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	Gender			Age						Social Class				Region							
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	1011	425	586	152	127	172	191	153	216	279	363	369	328	214	177	292	257	272	254	140	88
Weighted base	1011	485	526	120	160	200	170	150	210	280	370	360	263	293	212	243	265	265	250	143	89
<u>Menzies Campbell was too old to lead a national political party</u>																					
Agree	198 20%	103 21%	95 18%	20 16%	30 19%	36 18%	35 20%	38 25%	40 19%	49 18%	71 19%	78 22%	55 21%	56 19%	41 19%	45 19%	46 18%	57 21%	47 19%	32 22%	16 18%
Disagre	675 67%	334 69%	341 65%	67 56%	94 59%	136 68%	120 70%	105 70%	153 73%	162 58%	256 69%	258 72%	183 70%	190 65%	140 66%	162 67%	182 69%	167 63%	164 66%	98 68%	65 73%
Never heard of	33 3%	17 4%	16 3%	10 9%	17 11%	2 1%	2 1%	- -	2 1%	27 10%	3 1%	2 1%	7 3%	6 2%	10 5%	10 4%	9 3%	9 3%	11 5%	1 1%	3 3%
Refused	4 *	2 *	2 *	- -	1 1%	1 *	- -	1 1%	1 1%	1 *	1 *	2 1%	1 *	2 1%	- -	1 *	- -	3 1%	1 *	- -	- -
Don't know	101 10%	28 6%	73 14%	23 19%	18 11%	26 13%	14 8%	7 5%	14 6%	41 15%	40 11%	20 6%	17 6%	38 13%	21 10%	25 10%	28 11%	29 11%	27 11%	12 9%	6 6%
<u>I would vote for the Liberal Democrats in a General Election if they were led by Chris Huhne</u>																					
Agree	120 12%	67 14%	52 10%	16 14%	18 11%	31 16%	18 10%	18 12%	18 9%	35 12%	49 13%	36 10%	34 13%	33 11%	32 15%	22 9%	48 18%	29 11%	24 10%	12 8%	6 7%
Disagre	539 53%	271 56%	268 51%	49 41%	70 44%	103 52%	88 51%	96 64%	132 63%	120 43%	191 52%	228 63%	141 54%	149 51%	102 48%	147 60%	129 49%	137 52%	136 55%	88 62%	48 54%
Never heard of	65 6%	30 6%	35 7%	16 13%	18 11%	7 4%	8 5%	7 5%	8 4%	34 12%	16 4%	15 4%	16 6%	17 6%	14 7%	18 7%	11 4%	17 7%	20 8%	12 9%	4 4%
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Don't know	270 27%	111 23%	159 30%	38 32%	50 31%	56 28%	54 31%	27 18%	45 21%	89 32%	109 29%	72 20%	67 26%	88 30%	60 28%	54 22%	71 27%	77 29%	64 26%	29 21%	29 32%

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Disagre	531 53%	276 57%	255 48%	50 42%	74 46%	104 52%	84 50%	91 61%	127 61%	124 44%	188 51%	218 61%	146 55%	139 48%	102 48%	143 59%	132 50%	137 52%	129 52%	84 59%	49 55%
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