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SUMMARY OF MAIN FINDINGS

Q1 Some people have been discussing recently what kinds of protests are justifiable in a democracy. For each of the following I read out please say whether you think they were definitely justified, perhaps justified, perhaps not justified or definitely not justified?

1. Countryside Alliance and Pro hunting demonstrations

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Definitely justified	29%	30%	31%	16%	29%
Perhaps justified	35%	35%	38%	40%	27%
Perhaps not justified	14%	13%	15%	21%	16%
Definitely not justified	16%	16%	12%	15%	19%
Don't know	5%	5%	3%	8%	9%

2. The destruction of genetically modified (GM) crops in government approved trials

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Definitely justified	25%	25%	27%	21%	26%
Perhaps justified	34%	34%	36%	40%	30%
Perhaps not justified	19%	19%	18%	18%	14%
Definitely not justified	13%	13%	10%	12%	12%
Don't know	9%	8%	8%	9%	17%

3. Petrol blockades by road hauliers and farmers

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Definitely justified	36%	36%	37%	33%	41%
Perhaps justified	35%	34%	38%	43%	31%
Perhaps not justified	14%	14%	17%	11%	13%
Definitely not justified	13%	13%	7%	11%	10%
Don't know	3%	3%	1%	1%	5%

4. Demonstrations against the war in Iraq

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Definitely justified	43%	43%	45%	43%	45%
Perhaps justified	35%	35%	37%	41%	28%
Perhaps not justified	10%	10%	10%	11%	13%
Definitely not justified	9%	9%	8%	4%	10%
Don't know	3%	3%	1%	2%	4%

5. Pensioners refusing to pay their Council Tax bills

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Definitely justified	46%	46%	45%	46%	42%
Perhaps justified	36%	36%	40%	37%	35%
Perhaps not justified	9%	9%	9%	12%	13%
Definitely not justified	6%	6%	4%	2%	6%
Don't know	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%

6. Peaceful demonstrations outside the premises of companies that use animal testing for medical research

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Definitely justified	39%	39%	40%	31%	43%
Perhaps justified	37%	36%	40%	51%	34%
Perhaps not justified	13%	13%	12%	10%	12%
Definitely not justified	8%	9%	6%	6%	9%
Don't know	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%

7. Fathers disrupting traffic in protest against being denied access to their children

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Definitely justified	27%	27%	29%	20%	29%
Perhaps justified	39%	38%	36%	47%	37%
Perhaps not justified	18%	18%	21%	21%	18%
Definitely not justified	12%	12%	12%	7%	11%
Don't know	5%	5%	2%	5%	5%

8. People protesting against the activities of the British National Party

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Definitely justified	32%	31%	27%	38%	33%
Perhaps justified	30%	30%	34%	31%	27%
Perhaps not justified	16%	16%	20%	11%	15%
Definitely not justified	11%	12%	11%	8%	8%
Don't know	11%	10%	8%	11%	17%

Q2 Generally speaking, do you strongly agree or disagree with the following statements?

1. If governments don't listen, peaceful protest, blockades and demonstrations are a legitimate way of expressing people's concerns

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Strongly agree	48%	49%	51%	40%	46%
Tend to agree	42%	41%	42%	50%	38%
Tend to disagree	5%	5%	4%	4%	7%
Strongly disagree	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Don't know	3%	3%	2%	4%	6%

2. In a parliamentary democracy, governments should not change policies in response to protests, blockades or demonstrations

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Strongly agree	10%	10%	16%	9%	7%
Tend to agree	28%	28%	25%	25%	26%
Tend to disagree	36%	36%	31%	40%	35%
Strongly disagree	17%	17%	21%	13%	18%
Don't know	9%	9%	6%	12%	13%

3. Britain needs a written constitution, providing clear legal rules within which government ministers and civil servants are forced to operate

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Strongly agree	37%	37%	33%	31%	38%
Tend to agree	43%	43%	46%	51%	33%
Tend to disagree	7%	8%	8%	5%	8%
Strongly disagree	3%	3%	3%	1%	4%
Don't know	10%	9%	10%	12%	18%

Q3 Last year's marches against the war in Iraq were very large. How much influence do you think the protests should have had on government policy?

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
A great deal	23%	25%	21%	14%	19%
A fair amount	32%	34%	35%	21%	29%
A little	21%	20%	16%	32%	20%
None at all	23%	21%	27%	32%	31%
Don't know	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%

Q4 I am going to read out a number of policies and proposals, and I would like you to tell me whether you agree or disagree with each?

1. A referendum should be held on changing the system we use to elect MPs

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Agree strongly	24%	25%	20%	18%	24%
Agree slightly	29%	30%	36%	27%	25%
Neither agree nor disagree	27%	26%	27%	34%	27%
Disagree slightly	12%	11%	11%	18%	14%
Disagree strongly	7%	7%	6%	2%	10%
Don't know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

2. This country should adopt a new voting system that would give parties seats in Parliament in proportion to their share of votes

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Agree strongly	29%	30%	27%	19%	32%
Agree slightly	34%	34%	36%	29%	26%
Neither agree nor disagree	22%	21%	25%	32%	22%
Disagree slightly	10%	9%	7%	16%	12%
Disagree strongly	5%	5%	5%	4%	7%
Don't know	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%

3. The present system of voting is the only way the country can get strong one-party governments who will get things done

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Agree strongly	14%	15%	18%	13%	11%
Agree slightly	25%	26%	23%	27%	20%
Neither agree nor disagree	32%	31%	30%	36%	32%
Disagree slightly	20%	20%	21%	18%	25%
Disagree strongly	8%	8%	8%	7%	11%
Don't know	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%

4. Elections for local authorities should use a new voting system that would give parties seats on local councils in proportion to their share of the vote

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Agree strongly	28%	29%	25%	19%	25%
Agree slightly	34%	34%	37%	33%	28%
Neither agree nor disagree	27%	26%	29%	31%	26%
Disagree slightly	8%	7%	6%	15%	15%
Disagree strongly	3%	3%	3%	2%	6%
Don't know	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%

5. Local councils and their communities should be given the power to choose the electoral system for local elections in their area.

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Agree strongly	23%	24%	20%	15%	15%
Agree slightly	28%	29%	32%	23%	29%
Neither agree nor disagree	25%	25%	28%	33%	25%
Disagree slightly	13%	11%	11%	22%	17%
Disagree strongly	10%	11%	9%	8%	14%
Don't know	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%

Q5 Which of the following two alternatives do you agree with most

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
As now the Prime Minister should retain the power to decide whether or not to commit Britain to war or other military action	16%	15%	13%	24%	18%
The Prime Minister should be bound by law to seek approval from Parliament before committing Britain to war or other military action	83%	84%	86%	75%	82%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%

Q6 I would now like you ask some questions about a Bill of Rights, which some other people have been talking about. On this card is a list of rights that they have said should be included in a Bill of Rights. I'd like you to go through the list and tell me, which, if any, you yourself think should be INCLUDED in a Bill of Rights.

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Right to hospital treatment on the NHS within a reasonable time	93%	92%	91%	97%	95%
Right to a fair trial before a jury	93%	93%	90%	95%	92%
Right to privacy in your phone, mail and e-mail communications	85%	84%	77%	87%	82%
Right to know what information government departments hold about you	84%	84%	79%	88%	80%
Right of free assembly for peaceful meetings and demonstrations	78%	78%	75%	80%	76%
Right to join a legal strike without losing your job	77%	75%	69%	88%	80%
Right of a woman to have an abortion	76%	76%	70%	78%	72%
Right of British subjects to equal treatment on entering and leaving the UK, irrespective of colour or race	71%	70%	62%	78%	70%
Right of those who are homeless to be housed	62%	61%	56%	79%	62%

Q7 Political parties have a variety of different roles. Please say whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about political parties.

1. They give ordinary voters the opportunity to choose between different sets of policies for Britain

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Agree	71%	71%	75%	77%	66%
Disagree	19%	19%	15%	15%	19%
Don't know	10%	10%	11%	8%	15%

2. They represent important strands of public opinion both in government and opposition

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Agree	64%	65%	63%	67%	58%
Disagree	22%	22%	24%	19%	20%
Don't know	14%	13%	13%	14%	22%

3. They provide vehicles for party activists seeking to be elected to public office

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Agree	51%	51%	50%	59%	45%
Disagree	26%	28%	26%	16%	25%
Don't know	22%	22%	24%	26%	30%

Q8 With the decline in membership of the main political parties, parties are now relying more on funding from other sources, such as businesses, trade unions and wealthy individuals to help them play their part in the political process. I am now going to read out a number of statements that people have made about the funding of political parties. For each one please say whether you agree/disagree strongly or tend to agree/disagree.

1. Funding parties by voluntary donations is unfair because there is a risk that wealthy individuals, businesses and trade unions can buy influence over parties

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Agree strongly	37%	37%	28%	36%	40%
Agree slightly	36%	36%	41%	36%	29%
Disagree slightly	12%	12%	17%	15%	10%
Disagree strongly	6%	6%	6%	2%	10%
Don't know	9%	9%	8%	11%	11%

2. Political parties with significant public support should be provided with public funds to reduce their dependency on donations from wealthy individuals, businesses and trade unions.

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Agree strongly	25%	25%	21%	23%	20%
Agree slightly	37%	38%	41%	30%	31%
Disagree slightly	16%	16%	18%	15%	15%
Disagree strongly	11%	10%	6%	16%	16%
Don't know	12%	12%	13%	16%	17%

3. There should be limits on how much people can donate to political parties

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Agree strongly	41%	41%	33%	43%	45%
Agree slightly	33%	33%	36%	35%	28%
Disagree slightly	9%	10%	14%	6%	8%
Disagree strongly	6%	6%	5%	2%	5%
Don't know	11%	10%	13%	15%	14%

Q9 Thinking now about your government region, which of the following options do you think is the best way of deciding how to generate new jobs, develop major road and public transport, and other similar issues?

	Total
Government ministers in Whitehall should decide, taking into account the needs of the country as a whole	13%
An elected assembly for this region should decide	37%
Government officials meeting at regional level should decide	16%
Appointed business and local government representatives from this region should decide	22%
Don't know	12%

	England
Government ministers in Whitehall should decide, taking into account the needs of the country as a whole	14%
An elected assembly for this region should decide	34%
Government officials meeting at regional level should decide	16%
Appointed business and local government representatives from this region should decide	24%
Don't know	13%

	North East
Government ministers in Whitehall should decide, taking into account the needs of the country as a whole	10%
An elected assembly for this region should decide	40%
Government officials meeting at regional level should decide	23%
Appointed business and local government representatives from this region should decide	23%
Don't know	5%

	North West
Government ministers in Whitehall should decide, taking into account the needs of the country as a whole	7%
An elected assembly for this region should decide	39%
Government officials meeting at regional level should decide	16%
Appointed business and local government representatives from this region should decide	27%
Don't know	12%

	Yorkshire & Humberside
Government ministers in Whitehall should decide, taking into account the needs of the country as a whole	14%
An elected assembly for this region should decide	33%
Government officials meeting at regional level should decide	19%
Appointed business and local government representatives from this region should decide	21%
Don't know	14%

	West Midlands
Government ministers in Whitehall should decide, taking into account the needs of the country as a whole	17%
An elected assembly for this region should decide	28%
Government officials meeting at regional level should decide	12%
Appointed business and local government representatives from this region should decide	33%
Don't know	11%

	East Midlands
Government ministers in Whitehall should decide, taking into account the needs of the country as a whole	22%
An elected assembly for this region should decide	22%
Government officials meeting at regional level should decide	15%
Appointed business and local government representatives from this region should decide	29%
Don't know	13%

	Eastern
Government ministers in Whitehall should decide, taking into account the needs of the country as a whole	7%
An elected assembly for this region should decide	35%
Government officials meeting at regional level should decide	14%
Appointed business and local government representatives from this region should decide	32%
Don't know	12%

	South East
Government ministers in Whitehall should decide, taking into account the needs of the country as a whole	11%
An elected assembly for this region should decide	45%
Government officials meeting at regional level should decide	24%
Appointed business and local government representatives from this region should decide	13%
Don't know	7%

	South West
Government ministers in Whitehall should decide, taking into account the needs of the country as a whole	16%
An elected assembly for this region should decide	34%
Government officials meeting at regional level should decide	8%
Appointed business and local government representatives from this region should decide	38%
Don't know	5%

Q9 Thinking now about London, which of the following options do you think is the best way of deciding how to generate new jobs, develop major road and public transport, and other similar issues?

	London
Give more power to the London Mayor and Greater London Assembly	30%
Keep the power of government ministers, Whitehall, and the London Mayor and Greater London Assembly as they are now	35%
Increase the power of government ministers and Whitehall	12%
Don't know	23%

Q9 Thinking now about Scotland, which of the following options do you think is the best way of deciding how to run health, education and other services, how to generate new jobs, develop major road public transport, and other similar issues?

	Scotland
Give more power to the Scottish Parliament and executive	66%
Keep the powers of government ministers, Whitehall and the Scottish Parliament and executive as they are now	21%
Increase the powers of government ministers and Whitehall	2%
Don't know	10%

Q9 Thinking now about Wales, which of the following options do you think is the best way of deciding how to run health, education and other services, how to generate new jobs, develop major road public transport, and other similar issues?

	Wales
Give more power to the Welsh National Assembly and executive	49%
Keep the powers of government ministers, Whitehall and the Welsh Assembly and executive as they are now	29%
Increase the powers of government ministers and Whitehall	14%
Don't know	8%

Q10 I am now going to read out a number of policies and proposals, and I would like you to tell me whether you agree or disagree with each. Do you agree/disagree strongly or tend to agree/disagree?

1. Imprisoning foreign terrorist suspects indefinitely without charging them

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Agree strongly	33%	33%	40%	32%	31%
Tend to agree	31%	32%	38%	27%	25%
Tend to disagree	19%	19%	13%	20%	19%
Disagree strongly	12%	11%	6%	12%	15%
Don't know	5%	5%	4%	8%	10%

2. Requiring everyone resident in the UK to possess an identity card containing biometric information

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Agree strongly	38%	39%	33%	26%	36%
Tend to agree	34%	34%	38%	30%	29%
Tend to disagree	14%	14%	16%	19%	14%
Disagree strongly	10%	9%	8%	15%	15%
Don't know	5%	4%	5%	10%	6%

3. Lowering the standard of proof required for conviction in terrorism cases

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Agree strongly	19%	20%	23%	18%	15%
Tend to agree	27%	28%	31%	25%	21%
Tend to disagree	23%	22%	18%	27%	26%
Disagree strongly	22%	22%	20%	18%	25%
Don't know	8%	8%	8%	12%	13%

4. Allowing British terror suspects to be tried at least partly in secret and prevented from hearing some of the evidence against them

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Agree strongly	13%	14%	14%	11%	8%
Tend to agree	23%	23%	26%	20%	23%
Tend to disagree	28%	28%	26%	29%	25%
Disagree strongly	27%	26%	24%	29%	35%
Don't know	9%	9%	10%	11%	10%

5. Allowing suspects to be convicted on the evidence of 'electronic eavesdropping' of telephone calls and e-mails

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Agree strongly	28%	29%	33%	22%	22%
Tend to agree	36%	36%	33%	44%	31%
Tend to disagree	17%	17%	14%	13%	22%
Disagree strongly	12%	12%	14%	10%	13%
Don't know	7%	7%	6%	11%	12%

Q11 Which of these statements best describes your opinion on the present system of governing Britain?

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
It works extremely well and could not be improved	3%	4%	7%	1%	2%
It could be improved in small ways but mainly works well	31%	31%	30%	33%	29%
It could be improved quite a lot	41%	41%	38%	46%	40%
It needs a great deal of improvement	22%	22%	21%	20%	25%
Don't know	3%	3%	4%	0%	4%

Q12 The government is currently thinking about who should sit in the House of Lords. Which of the following options do you think the government should choose?

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
A wholly elected second chamber	28%	28%	35%	27%	27%
A mixture of elected and appointed members, with more than half of them elected	39%	39%	33%	31%	38%
A mixture with a third of the members elected and two thirds appointed	12%	12%	10%	14%	11%
Don't know	22%	21%	22%	28%	24%

Q13 Out of the following situations, which do you think would give a reformed House of Lords most right to block government legislation?

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
If the reformed House of Lords were wholly elected	32%	33%	38%	29%	31%
If it were mostly elected, with a minority of appointed members	31%	31%	28%	26%	31%
If it was mostly appointed, with a minority of elected members	11%	11%	10%	16%	10%
Don't know	26%	25%	24%	30%	29%

Q14 In terms of what you consider to be important in a democracy, do you think Britain is?

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Very democratic	16%	16%	21%	16%	13%
Fairly democratic	56%	56%	51%	60%	58%
Not very democratic	19%	19%	18%	19%	17%
Not at all democratic	4%	4%	4%	3%	6%
Don't know	5%	5%	7%	3%	7%

Q15 Do you think this country is getting more or less democratic?

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
More democratic	24%	24%	28%	28%	26%
Less democratic	55%	57%	54%	47%	48%
Don't know	20%	20%	17%	24%	26%

Q16a In order that ordinary people are represented on boards that control things like the police or health policies, some people have suggested that people could be selected at random from the electoral register and invited to serve on the boards of NHS Foundation Hospitals and local police authorities. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Good idea	66%	66%	69%	74%	66%
Bad idea	33%	33%	30%	26%	33%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%

Q16b If you were invited to serve on any such board do you think you would accept or decline the offer?

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Would accept	56%	56%	56%	49%	52%
Would decline	43%	42%	43%	50%	47%
Don't know	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%

Q17a Others have suggested people are selected at random from the electoral register and invited to serve on boards like those that decide on the safety of drugs or health and safety at work. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Good idea	61%	60%	64%	72%	61%
Bad idea	38%	39%	34%	28%	38%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%

Q17b If you were invited to serve on such a board do you think you would accept or decline the offer?

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Would accept	50%	50%	51%	47%	45%
Would decline	49%	48%	48%	53%	53%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%

Q18 In Britain how much power would you say each of the following groups SHOULD have over government policies?

1. Ordinary voters

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
A great deal	56%	56%	54%	60%	51%
A fair amount	34%	34%	32%	30%	42%
A little	7%	7%	9%	6%	7%
None at all	2%	2%	4%	3%	1%
Don't know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

2. The media

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
A great deal	7%	7%	11%	4%	6%
A fair amount	24%	24%	35%	26%	22%
A little	38%	37%	34%	44%	38%
None at all	31%	32%	20%	27%	33%
Don't know	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%

3. Large companies

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
A great deal	7%	7%	13%	5%	4%
A fair amount	28%	29%	37%	23%	24%
A little	35%	34%	28%	44%	41%
None at all	29%	29%	22%	28%	31%
Don't know	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%

4. Parliament

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
A great deal	45%	44%	52%	49%	47%
A fair amount	44%	44%	37%	41%	41%
A little	8%	8%	7%	7%	9%
None at all	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%
Don't know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Q19 In Britain how much power would you say each of the following groups DO have over government policies?

1. Ordinary voters

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
A great deal	6%	5%	6%	11%	4%
A fair amount	27%	27%	37%	24%	23%
A little	49%	49%	42%	45%	54%
None at all	18%	18%	15%	20%	20%
Don't know	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%

2. The media

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
A great deal	30%	30%	23%	32%	28%
A fair amount	49%	50%	55%	46%	54%
A little	16%	15%	17%	19%	15%
None at all	4%	4%	5%	3%	4%
Don't know	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%

3. Large companies

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
A great deal	31%	30%	27%	36%	29%
A fair amount	48%	48%	50%	48%	51%
A little	15%	16%	17%	13%	15%
None at all	4%	5%	6%	2%	5%
Don't know	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%

4. Parliament

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
A great deal	61%	62%	67%	53%	62%
A fair amount	32%	31%	25%	42%	31%
A little	5%	5%	5%	4%	6%
None at all	1%	2%	3%	0%	2%
Don't know	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%

Q20 Do you think it is in Britain's political and economic interests to be closer...?

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
To the United States	14%	14%	17%	13%	16%
To the European Union	25%	26%	30%	16%	19%
To both equally	50%	50%	45%	56%	48%
Don't know	11%	10%	8%	15%	17%

Q21 Turning now to Britain's policy on asylum for refugees, for each of the following types of people, do you think we should usually allow entry into the UK, usually refuse entry or judge each case on its merits?

1. People who want to escape poverty in their own country

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Usually allow entry	10%	11%	16%	4%	7%
Usually refuse entry	39%	38%	46%	53%	38%
Judge each case on its merits	48%	49%	34%	40%	50%
Don't know	3%	3%	3%	3%	5%

2. People who have a well founded fear of death or torture in their own country

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Usually allow entry	34%	34%	31%	33%	33%
Usually refuse entry	18%	18%	33%	17%	12%
Judge each case on its merits	46%	46%	33%	45%	52%
Don't know	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%

3. People who have skills that are in short supply here in Britain

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Usually allow entry	32%	33%	28%	22%	39%
Usually refuse entry	21%	22%	34%	16%	20%
Judge each case on its merits	44%	43%	35%	53%	36%
Don't know	3%	3%	3%	9%	5%

4. People who are fleeing civil war or armed invasion in their own country

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Usually allow entry	24%	25%	28%	15%	22%
Usually refuse entry	25%	25%	34%	30%	21%
Judge each case on its merits	48%	48%	35%	50%	51%
Don't know	3%	3%	3%	5%	6%

5. People who have suffered political repression or persecution in their own country

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Usually allow entry	22%	23%	25%	20%	22%
Usually refuse entry	24%	25%	32%	24%	19%
Judge each case on its merits	50%	50%	40%	51%	57%
Don't know	3%	3%	3%	5%	3%

6. People who are fleeing from genocide or ethnic cleansing

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Usually allow entry	35%	35%	33%	38%	40%
Usually refuse entry	18%	19%	33%	14%	15%
Judge each case on its merits	43%	44%	31%	42%	40%
Don't know	3%	3%	4%	6%	5%

Q22 I would like you to think about the political parties, and for you to tell me, in turn, how much you like or dislike them AT PRESENT.

1. Conservative

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
LIKE A LOT 7	4%	5%	7%	4%	3%
6	9%	10%	14%	6%	5%
5	11%	11%	12%	8%	8%
4	30%	31%	31%	25%	22%
3	11%	11%	13%	13%	16%
2	15%	14%	10%	24%	18%
DISLIKE A LOT 1	18%	17%	12%	21%	27%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%

2. Labour

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
LIKE A LOT 7	6%	5%	9%	13%	7%
6	14%	13%	11%	23%	15%
5	12%	12%	12%	11%	17%
4	25%	26%	30%	21%	22%
3	13%	14%	12%	12%	12%
2	14%	15%	10%	10%	9%
DISLIKE A LOT 1	15%	15%	14%	9%	18%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%

3. Liberal Democrat

		Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
LIKE A LOT	7	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
	6	9%	10%	10%	6%	7%
	5	13%	13%	15%	15%	13%
	4	38%	38%	38%	42%	30%
	3	17%	17%	16%	17%	16%
	2	10%	9%	7%	12%	13%
DISLIKE A LOT	1	10%	10%	11%	5%	16%
Don't know		2%	2%	1%	2%	2%

4. Green Party

		Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
LIKE A LOT	7	3%	3%	2%	1%	2%
	6	8%	9%	5%	4%	3%
	5	10%	10%	11%	8%	11%
	4	36%	36%	40%	37%	29%
	3	19%	19%	19%	25%	17%
	2	11%	11%	10%	13%	17%
DISLIKE A LOT	1	11%	11%	11%	10%	19%
Don't know		2%	2%	2%	1%	2%

5. British National Party

		Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
LIKE A LOT	7	2%	2%	4%	0%	1%
	6	2%	3%	6%	1%	2%
	5	3%	3%	6%	2%	3%
	4	18%	19%	18%	12%	16%
	3	9%	9%	11%	7%	5%
	2	16%	15%	19%	26%	18%
DISLIKE A LOT	1	47%	46%	35%	50%	54%
Don't know		2%	2%	2%	2%	2%

6. Plaid Cymru

		Wales
LIKE A LOT	7	10%
	6	13%
	5	14%
	4	21%
	3	13%
	2	13%
DISLIKE A LOT	1	15%
Don't know		2%

7. SNP

	Scotland
LIKE A LOT 7	9%
6	17%
5	19%
4	30%
3	12%
2	5%
DISLIKE A LOT 1	7%
Don't know	1%

Q23 For each political party please tell me which of the following statements is true.

1. Conservative

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
I might vote for them	51%	53%	48%	41%	34%
I could never vote for them	45%	42%	45%	57%	63%
Neither of them	4%	5%	6%	2%	3%

2. Labour

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
I might vote for them	57%	55%	47%	72%	65%
I could never vote for them	38%	40%	46%	25%	32%
Neither of them	5%	5%	7%	3%	3%

3. Liberal Democrat

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
I might vote for them	58%	59%	50%	54%	55%
I could never vote for them	37%	36%	45%	43%	41%
Neither of them	5%	5%	5%	3%	4%

4. Green Party

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
I might vote for them	45%	46%	35%	42%	37%
I could never vote for them	50%	49%	58%	54%	58%
Neither of them	5%	5%	7%	3%	5%

5. British National Party

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
I might vote for them	18%	20%	24%	7%	11%
I could never vote for them	76%	74%	68%	88%	85%
Neither of them	6%	6%	9%	5%	4%

6. Plaid Cymru

	Wales
I might vote for them	58%
I could never vote for them	39%
Neither of them	4%

7. SNP

	Scotland
I might vote for them	73%
I could never vote for them	25%
Neither of them	2%

Q24 Finally, could I ask you which political party you feel you most closely identify yourself with?

	Total	England	London	Scotland	Wales
Conservative	23%	24%	26%	12%	11%
Labour	33%	32%	26%	41%	44%
Liberal Democrat	15%	16%	17%	7%	13%
SNP	2%	0%	0%	23%	0%
Plaid Cymru	1%	0%	0%	0%	15%
British National Party	3%	3%	5%	1%	1%
UK Independence Party	5%	5%	5%	1%	2%
Green Party	5%	6%	5%	3%	2%
Other party	2%	2%	5%	1%	0%
Refused	11%	11%	9%	12%	11%

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