COMMUNICATERESEARCH PARLIAMENTARY PANEL

<u>IDENTITY CARDS</u>

Q. In principle would you support or oppose a proposal to introduce compulsory or voluntary identity cards for all UK citizens?

	All	*Lab*	*Con*	*Other*
	%	*%*	*%*	*%*
Support compulsory ID cards	48	61	38	8
Support voluntary ID cards	28	21	46	26
Oppose both	18	13	8	61
No opinion	6	6	8	4

Q. Whether or not you support their introduction, how effective or otherwise do you think ID cards would be in:

	Very effective	*Fairly effective*	*Fairly ineffective*	*Very ineffective*	*No opinion*
	%	*%*	*%*	*%*	*%*
Preventing crime generally	8	46	29	17	1
Deterring illegal immigrants	21	43	23	12	1
Reducing benefit fraud	38	39	14	8	1

<u>Base: all MPs</u>

	Very effective	*Fairly effective*	*Fairly ineffective*	*Very ineffective*	*No opinion*
	%	*%*	*%*	*%*	*%*
Preventing crime generally	11	56	22	11	0
Deterring illegal immigrants	28	44	22	6	0
Reducing benefit fraud	47	33	13	6	1

<u>Base: Labour MPs</u>

	Very effective	Fairly effective	Fairly ineffective	Very ineffective	No opinion
	%	%	%	%	%
Preventing crime generally	3	43	43	11	0
Deterring illegal immigrants	14	56	19	11	0
Reducing benefit fraud	27	57	11	5	0

Base: Conservative MPs

Methodology
The survey was conducted between 9ᵗʰ and 27ᵗʰ February 2004 among 201 MPs on the CommunicateResearch Parliamentary Panel (106 Labour, 63 Conservative and 32 from the smaller parties). Data were weighted to reflect the distribution of parties in the House of Commons. Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

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