

YouGov / Migration Watch Survey Results

Sample Size: 2027 GB Adults marginal seats
Fieldwork: 6th - 8th January 2010

	Labour held seats	Lib Dem held seats
Weighted Sample	1524	503
Unweighted Sample	1524	503
	%	%

Thinking about important issues facing the country, which **ONE** issue, if any, do you think is most likely to influence your vote at the next general election?

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And which other issues do you think will influence your vote?

Generally speaking...

Which of these statements comes closer to your view?

I am very worried by the impact immigration is having on Britain	40	38
I am fairly worried by the impact immigration is having on Britain	27	33
TOTAL WORRIED	67	71
I am neither worried nor pleased by the impact immigration is having on Britain	23	23
I am fairly pleased by the impact immigration is having on Britain	5	3
I am very pleased by the impact immigration is having on Britain	2	2
TOTAL PLEASSED	7	6
Don't know	3	1

Which party do you trust most to handle immigration?

Conservatives	29	26
Labour	18	16
Liberal Democrats	6	12
Scottish National Party / Plaid Cymru	1	1
Some other party	9	7
None of these	19	20
Don't know	18	20

And which of these parties do you trust most to handle immigration?

BNP	5	4
UKIP	3	2
SNP / PCY	1	1
Green	1	0
Respect	0	0
Other	0	0

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Official figures showed that NET immigration in 2008 stood at about 160,000 people ('net' immigration means the number of people who entered minus the number of people who left).

From what you know, do you think this has been good or bad for Britain's economy?

Very good	2	3
Fairly good	17	18
TOTAL GOOD	19	21
Neither good nor bad	20	22
Fairly bad	30	30
Very bad	25	21
TOTAL BAD	54	51
Don't know	7	6

And do you think, on balance, that recent immigration has been good or bad for British society as a whole?

Very good	3	2
Fairly good	15	17
TOTAL GOOD	18	19
Neither good nor bad	19	19
Fairly bad	32	34
Very bad	27	25
TOTAL BAD	59	60
Don't know	4	3

According to official statistics, the population of the UK will rise from 61 million today to around 70 million by 2029.

How would you feel about a population of this size?

Delighted	1	2
Wouldn't mind	12	9
Slightly worried	36	34
Very worried	49	51
Don't know	4	4

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According to official figures, around 70 per cent of that estimated increase - about 7 million people - is likely to be as a result of immigration. Some argue that this will put great strain on resources in the UK, while others argue that the economic benefits justify this level of immigration.

To stop the population rising to 70 million, net immigration needs to be cut from around 160,000 per year to around 50,000.

In your opinion, which of the following is the right level of NET immigration for Britain (i.e. the number of people who enter minus the number of people who leave)?

More than 300,000 a year	1	0
300,000 a year	0	0
200,000 a year	2	2
100,000 a year	9	8
50,000 a year	26	26
No net immigration (e.g. "one in, one out")	32	34
No immigration at all (i.e. people can emigrate, but not immigrate)	17	16
Don't know	14	14

Imagine you had decided on a political party to vote for at the upcoming general election. Now imagine you heard that the party of your choice was promising to place a limit on the number of immigrants admitted to the UK each year.

How, if at all, would this affect your vote?

I would be much more likely to vote for that party	36	34
I would be a little more likely to vote for that party	24	28
TOTAL MORE LIKELY	60	63
I would be a little less likely to vote for that party	6	4
I would be much less likely to vote for that party	4	3
TOTAL LESS LIKELY	29	7
It would make no difference to my vote	24	25
Don't know	6	5

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Now imagine David Cameron, leader of the Conservative Party, were to say that a Conservative Government would reduce immigration to 50,000 or below in order to keep the UK population below 70 million...

How, if at all, would this affect your vote?

I would be much more likely to vote for the Conservative Party	23	20
I would be a little more likely to vote for the Conservative Party	21	22
TOTAL MORE LIKELY	44	43
I would be a little less likely to vote for the Conservative Party	3	3
I would be much less likely to vote for the Conservative Party	3	2
TOTAL LESS LIKELY	5	5
It would make no difference - I would have voted for the Conservative Party anyway	12	9
It would make no difference - I would NOT have voted for the Conservative Party anyway	30	36
Don't know	9	8

Now imagine Gordon Brown, leader of the Labour Party, were to say that a Labour Government would reduce immigration to 50,000 or below in order to keep the UK population below 70 million...

How, if at all, would this affect your vote?

I would be much more likely to vote for the Labour Party	13	8
I would be a little more likely to vote for the Labour Party	17	23
TOTAL MORE LIKELY	30	31
I would be a little less likely to vote for the Labour Party	5	3
I would be much less likely to vote for the Labour Party	2	4
TOTAL LESS LIKELY	7	7
It would make no difference - I would have voted for the Labour Party anyway	16	14
It would make no difference - I would NOT have voted for the Labour Party anyway	38	41
Don't know	9	7

Some people argue that the current level of immigration has an adverse effect on local public services such as schools and hospitals.

To what extent do you agree or disagree that this is true?

Strongly agree	38	37
Tend to agree	33	37
TOTAL AGREE	72	74
Tend to disagree	14	16
Strongly disagree	5	3
TOTAL DISAGREE	19	19
Don't know	9	8