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oting Intention									
		Gender				Ag	e		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Conservative	251	138	113	23	30	46	39	47	66
	25%	28%	21%	19%	18%	23%	23%	31%	33%
Labour	158	90	68	19	19	29	27	26	38
	16%	18%	13%	16%	12%	14%	16%	17%	19%
Liberal Democrat	136	72	64	15	22	21	27	20	31
	13%	15%	12%	12%	13%	10%	16%	13%	16%
SNP	25	9	15	1	5	6	4	6	2
	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	3%	2%	4%	1%
Plaid Cymru	6	3	3	0	0	5	1	0	0
	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%
UKIP	25	15	11	0	1	6	3	6	8
	2%	3%	2%	0%	1%	3%	2%	4%	4%
Green	21	7	14	8	2	2	3	4	2
	2%	1%	3%	6%	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%
BNP	17	11	5	4	0	3	3	4	2
	2%	2%	1%	4%	0%	2%	2%	2%	1%
Another party	11	6	5	0	8	0	1	1	1
	1%	1%	1%	0%	5%	0%	1%	1%	0%
Don't know	240	92	148	40	32	53	48	28	40
	24%	19%	28%	32%	19%	26%	28%	18%	20%
Won't vote	128	45	83	13	47	32	15	9	12
	13%	9%	16%	11%	28%	16%	9%	6%	6%

oting Intention										
		Socio-Econo	mic Group				Reg	gion		
	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East (inc London)	Midlands	North	South West	Scotland	Wales
Conservative	92	67	51	42	84	88	51	11	10	7
	35%	23%	24%	17%	32%	33%	20%	15%	11%	11%
Labour	36	46	36	42	36	32	45	15	12	18
	13%	15%	17%	17%	14%	12%	18%	20%	14%	27%
Liberal Democrat	46	41	20	28	31	37	29	23	7	9
	18%	14%	10%	12%	12%	14%	11%	31%	7%	13%
SNP	7	7	8	3	0	0	0	0	25	0
	3%	2%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	27%	0%
Plaid Cymru	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%
UKIP	1	6	11	7	9	12	3	0	0	2
	0%	2%	5%	3%	3%	4%	1%	0%	0%	2%
Green	9	7	2	4	5	3	7	2	2	2
	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%	3%
BNP	6	1	3	7	2	4	9	1	0	0
	2%	0%	1%	3%	1%	2%	4%	2%	0%	0%
Another party	2	0	5	3	5	1	0	0	2	3
	1%	0%	3%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	2%	4%

50

40

19%

15%

66

25%

26

10%

Don't know

Won't vote

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17%

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8%

85

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12%

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17%

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16%

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30%

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14%

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26%

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11%

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9%

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26%

45

18%

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#### Voting Intention (Won't Vote Excluded)

		Gender				Ag	e		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Conservative	251	138	113	23	30	46	39	47	66
	28%	31%	25%	21%	25%	27%	25%	33%	35%
Labour	158	90	68	19	19	29	27	26	38
	18%	20%	15%	17%	16%	17%	17%	18%	20%
Liberal Democrat	136	72	64	15	22	21	27	20	31
	15%	16%	14%	13%	18%	12%	17%	14%	17%
SNP	25	9	15	1	5	6	4	6	2
	3%	2%	3%	1%	4%	4%	3%	4%	1%
Plaid Cymru	6	3	3	0	0	5	1	0	0
	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%
UKIP	25	15	11	0	1	6	3	6	8
	3%	3%	2%	0%	1%	4%	2%	4%	4%
Green	21	7	14	8	2	2	3	4	2
	2%	2%	3%	7%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%
BNP	17	11	5	4	0	3	3	4	2
	2%	3%	1%	4%	0%	2%	2%	3%	1%
Another party	11	6	5	0	8	0	1	1	1
	1%	1%	1%	0%	6%	0%	1%	1%	0%
Don't know	240	92	148	40	32	53	48	28	40
	27%	21%	33%	36%	27%	31%	30%	20%	21%

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	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East (inc London)	Midlands	North	South West	Scotland	Wales
Conservative	92	67	51	42	84	88	51	11	10	7
	38%	26%	29%	20%	35%	39%	24%	17%	12%	11%
Labour	36	46	36	42	36	32	45	15	12	18
	15%	18%	20%	20%	15%	14%	22%	22%	15%	27%
Liberal Democrat	46	41	20	28	31	37	29	23	7	9
	19%	16%	11%	13%	13%	16%	14%	34%	8%	13%
SNP	7	7	8	3	0	0	0	0	25	0
	3%	3%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	31%	0%
Plaid Cymru	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%
UKIP	1	6	11	7	9	12	3	0	0	2
	0%	2%	6%	3%	4%	5%	1%	0%	0%	2%
Green	9	7	2	4	5	3	7	2	2	2
	4%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%	3%
BNP	6	1	3	7	2	4	9	1	0	0
	2%	0%	2%	3%	1%	2%	4%	2%	0%	0%
Another party	2	0	5	3	5	1	0	0	2	3
	1%	0%	3%	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%	3%	4%
Don't know	45	85	37	73	66	50	66	15	23	20
	19%	33%	21%	35%	28%	22%	31%	22%	29%	30%

#### Voting Intention (Don't Know and Won't Vote Excluded)

		Gender			Age					
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
Conservative	251	138	113	23	30	46	39	47	66	
	39%	39%	38%	33%	35%	39%	36%	41%	44%	
Labour	158	90	68	19	19	29	27	26	38	
	24%	26%	23%	27%	22%	24%	25%	23%	25%	
Liberal Democrat	136	72	64	15	22	21	27	20	31	
	21%	21%	21%	21%	25%	17%	25%	17%	21%	
SNP	25	9	15	1	5	6	4	6	2	
	4%	3%	5%	2%	6%	5%	4%	5%	1%	
Plaid Cymru	6	3	3	0	0	5	1	0	0	
	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	4%	1%	0%	0%	
UKIP	25	15	11	0	1	6	3	6	8	
	4%	4%	4%	0%	2%	5%	3%	6%	5%	
Green	21	7	14	8	2	2	3	4	2	
	3%	2%	5%	11%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	
BNP	17	11	5	4	0	3	3	4	2	
	3%	3%	2%	6%	0%	3%	3%	3%	1%	
Another party	11	6	5	0	8	0	1	1	1	
	2%	2%	2%	0%	9%	0%	1%	1%	1%	

#### Voting Intention (Don't Know and Won't Vote Excluded)

		Socio-Econor	nic Group				Reg	gion		
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Conservative	92	67	51	42	84	88	51	11	10	7
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	18%	26%	25%	30%	21%	18%	31%	28%	22%	38%
Liberal Democrat	46	41	20	28	31	37	29	23	7	9
	23%	24%	14%	21%	18%	21%	20%	44%	11%	18%
SNP	7	7	8	3	0	0	0	0	25	0
	4%	4%	6%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	43%	0%
Plaid Cymru	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
	0%	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	14%
UKIP	1	6	11	7	9	12	3	0	0	2
	1%	3%	8%	5%	5%	7%	2%	0%	0%	4%
Green	9	7	2	4	5	3	7	2	2	2
	4%	4%	1%	3%	3%	2%	5%	4%	3%	4%
BNP	6	1	3	7	2	4	9	1	0	0
	3%	0%	2%	5%	1%	3%	6%	2%	0%	0%
Another party	2	0	5	3	5	1	0	0	2	3
	1%	0%	4%	3%	3%	0%	0%	0%	4%	6%

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If this were to happen, which of the following would be in Britain's best interests?

		Gender				Ag	e		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
The party with most votes working together with other parties in a coalition government to deal with	663	295	368	74	88	144	115	106	136
the country's urgent economic problems	64%	60%	69%	60%	54%	70%	66%	69%	66%
Having a second general election in the hope that this would produce a	366	199	167	49	77	62	60	48	70
clear majority for one or other party so that they could then form a government to tackle the country's urgent economic problems	36%	40%	31%	40%	46%	30%	34%	31%	34%

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		Socio-Econor	nic Group				Reg	ion		
	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East (inc London)	Midlands	North	South West	Scotland	Wales
The party with most votes working together with other parties in a coalition government to deal with	164	203	134	163	162	164	166	56	63	53
the country's urgent economic problems	61%	68%	62%	66%	61%	61%	64%	73%	68%	78%
Having a second general election in the hope that this would produce a clear majority for one or	104	95	82	84	105	104	91	20	30	15
other party so that they could then form a government to tackle the country's urgent economic problems	39%	32%	38%	34%	39%	39%	36%	27%	32%	22%

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			Liberal			
	Conservative	Labour	Democrats	Others	Don't know	Won't vote
The party with most votes working together with other parties in a coalition government to deal with	103	106	115	74	169	90
the country's urgent economic problems	41%	67%	85%	71%	70%	70%
Having a second general election in the hope that this would produce a clear majority for one or	149	53	21	31	71	38
other party so that they could then form a government to tackle the country's urgent economic problems	59%	33%	15%	29%	30%	30%

If the election results in a hung Parliament with no party having an overall majority in the House of Commons, what do you think would be the best way for the parties to work together in this situation?

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	Total	Male	Female
They should formally agree a common policy in all areas	454	201	252
	44%	41%	47%
They should formally agree a common policy in key areas such as the economy but accept differences in other areas	432	210	222
the economy but decept differences in other dreas	42%	43%	41%
They should informally agree to work together in areas they agree,	143	83	61
but not on areas where they have differences	14%	17%	11%

If the election results in a hung Parliament with no party having an overall majority in the House of Commons, what do you think would be the best way for the parties to work together in this situation?

Age

	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
They should formally agree a common policy in all areas	53	72	99	80	68	81
	43%	43%	48%	46%	44%	40%
They should formally agree a common policy in key areas such as the economy but accept differences in other areas	50	80	69	71	69	94
the economy but accept differences in other areas	40%	48%	33%	41%	45%	45%
They should informally agree to work together in areas they agree,	20	14	38	23	17	31
but not on areas where they have differences	16%	8%	19%	13%	11%	15%

If the election results in a hung Parliament with no party having an overall majority in the House of Commons, what do you think would be the best way for the parties to work together in this situation?

#### Socio-Economic Group

	AB	C1	C2	DE
They should formally agree a common policy in all areas	95	117	102	140
	36%	39%	47%	57%
They should formally agree a common policy in key areas such as the economy but accept differences in other areas	130	133	89	80
the economy but decept differences in other areas	49%	44%	41%	32%
They should informally agree to work together in areas they agree,	43	49	25	27
but not on areas where they have differences	16%	16%	12%	11%

If the election results in a hung Parliament with no party having an overall majority in the House of Commons, what do you think would be the best way for the parties to work together in this situation?

	South East (inc London)	Midlands	North	South West	Scotland	Wales
They should formally agree a common policy in all areas	120	112	125	32	36	29
	45%	42%	49%	42%	38%	42%
They should formally agree a common policy in key areas such as the economy but accept differences in other areas	101	126	97	33	47	28
the conomy but accept annerences in other areas	38%	47%	38%	43%	51%	41%
They should informally agree to work together in areas they agree,	46	30	35	11	10	11
but not on areas where they have differences	17%	11%	14%	15%	11%	17%

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Voting Intention

			Liberal			
	Conservative	Labour	Democrats	Others	Don't know	Won't vote
They should formally agree a common policy in all areas	87	63	46	49	128	75
	35%	40%	34%	47%	53%	58%
They should formally agree a common policy in key areas such as the economy but accept differences in other areas	123	69	69	40	85	43
the contonly but accept unreferrees in other areas	49%	44%	51%	38%	35%	33%
They should informally agree to work together in areas they agree,	42	26	20	16	27	11
but not on areas where they have differences	17%	16%	15%	15%	11%	9%

And, still thinking about the situation after the election if there is a hung Parliament with no party having an overall majority in the House of Commons, which of the following would be in Britain's best interests?

		Gender				Ag	je		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
For all the parties to agree that there shouldn't be another election for 4 years and to	609	299	311	61	87	121	114	98	128
resolve to work together on the country's urgent problems	59%	60%	58%	50%	53%	59%	65%	64%	62%
For another general election to be held fairly soon in the hope that one or other party would win an overall majority and be	420	195	224	62	78	85	61	56	78
able to form a government on its own	41%	40%	42%	50%	47%	41%	35%	36%	38%

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		Socio-Econo	mic Group				Reg	jion		
	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East (inc London)	Midlands	North	South West	Scotland	Wales
For all the parties to agree that there shouldn't be another election for 4 years and to resolve to work together on the	154	179 60%	122 57%	153 62%	152 57%	156 58%	152 59%	51 67%	58 62%	40
country's urgent problems For another general election to be held fairly soon in the hope	114	119	94	94	115	112	105	25	35	28
that one or other party would win an overall majority and be able to form a government on its own	42%	40%	43%	38%	43%	42%	41%	33%	38%	41%

And, still thinking about the situation after the election if there is a hung Parliament with no party having an overall majority in the House of Commons, which of the following would be in Britain's best interests?

#### Voting Intention

			Liberal			
	Conservative	Labour	Democrats	Others	Don't know	Won't vote
For all the parties to agree that there shouldn't be another election for 4 years and to	112	90	110	65	155	71
resolve to work together on the country's urgent problems	45%	57%	81%	62%	65%	55%
For another general election to be held fairly soon in the hope that one or other party would	139	69	26	39	85	57
win an overall majority and be able to form a government on its own	55%	43%	19%	38%	35%	45%

And, if the election results in a hung Parliament, which of the following situations would be worst for Britain, in terms of political instability making it harder to deal with Britain's urgent problems?

		Gender				Ag	e		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	<b>65</b> +
A government being formed by different parties co-operating and trying to agree on policies to take Britain forward	448 44%	216 44%	233 43%	62 50%	78 47%	82 40%	75 43%	63 41%	89 43%
A second general election in the hope that	581	278	302	61	87	124	100	91	117
this would produce a clear majority for one or other party	56%	56%	57%	50%	53%	60%	57%	59%	57%

And, if the election results in a hung Parliament, which of the following situations would be worst for Britain, in terms of political instability making it harder to deal with Britain's urgent problems?

	Socio-Econor	nic Group				Reg	ion		
AB	C1	C2	DE	South East (inc London)	Midlands	North	South West	Scotland	Wales
95 35%	133 45%	112 52%	109 44%	120 45%	118	111 43%	30 39%	37 40%	33 48%
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Voting Intention

			Liberal			
	Conservative	Labour	Democrats	Others	Don't know	Won't vote
A government being formed by different parties co-operating and trying to agree on	133	73	38	36	100	61
policies to take Britain forward	53%	46%	28%	34%	42%	48%
A second general election in the hope that this would produce a	118	85	98	69	140	66
clear majority for one or other party	47%	54%	72%	66%	58%	52%

#### Would you be likely to vote for the Liberal Democrats if you thought that they...

			Gender				Ag	e		
		Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Would get a majority in the	Yes	278	154	124	34	32	45	55	44	68
House of Commons?		27%	32%	24%	27%	20%	22%	31%	29%	34%
	No	408	214	194	40	54	65	80	73	95
		40%	44%	37%	33%	34%	32%	46%	49%	47%
	Don't know	326	119	207	49	72	92	41	33	39
		32%	24%	39%	40%	45%	46%	23%	22%	19%
Would hold the balance of	Yes	292	161	131	41	47	49	53	42	61
power in the House of		29%	33%	25%	33%	29%	24%	31%	28%	30%
Commons?	No	400	216	184	38	45	64	79	71	103
		39%	44%	35%	31%	28%	31%	46%	47%	51%
	Don't know	324	112	212	45	71	92	41	37	38
		32%	23%	40%	36%	43%	45%	24%	25%	19%
Would win only a few seats	Yes	181	100	82	23	39	29	33	20	38
in the House of Commons?		18%	21%	16%	19%	24%	14%	19%	14%	19%
	No	496	268	228	55	50	88	95	88	120
		49%	55%	44%	44%	32%	43%	55%	60%	60%
	Don't know	328	115	213	45	70	86	46	39	42
		33%	24%	41%	37%	44%	43%	26%	26%	21%

#### Would you be likely to vote for the Liberal Democrats if you thought that they...

		Socio-Economic Group					Region					
		AB	C1	C2	DE	South East (inc London)	Midlands	North	South West	Scotland	Wales	
Would get a majority in the	Yes	84	85	55	54	67	79	65	29	19	19	
House of Commons?		32%	29%	26%	22%	26%	30%	26%	40%	20%	29%	
	No	125	118	92	73	114	101	102	23	45	23	
		47%	40%	44%	30%	43%	38%	40%	31%	48%	34%	
	Don't know	57	89	64	116	81	83	87	21	29	25	
		21%	31%	30%	48%	31%	32%	34%	29%	31%	37%	
Would hold the balance of	Yes	88	88	55	61	67	81	72	32	18	21	
power in the House of		34%	30%	26%	25%	26%	31%	28%	45%	19%	32%	
Commons?	No	119	122	91	68	112	95	106	22	45	20	
		45%	41%	43%	28%	43%	36%	41%	30%	49%	29%	
	Don't know	55	85	67	116	83	89	78	18	29	27	
		21%	29%	32%	47%	32%	34%	30%	25%	32%	39%	
Would win only a few seats	Yes	62	50	31	37	41	46	43	22	12	18	
in the House of Commons?		24%	17%	15%	15%	16%	18%	17%	30%	13%	26%	
	No	146	145	113	91	138	124	123	29	52	28	
		56%	50%	54%	37%	53%	48%	49%	41%	57%	42%	
	Don't know	54	93	66	115	79	90	87	21	28	22	
		21%	32%	31%	47%	31%	35%	34%	30%	31%	32%	

#### Would you be likely to vote for the Liberal Democrats if you thought that they...

#### Voting Intention

				Liberal			
		Conservative	Labour	Democrats	Others	Don't know	Won't vote
Would get a majority in the	Yes	48	34	122	15	39	20
House of Commons?		19%	21%	90%	15%	16%	16%
	No	160	87	1	59	52	43
		64%	56%	1%	57%	22%	36%
	Don't know	43	36	12	30	147	57
		17%	23%	9%	29%	62%	48%
Would hold the balance of	Yes	45	41	120	23	41	21
power in the House of		18%	26%	90%	22%	17%	17%
Commons?	No	161	79	4	49	54	48
		65%	50%	3%	47%	23%	38%
	Don't know	42	38	10	32	143	55
		17%	24%	8%	31%	60%	44%
Would win only a few seats	Yes	27	20	100	10	19	4
in the House of Commons?		11%	13%	75%	10%	8%	4%
	No	182	103	16	63	74	50
		74%	66%	12%	62%	31%	41%
	Don't know	37	32	17	29	144	66
		15%	21%	13%	28%	61%	55%

Putting aside your own party preference, do you think it would be better for Britain if the result of the general election was...?

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	Total	Male	Female
The Labour Party got a clear majority on its own	189	105	84
	18%	21%	16%
The Conservative Party got a clear majority on its own	269	156	113
	26%	31%	21%
There was a hung parliament, with the government having to work	283	128	155
with smaller parties such as the Liberal Democrats	27%	26%	29%
Other	57	29	28
	6%	6%	5%
Don't know	232	76	156
	23%	15%	29%

Putting aside your own party preference, do you think it would be better for Britain if the result of the general election was...?

Age

	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
The Labour Party got a clear majority on its own	27	36	28	35	27	35
	22%	22%	14%	20%	17%	17%
The Conservative Party got a clear majority on its own	19	38	41	42	52	77
	16%	23%	20%	24%	34%	37%
There was a hung parliament, with the government having to work	30	24	66	53	46	64
with smaller parties such as the Liberal Democrats	24%	15%	32%	30%	30%	31%
Other	10	2	13	13	12	8
	8%	1%	6%	7%	8%	4%
Don't know	37	64	58	32	18	22
	30%	39%	28%	18%	12%	11%

#### Putting aside your own party preference, do you think it would be better for Britain if the result of the general election was...?

Socio-Economic Group

	AB	C1	C2	DE
The Labour Party got a clear majority on its own	42	52	48	47
	16%	17%	22%	19%
The Conservative Party got a clear majority on its own	97	72	57	43
	36%	24%	26%	17%
There was a hung parliament, with the government having to work	80	83	54	66
with smaller parties such as the Liberal Democrats	30%	28%	25%	27%
Other	14	14	7	21
	5%	5%	3%	8%
Don't know	35	77	50	70
	13%	26%	23%	28%

Putting aside your own party preference, do you think it would be better for Britain if the result of the general election was...?

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	South East (inc London)	Midlands	North	South West	Scotland	Wales
The Labour Party got a clear majority on its own	34	40	50	17	24	23
	13%	15%	20%	23%	26%	34%
The Conservative Party got a clear majority on its own	91	90	50	19	13	6
	34%	33%	19%	25%	14%	9%
There was a hung parliament, with the government having to work	60	74	68	24	32	26
with smaller parties such as the Liberal Democrats	22%	28%	26%	31%	35%	38%
Other	15	11	16	4	5	5
	6%	4%	6%	6%	6%	7%
Don't know	66	53	73	12	19	9
	25%	20%	28%	16%	20%	13%

#### Putting aside your own party preference, do you think it would be better for Britain if the result of the general election was...?

Voting Intention

		Liberal			
Conservative	Labour	Democrats	Others	Don't know	Won't vote
2	119	15	17	23	13
1%	75%	11%	16%	9%	10%
214	3	12	14	13	10
85%	2%	9%	13%	5%	8%
25	23	85	46	72	29
10%	14%	63%	44%	30%	23%
1	2	12	14	21	7
0%	1%	9%	14%	9%	5%
11	12	11	15	113	70
4%	8%	8%	14%	47%	55%
	2 1% 214 85% 25 10% 1 0%	2 119 1% 75% 214 3 85% 2% 25 23 10% 14% 1 2 0% 1% 11 12	Conservative         Labour         Democrats           2         119         15           1%         75%         11%           214         3         12           85%         2%         9%           25         23         85           10%         14%         63%           1         2         12           0%         1%         9%           11         12         11	Conservative         Labour         Democrats         Others           2         119         15         17           1%         75%         11%         16%           214         3         12         14           85%         2%         9%         13%           25         23         85         46           10%         14%         63%         44%           1         2         12         14           0%         1%         9%         14%           11         12         11         15	Conservative         Labour         Democrats         Others         Don't know           2         119         15         17         23           1%         75%         11%         16%         9%           214         3         12         14         13           85%         2%         9%         13%         5%           25         23         85         46         72           10%         14%         63%         44%         30%           1         2         12         14         21           0%         1%         9%         14%         9%           11         12         11         15         113

If either Labour or the Conservatives had to work with other parties in order to form a government after the next election, how happy would you be for them to involve each of the following parties?

Gender Age Male Total Female 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65 +Liberal Democrats Very happy 63 287 143 144 24 46 61 47 46 28% 29% 27% 20% 28% 31% 28% 30% 31% Fairly happy 522 228 294 71 74 114 89 74 99 51% 47% 56% 58% 46% 57% 52% 48% 48% Fairly unhappy 141 81 60 21 28 23 21 23 26 14% 17% 11% 17% 17% 11% 12% 15% 13% Very unhappy 63 38 7 2 14 10 17 26 14 8% 5% 8% 6% 5% 9% 1% 8% 6% Scottish National Very happy 108 55 53 8 19 16 28 21 16 Partv 11% 10% 14% 9% 11% 6% 10% 12% 11% Fairly happy 376 160 216 44 69 103 60 41 59 37% 33% 41% 36% 43% 51% 35% 27% 29% Fairly unhappy 307 150 158 49 53 49 38 55 63 30% 31% 33% 31% 30% 40% 24% 22% 36% Very unhappy 223 123 100 23 24 22 51 40 62 22% 25% 19% 19% 15% 11% 30% 26% 31% **Ulster Unionists** Very happy 40 6 15 63 23 15 4 12 11 6% 8% 4% 5% 9% 2% 7% 7% 7% Fairly happy 285 51 52 54 134 151 38 58 32 28% 27% 29% 31% 32% 28% 31% 21% 27% Fairly unhappy 361 167 194 50 52 86 52 56 64 36% 34% 37% 32% 31% 37% 31% 41% 42% Very unhappy 304 148 156 29 44 55 53 53 70 30% 30% 30% 23% 27% 27% 31% 35% 34% Plaid Cymru Very happy 95 46 48 8 17 18 17 14 22 9% 10% 9% 6% 11% 8% 10% 9% 11% Fairly happy 386 173 213 40 59 98 62 49 77 38% 36% 40% 37% 38% 33% 47% 37% 32% Fairly unhappy 310 148 162 51 43 58 55 54 48 31% 31% 27% 32% 35% 24% 31% 42% 28% Very unhappy 223 118 104 41 36 35 54 24 33 22% 24% 20% 19% 26% 16% 21% 23% 27%

If either Labour or the Conservatives had to work with other parties in order to form a government after the next election, how happy would you be for them to involve each of the following parties?

Gender Age Male 45-54 Total 65+ Female 18-24 25-34 35-44 55-64 UK Independence Very happy 82 150 68 10 29 25 28 30 30 Party (UKIP) 15% 17% 13% 8% 18% 12% 16% 19% 15% Fairly happy 386 156 229 40 61 96 72 48 69 38% 32% 44% 33% 38% 47% 42% 32% 35% Fairly unhappy 249 121 128 40 44 44 35 40 45 25% 24% 23% 25% 33% 27% 22% 21% 27% Very unhappy 224 124 28 55 100 32 39 36 34 22% 26% 19% 27% 17% 19% 21% 22% 28% Green Party Very happy 236 101 36 33 37 34 31 135 65 23% 21% 26% 29% 21% 22% 22% 15% 32% Fairly happy 517 250 267 67 92 113 85 62 99 51% 51% 51% 54% 57% 55% 50% 41% 49% Fairly unhappy 154 79 75 14 21 15 29 33 41 15% 16% 14% 12% 13% 8% 17% 21% 20% Very unhappy 56 106 50 6 16 11 19 23 31 10% 12% 9% 5% 10% 5% 11% 15% 15% **British National** Very happy 80 48 32 10 21 14 10 12 14 Party (BNP) 8% 10% 6% 8% 13% 6% 8% 9% 5% Fairly happy 191 84 23 50 36 17 27 107 38 19% 17% 20% 19% 31% 18% 21% 11% 13% Fairly unhappy 169 84 84 20 20 40 29 23 37 17% 17% 16% 16% 12% 19% 17% 15% 18% Very unhappy 571 268 303 70 71 115 91 98 126 56% 55% 58% 57% 44% 56% 53% 65% 63%

If either Labour or the Conservatives had to work with other parties in order to form a government after the next election, how happy would you be for them to involve each of the following parties?

Socio-Economic Group Region South East ΑB C1 C2 DE (inc London) Midlands North South West Scotland Wales Liberal Democrats Very happy 85 88 50 64 71 78 68 28 20 22 32% 30% 23% 27% 27% 30% 27% 37% 22% 34% Fairly happy 120 152 119 131 127 141 135 36 53 31 45% 52% 56% 54% 48% 53% 53% 47% 58% 47% Fairly unhappy 45 40 23 34 49 17 41 11 12 12 17% 14% 11% 14% 19% 6% 16% 15% 13% 18% Very unhappy 17 5 14 20 12 17 29 11 1 1 6% 5% 9% 5% 6% 11% 4% 1% 6% 1% Scottish National Very happy 29 26 31 21 19 7 40 5 21 16 Partv 9% 7% 9% 8% 11% 15% 9% 8% 6% 44% Fairly happy 89 105 66 116 84 104 97 35 28 28 33% 36% 31% 48% 32% 39% 38% 46% 31% 43% Fairly unhappy 81 99 60 67 86 86 85 14 13 24 30% 34% 29% 28% 33% 32% 33% 18% 15% 36% Very unhappy 67 64 53 38 72 59 55 20 9 9 25% 22% 25% 16% 27% 22% 21% 26% 10% 13% **Ulster Unionists** Very happy 15 7 17 11 22 13 12 22 4 4 6% 4% 10% 5% 5% 8% 6% 5% 8% 6% Fairly happy 75 87 59 71 23 50 72 71 36 25 28% 30% 24% 30% 22% 27% 28% 31% 40% 38% Fairly unhappy 90 112 63 97 114 93 92 29 18 15 33% 38% 30% 40% 43% 35% 36% 39% 20% 23% Very unhappy 86 84 74 60 77 79 78 18 30 22 32% 29% 35% 25% 30% 30% 30% 25% 33% 33% Plaid Cymru Very happy 23 27 23 23 19 25 14 5 18 14 8% 9% 11% 9% 7% 10% 5% 7% 15% 26% Fairly happy 99 115 66 105 84 97 97 33 41 33 39% 32% 43% 38% 44% 49% 37% 32% 37% 46% Fairly unhappy 87 93 58 71 104 73 84 22 17 10 33% 28% 29% 40% 33% 29% 19% 15% 32% 28% Very unhappy 57 59 61 45 67 61 6 55 16 18 22% 20% 29% 18% 21% 26% 24% 21% 20% 9%

If either Labour or the Conservatives had to work with other parties in order to form a government after the next election, how happy would you be for them to involve each of the following parties?

Socio-Economic Group Region South East DE AB C1 C2 (inc London) Midlands North South West Scotland Wales UK Independence Very happy 31 37 50 43 31 36 46 10 Party (UKIP) 12% 13% 25% 13% 14% 18% 17% 11% 12% 11% Fairly happy 87 104 71 123 96 99 101 28 40 22 33% 35% 35% 51% 37% 38% 40% 37% 45% 33% Fairly unhappy 72 81 43 53 72 69 61 19 17 12 22% 19% 27% 28% 21% 28% 26% 24% 25% 18% Very unhappy 76 72 41 58 48 49 22 25 35 21 24% 28% 20% 14% 22% 18% 19% 28% 25% 38% Green Party Very happy 60 63 60 61 70 49 26 54 20 11 21% 26% 25% 19% 27% 28% 22% 23% 27% 16% Fairly happy 134 148 102 133 124 128 136 39 47 43 50% 51% 48% 55% 47% 49% 53% 53% 52% 65% Fairly unhappy 39 55 30 29 41 37 47 12 10 6 15% 19% 18% 17% 9% 14% 12% 16% 14% 11% Very unhappy 7 35 26 24 20 37 28 24 3 8 13% 9% 12% 8% 14% 11% 9% 4% 9% 10% **British National** Very happy 17 12 23 27 2 28 11 26 9 4 Party (BNP) 6% 4% 11% 11% 4% 10% 11% 3% 11% 6% Fairly happy 38 52 44 48 10 38 63 49 24 16 14% 18% 18% 26% 17% 19% 19% 13% 27% 25% Fairly unhappy 37 52 38 41 55 39 45 13 12 5 14% 18% 18% 17% 21% 15% 18% 17% 14% 7% Very unhappy 174 178 107 112 153 149 134 51 44 41 65% 61% 52% 46% 58% 57% 53% 67% 49% 63%

If either Labour or the Conservatives had to work with other parties in order to form a government after the next election, how happy would you be for them to involve each of the following parties?

#### **Voting Intention**

				Liberal			
		Conservative	Labour	Democrats	Others	Don't know	Won't vote
Liberal Democrats	Very happy	48	46	103	20	48	21
		19%	30%	76%	19%	20%	17%
	Fairly happy	128	81	29	48	159	71
		51%	53%	21%	46%	67%	58%
	Fairly unhappy	49	18	2	29	22	20
		19%	12%	1%	28%	9%	16%
	Very unhappy	26	7	2	7	8	11
		10%	5%	1%	7%	4%	9%
Scottish National	Very happy	15	14	16	28	30	4
Party		6%	9%	12%	27%	13%	3%
	Fairly happy	68	63	57	38	93	52
		27%	41%	43%	37%	39%	42%
	Fairly unhappy	83	43	34	23	76	46
		33%	28%	26%	22%	32%	38%
	Very unhappy	85	34	26	14	40	21
		34%	22%	19%	14%	17%	17%
Ulster Unionists	Very happy	21	10	10	7	14	0
		9%	7%	7%	7%	6%	0%
	Fairly happy	68	38	42	24	79	32
		27%	24%	32%	23%	33%	26%
	Fairly unhappy	74	52	45	42	91	52
		30%	33%	34%	41%	38%	43%
	Very unhappy	88	55	35	29	53	39
		35%	36%	27%	28%	22%	32%
Plaid Cymru	Very happy	12	11	16	18	32	5
		5%	7%	12%	17%	13%	4%
	Fairly happy	78	64	64	37	101	40
		31%	41%	48%	36%	43%	33%
	Fairly unhappy	84	49	33	26	71	42
		33%	32%	25%	25%	30%	35%
	Very unhappy	78	31	21	23	33	34
		31%	20%	16%	22%	14%	28%

If either Labour or the Conservatives had to work with other parties in order to form a government after the next election, how happy would you be for them to involve each of the following parties?

Voting Intention

				Liberal			
		Conservative	Labour	Democrats	Others	Don't know	Won't vote
UK Independence	Very happy	46	13	12	39	25	14
Party (UKIP)		19%	8%	9%	38%	11%	12%
	Fairly happy	96	46	43	26	116	56
		38%	30%	32%	25%	49%	46%
	Fairly unhappy	53	50	42	22	57	23
		21%	32%	32%	21%	24%	19%
	Very unhappy	56	46	36	16	39	28
		22%	30%	27%	15%	17%	23%
Green Party	Very happy	42	32	44	43	45	29
		17%	21%	33%	42%	19%	24%
	Fairly happy	110	82	69	48	141	65
		44%	52%	52%	46%	59%	52%
	Fairly unhappy	55	24	12	7	35	18
		22%	15%	9%	7%	15%	14%
	Very unhappy	44	18	7	5	17	12
		18%	11%	5%	5%	7%	10%
<b>British National</b>	Very happy	15	12	5	24	12	13
Party (BNP)		6%	8%	3%	23%	5%	10%
	Fairly happy	40	19	14	22	60	34
		16%	12%	10%	21%	25%	28%
	Fairly unhappy	49	17	24	10	47	19
		19%	11%	18%	10%	20%	16%
	Very unhappy	147	107	91	46	118	56
		59%	69%	68%	45%	50%	46%

During the election campaign there will be three leaders' debates on TV. Do you think the party leaders should be asked in the course of those debates to make clear whether, in the event of a hung parliament, they would prefer to work together with other parties to form a government, or to try to form a minority government composed only of members of their own party?

		Gender			Age					
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
Yes	753	373	380	81	103	152	130	121	165	
	73%	76%	71%	66%	62%	74%	75%	79%	80%	
No	109	59	50	9	20	16	23	17	24	
	11%	12%	9%	7%	12%	8%	13%	11%	12%	
Don't know	168	62	106	33	42	38	21	16	16	
	16%	13%	20%	27%	26%	19%	12%	11%	8%	

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		Socio-Econor	nic Group				Reg	jion		
	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East (inc London)	Midlands	North	South West	Scotland	Wales
Yes	207	205	162	178	176	189	193	66	73	56
	77%	69%	75%	72%	66%	71%	75%	87%	78%	83%
No	33	36	23	17	33	40	18	4	9	4
	12%	12%	11%	7%	12%	15%	7%	6%	10%	5%
Don't know	27	57	31	52	58	39	45	6	11	8
	10%	19%	14%	21%	22%	15%	18%	8%	12%	12%

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Voting	Intention

			Liberal			
	Conservative	Labour	Democrats	Others	Don't know	Won't vote
Yes	175	124	112	89	164	79
	70%	78%	82%	86%	68%	62%
No	44	19	9	6	18	13
	17%	12%	7%	6%	8%	10%
Don't know	33	16	15	9	59	36
	13%	10%	11%	8%	24%	28%

And do you think the party leaders should be asked in the course of those debates to make clear whether, if they were Prime Minister after an election which produced a hung parliament, they would be prepared to consider agreeing not to hold an election for a fixed period, or would prefer to retain the right to hold another election at a time of their choosing?

		Gender Age									
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+		
Yes	682	344	338	78	105	122	107	116	154		
	66%	70%	63%	63%	64%	59%	61%	75%	75%		
No	107	66	40	9	13	20	26	18	21		
	10%	13%	8%	7%	8%	10%	15%	12%	10%		
Don't know	240	83	157	36	47	64	42	20	31		
	23%	17%	29%	29%	28%	31%	24%	13%	15%		

And do you think the party leaders should be asked in the course of those debates to make clear whether, if they were Prime Minister after an election which produced a hung parliament, they would be prepared to consider agreeing not to hold an election for a fixed period, or would prefer to retain the right to hold another election at a time of their choosing?

		Socio-Econor	mic Group				Reg	jion		
	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East (inc London)	Midlands	North	South West	Scotland	Wales
Yes	199	196	141	146	164	190	171	55	56	47
	74%	66%	66%	59%	61%	71%	66%	73%	60%	69%
No	35	28	26	18	32	26	25	4	11	8
	13%	10%	12%	7%	12%	10%	10%	5%	12%	12%
Don't know	35	74	49	83	70	53	61	17	26	13
	13%	25%	23%	34%	26%	20%	24%	22%	28%	19%

And do you think the party leaders should be asked in the course of those debates to make clear whether, if they were Prime Minister after an election which produced a hung parliament, they would be prepared to consider agreeing not to hold an election for a fixed period, or would prefer to retain the right to hold another election at a time of their choosing?

Votina	Intention

			Liberal			
	Conservative	Labour	Democrats	Others	Don't know	Won't vote
Yes	175	105	105	74	147	68
	70%	66%	77%	71%	61%	53%
No	32	29	12	12	14	7
	13%	18%	9%	11%	6%	6%
Don't know	44	24	19	18	79	53
	17%	15%	14%	18%	33%	41%

At present the Prime Minister can call an election at a time of his or her choosing, as long as it is held within five years of the last election. Do you think that...

		Gender				Ag	e		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
This arrangement	455	225	229	52	79	84	73	66	101
should continue	44%	46%	43%	42%	48%	41%	42%	43%	49%
Britain should change to a system of fixed	574	269	306	71	86	122	102	88	105
term parliaments	56%	54%	57%	58%	52%	59%	58%	57%	51%

At present the Prime Minister can call an election at a time of his or her choosing, as long as it is held within five years of the last election. Do you think that...

		Socio-Econor	nic Group				Reg	jion		
	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East (inc London)	Midlands	North	South West	Scotland	Wales
This arrangement	126	121	94	113	114	114	126	33	38	30
should continue	47%	41%	44%	46%	43%	43%	49%	44%	41%	45%
Britain should change to a system of fixed	142	177	122	134	153	154	131	43	55	38
term parliaments	53%	59%	56%	54%	57%	57%	51%	56%	59%	55%

At present the Prime Minister can call an election at a time of his or her choosing, as long as it is held within five years of the last election. Do you think that...

#### Voting Intention

			Liberal			
	Conservative	Labour	Democrats	Others	Don't know	Won't vote
This arrangement	113	83	61	34	109	48
should continue	45%	52%	45%	33%	45%	38%
Britain should change to a system of fixed	138	76	75	70	131	80
term parliaments	55%	48%	55%	67%	55%	62%

If Britain were to change to a system of fixed term parliaments, how long do you think a parliament should last between elections?

		Gender				Ag	e		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
1 year	38	12	26	11	13	8	2	0	2
	4%	3%	5%	9%	8%	4%	1%	0%	1%
2 years	115	50	65	11	34	30	16	13	10
	11%	10%	12%	9%	21%	15%	9%	9%	5%
3 years	217	84	133	34	29	42	40	31	42
	21%	17%	25%	28%	17%	21%	23%	20%	20%
4 years	401	206	195	38	52	85	71	66	91
	39%	42%	37%	31%	31%	41%	40%	43%	44%
5 years	224	120	104	28	28	33	39	38	58
	22%	24%	19%	22%	17%	16%	22%	25%	28%
6 years	14	10	4	0	3	4	3	4	1
	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	2%	0%
Longer	20	11	9	1	7	3	5	1	3
	2%	2%	2%	1%	4%	2%	3%	1%	1%

#### If Britain were to change to a system of fixed term parliaments, how long do you think a parliament should last between elections?

		Socio-Econoi	mic Group		Region						
	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East (inc London)	Midlands	North	South West	Scotland	Wales	
1 year	10	5	14	9	11	11	4	2	6	3	
•	4%	2%	6%	4%	4%	4%	2%	3%	6%	5%	
2 years	11	27	28	49	32	24	30	9	10	9	
	4%	9%	13%	20%	12%	9%	12%	12%	11%	14%	
3 years	57	60	39	60	56	58	59	11	18	16	
	21%	20%	18%	24%	21%	22%	23%	14%	19%	23%	
4 years	115	126	79	81	103	106	89	37	37	29	
	43%	42%	36%	33%	39%	39%	35%	49%	40%	42%	
5 years	70	69	51	34	54	67	64	12	19	8	
	26%	23%	24%	14%	20%	25%	25%	15%	21%	12%	
6 years	2	7	1	4	2	1	2	5	2	1	
	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	6%	2%	2%	
Longer	2	3	4	11	8	1	8	0	1	2	
	1%	1%	2%	4%	3%	1%	3%	0%	1%	3%	

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#### Voting Intention

	Liberal					
	Conservative	Labour	Democrats	Others	Don't know	Won't vote
1 year	4	1	2	6	13	11
	2%	1%	2%	6%	5%	9%
2 years	18	14	9	14	41	18
	7%	9%	6%	13%	17%	14%
3 years	47	28	28	21	68	22
	19%	18%	21%	20%	28%	17%
4 years	122	54	58	37	80	47
	48%	34%	43%	36%	33%	37%
5 years	57	53	33	25	32	22
	23%	33%	24%	24%	13%	17%
6 years	2	4	3	1	3	1
	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Longer	2	5	3	0	3	7
	1%	3%	3%	0%	1%	5%