

## BBC Daily Politics Show Poll

### Fieldwork : June 14th-15th 2006

Absolutes/col percents

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**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				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	1012	450	562	92	171	203	164	169	213	303	215	163	331	266	263	253	140	90
Weighted base	1012	486	526	111	172	202	172	152	202	253	293	212	253	270	264	249	141	89
<b><u>We should have compulsory water meters because people would be more careful with water if they had to pay for what they used</u></b>																		
Agree	639 63%	309 64%	330 63%	71 64%	110 64%	128 63%	107 62%	80 53%	143 71%	160 63%	183 62%	129 61%	166 65%	171 63%	173 66%	149 60%	95 67%	52 58%
Disagree	358 35%	170 35%	188 36%	37 33%	61 35%	73 36%	61 36%	71 47%	56 28%	90 36%	103 35%	82 39%	83 33%	93 35%	88 33%	99 40%	46 33%	32 36%
Don't know	15 1%	7 1%	8 2%	4 3%	2 1%	1 *	4 2%	1 1%	4 2%	2 1%	7 3%	1 *	4 2%	6 2%	3 1%	1 *	- -	5 5%
<b><u>The amount that could be saved by people using less water at home is nothing compared to what the water companies waste through leaks.</u></b>																		
Agree	831 82%	390 80%	441 84%	85 76%	144 84%	158 78%	149 86%	130 86%	165 82%	204 81%	245 83%	179 84%	204 80%	216 80%	218 83%	200 80%	121 86%	77 86%
Disagree	157 16%	90 19%	67 13%	25 22%	22 13%	40 20%	20 12%	19 13%	30 15%	43 17%	40 14%	34 16%	40 16%	45 17%	42 16%	43 17%	18 13%	9 10%
Don't know	24 2%	5 1%	18 3%	2 1%	6 3%	4 2%	3 2%	2 1%	7 3%	6 2%	8 3%	- -	9 4%	8 3%	4 2%	6 2%	2 2%	3 3%
<b><u>The water companies should be required to completely fix all the leaks, which they blame for water shortages, before they are allowed to keep any profit</u></b>																		
Agree	899 89%	420 86%	479 91%	96 86%	154 89%	175 86%	149 87%	144 95%	181 90%	224 89%	265 90%	188 89%	222 87%	238 88%	237 90%	217 87%	125 89%	82 93%
Disagree	104 10%	63 13%	40 8%	15 14%	16 9%	27 13%	21 12%	8 5%	17 8%	27 11%	28 10%	21 10%	28 11%	28 10%	26 10%	30 12%	14 10%	6 7%
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<b><u>We would have fewer problems with water supplies if the industry was renationalized and the private water companies were replaced with a government-owned water board</u></b>																		
Agree	566	284	282	63	94	111	108	82	107	125	152	130	159	142	137	148	79	60
	56%	59%	53%	56%	55%	55%	63%	54%	53%	49%	52%	61%	63%	53%	52%	59%	56%	67%
Disagree	385	186	200	43	71	82	55	59	75	111	119	74	81	105	111	85	57	26
	38%	38%	38%	38%	41%	41%	32%	39%	37%	44%	41%	35%	32%	39%	42%	34%	41%	29%
Don't know	61	16	45	6	7	9	9	11	19	17	23	9	13	22	16	16	4	3
	6%	3%	9%	5%	4%	5%	5%	7%	10%	7%	8%	4%	5%	8%	6%	6%	3%	4%