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Fieldwork: 20th - 22nd December 2006

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Headline Voting Intention

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| Con | 37 |
| Lab | 32 |
| Lib Dem | 15 |
| Other | 15 |

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| <i>Would Not Vote</i> | 8 |
| <i>Don't know</i> | 16 |

Looking back on 2006, would you say it has been a good year or a bad year for you personally?

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| Good | 40 |
| Bad | 24 |
| Neither good nor bad | 35 |
| Don't know | 1 |

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

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| Good | 7 |
| Bad | 55 |
| Neither good nor bad | 34 |
| Don't know | 4 |

And looking forward are you optimistic for yourself about 2007, or not?

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| Yes, am optimistic | 63 |
| No, am not | 25 |
| Don't know | 12 |

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

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| Yes, am optimistic | 24 |
| No, am not | 58 |
| Don't know | 18 |

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

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|----------------|----|
| Better | 11 |
| Worse | 62 |
| About the same | 25 |
| Don't know | 2 |

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

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|----------------|----|
| Better | 11 |
| Worse | 53 |
| About the same | 22 |
| Don't know | 14 |

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

| | |
|--|----|
| The level of immigration | 47 |
| Anti-social behaviour such as vandalism and graffiti | 44 |
| My financial position/ money/ debts | 38 |
| Terrorism | 34 |
| Climate change/ global warming | 26 |
| Crimes such as burglary | 25 |
| My health | 22 |
| Old age/ pensions | 22 |
| Lack of community spirit and neighbourliness | 19 |
| My job/ work prospects | 18 |
| Iraq | 18 |
| Boredom/ stuck in a rut | 12 |
| My work-life balance/long working hours | 11 |
| My marriage/ family relationships | 9 |
| Transport | 9 |
| Loneliness | 7 |
| None of these | 3 |

(To people who 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 | 57 |
| I probably don't work hard enough | 9 |
| Don't know | 2 |

(To all)

Which four of these things do most to make you happy? [Please tick up to four]

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| My family | 63 |
| Having a number of good friends | 43 |
| Hobbies and leisure pursuits | 35 |
| Holidays | 34 |
| My home/ garden | 30 |
| Feeling in control of things | 27 |
| Being comfortably off | 26 |
| Eating and drinking | 24 |
| Sex | 22 |
| Sense of self-improvement or progression | 17 |
| The area where I live | 14 |
| The weather | 10 |
| Good working relations | 10 |
| My job | 8 |
| Having plenty of nice things | 8 |
| None of these | 1 |

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

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| Rudeness/ bad language | 60 |
| Young jobs | 57 |
| Poor service | 50 |
| Telephone call centres | 49 |
| Red tape | 30 |
| People using mobile phones inconsiderately | 26 |
| Drug-dealing in my area | 18 |
| Traffic wardens and wheel clampers | 15 |
| Beggars | 12 |
| The weather | 11 |
| The daily journey to work | 10 |
| Ugly buildings | 8 |
| Background music in lifts/ hotels/ restaurants/ shopping centres | 7 |
| CCTV | 5 |
| Tattoos | 3 |
| None of these | 2 |

Are you proud to be British?

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| Yes, I am proud | 70 |
| No, I am not | 27 |
| Not applicable – I am not British | 3 |

Which four aspects of British life give you the greatest sense of pride?

[Please tick up to four]

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| Our cultural heritage – e.g. Shakespeare, Dickens, Turner, Elgar | 48 |
| Our national history | 48 |
| Sense of humour | 46 |
| Our intellectual heritage – e.g. Newton, Darwin, Brunel, Keynes | 39 |
| Sense of fair play | 23 |
| The monarchy | 22 |
| Sense of independence (from Europe and America) | 21 |
| NHS | 20 |
| Tolerance | 18 |
| The BBC | 13 |
| Relative lack of corruption in public life | 10 |
| Parliament | 5 |
| None of these gives me any such pride | 11 |

And which four of these aspects are you most ashamed of? [Please tick up to four]

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| Anti-social behaviour | 67 |
| Our failure to stand up for white families who have always lived here | 39 |
| Race-hate | 35 |
| Binge-drinking | 35 |
| Selfishness and greed | 31 |
| Football hooligans | 30 |
| Our politicians | 30 |
| Bad language | 20 |
| Reality TV | 19 |
| Materialistic culture | 19 |
| Lack of independence (from Europe and America) | 19 |
| Little Englander mentality | 16 |
| Our cities | 2 |
| None of the these makes me ashamed | 2 |

Other than Britain, which of the following countries do you most admire?

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| Australia | 18 |
| New Zealand | 14 |
| Canada | 11 |
| United States | 8 |
| Sweden | 6 |
| Switzerland | 6 |
| France | 4 |
| Spain | 4 |
| Germany | 3 |
| Japan | 3 |
| Ireland | 2 |
| Italy | 2 |
| Israel | 1 |
| Cuba | 1 |
| India | 1 |
| China | 1 |
| Pakistan | 0 |
| Russia | 0 |
| Iran | 0 |
| Libya | 0 |
| North Korea | 0 |
| None of these | 18 |

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Which of the following countries do you most despise?

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| United States | 15 |
| Iran | 13 |
| North Korea | 9 |
| Pakistan | 7 |
| France | 5 |
| Israel | 5 |
| Libya | 2 |
| Russia | 2 |
| China | 2 |
| Germany | 1 |
| Cuba | 1 |
| Japan | 1 |
| India | 1 |
| Sweden | 0 |
| Spain | 0 |
| Canada | 0 |
| Australia | 0 |
| Italy | 0 |
| Switzerland | 0 |
| Ireland | 0 |
| New Zealand | 0 |
| None of these | 36 |

Do you think there will be a terrorist attack on Britain, at least on the scale of July 7 2005, during 2007?

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| Yes, I think there probably will be such an attack | 54 |
| No, I don't think such an attack will be attempted | 7 |
| No: such an attack may be attempted, but the police and security services are likely to prevent it | 20 |
| Don't know | 19 |

Do you think ministers overstate the terrorist threat, for political reasons, or not?

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| Yes, they do overstate it | 26 |
| No, they do not: the threat is genuine | 60 |
| Don't know | 14 |

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Which of the following best sums up your view?

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| A small number of radical young Muslims present a danger to Britain but the overwhelming majority are peaceful and law-abiding. | 62 |
| Very many young Muslims are alienated from British society and represent a significant danger. | 31 |
| Don't know | 6 |

Do you think Britain can generally live in harmony with the Muslim minority, or not?

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| Yes can live in harmony | 53 |
| No, can not | 34 |
| Don't know | 13 |

How widespread do you think corruption is among Britain's politicians in general?

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| Very widespread – most are corrupt | 17 |
| Fairly widespread – a significant minority are corrupt | 40 |
| Not very widespread – only a few are corrupt | 31 |
| Virtually non-existent – corruption is extremely rare | 4 |
| Don't know | 9 |

In the wake of what some people have described as the 'cash-for-honours scandal', should the House of Lords be...

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| Abolished altogether - all Parliamentary decisions should be made by the House of Commons alone | 13 |
| Reformed completely, so that it is largely or wholly elected by the general public | 56 |
| Left broadly as it is, with its members largely appointed rather than elected | 16 |
| Don't know | 15 |

From what you know, do you think Tony Blair has been guilty of wrongdoing over cash for honours?

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| Yes - he has deliberately given peerages to some people in return for their financial support of the Labour Party | 24 |
| Yes - he may not have broken the law, but he has been too willing to give honours to Labour's financial supporters | 38 |
| No - he has been careful to keep to both the spirit and the letter of the law on this issue | 12 |
| Don't know | 26 |

If the current police investigation leads to Mr Blair being charged, and subsequently found guilty, of breaking the law on 'cash for honours', what should happen to him?

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| He should be sent to jail | 37 |
| He should not go to jail, but pay a large fine | 13 |
| He should be required to do community service | 13 |
| Nothing should happen – many prime ministers have done the same, and he is just unlucky to have been caught | 17 |
| Don't know | 20 |

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

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| Yes, in favour | 64 |
| No, not in favour | 27 |
| Don't know | 9 |

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? 'Given our sporting record, Britain is not really worthy of staging the Olympics in 2012'

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| Agree | 22 |
| Disagree | 65 |
| Don't know | 13 |

Finally, which of these people would you vote for as your British man or woman of the year for 2006?

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| Jane Tomlinson (who suffers from terminal breast cancer, yet cycled ride across US for charity) | 25 |
| Sir David Attenborough (the naturalist who now campaigns against climate change) | 19 |
| Jamie Oliver (the chef who campaigned for healthier school meals) | 9 |
| Richard Branson (Chairman on Virgin Group who has promised to invest in technologies to combat climate change) | 9 |
| David Walliams (the Little Britain comedian who swam the Channel for Sport Relief) | 5 |
| Richard Hammond (Top Gear presenter who was badly injured in a car crash) | 5 |
| John Sentamu (Archbishop of York) | 5 |
| Richard Dawkins (anthropologist who campaigns against religion) | 4 |
| Monty Panesar (spin bowler in England's cricket squad) | 2 |
| Zara Phillips (world equestrian champion) | 2 |
| Darren Clarke (British golfer whose wife died this year) | 2 |
| Prince William (who graduated this year from Sandhurst) | 2 |
| Don't know | 12 |