2005-06 British Election Study – One-Year Out (Internet) Questionnaire
(NatCen Version, April 1st 2006)

PAGE 1
BASE: ALL
In which of the following do you live?
East Anglia
East Midlands
Greater London
North
North West
Scotland
South East
South West
Wales
West Midlands
Yorkshire & Humberside

PAGE 2
BASE: ALL
Now, I'd like to ask you a few questions about the issues and problems facing Britain today. As far as you're concerned, what is the SINGLE MOST important issue facing the country at the present time?
[TEXT AREA]

PAGE 3
BASE: ALL
Which party is best able to handle this issue?

There are no important issues	**ROUTEPAGE 5**
None/No Party	**ROUTEPAGE 5**
Labour	**ROUTEPAGE 5**
Conservatives	**ROUTEPAGE 5**
Liberal Democrat	**ROUTEPAGE 5**
Scottish National Party (SNP)	**ROUTEPAGE 5**
Plaid Cymru	**ROUTEPAGE 5**
Green Party	**ROUTEPAGE 5**
United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)	**ROUTEPAGE 5**
British National Party (BNP)	**ROUTEPAGE 5**
Other	**ROUTEPAGE 4**
Don't know	**ROUTEPAGE 5**

PAGE 4
BASE: ALL THOSE WHO ANSWERED OTHER AT PAGE 3
You said you thought an 'other' party is best able to handle this issue. Please say here which party this is:
[TEXT]

ROTATE PAGES 5, 6, 7, AND 8

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 5
BASE: ALL
How well do you think the present government has handled crime in Britain?
Very well

Fairly well
Neither well nor badly
Fairly badly
Very badly
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 6
BASE: ALL
How well do you think the present government has handled the economy in general?
Very well
Fairly well
Neither well nor badly
Fairly badly
Very badly
Don’t know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 7
BASE: ALL
How well do you think the present government has handled the National Health Service?
Very well
Fairly well
Neither well nor badly
Fairly badly
Very badly
Don’t know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 8
BASE: ALL
How well do you think the present government has handled the risk of terrorism in Britain?
Very well
Fairly well
Neither well nor badly
Fairly badly
Very badly
Don’t know

ROTATE PAGES 9, 10, 11, AND 12

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 9
BASE: ALL
How well do you think a Conservative government would handle crime in Britain?
Very well
Fairly well
Neither well nor badly
Fairly badly
Very badly
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 10
BASE: ALL

How well do you think a Conservative government would handle the economy in general?
Very well
Fairly well
Neither well nor badly
Fairly badly
Very badly
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 11
BASE: ALL
How well do you think a Conservative government would handle the National Health Service?
Very well
Fairly well
Neither well nor badly
Fairly badly
Very badly
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 12
BASE: ALL
How well do you think a Conservative government would handle the risk of terrorism in Britain?
Very well
Fairly well
Neither well nor badly
Fairly badly
Very badly
Don't know

PAGE 13
BASE: ALL
Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrat or what?

Labour	**ROUTEPAGE 17**
Conservative	**ROUTEPAGE 17**
Liberal Democrat	**ROUTEPAGE 17**
Scottish National Party (SNP)	**ROUTEPAGE 17**
Plaid Cymru	**ROUTEPAGE 17**
Green Party	**ROUTEPAGE 17**
United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)	**ROUTEPAGE 17**
British National Party (BNP)	**ROUTEPAGE 17**
Other	**ROUTEPAGE 14**
No – None	**ROUTEPAGE 15**
Don't know	**ROUTEPAGE 15**

PAGE 14
BASE: ALL THOSE WHO ANSWERED OTHER AT PAGE 13
You said you generally think of yourself as an 'other' party. Please say here what this is:
TEXT

PAGE 15
BASE: ALL THOSE WHO FAILED TO NAME A PARTY AT PAGE13
Do you generally think of yourself as a little closer to one of the parties than the others? If yes, please tell me which party?

Labour	**ROUTEPAGE 17**

Conservative	ROUTEPAGE 17
Liberal Democrat	ROUTEPAGE 17
Scottish National Party (SNP)	ROUTEPAGE 17
Plaid Cymru	ROUTEPAGE 17
Green Party	ROUTEPAGE 17
United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)	ROUTEPAGE 17
British National Party (BNP)	ROUTEPAGE 17
Other	ROUTEPAGE 16
No – None	ROUTEPAGE 18
Don't know	ROUTEPAGE 18

PAGE 16
BASE: ALL THOSE WHO ANSWERED OTHER AT PAGE 15
You said you generally think of yourself as a little closer to an 'other' party. Please say here which party this is.
TEXT

PAGE 17
BASE: ALL THOSE WHO NAMED A PARTY OR SAID OTHER AT PAGE 13 OR NAMED A PARTY OR SAID OTHER AT PAGE 15
Would you call yourself very strong [POPUP OF PARTY NAMED ON PAGE 13 OR 15 OR 'supporter of this party' FOR THOSE WHO ANSWERED OTHER AT PAGE 13 OR 15], fairly strong, or not very strong?
Very strongly
Fairly strongly
Not very strongly
Don't know

ROTATE PAGES 18, 19, 20, 21, AND 22

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 18
BASE: ALL
Please say how far you agree or disagree with the following statement:

I would be seriously neglecting my duty as a citizen if I didn't vote.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 19
BASE: ALL
Please say how far you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Being active in politics is a good way to get benefits for me and my family.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 20
BASE: ALL
Please say how far you agree or disagree with the following statement:

It takes too much time and effort to be active in politics and public affairs.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 21
BASE: ALL
Please say how far you agree or disagree with the following statement:

People are so busy that they do not have time to vote.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 22
BASE: ALL
Please say how far you agree or disagree with the following statement:

It is every citizen's duty to vote in an election.
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

ROTATE PAGES 23, 24, AND 25

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 23
BASE: ALL
On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do feel about the Labour Party?
0 – Strongly dislike
1
2
3
4
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6
7
8
9

10 – Strongly like
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 24
BASE: ALL
On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do feel about the Conservative Party?
0 – Strongly dislike
1
2
3
4
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6
7
8
9
10 – Strongly like
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 25
BASE: ALL
On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do feel about the Liberal Democrats?
0 – Strongly dislike
1
2
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6
7
8
9
10 – Strongly like
Don't know

PAGE 26
BASE: ALL WHO LIVE IN SCOTLAND
On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do feel about the Scottish National Party?
0 – Strongly dislike
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10 – Strongly like
Don't know

PAGE 27
BASE: ALL WHO LIVE IN WALES
On a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do feel about the Plaid Cymru?
0 – Strongly dislike
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10 – Strongly like
Don't know

ROTATE PAGES 28, 29, 30, AND 31

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 28
BASE: ALL
Now, a few questions about economic conditions.

How does the *financial situation of your household* now compare with what it was *12 months ago*? Has it:
Got a lot worse
Got a little worse
Stayed the same
Got a little better
Got a lot better
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 29
BASE: ALL
Now, a few questions about economic conditions.

How do you think the *general economic situation in this country* has changed over the *last 12 months*? Has it:
Got a lot worse
Got a little worse
Stayed the same
Got a little better
Got a lot better
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 30
BASE: ALL
Now, a few questions about economic conditions.

How do you think the *financial situation of your household* will change over the *next 12 months*? Will it:
Get a lot worse
Get a little worse
Stay the same

Get a little better
Get a lot better
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 31
BASE: ALL
Now, a few questions about economic conditions.

How do you think the *general economic situation in this country* will develop over the *next 12 months*? Will it:
Get a lot worse
Get a little worse
Stay the same
Get a little better
Get a lot better
Don't know

PAGE 32
BASE: ALL
Now, another issue. Using the 0 to 10 scale below, where the end marked 0 means that government should *cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services*, and the end marked 10 means that government should *raise taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services*, where would you place yourself on this scale?
0 – Government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10 – Government should increase taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services
Don’t know

ROTATE PAGES 33, 34, AND 35

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 33
BASE: ALL
Where would you place the Labour Party on this scale?
0 – Government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10 – Government should increase taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services
Don’t know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 34
BASE: ALL
Where would you place the Conservative Party on this scale?
0 – Government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10 – Government should increase taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 35
BASE: ALL
Where would you place the Liberal Democrats on this scale?
0 – Government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10 – Government should increase taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services
Don't know

PAGE 36
BASE: ALL
Some people think that *reducing crime is more important* than protecting the rights of people accused of committing crimes. Other people think that *protecting the rights of accused people is more important* than reducing crime. On the 0-10 scale below, where would you place your own view?
0 – Reducing crime more important
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
09
10 –Rights of accused more important

ROTATE PAGES 37, 38, AND 39

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 37
BASE: ALL

Where would you place the Labour Party on this scale?
0 – Reducing crime more important
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10 – Rights of accused more important
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 38
BASE: ALL
Where would you place the Conservative Party on this scale?
0 – Reducing crime more important
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10 – Rights of accused more important
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 39
BASE: ALL
Where would you place the Liberal Democrats on this scale?
0 – Reducing crime more important
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10 – Rights of accused more important
Don't know

PAGE 40
BASE: ALL
Please think of a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means very unlikely and 10 means very likely, how likely is it that you will vote in the next general election?
0 – Very unlikely
1
2
3
4

5
6
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8
9
10 – Very likely
Don't know

PAGE 41
BASE: ALL
If there were a General Election tomorrow, which party would you vote for?

Conservative	**ROUTEPAGE 45**
Labour	**ROUTEPAGE 45**
Liberal Democrat	**ROUTEPAGE 45**
None – won't vote / never vote	**ROUTEPAGE 43**
Other party	**ROUTEPAGE 42**
Don't know	**ROUTEPAGE 43**

PAGE 42
BASE: ALL THOSE WHO ANSWERED OTHER AT PAGE 41
You say you would vote for another party. Which, if any, of the following would you vote for?

Scottish National Party (SNP)	**ROUTEPAGE 45**
Plaid Cymru	**ROUTEPAGE 45**
Green Party	**ROUTEPAGE 45**
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	**ROUTEPAGE 45**
Other party	**ROUTEPAGE 45**
Don't know	**ROUTEPAGE 43**

PAGE 43
BASE: ALL THOSE WHO ANSWERED DON'T KNOW AT PAGE 41 OR PAGE 42
Which party would you be most inclined to vote for?

Conservative	**ROUTEPAGE 45**
Labour	**ROUTEPAGE 45**
Liberal Democrat	**ROUTEPAGE 45**
None – won't vote / never vote	**ROUTEPAGE 45**
Other party	**ROUTEPAGE 44**
Don't know	**ROUTEPAGE 45**

PAGE 44
BASE: ALL THOSE WHO ANSWERED OTHER AT PAGE 43
You say you would be most inclined to vote for one of the other parties. Which, if any, of the following would you be most inclined to vote for?
Scottish National Party (SNP)
Plaid Cymru
Green Party
UK Independence Party (UKIP)
Other party
Don't know

PAGE 45
BASE: ALL
On a scale from 0 to 10, where 10 means a great deal of influence and 0 means no influence, how much influence do *you* have on politics and public affairs?
0 – No influence
1

2
3
4
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8
9
10 – Great deal of influence
Don't know

PAGE 46
BASE: ALL
On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, a little dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the way that democracy works in this country?
Very satisfied
Fairly satisfied
A little dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied
Don't know

ROTATE PAGES 47, 48, AND 49

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 47
BASE: ALL
Now, some questions about the party leaders.

Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about Tony Blair?
0 – Strongly dislike
1
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10 – Strongly like
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 48
BASE: ALL
Now, some questions about the party leaders.

Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about David Cameron?
0 – Strongly dislike
1
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10 – Strongly like
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 49
BASE: ALL
Now, some questions about the party leaders.

Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about Menzies ('Ming') Campbell?
0 – Strongly dislike
1
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10 – Strongly like
Don't know

PAGE 50
BASE: ALL
Now, using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about Gordon Brown?
0 – Strongly dislike
1
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8
9
10 – Strongly like
Don't know

PAGE 51
BASE: ALL THOSE WHO LIVE IN SCOTLAND
Now, using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about Alex Salmond?
0 – Strongly dislike
1
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9

10 – Strongly like
Don't know

PAGE 52
BASE: ALL THOSE WHO LIVE IN WALES
Now, using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about Elfyn Llwyd?
0 – Strongly dislike
1
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10 – Strongly like
Don't know

ROTATE PAGES 53, 54, 55, 57, AND 58

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 53
BASE: ALL
Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Those elected to Parliament soon lose touch with the people
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don’t know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 54
BASE: ALL
Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Parties are only interested in people’s votes, not in their opinions
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don’t know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 55
BASE: ALL
Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Government does not care much what people like me think
Strongly agree

Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 56
BASE: ALL
Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement:

People like me have no say in what government does
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

ROTATE PAGE
PAGE 57
BASE: ALL
Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement:

It is often difficult for me to understand what is going on in government and politics
Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know
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PAGE 58
BASE: ALL THOSE WHO LIVE IN WALES
Now, a few questions about yourself and your background.

Can you speak Welsh?

Yes	**ROUTEPAGE 59**
No	**ROUTEPAGE 60**
Don't Know	**ROUTEPAGE 60**

PAGE 59
BASE: ALL THOSE WHO ANSWERED YES AT PAGE 58
Do you speak Welsh fluently or not?
Yes, fluently
Yes, but not fluently
No
Don't know

PAGE 60
BASE: ALL
Finally, a few questions about yourself and your background.

What is your year of birth?

1900 or earlier
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Abstain ROUTEPAGE 61

PAGE 61
BASE: ALL WHO ABSTAINED AT PAGE 60
In that case, could you say which age band you would fall into?
16 to 17
18 to 24
25 to 39
40 to 54
55 or over

PAGE 62
BASE: ALL
What is your gender?
Male
Female

4.2.5 Post-election internet follow-up

Of the 4,161 respondents to the post-election wave, 3,907 agreed to be recontacted for a possible follow-up survey. Of these, 931 responded to the Internet follow-up. The weights created for the Internet survey were designed to fulfill two main purposes: correcting for unequal selection probabilities and calibration weighting to fit the profile of the sample to the (weighted) profile of the post-election wave.[1]

The selection weights used to correct for unequal selection probabilities were as described above. Using calibration weighting, the selection weight was adjusted by the algorithm described in Section 4.2.1 to ensure that the profile of respondents to the Internet survey was brought into line with the (weighted) post-election wave along the following dimensions:

- Age-group of respondent;
- Sex;
- Country;
- Whether had access to the internet; and
- Whether a supporter of a political party.

To avoid extreme weights having a large influence on the estimates the weight was trimmed at the 5th and 95th percentiles.

Table 4.1 compares the profile of respondents to the Internet survey to that of the post-election wave on these five dimensions. (Note that the profiles would have been identical had the weights not been trimmed). For example, 43.9% of the 4,161 respondents to the post-election wave were estimated to have had access to the internet at the time of the post-election wave, compared with 70% of respondents to the Internet survey. The weights for the Internet survey aim to bring the estimate of internet access (47.1%) closer to the post-election wave.

[1] Given the size of the achieved Internet follow-up sample, applying a non-response weight and adjusting it to match population estimates (by age and sex *within* England, Scotland and Wales) would have led to a rather large variation in the final weights. Such large variation decreases survey precision and could result in a few cases having a large influence on the estimates.

Table 4.1 Post-election wave characteristics of Internet respondents

Characteristics at post-election wave	Internet follow-up (unweighted)	Internet follow-up (weighted by IntWtBr)	Post-election cross-section (weighted by postwtbr)
	%	%	%
Age-group			
18-24	4.4	9.8	11.3
25-34	14.9	17.5	17.4
35-44	26.1	21.4	19.6
45-54	24.7	18.0	16.5
55-64	18.7	15.7	14.6
65-74	8.3	10.7	10.8
75+	2.9	6.8	9.8
Sex			
Male	49.1	47.5	48.2
Female	50.9	52.5	51.8
Country			
England	63.7	84.6	86.1
Scotland	21.5	9.8	8.8
Wales	14.8	5.7	5.1
Internet access			
Yes	70.0	47.1	43.9
No	30.0	52.9	56.1
Party supporter			
Yes	56.5	52.4	52.6
No	43.5	47.6	47.4
Total	**931**	**931**	**4,161**

Separate internet weights were computed for Britain, England, Scotland and Wales.

Summary of weights for internet respondents

	England	Scotland	Wales	Britain
Internet respondents	IntWtEn	IntWtSc	IntWtWa	IntWtBr

4.2.6 Post-election internet follow-up (all waves respondents)

Of the 2,343 respondents to the pre and post election waves *and* who returned the self-completion questionnaire, 640 responded to the Internet follow-up. For these subset of Internet respondents, the aim of the weighting was to fit the profile of the Internet sample to the (weighted) profile of the 2,343 panel respondents (i.e. pre, post and self-completion) along the dimensions of:

- Age-group of respondent;
- Sex;
- Country;
- Whether had access to the internet; and
- Whether a supporter of a political party.

To avoid extreme weights having a large influence on the estimates the weight was trimmed at the 5th and 95th percentiles.

Table 4.2 compares the profile of the (panel) respondents to the Internet survey to that of the (panel) post-election wave on these five dimensions.[2] (Note that the profiles would have been identical had the weights not been trimmed). For example, 46.1% of the 2,343 panel respondents to the post-election wave were estimated to have had access to the internet at the time of the post-election wave, compared with 71.1% of the (panel) respondents to the Internet survey.

The weights for the (panel) respondents to the Internet survey aim to bring the estimate of internet access (48.4%) closer to the post-election wave.

[2] In this case the (panel) post-election wave respondents refers more specifically to those who also returned the self-completion questionnaire.

Table 4.2 Post-election wave characteristics of Internet respondents (all waves)

Characteristics at post-election wave	Internet follow-up (unweighted)	Internet follow-up (weighted by PInWtBr)	Post-election cross-section (weighted by pscwtbr)
	%	%	%
Age-group			
18-24	3.3	8.5	11.3
25-34	14.7	17.5	17.4
35-44	26.1	21.8	19.7
45-54	25.2	18.5	16.4
55-64	19.2	16.4	14.6
65-74	8.4	10.6	10.8
75+	3.1	6.6	9.8
Sex			
Male	50.3	47.6	48.2
Female	49.7	52.4	51.8
Country			
England	64.4	84.1	86.1
Scotland	21.4	10.0	8.8
Wales	14.2	5.8	5.1
Internet access			
Yes	71.1	48.4	46.1
No	28.9	51.6	53.9
Party supporter			
Yes	57.2	55.2	54.6
No	42.8	44.8	45.4
Total	**640**	**640**	**2,343**

Separate internet weights for panel respondents were computed for Britain, England, Scotland and Wales.

Summary of weights for internet respondents (all waves)

	England	Scotland	Wales	Britain
Panel respondents (pre,post,self-comp,internet)	PInWtEn	PInWtSc	PInWtWa	PInWtBr