

## YouGov / Fabian Society Survey Results

Sample Size: 2018 GB Adults

Fieldwork: 31st August - 3rd September 2012

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Suppose you are on a long train or plane journey and somebody sits next to you. They begin a conversation. Would you want to continue the conversation if they were...:

a well-known actor or pop star

Yes, as long as possible	<b>22</b>	21	24	19	<b>23</b>	22	21	30	25	22	14	21	23	20	21	23	22	20
Yes, for a while	<b>50</b>	51	49	47	<b>51</b>	48	52	50	47	51	51	50	50	47	52	49	48	55
<b>TOTAL YES</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>75</b>
No, not for long	<b>17</b>	19	17	22	<b>11</b>	16	17	8	14	16	23	18	15	20	14	16	19	15
No, not at all	<b>6</b>	6	5	6	<b>5</b>	7	5	2	5	5	8	6	6	6	6	4	8	
<b>TOTAL NO</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>
Not sure	<b>6</b>	3	4	7	<b>10</b>	7	6	10	8	5	3	6	7	7	6	6	7	3

a bank executive

Yes, as long as possible	<b>6</b>	6	4	7	<b>6</b>	6	5	5	5	7	6	7	4	7	7	5	5	6
Yes, for a while	<b>36</b>	41	32	30	<b>38</b>	33	38	44	33	33	39	37	34	34	38	32	36	38
<b>TOTAL YES</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>
No, not for long	<b>31</b>	30	35	32	<b>28</b>	30	31	32	33	30	29	31	31	32	27	33	32	34
No, not at all	<b>21</b>	20	22	25	<b>19</b>	24	19	9	20	25	23	19	24	19	22	24	19	19
<b>TOTAL NO</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>53</b>
Not sure	<b>6</b>	3	6	7	<b>10</b>	6	7	11	9	5	3	6	7	7	6	6	7	4

a doctor or teacher

Yes, as long as possible	<b>10</b>	9	13	9	<b>11</b>	10	11	12	11	10	10	11	9	10	9	8	13	10
Yes, for a while	<b>58</b>	63	55	59	<b>55</b>	55	61	63	52	57	64	59	58	56	59	58	58	58
<b>TOTAL YES</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>68</b>
No, not for long	<b>19</b>	20	20	17	<b>18</b>	21	17	12	23	19	17	18	20	21	19	18	16	22
No, not at all	<b>7</b>	5	7	8	<b>8</b>	9	6	3	7	10	6	7	7	7	9	6	7	
<b>TOTAL NO</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>29</b>
Not sure	<b>6</b>	2	5	7	<b>9</b>	6	5	11	8	5	3	5	6	6	5	6	6	4

an electrician or plumber

Yes, as long as possible	<b>8</b>	7	9	8	<b>7</b>	7	8	2	6	10	8	8	7	7	7	6	9	10
Yes, for a while	<b>55</b>	57	55	55	<b>52</b>	51	60	52	49	55	63	55	56	49	53	58	59	57
<b>TOTAL YES</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>67</b>
No, not for long	<b>23</b>	25	23	21	<b>21</b>	25	20	22	27	21	20	23	23	28	24	20	19	23
No, not at all	<b>8</b>	8	6	8	<b>10</b>	10	6	10	10	8	5	9	7	9	9	9	6	6
<b>TOTAL NO</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>29</b>
Not sure	<b>7</b>	2	6	8	<b>10</b>	7	6	14	8	5	4	6	8	7	7	7	6	5

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**a Member of Parliament**

Yes, as long as possible	<b>11</b>	14	9	11	<b>10</b>	14	9	16	11	10	12	13	9	11	14	9	11	12
Yes, for a while	<b>38</b>	43	41	38	<b>34</b>	41	36	40	36	37	42	42	34	38	42	40	33	40
<b>TOTAL YES</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>52</b>
No, not for long	<b>24</b>	26	22	26	<b>23</b>	20	28	22	25	24	24	24	24	27	21	24	27	24
No, not at all	<b>20</b>	14	23	19	<b>22</b>	19	21	11	20	24	19	16	26	19	18	20	23	20
<b>TOTAL NO</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>44</b>
Not sure	<b>6</b>	3	5	6	<b>10</b>	6	6	12	8	6	3	5	7	5	6	7	7	4

**At the time of the 2010 general election, which saw the end of the Labour government and led to the current Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition, you told us you did not vote in that election. Thinking back to May 2010, which of these was the main reason you did not vote.**

*[Only asked to those who said they did not vote in the 2010 election n=509]*

I was away at the time	<b>17</b>	0	0	0	<b>17</b>	18	16	16	16	17	22	20	15	14	20	15	20	5
I can't remember why I didn't vote	<b>15</b>	0	0	0	<b>15</b>	8	19	10	20	12	19	13	16	10	14	17	17	12
I didn't want to vote because I don't like the whole culture of politics and politicians in this country	<b>14</b>	0	0	0	<b>14</b>	16	12	3	14	24	14	14	14	15	14	16	12	13
I didn't vote because all political parties are the same	<b>13</b>	0	0	0	<b>13</b>	12	13	5	11	20	17	14	12	9	9	14	13	26
I didn't feel like my vote would make a difference to anything in my life	<b>10</b>	0	0	0	<b>10</b>	8	11	13	13	4	8	8	11	10	5	7	13	22
I didn't have time to go and vote	<b>6</b>	0	0	0	<b>6</b>	6	6	2	10	8	2	4	8	18	5	2	3	14
The party I wanted to vote for didn't stand or stood no chance of winning in my area	<b>4</b>	0	0	0	<b>4</b>	6	2	2	3	5	8	2	6	0	4	9	3	0
I didn't know how or where to vote	<b>2</b>	0	0	0	<b>2</b>	1	3	5	0	1	0	3	1	0	5	0	0	0
I didn't know there was an election on at the time	<b>0</b>	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Don't know	<b>20</b>	0	0	0	<b>20</b>	23	17	43	11	8	10	23	17	24	23	20	18	8

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**Which one or two, if any, of the following would make you more likely to vote in the next general election?**

*[Only asked to those who said they did not vote in the 2010 election n=509]*

If people in political parties spent less time trying to win my vote and more time doing good work in my neighbourhood	<b>25</b>	0	0	0	<b>25</b>	27	24	22	26	29	22	26	24	19	24	25	26	30
If politicians seemed more like real human beings	<b>18</b>	0	0	0	<b>18</b>	20	16	6	24	21	22	16	19	11	15	24	19	19
If politicians stayed out of my way and quietly got on with the business of running the country	<b>10</b>	0	0	0	<b>10</b>	12	9	11	7	9	16	13	8	11	8	7	12	16
If I saw positive coverage of a political party in the media	<b>9</b>	0	0	0	<b>9</b>	7	11	12	9	9	4	11	7	8	12	6	8	8
If we had a more democratic politics, with a reformed electoral system and House of Lords	<b>8</b>	0	0	0	<b>8</b>	11	6	10	6	9	9	11	6	10	6	11	5	16
If it was less hassle to vote	<b>7</b>	0	0	0	<b>7</b>	6	7	7	9	5	5	8	6	17	8	3	6	2
If a party official knocked on my door to discuss political issues, or I received a telephone call or a letter	<b>2</b>	0	0	0	<b>2</b>	3	2	2	2	1	9	2	3	1	3	1	1	7
None of these - I intend to vote anyway	<b>24</b>	0	0	0	<b>24</b>	26	22	37	14	23	19	22	25	29	27	21	21	19
None of these I intend NOT to vote anyway	<b>23</b>	0	0	0	<b>23</b>	18	26	24	28	19	17	21	24	16	20	28	25	22

**Here are some positive things that some people say about politics and politicians in Britain these days. Which two or three of these, if any, do you agree with most strongly?**

Most politicians do their best to help constituents who have problems	<b>24</b>	29	28	30	<b>12</b>	24	23	7	14	24	39	27	20	21	27	21	20	32
Most MPs work long hours, taking account of what they do at Westminster and in their constituencies	<b>17</b>	19	16	22	<b>13</b>	19	15	20	16	15	19	20	13	19	18	17	13	20
Whatever the newspapers say, most MPs are basically honest	<b>17</b>	24	19	18	<b>7</b>	21	13	4	9	19	25	20	12	15	16	18	15	20
It's good that we have well-disciplined political parties: without them, democracy would be unmanageable	<b>15</b>	19	16	14	<b>13</b>	17	14	22	12	14	18	17	14	16	16	17	14	13
Most politicians are motivated to do what is best for the country	<b>13</b>	15	15	15	<b>10</b>	13	14	18	12	12	14	14	11	13	14	11	15	12
Elected politicians defend our freedoms and protect our rights	<b>8</b>	10	10	8	<b>6</b>	9	8	11	9	8	8	10	6	9	10	8	8	6
Most MPs have a good feel for what is happening to the people who live in their constituencies	<b>8</b>	12	8	8	<b>4</b>	8	8	6	6	7	11	9	6	8	10	5	7	8
None of these	<b>38</b>	33	37	37	<b>44</b>	38	39	30	40	45	32	33	45	38	34	43	41	38
Don't know	<b>12</b>	8	11	6	<b>21</b>	9	15	27	17	8	6	11	14	11	13	10	15	7

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Here are some criticisms that some people make about politics and politicians in Britain these days. Which two or three of these, if any, do you agree with most strongly?

Politicians seldom give straight answers to straight questions on radio and TV	<b>57</b>	62	56	67	<b>48</b>	58	56	45	48	58	70	59	54	58	59	56	52	65
Politicians are more interested in scoring political points than doing the right thing	<b>36</b>	39	34	38	<b>32</b>	40	32	35	34	37	36	39	31	39	36	38	29	41
Most MPs have too little experience of the real world before they go into politics	<b>34</b>	41	37	39	<b>22</b>	36	32	22	29	32	46	36	31	36	36	34	32	30
Politics is a game played by an out of touch elite who live on another planet - politics isn't made up of people like me	<b>31</b>	28	34	34	<b>29</b>	32	30	21	33	34	30	31	32	27	32	28	34	36
Politicians spend too much time arguing with each other, and too little saying where they agree	<b>29</b>	30	27	35	<b>27</b>	30	29	34	25	29	32	30	28	30	29	27	29	34
Politicians just want to win my vote - they don't care about my problems	<b>26</b>	26	25	27	<b>27</b>	26	26	29	25	30	21	26	27	27	26	28	26	22
Politicians usually ignore the views of people like me	<b>20</b>	21	21	18	<b>18</b>	20	20	16	14	23	24	17	24	18	17	24	20	21
None of these	<b>4</b>	2	5	2	<b>7</b>	2	6	4	6	4	2	3	5	3	2	4	6	4
Don't know	<b>7</b>	4	8	2	<b>14</b>	7	8	16	12	4	3	6	9	8	8	7	8	4

Overall, which of these statements comes closest to your view about British politics these days?

It's not perfect but it's the best way we have of collectively tackling the big issues of the day and making the big choices that face society	<b>47</b>	59	51	48	<b>33</b>	46	47	44	37	47	58	53	38	46	47	49	45	50
It's a process by which the media and big business can get what they want most easily	<b>24</b>	18	24	31	<b>25</b>	26	22	18	26	25	23	23	25	28	26	21	19	28
There is no real point in politics at all as far as I'm concerned; we'd be better off without it	<b>10</b>	9	7	7	<b>16</b>	9	11	9	11	11	9	7	14	8	11	11	10	8
It's a mainly positive process through which we can create a better society for the future	<b>3</b>	5	3	2	<b>2</b>	4	2	2	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	2	1
It just gives politicians something to do; I'm happy for them to get on with it	<b>2</b>	2	1	1	<b>2</b>	1	2	1	2	2	0	2	1	1	1	2	2	2
Don't know	<b>14</b>	8	13	11	<b>23</b>	13	15	26	20	12	7	11	19	14	11	14	20	11

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**Which one or two, if any, of the following might make political parties seem more relevant to your life?**

They stopped arguing for a minute and tried to work together to solve the big issues of the day	<b>44</b>	51	39	51	<b>38</b>	41	47	30	38	46	53	47	40	40	43	47	43	53
They seemed less eager to win my vote and more eager to solve my problems	<b>24</b>	24	22	27	<b>25</b>	26	23	30	23	28	20	24	25	28	24	19	26	28
They looked more like the society they are supposed to represent: more working class, more women, more ethnic minority MP	<b>19</b>	12	31	25	<b>13</b>	18	21	13	21	20	19	20	19	19	18	21	19	21
They used less jargon and spoke in the same language as everybody else	<b>18</b>	21	16	14	<b>17</b>	18	17	23	17	15	19	17	18	15	20	18	17	13
They listened to me more rather than told me what to do all the time	<b>16</b>	19	17	15	<b>13</b>	19	14	12	14	21	14	15	17	17	16	16	16	16
Their policies were easier to tell apart from one another	<b>14</b>	16	13	13	<b>15</b>	13	15	20	12	13	15	15	13	15	15	14	13	13
They were less influenced by the media	<b>14</b>	15	13	21	<b>10</b>	17	11	13	13	13	17	18	10	17	16	12	11	19
None of these would make political parties relevant to my life	<b>8</b>	5	7	6	<b>11</b>	6	9	6	7	8	9	6	10	7	6	10	8	5
Don't know	<b>9</b>	6	9	3	<b>15</b>	9	9	19	14	6	3	7	11	10	9	8	11	4

**In an ideal world, how involved do you think the general public should be in the decisions that Parliament takes?**

We elect politicians to debate issues and take big decisions on our behalf – but the general public can and should be directly involved in specific, local decisions that affect their daily lives	<b>33</b>	37	36	38	<b>23</b>	31	35	17	25	35	43	36	28	31	35	30	31	43
It would be great in principle if the general public were directly involved in all major decisions – but, sadly, it is not practical to design such a system	<b>25</b>	28	23	25	<b>22</b>	25	24	29	30	25	18	26	23	28	22	30	22	20
The general public should be directly involved in all major decisions – and it would be perfectly possible to design a system that enables this	<b>23</b>	21	23	23	<b>23</b>	23	22	23	23	23	22	20	27	19	21	22	27	20
Even in an ideal world, there would be no need to involve general public in taking decisions. We would elect politicians to take decisions on our behalf and then vote them out of they get things badly wrong.	<b>8</b>	8	8	7	<b>10</b>	10	6	11	6	7	11	9	7	8	10	7	7	11
Don't know	<b>12</b>	6	10	6	<b>22</b>	10	13	20	16	10	6	9	16	14	12	10	13	7

## YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and political party identification:

		Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
<b>Age and Gender</b>			
	Male 18 to 24	55	125
	Male 25 to 39	242	258
	Male 40 to 59	396	341
	Male 60 +	264	255
	Female 18 to 24	91	120
	Female 25 to 39	351	258
	Female 40 to 59	385	350
	Female 60 +	234	312
<b>Region</b>			
	North England	459	494
	Midlands	282	329
	East England	191	193
	London	341	257
	South England	475	460
	Wales	107	100
	Scotland	154	175
<b>Social Grade</b>			
	AB	719	563
	C1	556	588
	C2	320	424
	DE	423	444
<b>Newspaper Type</b>			
	Express / Mail	372	323
	Sun / Star	219	473
	Mirror / Record	116	202
	Guardian / Independent	123	90
	FT / Times / Telegraph	122	191
	Other Paper	273	232
	No Paper	793	506
<b>Political Party Identification</b>			
	Labour	585	653
	Conservative	533	574
	Liberal Democrat	202	241
	SNP/Plaid Cymru	32	34
	Others	108	26
	None/ DK	558	490

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