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Do you agree or disagree with these statements?

'Voting by post is a lot more convenient than going to my local polling station'

Agree	55
Disagree	38
Don't know	7

'Having polling stations is an important part of the democratic process. I miss not having them in my area this time'

Agree	48
Disagree	35
Don't know	17

Some people have suggested that voting in all future elections, including general elections, should be done entirely by post. Would you support or oppose this proposal?

Support	31
Oppose	56
Don't know	13

(To those who voted in the European Parliament elections) Thinking about your reasons for voting in the European Parliament elections, which of these contributed to your decision on whether to vote and which party to support? Please tick all that apply

I regard it as my civic duty to vote	67
The party I have decided to vote for has the right policies on Europe	50
I am opposed to the power and influence of the European Union	46
The party I have decided to vote for has the right policies on domestic issues	35
I am opposed to Britain's role in Iraq	30
I am in favour of Britain's active involvement in the European Union	30
The Labour Government is doing badly, and deserves to be punished	30
The Labour Government is doing well, and deserves to be supported	14
I always vote for the same party	12
None of these	1
Don't know	1

(To people who did NOT vote in the European Parliament elections) Different people have different reasons for not voting in the elections to the European Parliament. Which of these apply to you? Please tick all that apply

I don't know enough about the candidates and their policies	37
I am opposed to Britain's membership of the European Union	22
It was not possible / convenient for me to vote this time	21
I am not interested in politics	15
I don't care who is elected to the European Parliament	13
None of these	17
Don't know	2

Thinking about the level of council tax and the range and quality of local services in your area, do you think the council tax paid by people like you represents good or bad value for money?

Very good value	1
Fairly good value	19
Neither good nor poor value	22
Fairly poor value	33
Very poor value	22
Don't know	3

Thinking about the way governments operate, which two or three of the following matter most to you personally? Please tick up to three

Improving public services such as health and education	46
Governing Britain competently	39
Cutting crime	32
Telling the truth	31
Keeping down unemployment, inflation and interest rates	29
Pursuing the right policies on immigration and asylum	29
Keeping down taxes	23
Helping pensioners	20
Improving public transport	13
Keeping down petrol prices	13
Achieving the right relationship with the rest of Europe	11
Pursuing the right policies in Iraq	5
Don't know	1

Europe's political leaders are negotiating a new constitution for the European Union. If agreement is reached, some countries will hold referendums on whether the new constitution should take effect, while in other countries the decision will be taken by the national parliament. Should the final decision in Britain on whether to adopt the European Constitution be taken by Parliament or by a referendum?

Referendum	77
Parliament	14
Don't know	9

If a referendum were held, then, on the basis of what you know about the new constitution, would you vote for or against Britain adopting it?

For the new constitution	20
Against the new constitution	47
Would not vote	4
Don't know	28

If a referendum were held on whether Britain should join Europe's single currency, the

For joining the euro	26
Against joining the euro	62
Would not vote	2
Don't know	10

If a referendum were held on whether Britain should remain a member of the European Union, how would you vote?

For remaining a member of the EU	51
For leaving the EU	33
Would not vote	3
Don't know	13

Thinking about the situation in Iraq, do you think Britain should or should not send more troops to Iraq?

Britain should send more troops if the military think they are necessary	25
Britain should send more troops if necessary, but only for a limited period, fixed in advance	24
Britain should not send more troops to Iraq	48
Don't know	3

Do you think Tony Blair is too close to America's President George W Bush over Iraq, or not close enough, or has he got the balance about right?

Too close	71
Not close enough	2
Balance about right	26

Has the Government's actions in Iraq made you more likely to less likely to vote Labour at the next general election, or has it made no difference?

More likely to vote Labour	4
Less likely to vote Labour	31
No difference – I would have voted Labour anyway	21
No difference – I would NOT have voted Labour anyway	39
Don't know	5

If Tony Blair gave up the Labour leadership, do you think you would be more likely or less likely to vote Labour at the next general election, or has it made no difference?

More likely to vote Labour	14
Less likely to vote Labour	11
No difference - I would have voted Labour anyway	18
No difference – I would NOT have voted Labour anyway	45
Don't know	13

If Tony Blair gave up the Labour leadership, which of these do you think would make the best party leader?

Gordon Brown	39
Robin Cook	8
Jack Straw	7
David Blunkett	6
Peter Hain	1
Don't know	38

Has Michael Howard's election as Conservative leader made you more likely or less likely to vote Conservative?

More likely to vote Conservative	18
Less likely to vote Conservative	15
No difference – I would have voted Conservative anyway	19
No difference – I would NOT have voted Conservative anyway	38
Don't know	9
Jack Straw	7
David Blunkett	6
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No difference – I would NOT have voted Conservative anyway	38
Don't know	9