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Sample Size: 1566 Fieldwork: 20th - 27th December 2007 For full results *click here*

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Headline Voting Intention

Con **40**

Lab **35**

- Lib Dem 15
 - Other 10

Do you think Gordon Brown is doing well or badly as Prime Minister?

- Very well 3
- Fairly well 31
- Fairly badly 34
- Very badly 24
- Don't know 8

Do you think David Cameron is doing well or badly as Conservative leader?

- Very well 8
- Fairly well 46
- Fairly badly 22
- Very badly 10
- Don't know 14

In general who do you trust more to raise you and your family's standard of living?

- Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling 26
- David Cameron and George Osborne 31
 - Neither 35
 - Don't know 8

Looking back on 2007 has it been a good year for you personally?

- Good **39**
- Bad **21**
- Neither good nor bad 39
 - Don't know 2

Has it been a good year or a bad year for Britain as a whole?

- Good 9
- Bad 54
- Neither good nor bad 33
 - Don't know 4



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And looking forward are you optimistic for yourself about 2008 or not?

- Yes I am optimistic 60
 - No I am not 29
 - Don't know 12

Do you think you and your family's finances will improve or get worse in 2008?

- Improve 23
- Get worse 32
- Stay about the same 42
 - Don't know 4

And are you optimistic about prospects for Britain as a whole or not?

- Yes am optimistic 25
 - No am not 61
 - Don't know 14

Do you think Britain is a better or a worse place to live in than five years ago?

- Better 12
- Worse 60
- About the same 25
 - Don't know 3

Do you think Britain will be a better or worse place to live in five years time?

- Better 11
- Worse 52
- About the same 24
 - Don't know 12

Do you believe man-made global warming is threatening the planet?

- Yes 62
- No 25
- Don't know 13

Will you change your life to help curb climate change in 2008 by doing any of the following? [Please tick all that apply.]

- Recycling more 76
 - Driving less 27
- Avoiding food that has been imported by plane 26
 - Taking fewer holidays 14
 - No I won't change my behaviour 20

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On a personal level which four of these things worry you most on a dayto-day basis? [Please tick up to four.]

- Anti-social behaviour such as vandalism and graffiti 59
 - The level of immigration 57
 - Terrorism 37
 - My financial position / money / debts 35
 - Crimes such as burglary 27
 - Climate change / global warming 24
 - Old age / pensions 21
 - My health 20
 - Lack of community spirit and neighbourliness **19**
 - My job / work prospects 14
 - My work-life balance / long working hours **10**
 - Iraq 9
 - Boredom / stuck in a rut 9
 - My marriage / family relationships 9
 - Transport 6
 - Loneliness 6
 - None of these 2

(To people in work) Many people talk about the pressures of work and the need for a better work-life balance. Do you think you work too hard or not?

- I work too hard 32
- My workload is about right 56
- I probably don't work hard enough **10**
 - Don't know 2

(To all) Generally speaking would you say you were happy or unhappy?

- Very happy 27
- Fairly happy 56
- Fairly unhappy 13
- Very unhappy 2
 - Don't know 2

Which ONE of the following would MOST make you happier?

- More money 49
- More spare time 12
 - More friends 8
- Fewer family arguments 6
 - A more fulfilling job 5
 - Less stress at work 5
 - A job **2**
 - None of these 13

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Which four of these daily gripes irritate you most about everyday life in Britain? [Please tick up to four.]

- Rudeness / bad language 63
 - Young yobs 59
 - Poor service 50
 - Telephone call centres 51
 - Red tape 28
- People using mobile phones inconsiderately 22
 - Drug-dealing in my area 15
 - Traffic wardens and wheel clampers 13
 - Beggars 10
 - The weather 14
 - The daily journey to work 8
 - Ugly buildings 7
- Background music in lifts / hotels / restaurants / shopping centres **7**
 - CCTV 4
 - Tattoos 3
 - None of these 2

Are you proud to be British?

- Yes I am proud 75
 - No I am not 22
- Not applicable I am not British 3

People say Britain is now a multi-cultural society. Do you agree or disagree with this description?

- Agree 72
- Disagree 21
- Don't know 7

Which of the following best sums up your view on religion in Britain?

- Britain is still mainly a Christian country **43**
- Britain is a country of many religions and none dominate 35
 - Britain is not a religious country 22

Do you think...?

- More should be done to protect and promote Britain's indigenous culture 77
- Immigrant cultures should be promoted as much as the indigenous culture **10**
 - Don't know 14

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If you had a free choice would you prefer to live in another country rather than Britain?

- Yes **46**
- No **40**
- Don't know 14

Have you in the past or are you now considering emigrating?

- Yes 44
- No 56

What if anything from the following list would MOST make you want to emigrate?

- Quality of life 38
- Overcrowding in Britain 22
- Cost of housing and living 18
 - Britain's climate 10
 - None of these 12

If you could not live in Britain which foreign country would you MOST like to live in?

- New Zealand 20
 - Australia 19
 - Canada 11
- United States 9
 - Spain 9
 - France 7
 - Ireland 4
 - Italy 3
 - Switzerland 2
 - Sweden 1
 - Germany 1
 - Japan 1
 - India 1
 - Israel 0
 - Russia 0
 - Cuba 0
 - Pakistan 0
 - China **0**
- None of these 12

Are you in favour of Britain staging the 2012 Olympics or not?

- Yes, in favour 54
- No, not in favour 33
 - Don't know 13

The Queen is now the oldest monarch in British history. Should she step down now or in the near future in favour of Prince Charles?

- Yes she should step down now 8
- Yes not immediately but within the next 2-3 years **16**
 - No she should remain monarch until she dies 68
 - Don't know 8

Do you think Prince Charles will make as good a monarch as his mother?

- Yes he will 28
- No he won't 53
- Don't know 18

Finally which of these people would you vote for as your British man or woman of the year for 2007?

- Jane Tomlinson, who suffered from terminal breast cancer; yet cycled across the US for charity. She died this year. **36**
 - John Smeaton, the Glasgow airport baggage handler who tackled car bomb terrorists earlier this year
 - Alan Johnston, the BBC journalist held hostage in Gaza 5
 - Lewis Hamilton, the racing driver **5**
 - Richard Branson, the Chairman of Virgin Group who is trying to take over Northern Rock 4
- Shami Chakrabati, the human rights campaigner and director of civil liberties pressure group, Liberty **4**
 - JK Rowling, whose final Harry Potter book was published this year. 4
 - Ricky Hatton, the boxer from Manchester 2
 - Sir Ranulph Fiennes, the explorer who climbed North face of the Eiger this year 2
 - Mervyn King, the Bank of England governor who refused to bale out irresponsible banks in the summer 2
 - Kate & Gerry McCann, the parents Madeleine, the young girl who went missing in Portugal 2
- Damien Hirst, the artist who this year created Love of God skull, covered in 8600 jewels
 - None of these / Don't know **16**

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