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The House of Commons, as you probably know, has voted to pave the way for the introduction of identity cards. Are you personally in favour of, or opposed to, the introduction of a system of national identity cards in Britain?

I am in favour	52
I am opposed	37
Don't know	11

Here are some of things people are saying about the introduction of identity cards. Please indicate for each whether, from what you know, you agree with it or not.

A system of identity cards will cut down on benefit fraud by making it more difficult for people to claim state benefits that they are not entitled to

I am inclined to agree	64
I am inclined to disagree with it	29
Don't know	7

A system of identity cards will cut down on 'health tourism' – that is, reduce the number of people who come to Britain to have free treatment on the NHS

I am inclined to agree	62
I am inclined to disagree with it	28
Don't know	10

A lot of people's identity cards will inevitably contain wrong information and errors of one kind or another

I am inclined to agree	55
I am inclined to disagree with it	26
Don't know	18

The various pieces of equipment that check people’s identity cards will often malfunction and fail to read the cards accurately

I am inclined to agree	50
I am inclined to disagree with it	28
Don’t know	21

A system of identity cards will make it easier for the police to catch criminals

I am inclined to agree	43
I am inclined to disagree with it	45
Don’t know	13

Determined criminals and potential terrorists will always be able to find ways of forging identity cards

I am inclined to agree	80
I am inclined to disagree with it	10
Don’t know	10

A system of identity cards will reduce the chances of further terrorist atrocities in this country

I am inclined to agree	21
I am inclined to disagree with it	63
Don’t know	16

A system of identity cards will be enormously expensive to introduce and maintain: the system will cost far more than the Government is now saying

I am inclined to agree	74
I am inclined to disagree with it	11
Don’t know	15

The introduction of a system of identity cards will be time-consuming and cause an enormous amount of disruption and inconvenience

I am inclined to agree	60
I am inclined to disagree with it	27
Don’t know	13

A system of identity cards will make it easier for the police and other officials to catch bogus asylum-seekers and people attempting to avoid deportation

I am inclined to agree	55
I am inclined to disagree with it	35
Don't know	11

It is inevitable that the data stored on people's identity cards will sometimes be leaked, sold, hacked into or in other ways used improperly

I am inclined to agree	71
I am inclined to disagree with it	15
Don't know	14

People who have nothing to hide should have no objection to the introduction of identity cards

I am inclined to agree	60
I am inclined to disagree with it	33
Don't know	8

It is inevitable that the data on people's identity cards will sometimes be passed on, without proper authorisation, to foreign governments and agencies

I am inclined to agree	61
I am inclined to disagree with it	19
Don't know	19

Having an identity card will be make life simpler and more convenient for almost everyone

I am inclined to agree	42
I am inclined to disagree with it	43
Don't know	16