

BBC Daily Politics Show Poll

Fieldwork : May 24th-25th 2006

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<u>Governments can't influence how happy I am</u>																		
Agree	481 48%	234 48%	247 47%	42 37%	93 54%	113 56%	77 45%	65 43%	92 45%	115 45%	135 46%	108 51%	123 49%	123 46%	123 51%	126 51%	67 48%	42 47%
Disagree	505 50%	237 49%	268 51%	64 57%	76 44%	88 43%	93 54%	84 55%	101 50%	135 54%	148 51%	101 48%	120 47%	138 51%	136 51%	117 47%	69 49%	46 51%
Don't know	26 3%	15 3%	11 2%	6 6%	3 2%	2 1%	2 1%	3 2%	10 5%	2 1%	10 3%	4 2%	10 4%	9 3%	5 2%	5 2%	5 4%	1 1%
<u>The country would be happier if there was less of a gap between rich and poor</u>																		
Agree	738 73%	338 70%	400 76%	78 70%	122 71%	142 70%	123 72%	119 79%	152 75%	175 69%	213 72%	147 69%	204 80%	181 67%	201 76%	176 71%	102 72%	78 88%
Disagree	236 23%	123 25%	113 22%	28 26%	43 25%	57 28%	41 24%	28 18%	39 19%	73 29%	70 24%	52 25%	41 16%	73 27%	57 22%	64 26%	34 24%	9 10%
Don't know	38 4%	25 5%	13 3%	5 4%	6 4%	3 2%	8 4%	5 3%	12 6%	5 2%	10 4%	13 6%	9 4%	16 6%	6 2%	9 3%	5 4%	2 2%
<u>If I worked less and spent more time with my family I would be happier</u>																		
Agree	815 82%	382 80%	433 83%	89 83%	144 85%	171 86%	127 75%	131 86%	153 77%	199 80%	241 83%	173 82%	202 81%	210 79%	212 82%	204 83%	111 80%	78 89%
Disagree	146 15%	74 16%	71 14%	16 15%	19 11%	23 12%	36 21%	15 10%	36 18%	43 17%	38 13%	29 14%	36 14%	39 15%	42 16%	33 14%	23 16%	8 9%
Don't know	37 4%	21 4%	16 3%	3 3%	7 4%	4 2%	7 4%	6 4%	11 5%	6 2%	10 3%	9 4%	13 5%	16 6%	6 2%	9 3%	5 4%	2 2%

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<u>We'd all be happier if politicians stopped talking about happiness</u>																		
Agree	650 65%	317 66%	333 64%	67 62%	102 60%	122 62%	112 66%	111 73%	136 68%	154 62%	190 66%	134 64%	173 69%	171 64%	173 67%	156 63%	89 64%	61 70%
Disagree	314 32%	141 30%	173 33%	40 37%	63 37%	70 35%	53 31%	38 25%	52 26%	95 38%	90 31%	60 29%	70 28%	81 30%	81 31%	83 34%	47 34%	23 26%
Don't know	48 5%	27 6%	20 4%	4 4%	8 4%	10 5%	7 4%	3 2%	15 7%	4 2%	14 5%	18 9%	11 4%	18 7%	10 4%	11 4%	5 3%	4 5%

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Sex																			
Male	486 48%	486 100%	-	49 44%	74 43%	97 48%	76 44%	73 48%	116 57%	135 53%	142 48%	98 46%	111 44%	137 51%	119 45%	117 47%	63 45%	50 56%	
Female	526 52%	-	526 100%	62 56%	98 57%	106 52%	96 56%	78 52%	86 43%	118 47%	152 52%	114 54%	142 56%	133 49%	145 55%	132 53%	78 55%	39 44%	
Age																			
18-24	(21) 11%	111 10%	49 12%	62 100%	111 -	-	-	-	-	24 10%	39 13%	24 11%	25 10%	32 12%	33 13%	23 9%	14 10%	9 10%	
25-34	(29.5) 17%	172 15%	74 19%	98 -	172 100%	-	-	-	-	46 18%	68 23%	29 14%	29 12%	55 21%	28 11%	49 20%	24 17%	16 18%	
35-44	(39.5) 20%	202 20%	97 20%	106 20%	-	-	202 100%	-	-	70 28%	56 19%	48 22%	29 11%	52 19%	58 22%	51 21%	24 17%	17 19%	
45-54	(49.5) 17%	172 16%	76 18%	96 -	-	-	172 100%	-	-	44 17%	50 17%	49 23%	30 12%	52 19%	41 16%	37 15%	25 18%	16 18%	
55-64	(59.5) 15%	152 15%	73 15%	78 15%	-	-	-	-	152 100%	36 14%	42 14%	37 17%	37 15%	31 11%	45 17%	41 16%	21 15%	14 16%	
65+	(70) 20%	203 24%	116 24%	86 16%	-	-	-	-	-	203 100%	34 13%	40 14%	26 12%	103 41%	48 18%	58 22%	47 19%	33 24%	17 19%
Average age	46.57	47.98	45.28	21.00	29.50	39.50	49.50	59.50	70.00	44.56	43.42	45.58	53.07	44.89	47.74	46.42	47.83	46.66	

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<u>Social Class</u>																		
AB	253	135	118	24	46	70	44	36	34	253	-	-	-	61	71	51	46	24
	25%	28%	22%	22%	27%	35%	25%	24%	17%	100%	-	-	-	23%	27%	20%	32%	27%
C1	293	142	152	39	68	56	50	42	40	-	293	-	-	73	76	79	46	20
	29%	29%	29%	35%	39%	28%	29%	27%	20%	-	100%	-	-	27%	29%	32%	32%	22%
C2	212	98	114	24	29	48	49	37	26	-	-	212	-	71	52	53	15	22
	21%	20%	22%	21%	17%	24%	28%	24%	13%	-	-	100%	-	26%	20%	21%	10%	24%
DE	253	111	142	25	29	29	30	37	103	-	-	-	253	64	65	66	35	23
	25%	23%	27%	22%	17%	14%	17%	25%	51%	-	-	-	100%	24%	25%	27%	25%	26%
<u>Region</u>																		
North	338	167	171	32	64	68	54	55	64	75	99	75	89	-	-	249	-	89
	33%	34%	32%	29%	37%	34%	31%	36%	32%	30%	34%	35%	35%	-	-	100%	-	100%
Midlands	315	148	168	39	35	67	54	48	72	89	89	61	76	-	264	-	52	-
	31%	30%	32%	35%	21%	33%	31%	32%	36%	35%	30%	29%	30%	-	100%	-	37%	-
South	359	171	188	40	72	67	65	49	67	89	105	77	88	270	-	-	89	-
	35%	35%	36%	36%	42%	33%	38%	32%	33%	35%	36%	36%	35%	100%	-	-	63%	-

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Weighted base	1012	486	526	111	172	202	172	152	203	253	293	212	253	270	264	249	141	89
<u>Working status</u>																		
Full-time	449 44%	271 56%	178 34%	60 54%	104 60%	128 63%	92 53%	57 37%	9 4%	145 58%	145 50%	116 55%	42 17%	121 45%	112 43%	120 48%	56 40%	40 45%
Part-time	113 11%	23 5%	91 17%	11 10%	20 12%	29 14%	29 17%	20 13%	5 3%	28 11%	40 14%	26 12%	20 8%	24 9%	35 13%	28 11%	17 12%	10 11%
Not working but seeking work or temporarily unemployed/sick	57 6%	30 6%	27 5%	8 7%	12 7%	17 9%	15 9%	4 3%	- -	10 4%	16 5%	10 5%	21 8%	18 7%	9 3%	18 7%	5 4%	7 8%
Not working/not seeking work	95 9%	11 2%	84 16%	11 10%	24 14%	22 11%	17 10%	18 12%	2 1%	17 7%	24 8%	24 11%	31 12%	29 11%	24 9%	21 8%	17 12%	5 5%
Retired	254 25%	135 28%	119 23%	3 3%	- -	2 1%	16 9%	52 34%	181 89%	40 16%	54 18%	32 15%	127 50%	59 22%	74 28%	58 23%	42 30%	21 23%
Student	21 2%	6 1%	15 3%	14 13%	5 3%	1 1%	* *	- -	- -	5 2%	10 3%	2 1%	4 1%	9 3%	3 1%	1 *	3 2%	5 5%
Refused	23 2%	10 2%	13 3%	4 4%	7 4%	3 1%	3 2%	1 1%	6 3%	7 3%	4 2%	3 2%	9 3%	10 4%	7 3%	3 1%	1 *	2 2%

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Tenure																		
Own outright	324 32%	178 37%	146 28%	16 15%	20 12%	31 15%	48 28%	74 49%	134 66%	82 32%	93 32%	56 26%	93 37%	70 26%	89 34%	84 34%	52 37%	29 32%
Own with a mortgage	414 41%	183 38%	231 44%	51 46%	94 55%	124 61%	85 49%	47 31%	13 7%	135 54%	130 44%	101 48%	48 19%	106 39%	110 42%	101 41%	60 43%	37 42%
Council	132 13%	56 12%	76 14%	11 10%	19 11%	27 13%	21 12%	21 14%	33 16%	10 4%	22 7%	36 17%	63 25%	40 15%	31 12%	38 15%	9 6%	14 16%
Housing Assoc.	31 3%	14 3%	17 3%	2 2%	8 4%	5 2%	7 4%	2 1%	7 3%	3 1%	7 2%	7 3%	14 6%	14 5%	5 2%	6 2%	3 2%	2 3%
Rented from someone else	67 7%	33 7%	34 6%	20 18%	23 13%	9 5%	6 3%	3 2%	5 3%	14 6%	27 9%	7 3%	18 7%	25 9%	15 6%	8 3%	14 10%	5 5%
Rent free	8 1%	5 1%	3 1%	1 1%	3 2%	1 1%	1 *	1 1%	1 1%	1 *	4 1%	1 *	2 1%	1 *	3 1%	2 1%	2 1%	- -
Refused	36 4%	16 3%	20 4%	8 7%	6 3%	5 3%	5 3%	3 2%	9 4%	7 3%	10 4%	5 2%	14 6%	14 5%	11 4%	9 4%	1 1%	2 2%

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Weighted base	1012	486	526	111	172	202	172	152	203	253	293	212	253	270	264	249	141	89
<u>Number of cars</u>																		
None	204 20%	76 16%	129 24%	24 21%	28 17%	26 13%	30 17%	23 15%	73 36%	22 9%	46 16%	34 16%	103 41%	60 22%	46 17%	53 21%	19 14%	26 29%
1	440 43%	224 46%	216 41%	41 36%	79 46%	82 41%	55 32%	80 53%	104 51%	93 37%	128 44%	106 50%	113 45%	109 40%	115 43%	120 48%	65 46%	31 35%
2	285 28%	137 28%	149 28%	29 26%	57 33%	83 41%	58 34%	37 24%	21 10%	99 39%	100 34%	53 25%	33 13%	74 27%	72 27%	65 26%	49 35%	25 28%
3+	82 8%	49 10%	33 6%	18 16%	7 4%	11 5%	29 17%	12 8%	5 3%	39 15%	19 7%	20 9%	4 2%	26 10%	31 12%	11 4%	7 5%	7 7%

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<u>Internet Access</u>																		
At all	640 63%	317 65%	322 61%	89 80%	135 78%	171 84%	128 74%	76 50%	42 21%	207 82%	206 70%	138 65%	89 35%	177 66%	168 64%	147 59%	95 67%	52 59%
At home (net)	562 56%	269 55%	293 56%	82 73%	109 64%	155 77%	113 65%	63 42%	40 20%	181 72%	179 61%	123 58%	79 31%	151 56%	147 56%	131 53%	89 63%	44 49%
At work (net)	300 30%	163 34%	137 26%	35 31%	82 48%	91 45%	56 33%	34 22%	2 1%	129 51%	104 35%	52 24%	15 6%	83 31%	75 28%	77 31%	37 26%	29 32%
At home	325 32%	143 29%	182 35%	49 44%	49 29%	78 39%	71 41%	40 26%	38 19%	76 30%	94 32%	84 39%	70 28%	88 33%	89 34%	67 27%	57 40%	22 25%
At work	63 6%	37 8%	26 5%	3 2%	22 13%	14 7%	14 8%	10 7%	- -	24 9%	19 7%	13 6%	7 3%	20 7%	17 7%	14 5%	5 3%	7 8%
Both at home and at work	237 23%	126 26%	111 21%	32 29%	60 35%	77 38%	42 24%	24 16%	2 1%	105 42%	85 29%	39 18%	9 3%	63 23%	58 22%	63 25%	32 23%	21 24%
Somewhere else	15 1%	11 2%	3 1%	4 4%	3 2%	2 1%	1 1%	3 2%	2 1%	2 1%	7 2%	3 1%	3 1%	6 2%	4 1%	3 1%	1 1%	1 1%
Not at all	372 37%	168 35%	204 39%	23 20%	37 22%	31 16%	44 26%	76 50%	161 79%	46 18%	88 30%	74 35%	164 65%	92 34%	96 36%	101 41%	46 33%	37 41%

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<u>Marital Status</u>																		
Single	228 23%	127 26%	101 19%	70 63%	48 28%	38 19%	25 14%	19 12%	29 14%	44 17%	82 28%	37 17%	64 25%	67 25%	62 24%	54 22%	25 18%	19 22%
Married/ co-habiting	585 58%	268 55%	317 60%	36 32%	111 64%	135 67%	121 70%	104 68%	78 39%	175 69%	165 56%	143 67%	102 40%	151 56%	153 58%	140 56%	90 64%	51 58%
Widowed/ separated/ divorced	173 17%	79 16%	95 18%	2 1%	9 5%	25 12%	22 13%	27 18%	89 44%	27 11%	39 13%	30 14%	77 30%	40 15%	43 16%	49 20%	25 18%	17 19%
Refused	25 2%	11 2%	14 3%	4 4%	5 3%	4 2%	4 2%	2 1%	7 3%	6 3%	7 2%	2 1%	10 4%	12 4%	6 2%	6 2%	1 *	2 2%
<u>Children</u>																		
None aged 18 or under	673 67%	352 73%	321 61%	94 84%	74 43%	61 30%	114 66%	139 92%	192 95%	146 58%	199 68%	133 62%	196 77%	175 65%	181 69%	163 66%	95 67%	60 67%
NET: Yes	306 30%	116 24%	190 36%	13 11%	94 55%	137 68%	49 29%	11 7%	2 1%	98 39%	88 30%	73 35%	47 18%	80 29%	74 28%	81 33%	44 32%	27 31%
NET: Yes any aged 15 or under	269 27%	102 21%	167 32%	13 11%	93 54%	126 62%	27 15%	8 6%	2 1%	86 34%	76 26%	64 30%	42 17%	70 26%	66 25%	74 30%	35 25%	24 27%
- Aged under 5	118 12%	39 8%	79 15%	11 10%	59 35%	40 20%	1 1%	5 3%	1 1%	40 16%	35 12%	24 11%	19 7%	32 12%	24 9%	34 14%	17 12%	10 12%
- Aged 5-10	131 13%	57 12%	74 14%	2 1%	51 29%	61 30%	14 8%	4 3%	1 *	44 17%	36 12%	30 14%	22 9%	31 12%	36 14%	37 15%	16 11%	11 12%
- Aged 11-15	119 12%	50 10%	69 13%	- -	18 11%	74 37%	22 13%	5 3%	- -	38 15%	37 13%	28 13%	17 7%	28 10%	27 10%	34 14%	19 14%	11 12%
- Aged 16-18	81 8%	29 6%	52 10%	- -	6 3%	37 18%	33 19%	4 3%	- -	24 10%	23 8%	25 12%	8 3%	25 9%	19 7%	17 7%	11 8%	9 10%
Refused	33 3%	17 4%	16 3%	5 4%	4 2%	4 2%	9 5%	2 1%	9 4%	9 3%	7 2%	6 3%	11 4%	15 6%	9 3%	5 2%	2 1%	2 2%