

Voting Systems Survey

CATI Fieldwork : 11th-13th February 2011

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Table 1
Q.1 Do you agree or disagree with these statements?
Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	1002	477	525	72	172	173	185	164	236	376	194	155	277	267	259	248	139	89
Weighted base	1002	491	511	120	160	191	170	150	210	270	291	210	230	255	264	251	145	87
<u>The system of electing MPs to the House of Commons needs major overhauling</u>																		
Agree	651	313	338	70	95	135	120	111	120	171	184	151	145	165	170	161	92	62
	65%	64%	66%	58%	60%	71%	70%	74%	57%	63%	63%	72%	63%	65%	64%	64%	64%	72%
Disagree	254	149	105	40	39	30	41	30	74	76	74	45	60	63	68	68	38	18
	25%	30%	21%	33%	25%	16%	24%	20%	35%	28%	25%	21%	26%	25%	26%	27%	26%	20%
Don't know	97	29	68	10	25	25	10	9	17	23	33	15	26	27	26	23	14	7
	10%	6%	13%	9%	16%	13%	6%	6%	8%	9%	11%	7%	11%	11%	10%	9%	10%	8%
<u>It is a waste of time and money holding a referendum on changing the system of electing MPs to the House of Commons when there are so many other pressing needs in the country</u>																		
Agree	634	314	320	79	96	106	111	101	140	151	182	142	159	149	179	165	87	54
	63%	64%	63%	66%	60%	56%	65%	67%	67%	56%	63%	67%	69%	58%	68%	65%	61%	62%
Disagree	323	160	162	38	56	73	54	41	61	111	97	57	58	94	79	74	48	28
	32%	33%	32%	32%	35%	38%	32%	27%	29%	41%	33%	27%	25%	37%	30%	29%	33%	32%
Don't know	45	16	29	3	8	11	5	8	9	9	11	12	13	12	6	13	9	5
	5%	3%	6%	2%	5%	6%	3%	5%	4%	3%	4%	6%	6%	5%	2%	5%	6%	6%
<u>Having coalition governments elected more frequently would be good for Britain</u>																		
Agree	378	169	209	52	73	63	60	53	75	99	112	73	94	105	105	80	58	30
	38%	34%	41%	44%	46%	33%	35%	35%	36%	37%	39%	35%	41%	41%	40%	32%	40%	35%
Disagree	509	276	233	58	64	96	91	84	116	139	150	107	113	128	127	139	71	43
	51%	56%	46%	48%	40%	50%	53%	56%	55%	51%	52%	51%	49%	50%	48%	55%	49%	50%
Don't know	115	46	69	10	23	31	19	12	19	33	28	31	23	22	32	33	15	13
	11%	9%	13%	8%	15%	16%	11%	8%	9%	12%	10%	15%	10%	8%	12%	13%	11%	15%



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<u>In voting systems where people rank their choice of candidate, a person's first choice should always count more than another person's 2nd, 3rd or lower choice</u>																		
Agree	810 81%	387 79%	423 83%	93 77%	129 80%	164 86%	135 79%	130 86%	160 76%	222 82%	233 80%	170 81%	184 80%	204 80%	206 78%	199 79%	127 88%	74 85%
Disagree	138 14%	84 17%	53 10%	25 21%	22 14%	21 11%	22 13%	14 9%	33 16%	36 13%	40 14%	29 14%	33 14%	34 13%	41 16%	37 15%	13 9%	12 14%
Don't know	54 5%	19 4%	35 7%	3 2%	10 6%	5 3%	13 7%	7 4%	18 8%	12 5%	17 6%	11 5%	13 6%	17 7%	17 7%	15 6%	4 3%	* 1%



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Table 2

Q.2 Do you want the United Kingdom to adopt the 'alternative vote' system instead of the current 'first past the post' system for electing Members of Parliament to the House of Commons?

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Yes	413 41%	201 41%	212 41%	51 43%	71 44%	91 48%	79 47%	58 39%	62 30%	119 44%	120 41%	85 40%	89 39%	99 39%	112 42%	105 42%	57 40%	40 46%
No	408 41%	229 47%	178 35%	53 44%	50 31%	58 31%	61 36%	65 43%	119 57%	106 39%	124 43%	75 36%	103 45%	109 43%	102 39%	99 40%	63 44%	33 38%
Don't know	182 18%	61 12%	121 24%	16 13%	39 24%	41 21%	30 18%	27 18%	29 14%	45 17%	46 16%	51 24%	39 17%	47 18%	50 19%	47 19%	24 17%	14 16%

