-	*	1%	-	1%

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 114

**Q14 Now I am going read out some things that some people have suggested the Conservative Party could say or do to persuade more people to vote for them.**

**- Say that the Iraq war was a mistake?**

**Base: All answering**

	Sex		Age							Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	679	301	378	51	98	145	132	118	135	208	171	104	196	193	179	164	91	52	198	141	87	262
Weighted base	689	336	353	71	109	140	123	111	134	179	221	139	150	191	188	162	90	58	198	145	92	275
More likely	279	129	150	34	43	45	35	51	70	67	78	62	71	76	77	62	42	21	113	34	39	102
	40%	38%	43%	48%	39%	32%	29%	46%	52%	38%	35%	45%	47%	40%	41%	39%	46%	36%	57%	24%	42%	37%
Less likely	83	46	37	7	16	20	15	11	14	35	22	11	16	24	15	26	13	5	15	29	11	40
	12%	14%	10%	10%	15%	14%	12%	10%	11%	20%	10%	8%	10%	12%	8%	16%	15%	9%	7%	20%	12%	15%
No difference	263	128	135	25	40	66	57	39	36	67	104	48	43	76	81	60	25	21	66	59	32	111
	38%	38%	38%	34%	37%	47%	46%	35%	27%	38%	47%	35%	29%	40%	43%	37%	28%	36%	33%	41%	35%	40%
Would never vote Conservative	49	28	21	5	5	8	13	9	9	7	14	16	13	8	14	10	7	11	-	22	9	16
	7%	8%	6%	7%	5%	6%	11%	8%	7%	4%	6%	12%	8%	4%	7%	6%	7%	19%	-	15%	10%	6%
Refused/ Don't know	14	5	9	1	4	1	3	2	4	2	3	1	8	6	1	4	3	-	5	1	1	6
	2%	2%	3%	1%	4%	1%	3%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	5%	3%	1%	2%	3%	-	2%	1%	1%	2%

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 115

**Q14 Now I am going read out some things that some people have suggested the Conservative Party could say or do to persuade more people to vote for them.**

**- Propose a new 'flat tax' system in which everyone would pay income tax at the same rate?**

**Base: All answering**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	671	290	381	50	97	147	127	115	135	211	166	95	199	192	183	160	92	44	198	139	86	264
Weighted base	673	320	353	68	108	140	118	106	133	181	213	126	153	188	189	157	91	49	198	139	89	273
More likely	273	152	122	36	35	58	51	41	51	84	85	53	52	85	66	68	40	14	97	41	26	108
	41%	47%	34%	53%	33%	41%	44%	39%	39%	46%	40%	42%	34%	45%	35%	43%	45%	28%	49%	29%	29%	40%
Less likely	204	86	117	13	40	45	31	31	44	56	62	37	48	47	64	49	25	19	54	43	36	82
	30%	27%	33%	20%	37%	32%	26%	29%	33%	31%	29%	29%	31%	25%	34%	31%	27%	39%	27%	31%	41%	30%
No difference	146	64	82	15	28	29	23	25	25	27	53	30	36	46	39	30	17	13	46	36	18	62
	22%	20%	23%	22%	26%	20%	19%	24%	19%	15%	25%	24%	24%	25%	21%	19%	18%	27%	23%	26%	20%	23%
Would never vote Conservative	41	15	26	4	5	8	8	7	8	12	10	7	12	8	15	6	9	2	-	17	10	15
	6%	5%	7%	5%	4%	6%	7%	7%	6%	7%	4%	5%	8%	4%	8%	4%	10%	4%	-	13%	11%	6%
Refused/ Don't know	9	2	7	-	-	1	4	1	4	2	4	-	4	2	4	3	-	1	1	1	-	5
	1%	1%	2%	-	-	1%	3%	1%	3%	1%	2%	-	3%	1%	2%	2%	-	1%	1%	1%	-	2%

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 116

**Q14 Now I am going read out some things that some people have suggested the Conservative Party could say or do to persuade more people to vote for them.**

**- Show they have learned from their past mistakes and really understand today's problems?**

**Base: All answering**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region				Voting Intention					
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Dem-o-crats	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	664	288	376	48	98	147	120	111	140	201	166	99	198	195	174	167	81	47	198	138	81	266
Weighted base	671	323	348	66	109	143	112	103	137	174	213	130	154	193	179	164	82	53	198	138	86	276
More likely	383	176	207	36	58	85	63	62	79	108	119	74	81	99	112	99	52	21	145	67	45	145
	57%	54%	60%	54%	53%	60%	56%	60%	57%	62%	56%	57%	53%	51%	63%	60%	63%	40%	73%	49%	52%	53%
Less likely	69	37	32	6	9	9	15	16	13	17	22	10	19	24	22	11	7	4	17	16	7	33
	10%	12%	9%	8%	9%	6%	14%	16%	10%	10%	10%	8%	13%	13%	12%	7%	9%	7%	8%	12%	8%	12%
No difference	178	90	88	23	38	36	28	22	31	43	65	35	36	53	38	42	23	23	36	34	31	80
	27%	28%	25%	35%	35%	25%	25%	21%	23%	24%	30%	27%	24%	28%	21%	25%	28%	42%	18%	25%	36%	29%
Would never vote Conservative	37	19	17	2	3	12	4	3	12	5	7	11	13	14	5	13	-	5	-	18	4	16
	5%	6%	5%	2%	3%	9%	4%	3%	9%	3%	3%	8%	9%	7%	3%	8%	-	9%	-	13%	4%	6%
Refused/ Don't know	4	-	4	-	-	1	1	1	2	1	-	-	3	2	1	-	-	1	*	2	-	2
	1%	-	1%	-	-	*	1%	1%	1%	*	-	-	2%	1%	1%	-	-	1%	*	2%	-	1%

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 117

**Q14 Now I am going read out some things that some people have suggested the Conservative Party could say or do to persuade more people to vote for them.**

**- Emphasise their commitment to traditional marriage by pledging to restore tax relief for married couples?**

**Base: All answering**

	Sex		Age							Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	666	291	375	52	99	142	124	115	134	202	169	99	196	194	174	164	88	46	198	133	87	259
Weighted base	679	328	350	72	112	139	116	107	133	174	220	132	152	193	181	162	91	52	198	136	93	273
More likely	328	161	167	34	49	67	52	54	72	87	111	63	67	95	93	75	51	14	132	42	39	127
	48%	49%	48%	48%	44%	48%	45%	51%	54%	50%	50%	48%	44%	49%	52%	46%	56%	27%	66%	31%	42%	47%
Less likely	71	44	27	8	13	16	12	10	11	22	22	12	14	19	22	18	9	3	13	20	7	30
	10%	13%	8%	12%	11%	12%	10%	10%	8%	12%	10%	9%	9%	10%	12%	11%	10%	6%	7%	15%	7%	11%
No difference	226	105	121	20	43	47	41	36	38	57	68	46	55	61	56	55	23	31	51	55	37	94
	33%	32%	34%	28%	38%	34%	35%	34%	29%	33%	31%	35%	36%	32%	31%	34%	25%	59%	26%	41%	40%	34%
Would never vote Conservative	40	18	22	7	7	7	7	5	9	5	16	9	11	13	4	13	7	3	-	18	9	12
	6%	5%	6%	9%	7%	5%	6%	4%	6%	3%	7%	7%	7%	7%	2%	8%	8%	6%	-	13%	10%	5%
Refused/ Don't know	14	1	13	2	-	3	4	2	3	3	3	2	5	4	5	2	2	1	3	1	1	9
	2%	*	4%	3%	-	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 118

**Q14** Now I am going read out some things that some people have suggested the Conservative Party could say or do to persuade more people to vote for them.

**- Promise to increase spending on health and education, while freezing spending in other areas?**

**Base: All answering**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	677	301	376	53	103	144	127	118	132	210	167	100	200	192	184	164	91	46	198	138	86	268
Weighted base	686	336	350	72	118	140	118	109	130	182	216	133	155	190	190	162	92	51	198	141	90	277
More likely	386	178	208	49	63	80	61	60	74	109	133	72	72	103	113	93	48	28	138	70	46	156
	56%	53%	59%	68%	53%	57%	51%	55%	57%	60%	62%	54%	46%	54%	59%	57%	52%	55%	70%	50%	51%	57%
Less likely	75	44	31	12	10	17	12	15	9	19	20	14	22	24	20	16	12	4	10	20	10	36
	11%	13%	9%	17%	9%	12%	10%	13%	7%	10%	9%	11%	14%	12%	10%	10%	13%	8%	5%	14%	11%	13%
No difference	162	84	78	6	30	32	35	24	35	40	45	37	40	49	38	38	21	15	41	26	27	64
	24%	25%	22%	8%	25%	23%	30%	22%	27%	22%	21%	28%	26%	26%	20%	24%	23%	30%	21%	18%	30%	23%
Would never vote Conservative	47	24	22	5	12	8	9	7	6	12	12	8	15	8	17	11	8	3	-	23	7	15
	7%	7%	6%	6%	10%	6%	7%	6%	5%	6%	6%	6%	10%	4%	9%	7%	9%	6%	-	17%	8%	5%
Refused/ Don't know	17	5	11	-	3	3	1	4	6	3	6	2	7	6	4	4	2	1	9	1	-	6
	2%	2%	3%	-	3%	2%	1%	4%	4%	1%	3%	1%	4%	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%	4%	1%	-	2%



## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 119

**Q14 Now I am going read out some things that some people have suggested the Conservative Party could say or do to persuade more people to vote for them.**

**- Stop trying to win votes on issues like health and education, and concentrate instead on areas where Conservatives have traditionally been strong such as law and order, immigration and tax ?**

**Base: All answering**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region				Voting Intention					
	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	667	295	372	54	101	142	119	114	137	205	167	98	197	193	181	163	85	45	198	135	83	262
Weighted base	679	333	346	74	116	136	112	106	134	177	218	130	153	191	188	163	86	51	198	140	86	272
More likely	330	165	165	28	42	57	60	60	82	76	116	60	78	92	94	81	43	20	121	49	36	132
	49%	50%	48%	38%	37%	42%	54%	57%	61%	43%	53%	46%	51%	48%	50%	50%	50%	39%	61%	35%	42%	49%
Less likely	90	49	41	21	17	21	12	13	5	35	25	12	19	24	21	20	16	9	13	30	20	49
	13%	15%	12%	28%	15%	16%	11%	13%	4%	19%	11%	9%	12%	13%	11%	12%	18%	17%	7%	21%	24%	18%
No difference	210	94	115	15	46	51	38	28	32	58	60	51	41	63	55	47	25	19	62	38	24	76
	31%	28%	33%	21%	39%	37%	34%	27%	24%	32%	28%	39%	26%	33%	30%	29%	29%	38%	31%	27%	28%	28%
Would never vote Conservative	40	22	18	9	11	5	1	4	11	8	13	7	13	9	15	13	2	1	-	21	3	12
	6%	7%	5%	12%	9%	3%	1%	4%	8%	4%	6%	5%	8%	5%	8%	8%	3%	3%	-	15%	4%	4%
Refused/ Don't know	9	2	7	1	-	3	1	-	4	2	4	-	3	4	2	2	-	2	3	2	1	2
	1%	1%	2%	2%	-	2%	1%	-	3%	1%	2%	-	2%	2%	1%	1%	-	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 120  
**Classification**  
**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention			
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Unweighted base	1007	442	565	80	149	216	190	163	209	290	226	158	333	275	256	250	140	86	198	302	141	367
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
<b>Sex</b>																						
Male	483	483	-	70	72	97	80	69	95	130	138	102	113	142	113	113	69	47	88	134	72	177
	48%	100%	-	63%	42%	48%	47%	46%	47%	52%	47%	48%	45%	53%	43%	46%	49%	53%	44%	46%	49%	47%
Female	524	-	524	41	99	104	91	82	107	122	153	109	140	127	150	135	71	42	110	159	73	199
	52%	-	100%	37%	58%	52%	53%	54%	53%	48%	53%	52%	55%	47%	57%	54%	51%	47%	56%	54%	51%	53%
<b>Age</b>																						
18-24	(21)	111	70	41	111	-	-	-	-	23	55	23	10	49	20	24	17	1	13	36	19	64
		11%	14%	8%	100%	-	-	-	-	9%	19%	11%	4%	18%	7%	10%	12%	1%	7%	12%	13%	17%
25-34	(29.5)	171	72	99	-	171	-	-	-	45	55	41	29	41	37	52	21	21	20	53	34	75
		17%	15%	19%	-	100%	-	-	-	18%	19%	19%	12%	15%	14%	21%	15%	24%	10%	18%	24%	20%
35-44	(39.5)	201	97	104	-	-	201	-	-	55	68	45	32	52	49	52	31	18	43	63	22	76
		20%	20%	20%	-	-	100%	-	-	22%	23%	22%	13%	19%	19%	21%	22%	20%	21%	22%	15%	20%
45-54	(49.5)	171	80	91	-	-	-	171	-	51	48	31	41	38	56	35	18	24	27	50	19	63
		17%	17%	17%	-	-	-	100%	-	20%	17%	15%	16%	14%	21%	14%	13%	27%	14%	17%	13%	17%
55-64	(59.5)	151	69	82	-	-	-	-	151	42	36	33	40	35	44	34	22	16	37	35	28	48
		15%	14%	16%	-	-	-	-	100%	17%	12%	16%	16%	13%	17%	14%	16%	18%	18%	12%	19%	13%
65+	(70)	201	95	107	-	-	-	-	201	35	29	38	100	54	56	51	31	10	59	56	24	49
		20%	20%	20%	-	-	-	-	100%	14%	10%	18%	40%	20%	22%	20%	22%	11%	30%	19%	16%	13%
Average age		46.56	45.82	47.25	21.00	29.50	39.50	49.50	59.50	45.54	41.21	45.65	54.55	44.80	48.73	46.05	46.91	46.42	51.34	45.36	44.93	42.53

## Times Party Conference Poll

### Fieldwork : September 8th-11th 2005

Absolutes/col percents

Table 120  
**Classification**  
**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Swing Voters
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
<b><u>Social Class</u></b>																						
AB	252	130	122	23	45	55	51	42	35	252	-	-	-	77	60	59	43	13	62	63	47	91
	25%	27%	23%	21%	27%	28%	30%	28%	17%	100%	-	-	-	29%	23%	24%	31%	15%	31%	22%	33%	24%
C1	292	138	153	55	55	68	48	36	29	-	292	-	-	87	76	56	43	31	64	79	39	128
	29%	29%	29%	50%	32%	34%	28%	24%	14%	-	100%	-	-	32%	29%	23%	30%	35%	32%	27%	27%	34%
C2	211	102	109	23	41	45	31	33	38	-	-	211	-	48	64	58	22	20	30	64	32	70
	21%	21%	21%	20%	24%	23%	18%	22%	19%	-	-	100%	-	18%	24%	23%	16%	22%	15%	22%	22%	19%
DE	252	113	140	10	29	32	41	40	100	-	-	-	252	57	63	75	32	25	42	86	27	87
	25%	23%	27%	9%	17%	16%	24%	27%	50%	-	-	-	100%	21%	24%	30%	23%	28%	21%	29%	19%	23%
<b><u>Region</u></b>																						
North	336	160	176	25	73	70	59	50	60	72	87	77	100	-	-	248	-	89	49	117	42	111
	33%	33%	34%	22%	42%	35%	35%	33%	30%	29%	30%	37%	40%	-	-	100%	-	100%	24%	40%	29%	29%
Midlands	314	142	171	24	43	59	65	53	68	74	90	73	77	-	262	-	51	-	67	81	50	126
	31%	29%	33%	22%	25%	29%	38%	35%	34%	29%	31%	34%	31%	-	100%	-	37%	-	34%	28%	35%	34%
South	357	181	176	62	55	72	47	48	73	106	115	61	75	268	-	-	89	-	83	95	52	139
	35%	37%	34%	56%	32%	36%	27%	32%	36%	42%	39%	29%	30%	100%	-	-	63%	-	42%	32%	36%	37%

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	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					Voting Intention				
	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
<b><u>Working status</u></b>																						
Full-time	447	271	176	46	106	123	106	57	10	136	161	105	44	115	116	117	53	45	82	120	64	176
	44%	56%	34%	42%	62%	61%	62%	38%	5%	54%	55%	50%	18%	43%	44%	47%	38%	51%	41%	41%	44%	47%
Part-time	113	22	91	16	20	37	20	15	4	27	43	31	12	24	37	27	15	10	26	27	16	50
	11%	4%	17%	14%	12%	18%	12%	10%	2%	11%	15%	15%	5%	9%	14%	11%	10%	12%	13%	9%	11%	13%
Not working but seeking work or temporarily unemployed/sick	51	24	27	7	17	10	11	6	-	8	14	2	26	15	8	15	8	5	8	22	6	25
	5%	5%	5%	6%	10%	5%	7%	4%	-	3%	5%	1%	10%	6%	3%	6%	6%	6%	4%	7%	4%	7%
Not working/not seeking work	77	12	65	4	18	22	19	13	1	11	21	16	29	13	24	13	16	12	12	23	12	25
	8%	3%	12%	4%	11%	11%	11%	9%	*	4%	7%	8%	12%	5%	9%	5%	11%	13%	6%	8%	8%	7%
Retired	257	120	137	-	1	2	11	58	185	51	31	44	131	73	71	62	38	14	63	77	36	69
	26%	25%	26%	-	1%	1%	6%	38%	92%	20%	11%	21%	52%	27%	27%	25%	27%	15%	32%	26%	25%	18%
Student	41	22	20	31	5	1	2	1	-	12	13	10	6	17	5	10	7	1	6	14	9	20
	4%	4%	4%	28%	3%	1%	1%	1%	-	5%	5%	5%	2%	7%	2%	4%	5%	2%	3%	5%	6%	5%
Refused	21	13	8	7	4	6	2	1	2	5	9	3	4	11	2	4	3	1	2	9	1	10
	2%	3%	2%	6%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	4%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	3%

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	Total	Male	Fe- male	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	Con- ser- vative	Labour	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Swing Voters
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
<b>Tenure</b>																						
Own outright	322 32%	173 36%	149 29%	25 23%	16 10%	18 9%	49 29%	81 54%	132 66%	90 36%	80 27%	57 27%	95 38%	89 33%	91 35%	81 33%	42 30%	20 22%	94 47%	72 25%	38 26%	97 26%
Own with a mortgage	412 41%	188 39%	224 43%	43 39%	79 46%	141 70%	88 52%	42 28%	18 9%	126 50%	145 50%	93 44%	49 19%	86 32%	118 45%	109 44%	61 43%	39 44%	73 37%	117 40%	70 48%	169 45%
Council	131 13%	51 11%	80 15%	10 9%	34 20%	17 8%	21 12%	16 11%	33 17%	8 3%	17 6%	39 18%	66 26%	42 16%	24 9%	33 13%	15 10%	18 20%	11 6%	53 18%	16 11%	47 13%
Rented from someone else	108 11%	52 11%	56 11%	23 21%	35 20%	17 8%	8 5%	12 8%	13 6%	19 7%	41 14%	15 7%	33 13%	41 15%	24 9%	17 7%	16 12%	10 11%	17 8%	39 13%	18 13%	49 13%
Rent free	8 1%	5 1%	2 *	1 1%	1 1%	2 1%	2 1%	- -	1 1%	1 *	2 1%	1 1%	3 1%	2 1%	1 *	2 1%	1 1%	1 1%	1 *	3 1%	- -	4 1%
Refused	25 3%	13 3%	12 2%	7 7%	5 3%	7 3%	3 2%	- -	3 2%	8 3%	7 2%	5 3%	5 2%	8 3%	4 2%	6 2%	5 4%	1 2%	2 1%	9 3%	2 2%	10 3%

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	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
<b><u>Foreign Holiday in last 3 years</u></b>																						
Yes	624	295	330	75	114	137	111	92	95	190	204	127	103	183	165	147	82	47	126	180	92	257
	62%	61%	63%	68%	67%	68%	65%	61%	47%	76%	70%	60%	41%	68%	63%	59%	58%	53%	63%	62%	63%	68%
No	383	189	194	36	57	65	60	59	106	61	88	84	149	85	97	101	58	42	73	112	53	119
	38%	39%	37%	32%	33%	32%	35%	39%	53%	24%	30%	40%	59%	32%	37%	41%	42%	47%	37%	38%	37%	32%
<b><u>Number of cars</u></b>																						
None	203	82	122	19	31	26	30	20	77	23	45	31	105	70	36	50	25	22	34	67	26	62
	20%	17%	23%	17%	18%	13%	17%	13%	38%	9%	15%	15%	42%	26%	14%	20%	18%	25%	17%	23%	18%	17%
1	438	209	229	40	94	72	61	72	99	100	133	97	108	111	124	106	58	39	74	138	71	165
	43%	43%	44%	36%	55%	36%	36%	48%	49%	40%	46%	46%	43%	41%	47%	43%	41%	44%	37%	47%	49%	44%
2	284	144	140	37	36	86	59	46	20	97	88	71	28	71	78	70	45	20	65	70	39	122
	28%	30%	27%	33%	21%	43%	34%	30%	10%	38%	30%	34%	11%	26%	30%	28%	32%	23%	33%	24%	27%	32%
3+	82	48	33	15	10	17	22	13	6	32	25	13	11	16	24	21	13	7	26	17	8	27
	8%	10%	6%	13%	6%	8%	13%	8%	3%	13%	9%	6%	4%	6%	9%	9%	9%	8%	13%	6%	6%	7%

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	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
<b><u>Internet Access</u></b>																						
At all	674 67%	342 71%	332 63%	90 81%	149 87%	166 82%	127 74%	83 55%	59 29%	210 83%	236 81%	128 61%	99 39%	194 72%	163 62%	165 67%	86 62%	66 74%	132 66%	182 62%	107 74%	262 70%
At home (net)	596 59%	305 63%	291 56%	84 76%	119 70%	154 76%	113 66%	73 48%	53 26%	196 78%	199 68%	116 55%	85 34%	172 64%	147 56%	142 58%	79 56%	56 63%	114 57%	158 54%	90 62%	231 61%
At work (net)	313 31%	175 36%	138 26%	45 41%	79 46%	87 43%	70 41%	26 17%	7 4%	123 49%	127 44%	50 24%	13 5%	90 34%	63 24%	84 34%	43 31%	33 37%	59 30%	88 30%	47 32%	129 34%
At home	337 33%	155 32%	182 35%	40 36%	61 36%	76 38%	56 33%	56 37%	49 24%	86 34%	100 34%	74 35%	78 31%	92 34%	96 37%	76 31%	43 30%	31 35%	69 35%	86 29%	55 38%	124 33%
At work	54 5%	25 5%	29 6%	2 1%	20 12%	9 4%	12 7%	8 6%	3 1%	12 5%	29 10%	8 4%	5 2%	11 4%	11 4%	17 7%	7 5%	8 9%	14 7%	15 5%	11 8%	23 6%
Both at home and at work	259 26%	149 31%	109 21%	43 39%	58 34%	78 39%	57 33%	18 12%	4 2%	111 44%	99 34%	42 20%	8 3%	80 30%	51 20%	67 27%	36 26%	25 28%	45 23%	72 25%	36 25%	106 28%
Somewhere else	23 2%	11 2%	12 2%	5 4%	9 6%	4 2%	2 1%	2 1%	2 1%	2 1%	9 3%	4 2%	9 3%	12 4%	4 2%	6 2%	* *	2 2%	4 2%	9 3%	6 4%	8 2%
Not at all	330 33%	139 29%	191 36%	21 19%	20 12%	34 17%	44 26%	68 45%	143 71%	41 16%	55 19%	82 39%	153 61%	74 28%	99 38%	81 33%	53 37%	23 26%	67 34%	109 37%	37 26%	112 30%
Refused	3 *	2 *	1 *	- -	2 1%	1 *	- -	- -	- -	1 *	1 *	1 *	- -	- -	1 *	1 *	1 1%	- -	- -	1 *	- -	2 *

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	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Demo-crat	Swing Voters
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
<b><u>Age Finished Full Time Education</u></b>																						
Up to 15	202 20%	92 19%	111 21%	2 2%	6 4%	8 4%	26 15%	62 41%	99 49%	22 9%	30 10%	53 25%	98 39%	44 16%	66 25%	51 21%	28 20%	13 14%	45 23%	65 22%	22 15%	62 16%
16	264 26%	121 25%	143 27%	18 16%	39 23%	82 41%	54 31%	34 22%	37 18%	36 14%	72 25%	79 37%	77 31%	54 20%	80 31%	74 30%	34 24%	22 25%	46 23%	78 27%	28 20%	98 26%
17	71 7%	28 6%	44 8%	8 8%	13 8%	13 6%	15 9%	6 4%	17 8%	16 6%	27 9%	16 8%	13 5%	14 5%	23 9%	14 6%	12 8%	8 9%	15 8%	23 8%	8 5%	29 8%
18	117 12%	51 11%	66 13%	19 17%	18 11%	24 12%	25 15%	17 11%	14 7%	36 14%	45 15%	18 9%	18 7%	32 12%	24 9%	22 9%	20 14%	18 21%	27 13%	26 9%	17 12%	44 12%
19 or over	276 27%	159 33%	117 22%	25 23%	82 48%	66 33%	46 27%	30 20%	28 14%	121 48%	99 34%	28 13%	29 11%	97 36%	54 21%	68 27%	34 24%	22 25%	57 29%	66 23%	60 42%	106 28%
Still in full time education	47 5%	21 4%	26 5%	32 29%	8 4%	3 1%	1 1%	1 1%	1 *	16 7%	12 4%	8 4%	10 4%	17 6%	8 3%	12 5%	7 5%	2 2%	7 4%	20 7%	7 5%	26 7%
Had no full time education	4 *	- -	4 1%	- -	1 1%	- -	1 1%	- -	1 1%	- -	- -	4 2%	- -	1 *	2 1%	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 1%	1 1%	2 1%
Refused	26 3%	12 2%	15 3%	6 5%	4 2%	6 3%	3 2%	1 1%	6 3%	5 2%	8 3%	6 3%	7 3%	8 3%	4 2%	6 2%	6 4%	3 3%	1 1%	11 4%	1 1%	9 2%



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	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	Con-ser-vative	Labour	Lib-eral Dem-ocrat	Swing Voters
Weighted base	1007	483	524	111	171	201	171	151	201	252	292	211	252	268	262	248	140	89	198	292	145	376
<b><u>Marital Status</u></b>																						
Single	237 24%	138 29%	99 19%	80 72%	66 38%	30 15%	26 15%	15 10%	21 10%	54 22%	85 29%	42 20%	56 22%	73 27%	47 18%	58 23%	35 25%	25 28%	33 16%	64 22%	45 31%	102 27%
Married/ co-habiting	549 55%	261 54%	289 55%	26 23%	92 54%	135 67%	113 66%	98 65%	86 43%	163 65%	156 53%	136 64%	95 37%	140 52%	160 61%	129 52%	76 54%	44 50%	120 61%	155 53%	72 49%	200 53%
Widowed/ separated/ divorced	200 20%	73 15%	127 24%	1 1%	9 5%	31 15%	29 17%	37 25%	92 46%	29 12%	45 15%	30 14%	96 38%	48 18%	53 20%	56 23%	25 18%	18 20%	44 22%	65 22%	27 19%	67 18%
Refused	21 2%	12 2%	9 2%	4 4%	4 2%	6 3%	2 1%	1 1%	3 1%	5 2%	7 2%	4 2%	5 2%	8 3%	3 1%	4 1%	5 3%	1 2%	1 1%	8 3%	1 1%	7 2%
<b><u>Children</u></b>																						
None aged 18 or under	710 70%	355 73%	355 68%	101 91%	83 49%	66 33%	122 71%	141 93%	197 98%	169 67%	200 68%	137 65%	204 81%	199 74%	185 70%	175 71%	92 66%	59 66%	153 77%	188 64%	117 81%	252 67%
NET: Yes	277 28%	117 24%	160 31%	6 6%	83 48%	130 64%	47 28%	10 7%	2 1%	76 30%	86 29%	72 34%	44 18%	62 23%	74 28%	68 28%	45 32%	28 32%	44 22%	97 33%	25 18%	115 31%
NET: Yes any aged 15 or under	252 25%	107 22%	146 28%	6 6%	81 47%	125 62%	33 20%	5 4%	2 1%	69 27%	80 27%	67 32%	37 15%	56 21%	69 26%	60 24%	42 30%	25 29%	39 19%	90 31%	24 17%	106 28%
- Aged under 5	92 9%	39 8%	53 10%	5 4%	41 24%	43 21%	3 2%	- -	- -	25 10%	30 10%	23 11%	14 5%	25 9%	21 8%	21 8%	13 9%	12 13%	15 8%	39 13%	7 5%	44 12%
- Aged 5-10	137 14%	60 13%	77 15%	1 1%	44 26%	73 36%	17 10%	2 1%	- -	30 12%	51 17%	36 17%	20 8%	23 9%	39 15%	35 14%	23 16%	16 19%	17 8%	47 16%	16 11%	59 16%
- Aged 11-15	118 12%	46 9%	73 14%	1 1%	24 14%	63 31%	24 14%	4 3%	2 1%	30 12%	33 11%	35 17%	20 8%	22 8%	37 14%	26 11%	23 16%	10 11%	19 10%	45 15%	10 7%	43 11%
- Aged 16-18	62 6%	26 5%	36 7%	- -	6 3%	25 13%	27 16%	5 3%	- -	22 9%	14 5%	14 7%	12 5%	17 6%	16 6%	14 6%	9 7%	8 8%	13 7%	21 7%	3 2%	24 6%
Refused	20 2%	11 2%	9 2%	4 4%	5 3%	6 3%	2 1%	- -	2 1%	6 3%	7 2%	3 1%	4 1%	8 3%	4 1%	4 2%	3 2%	1 2%	1 *	7 3%	3 2%	9 2%