

YouGov Survey for The Economist and the Hoover Institution: Results

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GREAT BRITAIN		%	%	UNITED STATES	
Generally speaking do you think of yourself as...				Generally speaking do you think of yourself as...	
	Labour	34	34		Democrat
	Conservative	27	29		Republican
	Liberal Democrat	11	32		Independent
	Scottish / Welsh Nationalist	2	2		Other
	Something else	5	3		Not sure
	None of these	16			
	Don't know	7			
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?				Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?	
It is important that [my party's] leaders stick to their principles even if that means that nothing gets done.				It is important that [my party's] leaders stick to their principles even if that means that nothing gets done.	
	Agree strongly	9	14		Agree strongly
	Tend to agree	31	25		Tend to agree
	Neither agree nor disagree	19	21		Neither agree nor disagree
	Tend to disagree	30	24		Tend to disagree
	Disagree strongly	8	13		Disagree strongly
	Not sure	4	3		Not sure
<i>[To Lab ID]</i> How would you feel if you had a son or daughter who married a Conservative?				<i>[To Democrats/Independents]</i> How would you feel if you had a son or daughter who married a Republican?	

GREAT BRITAIN		%
Very upset	4	
Somewhat upset	15	
Not upset at all	73	
Not sure	8	

%	UNITED STATES	
5	Very upset	
14	Somewhat upset	
69	Not upset at all	
12	Not sure	

[To Conservatives] **How would you feel if you had a son or daughter who married someone who was Labour?**

Very upset	2
Somewhat upset	8
Not upset at all	83
Not sure	7

[To Republicans/Independents] **How would you feel if you had a son or daughter who married a Democrat?**

4	Very upset
19	Somewhat upset
66	Not upset at all
11	Not sure

Which of the following words would you use to describe people who are Conservative? [Please tick all that apply]

Patriotic	38
Closed-minded	32
Intelligent	27
Hypocritical	25
Selfish	22
Open-minded	18
Honest	15
Mean	9
Generous	6
None of the above	22

Which of the following words would you use to describe people who are Republicans? [Please tick all that apply]

50	Patriotic
41	Closed-minded
38	Intelligent
33	Hypocritical
29	Honest
27	Selfish
22	Generous
20	Open-minded
14	Mean
14	None of the above

GREAT BRITAIN %

Which of the following words would you use to describe people who are Labour? [Please tick all that apply]

Hypocritical	32
Closed-minded	26
Open-minded	22
Honest	16
Selfish	16
Patriotic	15
Generous	12
Intelligent	11
Mean	9
None of the above	24

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

The country would be better off if everyone in Parliament were more independent and less partisan.

Agree strongly	16
Tend to agree	41
Neither agree nor disagree	21
Tend to disagree	10
Disagree strongly	2
Not sure	11

% **UNITED STATES**

Which of the following words would you use to describe people who are Democrats? [Please tick all that apply]

42	Open-minded
35	Intelligent
34	Hypocritical
31	Generous
30	Patriotic
30	Closed-minded
24	Selfish
21	Honest
13	Mean
13	None of the above

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

The country would be better off if everyone in Congress were more independent and less partisan.

35	Agree strongly
35	Tend to agree
18	Neither agree nor disagree
5	Tend to disagree
4	Disagree strongly
3	Not sure

GREAT BRITAIN %

UNITED STATES %

The problem with politics today is that everyone thinks about what's good for themselves and forgets what's good for the country.

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Agree strongly	31
Tend to agree	43
Neither agree nor disagree	14
Tend to disagree	9
Disagree strongly	1
Not sure	2

Agree strongly	50
Tend to agree	34
Neither agree nor disagree	9
Tend to disagree	4
Disagree strongly	1
Not sure	1

It makes me angry when I see Labour and Conservative leaders arguing with each other.

It makes me angry when I see Democratic and Republican leaders arguing with each other.

Agree strongly	16
Tend to agree	22
Neither agree nor disagree	31
Tend to disagree	20
Disagree strongly	9
Not sure	2

Agree strongly	20
Tend to agree	27
Neither agree nor disagree	30
Tend to disagree	13
Disagree strongly	9
Not sure	2

Disagreement about policy is healthy in a democracy.

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Agree strongly	22
Tend to agree	50
Neither agree nor disagree	18
Tend to disagree	4
Disagree strongly	1
Not sure	4

Agree strongly	27
Tend to agree	45
Neither agree nor disagree	18
Tend to disagree	6
Disagree strongly	2
Not sure	2

GREAT BRITAIN %

Labour and the Conservatives generally argue over things that are not very important.

Agree strongly	17
Tend to agree	35
Neither agree nor disagree	26
Tend to disagree	16
Disagree strongly	3
Not sure	3

I would like Labour and the Conservatives to come together and compromise.

Agree strongly	10
Tend to agree	29
Neither agree nor disagree	28
Tend to disagree	18
Disagree strongly	12
Not sure	4

What's more important in a Prime Minister: character or experience?

Character	39
Experience	50
Not sure	12

% **UNITED STATES**

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Agree strongly	21
Tend to agree	31
Neither agree nor disagree	20
Tend to disagree	17
Disagree strongly	8
Not sure	2

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Agree strongly	34
Tend to agree	35
Neither agree nor disagree	16
Tend to disagree	6
Disagree strongly	6
Not sure	2

What's more important in a President: character or experience?

Character	63
Experience	28
Not sure	9

GREAT BRITAIN %

Who should be responsible for teaching children the difference between right and wrong? [Tick all that you think should be responsible for teaching good habits and conduct.]

Parents	98
Schools	82
Religious leaders	27
Political Leaders	23
Television / movie makers	35
None of the above	1

Do you think the outcome of the next General election will have much impact on you personally?

Yes a big impact	11
Yes some impact	35
No not much impact	38
No impact at all	8
Not sure	8

Would you say you and your immediate family are 'better off' or 'worse off' than your parents' immediate family when they were your age?

Better	58
Worse	24
About the same	14
Don't know	5

% UNITED STATES

Who should be responsible for teaching children the difference between right and wrong? [Tick all that you think should be responsible for teaching good habits and conduct.]

Parents	98
Schools	60
Religious leaders	54
Political Leaders	26
Television / movie makers	19
None of the above	1

Do you think the outcome of the Presidential election this year will have much impact on you personally?

Yes, a big impact	39
Yes, some impact	40
No, not much impact	11
No impact at all	2
Not sure	7

Would you say you and your immediate family are 'better off' or 'worse off' than your parents' immediate family when they were your age?

Better	47
Worse	27
About the same	21
Don't know	6

GREAT BRITAIN %

Do you think your children (or if you don't have any children people of the next generation) will be 'better off' or 'worse off' than you are now when they are your age?

Better	28
Worse	42
About the same	19
Don't know	11

Now looking ahead – do you think that a year from now you (and your immediate family) will be 'better off' financially or 'worse off' or just about the same as now?

Better off	16
Worse off	40
About the same	39
Not sure	5

Looking further ahead how optimistic or pessimistic are you regarding the prospects for the quality of life in Britain over the next few years?

Very optimistic	2
Fairly optimistic	28
Fairly pessimistic	43
Very pessimistic	20
Don't know	7

% **UNITED STATES**

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Worse off	25
About the same	38
Not sure	12

Looking further ahead how optimistic or pessimistic are you regarding the prospects for the quality of life in the U.S. over the next few years?

Very optimistic	7
Fairly optimistic	39
Fairly pessimistic	32
Very pessimistic	12
Don't know	10

GREAT BRITAIN %

How optimistic or pessimistic are you regarding the prospects for the economy in Britain over the next few years?

Very optimistic	1
Fairly optimistic	25
Fairly pessimistic	48
Very pessimistic	18
Don't know	8

How much do you trust each of the following?

National politicians

Trust a great deal	1
Trust to some extent	24
Do not trust much	44
Do not trust at all	28
Don't know	4

Local politicians in your area

Trust a great deal	2
Trust to some extent	38
Do not trust much	35
Do not trust at all	19
Don't know	6

Public officials (civil servants / administrators)

Trust a great deal	2
Trust to some extent	39
Do not trust much	37
Do not trust at all	16
Don't know	6

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Trust a great deal	1
Trust to some extent	19
Do not trust much	45
Do not trust at all	31
Don't know	3

Local politicians in your area

Trust a great deal	3
Trust to some extent	35
Do not trust much	38
Do not trust at all	19
Don't know	5

Public officials (civil servants / administrators)

Trust a great deal	3
Trust to some extent	44
Do not trust much	35
Do not trust at all	14
Don't know	4

GREAT BRITAIN		%	UNITED STATES	
People who run large companies			People who run large companies	
Trust a great deal	1		2	Trust a great deal
Trust to some extent	32		26	Trust to some extent
Do not trust much	41		37	Do not trust much
Do not trust at all	19		30	Do not trust at all
Don't know	8		6	Don't know
Journalists			Journalists	
Trust a great deal	1		3	Trust a great deal
Trust to some extent	19		31	Trust to some extent
Do not trust much	41		31	Do not trust much
Do not trust at all	35		31	Do not trust at all
Don't know	4		4	Don't know
University professors			University professors	
Trust a great deal	19		14	Trust a great deal
Trust to some extent	62		45	Trust to some extent
Do not trust much	8		18	Do not trust much
Do not trust at all	2		17	Do not trust at all
Don't know	9		7	Don't know
Judges			Judges	
Trust a great deal	16		9	Trust a great deal
Trust to some extent	55		55	Trust to some extent
Do not trust much	18		23	Do not trust much
Do not trust at all	7		10	Do not trust at all
Don't know	5		4	Don't know

GREAT BRITAIN %

Doctors

Trust a great deal	34
Trust to some extent	55
Do not trust much	7
Do not trust at all	2
Don't know	3

Your neighbours

Trust a great deal	23
Trust to some extent	52
Do not trust much	12
Do not trust at all	6
Don't know	8

Which two or three of these are the most important issues facing Britain these days? [Please tick up to 3 options]

Immigration	60
Crime	49
The economy generally	31
Health care	31
Terrorism	27
Personal morality	24
Education	23
Global warming	19
Taxation	16
Iraq	7
Not sure	2

% **UNITED STATES**

Doctors

Trust a great deal	22
Trust to some extent	63
Do not trust much	9
Do not trust at all	3
Don't know	2

Your neighbors

Trust a great deal	25
Trust to some extent	56
Do not trust much	9
Do not trust at all	3
Don't know	6

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Health care	43
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Iraq	32
Education	20
Taxation	18
Global warming	17
Personal morality	15
Crime	13
Not sure	1

GREAT BRITAIN %

Thinking about Iraq do you think the UNITED STATES should...

Withdraw all its troops from Iraq immediately	15
Withdraw all its troops by the end of 2008	20
Set a firm date now to withdraw all troops by 2009 or 2010	28
Stay as long as it takes to achieve security and stability in Iraq	28
Don't know	9

Thinking about Afghanistan do you think BRITAIN should...

Withdraw all British troops from Afghanistan immediately	22
Withdraw all its troops by the end of 2008	20
Set a firm date now to withdraw all troops by 2009 or 2010	21
Stay as long as it takes to achieve security and stability in Afghanistan	28
Don't know	8

Do you think the British Government should if necessary be prepared to take military action against Iran to prevent Iran acquiring nuclear weapons?

Should	26
Should not	48
Don't know	27

% **UNITED STATES**

Thinking about Iraq, do you think the UNITED STATES should...

Withdraw all its troops from Iraq immediately	16
Withdraw all its troops by the end of 2008	20
Set a firm date now to withdraw all troops by 2009 or 2010	23
Stay as long as it takes to achieve security and stability in Iraq	33
Don't know	8

Thinking about Afghanistan, do you think the UNITED STATES should...

Withdraw all U.S. troops from Afghanistan immediately	14
Withdraw all its troops by the end of 2008	14
Set a firm date now to withdraw all troops by 2009 or 2010	19
Stay as long as it takes to achieve security and stability in Afghanistan	44
Don't know	10

Do you think the U.S. Government should, if necessary, be prepared to take military action against Iran to prevent Iran acquiring nuclear weapons?

Should	46
Should not	31
Don't know	23

GREAT BRITAIN %

UNITED STATES %

In future in what circumstances if any should Britain take military action against another country?

In future, in what circumstances, if any, should the U.S. take military action against another country?

Whenever it feels it is in the interests of Britain to do so, regardless of whether other countries or the United Nations approve	17
Only if Britain can act jointly with its allies	11
Only if the United Nations approves	26
Britain should never take military action against another country, other than in response to a military attack on Britain	37
Don't know	9

Whenever it feels it is in the interests of the United States to do so, regardless of whether other countries or the United Nations approve	26
Only if the U.S. can act jointly with its allies	21
Only if the United Nations approves	8
the U.S. should never take military action against another country, other than in response to a military attack on the U.S.	37
Don't know	8

Thinking about the provision of services such as health and education which of these options do you favour most for the British Government over the next few years?

Thinking about the provision of services such as health and education which of these options do you favour most for the U.S. Government over the next few years?

The Government should have a bigger role in the provision of services to the people, and increase taxes if necessary	27
The Government should have a smaller role in the provision of services to the people, and reduce taxes	36
The present balance is about right	21
Don't know	16

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The Government should have a smaller role in the provision of services to the people, and reduce taxes	48
The present balance is about right	8
Don't know	13

GREAT BRITAIN %

UNITED STATES %

If the Government was able to reduce taxes should it...

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Concentrate on reducing taxes on the poor to help reduce poverty	38
Concentrate on reducing taxes on middle-income working families	21
Concentrate on reducing taxes on the better off to help encourage enterprise	1
Spread the tax cuts across all groups	37
Don't know	3

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Concentrate on reducing taxes on middle-income working families	35
Concentrate on reducing taxes on the better off to help encourage enterprise	3
Spread the tax cuts across all groups	39
Don't know	3

Thinking about the role of private companies in Britain these days, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Thinking about the role of private companies in the U.S. these days, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

'In general I admire the people who run large successful companies'

In general, I admire the people who run large, successful companies

Strongly agree	8
Tend to agree	38
Neither agree not disagree	33
Tend to disagree	12
Strongly disagree	6
Don't know	4

Strongly agree	10
Tend to agree	25
Neither agree not disagree	35
Tend to disagree	17
Strongly disagree	11
Don't know	2

GREAT BRITAIN		%	%	UNITED STATES	
'Large successful companies make excessive profits at the expense of their employees and / or customers'				Large, successful companies make excessive profits at the expense of their employees and / or customers	
Strongly agree	24		28	Strongly agree	
Tend to agree	40		36	Tend to agree	
Neither agree not disagree	19		19	Neither agree not disagree	
Tend to disagree	11		10	Tend to disagree	
Strongly disagree	3		6	Strongly disagree	
Don't know	3		2	Don't know	
'Large companies have too much influence over the British government these days'				Large companies have too much influence over the U.S. government these days	
Strongly agree	20		44	Strongly agree	
Tend to agree	36		29	Tend to agree	
Neither agree not disagree	26		17	Neither agree not disagree	
Tend to disagree	10		5	Tend to disagree	
Strongly disagree	2		2	Strongly disagree	
Don't know	5		2	Don't know	
'The profit motive is the best spur to job-creation in Britain these days because the drive to succeed creates more jobs'				The profit motive is the best spur to job-creation in the U.S. these days, because the drive to succeed creates more job	
Strongly agree	7		17	Strongly agree	
Tend to agree	36		31	Tend to agree	
Neither agree not disagree	32		27	Neither agree not disagree	
Tend to disagree	13		12	Tend to disagree	
Strongly disagree	5		7	Strongly disagree	
Don't know	8		6	Don't know	

GREAT BRITAIN %

Which of these views about free trade – that is countries trading with each other without tariffs or other controls – comes closer to your own?

'Free trade is generally a good thing because consumers benefit from cheaper goods and services, we can sell more abroad and, in the end, our economy is better off' **52**

'Free trade is often harmful because too many workers here in Britain are liable to lose their jobs to unfair foreign competition, and our economy suffers' **30**

Don't know **19**

People sometimes talk about 'globalisation', with companies investing, trading and employing people around the world. In general, do you think globalisation is generally good or bad for ...

The British economy?

Good **29**

Bad **33**

Doesn't make much difference either way **23**

Don't know **15**

Job opportunities for young people in Britain today?

Good **24**

Bad **44**

Doesn't make much difference either way **20**

Don't know **12**

% UNITED STATES

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'Free trade is generally a good thing because consumers benefit from cheaper goods and services, we can sell more abroad and, in the end, our economy is better off' **31**

'Free trade is often harmful because too many workers here in Britain are liable to lose their jobs to unfair foreign competition, and our economy suffers' **55**

Don't know **13**

People sometimes talk about 'globalisation', with companies investing, trading and employing people around the world. In general, do you think globalisation is generally good or bad for ...

The U.S. economy?

Good **25**

Bad **51**

Doesn't make much difference either way **12**

Don't know **12**

Job opportunities for young people in the U.S. today?

Good **21**

Bad **56**

Doesn't make much difference either way **12**

Don't know **11**

GREAT BRITAIN		%	%	UNITED STATES	
The economic security of you and your family?				The economic security of you and your family?	
	Good	19	19		Good
	Bad	31	48		Bad
	Doesn't make much difference either way	33	19		Doesn't make much difference either way
	Don't know	18	14		Don't know
Consumers by providing a wider range of affordable goods?				Consumers, by providing a wider range of affordable goods?	
	Good	55	48		Good
	Bad	11	23		Bad
	Doesn't make much difference either way	22	17		Doesn't make much difference either way
	Don't know	12	13		Don't know
Thinking about immigration, do you agree or disagree with these statements?				Thinking about immigration, do you agree or disagree with these statements?	
'Immigration in recent years has helped the British economy grow faster than it would have done otherwise'				Immigration in recent years has helped the U.S. economy grow faster than it would have done otherwise.	
	Strongly agree	5	7		Strongly agree
	Tend to agree	21	18		Tend to agree
	Neither agree not disagree	17	19		Neither agree not disagree
	Tend to disagree	26	22		Tend to disagree
	Strongly disagree	23	27		Strongly disagree
	Don't know	7	6		Don't know

GREAT BRITAIN %

'Immigrants today are doing a significant number of jobs that can and should be done by people born in this country.'

Strongly agree	32
Tend to agree	38
Neither agree not disagree	12
Tend to disagree	11
Strongly disagree	5
Don't know	3

'There should be an amnesty for people who entered Britain more than two years ago and have lived here without committing any crimes or claiming welfare benefits; they should be allowed to stay in this country and acquire full citizenship.'

Strongly agree	10
Tend to agree	30
Neither agree not disagree	17
Tend to disagree	17
Strongly disagree	22
Don't know	6

% **UNITED STATES**

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Strongly agree	32
Tend to agree	32
Neither agree not disagree	14
Tend to disagree	14
Strongly disagree	5
Don't know	4

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Strongly agree	15
Tend to agree	21
Neither agree not disagree	13
Tend to disagree	16
Strongly disagree	32
Don't know	4

GREAT BRITAIN %

UNITED STATES %

Which of these statements comes closer to your own?

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'It is a good thing if many immigrants retain the culture and way of life of the country they came from, as this enhances the variety of life in Britain today' **10**

'It would be far better for the future of Britain if many more immigrants integrated more into our society and adopted a British way of life' **81**

Don't know **10**

'It is a good thing if many immigrants retain the culture and way of life of the country they came from, as this enhances the variety of life in the U.S. today' **21**

'It would be far better for the future of the U.S. if many more immigrants integrated more into our society and adopted an American way of life' **68**

Don't know **11**

When people lose their job because their employer has to reduce its workforce which of these has the biggest responsibility for ensuring they have enough to live on while they are looking for a new job?

When people lose their job because their employer has to reduce its workforce which of these has the biggest responsibility for ensuring they have enough to live on while they are looking for a new job?

The company that laid them off **35**

The Government **38**

The people themselves **20**

Don't know **7**

The company that laid them off **39**

The Government **17**

The people themselves **36**

Don't know **8**

Thinking about someone growing up in Britain today who is talented but born into a poor family. What do you think are their chances of ...

Thinking about someone growing up in the U.S. today who is talented but born into a poor family. What do you think are their chances of ...

Receiving a good education

Their chances are high **9**

Their chances are reasonable **52**

Their chances are not very good **33**

They have no chance at all **4**

Don't know **3**

Receiving a good education

Their chances are high **13**

Their chances are reasonable **49**

Their chances are not very good **33**

They have no chance at all **3**

Don't know **2**

GREAT BRITAIN		%	%	UNITED STATES	
Ending up with a reasonably well-paid job				Ending up with a reasonably well-paid job	
	Their chances are high	9	12		Their chances are high
	Their chances are reasonable	57	53		Their chances are reasonable
	Their chances are not very good	28	30		Their chances are not very good
	They have no chance at all	3	4		They have no chance at all
	Don't know	3	2		Don't know
Getting to the very top of their chosen field if they are determined enough				Getting to the very top of their chosen field if they are determined enough	
	Their chances are high	20	30		Their chances are high
	Their chances are reasonable	50	45		Their chances are reasonable
	Their chances are not very good	23	20		Their chances are not very good
	They have no chance at all	4	3		They have no chance at all
	Don't know	3	2		Don't know
Turning now to the subject of climate change do you think...				Turning now to the subject of climate change do you think...	
	The world is becoming warmer as a result of human activity	55	49		The world is becoming warmer as a result of human activity
	The world is becoming warmer but NOT because of human activity	25	19		The world is becoming warmer but NOT because of human activity
	The world is NOT becoming warmer	7	18		The world is NOT becoming warmer
	Not sure	13	14		Not sure

GREAT BRITAIN %

UNITED STATES %

Would you support or oppose the following measures to reduce global warming?

Would you support or oppose the following measures to reduce global warming?

Increase taxes on petrol

Increase taxes on gasoline

Support **15**
Oppose **76**
Not sure **9**

14
79
8

Increase airline fares

Increase airline fares

Support **40**
Oppose **50**
Not sure **10**

20
67
14

Build more nuclear power stations

Build more nuclear power stations

Support **44**
Oppose **34**
Not sure **23**

48
33
18

Increase taxes generally in order to subsidise 'clean energy' such as solar power and wind farms

Increase taxes generally in order to subsidize clean energy such as solar power and wind farms

Support **33**
Oppose **51**
Not sure **17**

36
50
14

GREAT BRITAIN		%
Do you believe there is a God?		
Yes I do	39	
No I don't	36	
Not sure	25	

[To those who believe in God] **How important is religion in your daily life?**

Very important	21
Somewhat important	39
Not very important	34
Unimportant	5
Not sure	0

Do you regularly go to a place of worship such as a church synagogue mosque or temple to take part in a religious service?

Yes normally at least once a week	18
Yes normally at least once a month	6
Yes less often	9
Yes but only for special religious festivals (e.g. Christmas, Diwali, Passover)	14
Yes but only for special occasions such as weddings and funerals	33
No	20

UNITED STATES		%
Do you believe there is a God?		
Yes, I do	80	
No, I don't	9	
Not sure	11	

[To those who believe in God] **How important is religion in your daily life?**

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Yes normally at least once a week	33
Yes normally at least once a month	7
Yes less often	15
Yes but only for special religious festivals (e.g. Christmas, Diwali, Passover)	7
Yes but only for special occasions such as weddings and funerals	15
No	23

GREAT BRITAIN %

How would you feel if your son or daughter married someone of a different religion?

Very upset	4
Somewhat upset	16
Not upset at all	68
Not sure	13

[To all] **Do you believe that there is a Hell where sinners who do not repent their sins go when they die?**

Yes I do	16
No I don't	57
Not sure	27

How would you feel if the Prime Minister were an atheist?

I would be delighted	11
I wouldn't mind	63
I would be sorry	14
I would be angry	2
Don't know	10

How would you feel if the Prime Minister were a Muslim?

I would be delighted	1
I wouldn't mind	33
I would be sorry	21
I would be angry	34
Don't know	12

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Not sure	13

[To all] **Do you believe that there is a Hell, where sinners who do not repent their sins go when they die?**

Yes, I do	54
No, I don't	27
Not sure	19

How would you feel if the President were an atheist?

I would be delighted	6
I wouldn't mind	28
I would be sorry	31
I would be angry	21
Don't know	14

How would you feel if the President were a Muslim?

I would be delighted	2
I wouldn't mind	27
I would be sorry	18
I would be angry	35
Don't know	19

GREAT BRITAIN %

Which do you think is more likely to be the correct explanation for the origin of life on earth?

The theory of evolution	63
The account of creation as told in the Bible	10
“Intelligent design” – evolution has happened but by intelligent design	13
Not sure	15

When do you think abortion should be legal?

Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion	15
Abortion should be legal but with some restrictions (such as late-term abortions)	61
Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances such as when the life of the mother is in danger	18
Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed.	3
Not sure	3

Do you regard sex between unmarried people as a sin or not?

Yes it is a sin	5
No it is not a sin but it is not generally desirable	22
No it is perfectly acceptable behaviour	71
Don't know	2

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Which do you think is more likely to be the correct explanation for the origin of life on earth?

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The account of creation as told in the Bible	40
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Not sure	4

Do you regard sex between unmarried people as a sin or not?

Yes, it is a sin	33
No, it is not a sin, but it is not generally desirable	29
No, it is perfectly acceptable behavior	34
Don't know	4

GREAT BRITAIN %

Do you regard homosexuality as a sin or not?
 Yes it is a sin **13**
 No it is not a sin but it is not generally desirable **37**
 No it is perfectly acceptable behaviour **46**
 Don't know **4**

Do you think homosexual couples should have the right to register their relationship as civil unions so that partners have the same legal and financial rights as married couples?

Yes they should **66**
 No they should not **26**
 Don't know **7**

Do you favour the death penalty for murder?
 Yes always **21**
 Yes sometimes depending on the circumstances **53**
 No the death penalty is wrong **24**
 Don't know **2**

UNITED STATES %

Do you regard homosexuality as a sin or not?
 Yes, it is a sin **40**
 No, it is not a sin, but it is not generally desirable **27**
 No, it is perfectly acceptable behavior **26**
 Don't know **7**

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Yes, they should **55**
 No, they should not **37**
 Don't know **9**

Do you favor the death penalty for murder?
 Yes, always **26**
 Yes, sometimes, depending on the circumstances **50**
 No, the death penalty is wrong **20**
 Don't know **5**

GREAT BRITAIN %

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
'It may be necessary to curb traditional civil liberties in order to protect this country more effectively against terrorism'**

Strongly agree	12
Tend to agree	32
Neither agree not disagree	16
Tend to disagree	18
Strongly disagree	15
Don't know	9

Some people talk of a 'special relationship' between Britain and the United States.

How close do you think this relationship currently is?

Very close	8
Fairly close	50
Not very close	31
Not at all close	6
Don't know	5

How close do you think it should be over the next few years?

Very close	7
Fairly close	39
Not very close	35
Not at all close	11
Don't know	8

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How close do you think it should be over the next few years?

Very close	29
Fairly close	49
Not very close	7
Not at all close	2
Don't know	14

GREAT BRITAIN %

How satisfied are you with the job being done by each of the following?

US President George W Bush

Very satisfied	2
Fairly satisfied	11
Fairly dissatisfied	24
Very dissatisfied	50
Don't know	13

UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown

Very satisfied	3
Fairly satisfied	34
Fairly dissatisfied	31
Very dissatisfied	27
Don't know	6

The United Nations

Very satisfied	2
Fairly satisfied	38
Fairly dissatisfied	29
Very dissatisfied	14
Don't know	17

% **UNITED STATES**

How satisfied are you with the job being done by each of the following?

US President George W Bush

Very satisfied	9
Fairly satisfied	23
Fairly dissatisfied	13
Very dissatisfied	53
Don't know	2

UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown

Very satisfied	2
Fairly satisfied	27
Fairly dissatisfied	12
Very dissatisfied	5
Don't know	54

The United Nations

Very satisfied	2
Fairly satisfied	19
Fairly dissatisfied	25
Very dissatisfied	37
Don't know	17

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The European Union

Very satisfied	2
Fairly satisfied	26
Fairly dissatisfied	30
Very dissatisfied	27
Don't know	16

NATO

Very satisfied	4
Fairly satisfied	41
Fairly dissatisfied	21
Very dissatisfied	7
Don't know	28

Finally, here are some past leaders of the United States and United Kingdom.

Suppose you could choose one of the following in their prime to be Prime Minister. Which one would you choose?

Margaret Thatcher	36
Bill Clinton	23
Tony Blair	21
Ronald Reagan	3
Not sure	17

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The European Union

Very satisfied	2
Fairly satisfied	20
Fairly dissatisfied	20
Very dissatisfied	20
Don't know	37

NATO

Very satisfied	3
Fairly satisfied	23
Fairly dissatisfied	21
Very dissatisfied	20
Don't know	33

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Bill Clinton	35
Margaret Thatcher	8
Tony Blair	8
Not sure	10