

# Electoral Commission Public Opinion Research

## UK Parliament general election – June 2017

### Methodology

- This data is based upon the results from 3,519 telephone interviews conducted across the United Kingdom: 1,518 adults in England, 750 in Scotland, 750 in Wales, and 501 in Northern Ireland.
- Interviews were conducted with a nationally representative sample of adults aged 18 and over. Data is weighted to match the profile of the population of each country.
- Fieldwork was conducted by ICM between 10 June and 16 July 2017 by telephone. Data are weighted to match the profile of the population of each country.

### Headline findings

- Satisfaction with the registration system remains high at 86%, +1pp against May 2015 (previous UK Parliament election). It is significantly lower in Northern Ireland (78%) than in England (86%), Wales (86%) and Scotland (84%).
- Almost four in five (79%) are confident that the election on June 8th was well run. This is down from 91% at the 2015 UK Parliament election but in line with more recent results: 80% in May 2016, 77% at the EU referendum, 81% in May 2017.
- Similarly, 81% said they are satisfied with the procedures for voting in elections and referendums in Great Britain and Northern Ireland (it was 83% following the 2015 UK Parliament election).
- Overall, 88% felt that they knew a great deal or a fair amount about the general election, exactly in line with the result in 2015. However in 2017 those under 34 were much more likely to say that they knew a lot about the election than they were in 2015 (87% of 18-24s, up from 80% in 2015 and 88% of 25-34s, up from 82% in 2015).
- More than nine in ten (92%) agreed that there was a lot of media coverage on the general election however just a third (34%) believed this coverage was fair

and balanced. Those in Northern Ireland were most likely to view the media coverage as balanced (41%).

- Those dissatisfied with the process of voting in the UK were particularly unhappy with the way in which the elections was covered in the media – 78% disagreed that the media coverage was fair (compared with 53% overall).
- Nine in ten (89%) felt that they had enough information on how the cast their vote. This was highest in Scotland at 92% and lowest in England at 88%.
- Despite the boost in awareness among the younger age groups, older people were still more likely than younger people to say they had enough information (91% among over 55s compared to 86% among 18-34s).
- As with information on registration, young people (under 34) overwhelmingly pointed to social media as a source of information on who to vote for: 35% of 18-24s and 30% of 25-34s said they used Facebook to access information on who to vote for, while just under a quarter (23%) of 18-24s pointed to Twitter. In contrast 19% of 35-54s and just 6% of over 55s said Facebook was a source they used to find information on candidates; among both of these age categories television interviews was the top source of information.

### Full questionnaire and responses

- Where results do not sum to 100, this is due to multiple responses, computer rounding or the exclusion of don't knows/not stated.
- Results are based on all respondents unless otherwise stated. Base sizes are in brackets.
- An asterisk (\*) represents a value of less than one half of one percent, but not zero.

## REGISTRATION, TURNOUT AND VOTING

1. As far as you know, is your name on the electoral register, that is the official list of people who can vote, either where you are living now or somewhere else?

	England %	Scotland %	Wales %	N. Ireland %
NET: Yes	99	99	99	96
Yes – where living now	95	96	97	92
Yes – somewhere else / another address	4	3	2	4
No	*	1	1	4
Don't know	1	*	-	1

1a. Thinking back, can you remember when you registered to vote?

<i>Base: All who are registered (3,475)</i>	England (1,506) %	Scotland (741) %	Wales (743) %	N. Ireland (485) %
More than 6 months ago	77	84	78	86
NET: Within the last 6 months	14	9	12	8
In the final few months before the deadline	8	4	7	4
In the final few weeks before the deadline	4	2	3	3
In the final few days before the deadline	2	2	2	1
Can't remember / Don't know	8	7	10	6

2. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the procedure for getting your name on the electoral register?

	England %	Scotland %	Wales %	N. Ireland %
NET: Satisfied	86	84	86	78
Very satisfied	61	54	62	48
Fairly satisfied	25	30	24	30
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	8	5	7	8
Fairly dissatisfied	1	2	*	4
Very dissatisfied	2	3	4	3
NET: Dissatisfied	3	4	4	7
Don't know	3	7	3	8

2b. Did you see or hear any advertising, publicity or other information about registering to vote for the UK General election?

By this, we mean advertising, publicity or other information about the elections themselves and what you need to do to register and vote, rather than information from political parties about who to vote for.

	England %	Scotland %	Wales %	N. Ireland %
Yes	75	78	80	77
No	22	20	18	21
Don't know	3	2	2	2

Q2c. Where did you see or hear this advertising, publicity or information about registering to vote?

	England %	Scotland %	Wales %	N. Ireland %
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<i>Base: All who saw advertising (2,743)</i>	<i>(1,169)</i>	<i>(584)</i>	<i>(602)</i>	<i>(388)</i>
TV – advertising	51	55	56	53
TV – news	30	34	34	33
Advertising (or other) on social media	24	15	26	16
Radio	18	22	17	20
Newspaper	18	19	17	16
Leaflet or flyer	14	14	12	12
Online news	8	10	7	6
Posters or billboards	7	4	6	11
Advertising (or other) on internet [other than social media]	6	2	5	4
Word of mouth (e.g. through conversation with family, friends, or colleagues etc.)	2	1	4	2
Video on Demand / Catch Up TV (e.g. All4, ITV Player, BBC iPlayer etc.)	*	*	*	-
Specifically searching for information on registering to vote on the internet	*	*	*	*
Other (please specify)	10	4	8	2
Don't know	2	1	2	2

3. As you may know, on Thursday 8 June there was a UK General Election. We often find that a lot of people were not able to vote because they were sick, did not have the time, or were just not interested. How about you – did you manage to vote in the UK General Election?

	England %	Scotland %	Wales %	N. Ireland %
Yes	89	86	91	81
No	11	14	9	19
I spoiled my ballot	*	-	*	-
Don't know	-	-	*	*

4. People have different reasons for voting in elections and referendums. Why did you vote in the UK General Election on Thursday 8th June?  
MULTICODE.

	England	Scotland	Wales	N. Ireland
	% (1,377)	% (658)	% (696)	% (419)
<i>Base: All voters (3,150)</i>				
<b>Civic responsibility reasons</b>				
It is important to vote/It is my civic duty/everyone should vote/It is my right to vote	47	49	48	45
I always vote	17	20	17	17
I wanted to be part of the democratic process/democracy	8	8	8	10
To show my support/support the community	6	3	2	6
People fought to win the right to vote for me/others	5	6	8	9
<b>To express a view</b>				
I wanted to have a say	27	19	26	19
To support my party/candidates of preference/to help my party/candidate win	13	10	16	12
If people don't vote then you have no right to complain/have an opinion	8	4	5	4
Concerned about local issues	2	2	3	3
SCOTLAND: To support the case for a second referendum / reasons related to a second ref (pro)	-	1	-	-
SCOTLAND: To oppose a second referendum / reasons related to a second ref (oppose)	-	1	-	-
<b>To help create a change</b>				
To get a change	12	8	10	8
Not happy with the government	7	4	6	2
Not happy with the (national) opposition	2	1	1	1
<b>Other reasons</b>				
To vote for position supported by my party	5	4	5	6
I am not happy with the result of the EU referendum	2	1	1	*
I am not happy with the decision to call an election	*	*	-	-
Other	12	8	13	8
None of these / no reason	1	*	*	1
Don't know	*	1	1	1

9. People have many reasons for not voting in elections. Why did you not vote in the UK General Elections on Thursday 8 June?\* MULTICODE.

	England %	Scotland %	Wales %	N. Ireland %
<i>Base: All non-voters (367)</i>				
<b>Circumstances</b>	(141)	(92)	(53)	(81)
Lack of time/too busy/I was busy at work	19	20	21	15
I forgot	-	2	-	*
I was away on 8 June / voting day	12	11	4	7
I really intended to vote but circumstances on the day prevented me	6	5	7	4
Medical/health reasons	4	11	8	5
I couldn't get to the polling station/it was inconvenient	6	8	8	7
<b>Disinterest/no point</b>				
I'm just not interested in politics	3	17	8	13
Had no interest/view on the subject	6	-	-	-
Waste of time/could see no point	8	3	8	-
There was no point in voting because it was obvious who would win/my vote wouldn't have made a difference to the outcome	7	1	3	3
I couldn't be bothered	3	5	2	*
<b>No information/indecision/complicated</b>				
I didn't get any information	2	-	-	1
I didn't know enough about the different options/candidates	1	3	4	1
I didn't know what the candidates stood for	1	-	1	2
I couldn't decide which way to vote	6	1	2	2
I didn't understand/too confusing	1	-	5	*
I don't know anything about politics	-	-	-	-
<b>Administration</b>				
I wasn't registered	6	7	3	5
I didn't receive a postal vote/it arrived too late	3	-	2	1
I didn't receive a polling card	1	3	2	2
<b>Parties/candidates</b>				
I didn't like the candidates/parties/they didn't represent my views	9	4	13	9
You just can't trust politicians to keep their promises	6	1	11	2
There was no point in voting because all the parties are the same	8	4	4	5
Politicians do not care/only in politics for own benefit	2	2	4	2
<b>Awareness/lack of awareness</b>				
I didn't know who the candidates in my area were /and where to find information	-	1	-	-
I didn't know there was an election	1	-	-	-
I didn't know what these elections were about / were for	3	-	-	-

<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
I didn't have time to make up my mind	2	-	-	-
I disagreed with the timing of the poll / I didn't want to vote again	1	1	-	-
I never vote	-	-	*	6
Other reasons related to the snap election	2	-	2	-
Other	28	12	23	19
None of these/no reason	2	2	-	*
Don't know	-	1	-	1

10. Did you vote on the 8th of June...

	England %	Scotland %	Wales %	N. Ireland %
<i>Base: All voters (3,150)</i>	(1,377)	(658)	(696)	(419)
In person at polling station	78	76	76	96
By post	21	23	24	3
By proxy (IF NECESSARY SAY: getting someone to vote on your behalf)	1	2	*	1
Other	*	*	*	-
Don't know	-	-	-	-

11. Was this the first time you voted in any election or referendum?

	England %	Scotland %	Wales %	N. Ireland %
<i>Base: All voters (3,150)</i>	(1,377)	(658)	(696)	(419)
Yes, it was my first time	3	1	3	2
Yes, it was my first time as I wasn't eligible before [for reasons such as age or nationality]	*	*	-	-
No, I voted before	97	99	97	98
Don't know/cannot remember	-	-	-	-

12. Which of these statements best describes your attitude towards voting at UK Parliamentary General Elections (for Westminster)?

	England %	Scotland %	Wales %	N. Ireland %
I always vote	80	83	85	76
I sometimes vote	14	13	10	17
I never vote	3	2	2	6
I've not been eligible to vote in the past	2	2	2	1
Don't know	*	-	1	-

12.a To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

		NET: Agree %	Agree strongl y %	Tend to agree %	Neither agree nor disagre e %	Tend to disagre e %	Strongl y disagre e %	NET: Disagr ee %	Don't know %
It matters who is in charge of the country	Eng.	91	79	12	4	2	3	5	*
	Scot.	89	76	13	3	5	2	7	1
	Wales	91	79	12	4	3	2	5	*
	NI	87	71	16	5	3	4	8	*
My life is directly affected by who runs the country	Eng.	81	61	21	9	5	3	9	1
	Scot.	76	46	30	9	10	4	14	1
	Wales	82	60	22	8	4	5	9	*
	NI	74	49	25	10	10	6	15	*
This general election was important	Eng.	84	71	13	5	5	6	11	*
	Scot.	77	56	21	5	9	7	16	2
	Wales	85	73	11	5	5	5	10	1
	NI	74	53	21	6	7	12	19	1

14. Please could you tell me whether you think each of the following statements are true or false?

		True %	False %	Don't know %	
<b>A</b>	You have to take ID with you to vote at a polling station [in NI: photo ID]	Eng.	17	79	5
		Scot.	19	78	3
		Wales	18	79	3
		NI	96	4	-
<b>B</b>	You are automatically registered to vote if you pay council tax	Eng.	18	74	8
		Scot.	16	75	8
		Wales	19	74	7
		NI	14	73	14
<b>C</b>	You are automatically registered to vote if you are of legal voting age	Eng.	22	75	3
		Scot.	25	72	3
		Wales	23	74	3
		NI	26	71	3
<b>D</b>	You can register to vote until the day before an election	Eng.	26	63	11
		Scot.	22	64	14
		Wales	24	63	13
		NI	16	70	14
<b>E</b>	You are at risk of getting a fine if you don't register to vote	Eng.	10	87	3
		Scot.	11	85	5
		Wales	14	81	5
		NI	9	87	4
<b>F</b>	One household member is able to register other members of the household	Eng.	50	41	9
		Scot.	49	42	9
		Wales	51	40	9
		NI	26	59	15
<b>G</b>	You can register to vote online	Eng.	82	7	10
		Scot.	78	10	12
		Wales	83	8	9
		NI	60	23	17
<b>H</b>	You have to be registered by a deadline a few weeks before the election in order to vote	Eng.	82	13	5
		Scot.	83	12	5
		Wales	80	15	5
		NI	87	8	5

15. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

		NET: Agree %	Agree strongly %	Tend to agree %	Neithe r agree nor disagr ee %	Tend to disagr ee %	Stron gly disagr ee %	NET: Disagre e %	Don' t kno w %
You should be able to register to vote until the day before the election	Eng.	57	34	23	6	16	20	36	1
	Scot.	55	24	31	6	20	19	39	1
	Wales	54	35	20	7	19	19	37	2
	NI	50	28	23	6	19	23	41	3
You should be able to register to vote in a polling station on the day of the election	Eng.	34	22	12	5	19	41	60	1
	Scot.	33	14	19	4	26	37	63	*
	Wales	38	26	13	5	17	39	56	2
	NI	41	25	15	5	19	33	53	2
<b>[IN NI ONLY]</b> You should be able to register to vote online	NI	67	45	23	4	8	18	26	3
Local government should be able to use other information they hold about me (for example my Council Tax record) to automatically update my details on an electoral register	Eng.	46	21	25	10	16	27	43	2
	Scot.	45	14	31	7	22	24	46	2
	Wales	51	23	28	9	13	26	38	1
	NI	45	22	23	9	15	28	43	3
It should be my responsibility, not the government's, to keep my electoral registration details up to date	Eng.	79	54	25	8	7	5	12	1
	Scot.	84	49	35	5	6	4	10	1
	Wales	80	55	25	7	8	5	13	*
	NI	80	49	31	7	5	6	11	1
You should automatically be added to the electoral register when you receive your National Insurance number	Eng.	58	35	23	8	15	17	32	3
	Scot.	63	32	31	5	18	11	29	2
	Wales	60	38	22	8	17	14	31	2
	NI	73	44	29	3	10	12	21	3
<b>[GB ONLY]</b> You should be required to provide identification in order to vote in a polling station	Eng.	64	40	24	8	14	13	27	1
	Scot.	62	35	27	5	21	11	32	1
	Wales	59	36	22	8	16	15	31	1

You should be able to vote early, for example in the days before the election, including a weekend	Eng.	51	28	23	9	16	21	38	2
	Scot.	44	18	26	7	26	21	48	2
	Wales	51	27	24	11	17	20	37	1
	NI	42	21	21	12	18	26	44	3
You should be able to vote online	Eng.	50	32	18	4	13	31	44	2
	Scot.	46	26	20	5	19	29	48	1
	Wales	52	35	18	5	11	30	41	2
	NI	44	26	17	6	16	31	47	3

## AWARENESS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION

16. How much if anything did you feel you knew about [INSERT ELECTION] on Thursday 8 June? Would you say you knew...

	England %	Scotland %	Wales %	N. Ireland %
NET: A great deal/a fair amount	89	85	88	81
A great deal	38	32	41	29
A fair amount	51	53	47	52
Not very much	9	12	11	14
Nothing at all	1	3	1	5
NET: Not very much/nothing at all	11	14	12	19
Don't know	*	*	*	-

18. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

		NET: Agree %	Agree strongly %	Tend to agree %	Neither/ Nor %	Tend to disagree %	Strongly Disagree %	NET: Disagree %	DK %
There was a lot of media coverage on the UK General Election	Eng.	92	72	21	3	2	2	4	1
	Scot.	92	64	28	2	3	2	5	1
	Wales	92	75	17	4	2	2	3	1
	N.I	92	66	26	3	1	2	3	2
I had enough information on how to cast my	Eng.	88	67	21	4	3	4	7	*
	Scot.	92	63	29	1	4	3	7	*
	Wales	89	68	21	5	2	3	6	*

vote in the UK General Election	N.I	91	64	27	3	3	3	5	1
	Eng.	84	60	24	5	4	6	10	*
	Scot.	86	52	34	4	5	5	10	*
	Wales	83	61	22	5	6	6	11	1
I had enough information to be able to make an informed decision on who to vote for in the UK General Election	N.I	84	57	27	6	4	4	9	1
	Eng.	33	15	19	12	19	34	53	2
	Scot.	34	13	21	10	22	30	52	3
	Wales	34	15	19	10	16	40	56	1
The UK General Election was covered in a fair and balanced way in the media	N.I	41	19	22	12	18	25	42	5
	Eng.	33	15	19	12	19	34	53	2
	Scot.	34	13	21	10	22	30	52	3
	Wales	34	15	19	10	16	40	56	1

19. Where did you access information on who to vote for?

	England	Scotland	Wales	N. Ireland
	%	%	%	%
A television interview	48	50	55	49
Articles in national newspapers	29	24	28	16
Articles on online news sites	25	20	21	16
Leaflet or flyer from a candidate/political party	23	25	26	34
Facebook	18	15	19	14
Articles in local newspapers	14	19	15	18
A radio interview	14	12	15	11
The website of a political party/political parties	11	7	11	8
Other social media	11	8	9	8
Conversations with friends and family	10	7	10	5
Twitter	9	7	8	9
On another specific website	9	5	8	4
People talking about it	8	3	6	6
Candidate's website	7	5	8	3
Leaflet or flyer from another source	5	4	5	3
Posters or billboards	3	1	2	5
The 'Your Vote Matters' website	2	1	1	1
I didn't find/see any information	2	2	2	3
Somewhere else	23	13	23	15
None of these	4	5	3	2
Don't know	*	1	1	1

19a. And of those, which would you say was where you accessed the most information?

Base: All selecting more than one source at Q19

	England %	Scotland %	Wales %	N. Ireland %
A television interview	25	32	28	31
Articles in national newspapers	11	9	9	4
Articles on online news sites	14	10	12	8
Leaflet or flyer from a candidate/political party	5	6	6	10
Facebook	7	3	5	8
Articles in local newspapers	2	3	3	5
A radio interview	5	4	4	3
The website of a political party/political parties	4	2	3	5
Other social media	3	4	2	3
Twitter	2	3	2	4
Conversations with friends and family	2	4	1	*
On another specific website	4	4	5	1
Candidate's website	2	2	1	2
People talking about it	1	1	1	3
Leaflet or flyer from another source	*	*	1	1
Posters or billboards	*	-	-	1
The 'Your Vote Matters' website	*	*	-	-
I didn't find/see any information	*	-	-	-
Somewhere else	8	5	11	6
None of these	3	2	2	2
Don't know	2	4	2	3

20. Thinking about the last few months, which of the following can you recall happening?

	England %	Scotland %	Wales %	N. Ireland %
I received a leaflet from a political party at my home	90	95	94	96
I saw an advert or message from a political party on television	80	85	83	85
I saw an advert or message from a political party on social media	56	57	62	57
I saw campaigners from political parties giving out leaflets near to where I live	37	50	46	50
A campaigner from a political party knocked on my door	24	31	39	47
None of these	1	1	1	1
Don't know	-	-	-	-

## VOTING PROCESS AND PRIORITIES

22. Generally speaking, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the procedures for voting in elections and referendums in Great Britain?

	England %	Scotland %	Wales %	N. Ireland %
NET: Satisfied	81	82	81	76
Very satisfied	32	26	35	30
Fairly satisfied	49	56	45	46
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	9	10	9	10
Fairly dissatisfied	5	5	6	7
Very dissatisfied	4	2	4	6
NET: Dissatisfied	9	7	10	13
Don't know	*	*	1	1

23. Why do you say you were dissatisfied with the procedure for voting in elections? MULTICODE.

<i>Base: All fairly or very dissatisfied with procedure for voting (388)</i>	England (142) %	Scotland (61) %	Wales (75) %	N. Ireland (60) %
<b>Voting procedure</b>				
Length of time it takes	*	-	7	3
Process is poorly represented/ misrepresented	7	1	7	-
Outdated methods/paper based/dropping ballots into the box	1	-	2	-
Dislike the counting process	-	1	3	-
Voting process should be available online	3	2	6	9
The system is open to abuse	4	-	1	8
Voting system should be more secure	*	5	5	8
Voting should be spread over a few days	2	1	2	-
Many people didn't get to vote/register	5	3	7	3
Issues with postal voting	5	5	1	4
Everyone should vote/ compulsory voting	5	1	-	*
Not enough polling stations to choose from	*	1	-	3
Non UK citizens are not eligible to vote	2	-	-	-
Voting should be done in pen/a more permanent mark / not pencil	-	2	6	-
Voters should be required to show identification	1	1	3	*
Issues with secrecy/ anonymity of voting	-	-	-	2
Too many elections taking place on the same day	-	1	-	-

<b>Lack of information</b>				
Not enough information/ media coverage	10	12	8	2
People don't/didn't understand what the elections were about/too complicated	6	3	4	-
<b>Voting system</b>				
The system is not fair	20	24	14	21
Disagree with /don't like the voting system	9	16	9	5
Lack of democracy within the system	4	8	4	3
Confusion with multiple voting systems	4	-	3	5
<b>Politicians/the political system</b>				
Don't trust politicians/ politicians don't fulfil their promises	5	2	3	6
Dislike politicians' behaviour	1	1	3	4
Need more options/ opinions/choice	1	1	*	4
May end up voting for people/positions I don't support	1	-	4	3
<b>Experience of voting</b>				
Didn't receive a polling card	-	3	1	3
Poor accessibility of polling stations	1	1	4	-
Because of the outcome/ dismay with election results	*	1	*	-
<b>Other</b>				
Corruption/fraud/fixes results	8	-	5	7
Should be simpler	5	2	2	5
Waste of money	1	1	1	-
Too many elections recently	-	4	-	3
Other	46	31	34	29
Don't know	1	14	3	1

24. How confident, if at all, are you that the election on June 8th was well run?

	England	Scotland	Wales	N. Ireland
	%	%	%	%
NET: Confident	79	77	77	78
Very confident	29	24	30	26
Fairly confident	51	53	47	52
Not very confident	11	13	14	11
Not at all confident	7	6	7	5
NET: Not confident	18	19	20	16
Don't know	3	4	3	5

25. Why do you say you are confident that the [elections] was/were well run? MULTICODE.

England	Scotland	Wales	N. Ireland
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<i>Base: All very/fairly confident at Q24</i>	(1,243)	(593)	(604)	(408)
	%	%	%	%
Well organised	26	29	26	26
Clear/concise ballot/easy to vote	15	10	8	12
Quick easy voting	13	7	9	13
There was a lot of information about the elections	10	11	11	9
Trust the staff	7	8	8	5
Professionally conducted	10	5	10	6
Voting system fair	15	8	10	7
No negative feedback	9	8	7	7
Tried and tested	9	10	9	8
Accessible polling station	3	3	2	5
Well publicised	5	7	6	4
Good staff attitude	2	2	3	2
Personal involvement	2	2	2	4
Results were in the media quickly	7	5	5	7
Everyone had the opportunity to vote	2	1	2	3
Received polling card ballot papers in good time	1	2	1	2
Feel it was the right result	3	3	4	5
Well canvassed	2	2	3	1
High turnout	2	1	2	3
Others	25	18	23	17
None	2	3	3	4
Don't know	9	8	12	6

26. Why do you say that you are not confident that the election(s) was/were well run? DO NOT PROMPT.MULTICODE.

<i>Base: All not very/not at all confident</i>	England (242) %	Scotland (129) %	Wales (126) %	N.I. (68) %
<b>Lack of information</b>				
Lack of information/publicity/don't know much/anything about it	16	11	11	10
Problems with fake news/hard to know what to believe/mistrust of information provided	6	8	6	3
Lack of information about the candidates	6	4	5	8
Information confusing/some people didn't understand what the vote was for	4	2	8	7
<b>Campaign issues/candidate</b>				
Lack of canvassing/personal contact	4	2	3	*
TV/press coverage was biased/badly presented	9	8	3	7
Little choice in who to vote for	2	1	-	4
There was misinformation/stupid allegations as to what the vote was about	3	4	2	7
Lack of regulation of information circulated on social media	*	2	-	-
<b>Polling station/ballot issues</b>				
Didn't receive a polling card/postal ballot papers	*	*	*	3
The counting process was not well verified	1	1	4	-
Lack of time given to vote/decide	5	5	3	1
Low turnout	1	1	-	-
Badly run/organised	7	10	4	11
Long wait for results	-	-	-	-
I didn't know how to vote/what to do in the polling station/how to fill in my ballot paper	-	-	-	-
<b>Voting system and procedure</b>				
People did not know the voting procedure	2	1	-	-
People's opinions are not valued/vote will make no difference	3	-	2	-
Outdated/unfair system	2	2	7	2
<b>Politicians/political system</b>				
Mistrust/Don't stick to their promises/just in it for themselves	16	20	12	16
Reasons related to snap election (e.g. timing, mistrust)	5	10	6	4
<b>Fraud/security</b>				
Corruption/fraud/fixed results	4	13	4	14
<b>General impression/word of mouth</b>				
I had a bad impression	4	3	3	-
I did not witness what went on	*	-	-	-
From what I have read/heard	2	1	4	6
<b>Other</b>				
Because of the outcome/dismay with election	5	4	8	3

results				
Disinterested/don't care about politics	1	4	2	1
Dislike local government	*	1	-	1
Didn't vote for personal reasons	-	-	1	-
Issues registering to vote	*	2	3	2
Some did not have the opportunity to vote/had the opportunity taken away	3	3	3	2
Other	39	27	42	30
None	1	-	*	1
Don't know	6	3	7	3

## VOTING AT A POLLING STATION

27. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the process of voting at a polling station/polling place? Would you say...

<i>Base: All polling station voters (2,459)</i>	England (1,057)	Scotland (484)	Wales (513)	N. Ireland (405)
	%	%	%	%
NET: Satisfied	94	96	96	96
Very satisfied	72	70	76	68
Fairly satisfied	22	26	20	28
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	4	2	3	2
Fairly dissatisfied	1	1	1	1
Very dissatisfied	1	1	*	1
NET: Dissatisfied	2	2	1	2
Don't know	-	-	-	-

28. Once you arrived at your polling station/polling place, how easy or difficult was it for you to get inside to vote?

<i>Base: All polling station voters (2,459)</i>	England (1,057)	Scotland (484)	Wales (513)	N. Ireland (405)
	%	%	%	%
NET: Easy	99	99	98	98
Very easy	94	95	94	91
Fairly easy	5	4	4	6
Neither easy nor difficult	*	-	*	2
Fairly difficult	1	1	1	*
Very difficult	*	*	1	*
NET: Difficult	1	1	2	1
Don't know	*	-	-	-

29. Thinking back to when you went to vote at the polling station/polling place, how useful, if at all, was the help or support available from polling station staff on how to vote? Was it ...

<i>Base: All polling station voters (2,459)</i>	England (1,057)	Scotland (484)	Wales (513)	N. Ireland (405)
	%	%	%	%
NET: Useful	54	62	55	67
Very useful	41	50	44	57
Fairly useful	13	13	11	10
Not very useful	2	1	1	1
Not at all useful	1	*	1	1
NET: Not useful	3	2	3	3
Didn't use them/need them	42	36	42	31
Don't know	*	-	*	-

30. And again thinking back to when you went to vote at the polling station/polling place, how useful, if at all were any written instructions on how to vote, such as a poster on display in the polling booth or guidance on the ballot paper(s)? Were they...

<i>Base: All polling station voters (2,459)</i>	England (1,057)	Scotland (484)	Wales (513)	N. Ireland (405)
	%	%	%	%
NET: Useful	60	61	58	68
Very useful	38	42	42	52
Fairly useful	21	19	17	15
Not very useful	2	*	2	2
Not at all useful	1	-	2	1
NET: Not useful	3	*	4	3
Didn't use them/need them	37	38	37	29
Don't know	1	*	1	*

## VOTING BY POST

31. How easy or difficult was it to understand what you had to do in order to complete and return your postal vote? Would you say...

<i>Base: All postal voters (662)</i>	England (304)	Scotland (167)	Wales (180)	N. Ireland (11)
	%	%	%	%
NET: Easy	96	98	92	100
Very easy	73	75	64	60
Fairly easy	23	22	28	40
Neither easy nor difficult	3	-	2	-
Fairly difficult	*	2	3	-
Very difficult	1	-	2	-
NET: Difficult	1	2	5	-
Don't know	-	-	-	-

32. Thinking back to when you voted by post, how useful, if at all were any written instructions on how to vote and return your vote, such as guidance on the ballot paper(s)? Were they...

<i>Base: All postal voters (662)</i>	England (304)	Scotland (167)	Wales (180)	N. Ireland (11)
	%	%	%	%
NET: Useful	90	94	87	100
Very useful	68	79	60	68
Fairly useful	22	15	27	32
Not very useful	2	1	3	-
Not at all useful	*	-	*	-
NET: Not useful	2	1	3	-
Didn't use them/need them	8	5	9	-
Don't know	-	*	1	-

33. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the process of voting by post? Would you say...

<i>Base: All postal voters (662)</i>	England (304)	Scotland (167)	Wales (180)	N. Ireland (11)
	%	%	%	%
NET: Satisfied	96	98	97	89
Very satisfied	81	85	79	59
Fairly satisfied	15	13	18	30
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	3	-	1	-
Fairly dissatisfied	1	2	*	-
Very dissatisfied	-	1	1	-
NET: Dissatisfied	1	2	1	-
Don't know	-	-	-	11

## BALLOT PAPER

34. Some people said it was difficult to fill in the ballot paper when voting in the 8th June election. How easy or difficult did you find it to fill in the ballot paper for this election? Was it...

<i>Base: All who voted</i>	England (1377) %	Scotland (658) %	Wales (696) %	N. Ireland (419) %
NET: Easy	97	98	99	98
Very easy	90	89	91	90
Fairly easy	8	10	7	8
Neither easy nor difficult	1	-	*	1
Fairly difficult	1	1	1	1
Very difficult	*	-	1	*
NET: Difficult	1	1	1	1
Don't know	1	1	*	-

35. Why did you say it was difficult?  
(N.B. due to extremely low base size, actual figures shown)

<i>Base: All who said very/fairly difficult at Q34</i>	England (10)	Scotland (5)	Wales (9)	N.I (3)
I didn't know how many candidates to vote for / didn't know if I could vote for more than 1 candidate	-	1	*	-
Complex/confusing	1	*	1	*
Instructions were unclear	2	*	*	*
The layout was confusing	4	*	*	*
Lack of understanding/clarity	1	-	*	-
Difficulties using forms	4	*	-	*
Too many candidates	-	1	*	-
Lack of information	1	-	-	*
The candidates were in a confusing order	-	-	-	-
The parties were in a confusing order	-	-	-	-
The size of the ballot paper	-	-	-	-
I could not easily find the party name of my choice	-	-	*	-
I could not easily find the party or candidate of my choice	2	-	*	-
Text too small	-	-	*	-
SCOTLAND: Didn't know if I should use an X or a 1	-	*	-	-
I don't understand how the electoral system works	-	-	-	-

Other	15	-	1	-
Don't know	-	-	-	-

## PARTY AND ELECTION FINANCE

36. I am going to read you some statements relating to the rules on the money that political parties, organisations and other individuals use when campaigning. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

		NET: Agree %	Agree strong ly %	Tend to agree %	Neithe r agree nor disagr ee %	Tend to disagr ee %	Strong ly disagr ee %	NET: Disagr ee %	Don't know %
The spending and funding of political parties, candidates and other campaigning organisations at elections is open and transparent	Eng.	29	11	18	20	22	23	45	6
	Scot.	32	9	23	14	26	19	45	9
	Wales	27	12	15	18	22	26	48	6
	N.I.	29	11	18	17	19	27	46	7
If a political party or another campaigner is caught breaking the rules, the authorities will take appropriate actions	Eng.	67	42	25	10	11	10	21	2
	Scot.	66	36	30	8	12	10	22	4
	Wales	64	43	21	10	12	14	25	1
	N.I.	61	38	24	10	11	13	24	4
I can easily find out how much political parties, candidates and other organisations spent on campaigning and how they were funded	Eng.	29	13	17	20	20	21	41	9
	Scot.	32	9	23	16	21	18	39	13
	Wales	27	10	16	21	20	24	43	9
	N.I.	23	11	13	17	21	25	46	13

- 36a. Why do you disagree that the spending and funding of political parties, candidates and other campaigning organisations at elections is open and transparent?

	England % (691)	Scotland % (337)	Wales % (372)	N. Ireland % (246)
<i>Base: All who feel spending is not transparent</i>				
There is insufficient information available to the public about who funds political parties	53	57	51	55
Read or seen something in the news about party funding / party donors	10	8	16	13
Reasons relating to party spending on <u>election campaigning</u>	7	18	9	11

General / non-specific reason that this is a problem	8	7	6	8
Too much influence on parties from big business / trade unions / rich	5	7	4	4
Reasons relating to parties spending <u>on social media</u>	2	5	3	4
Read or seen something in the news about charity or other-non-party campaigning / tight / difficult regulations	2	3	2	*
Other	33	19	28	22
Don't know	6	4	4	3

## ELECTORAL FRAUD

37. How much electoral fraud, if any, do you think took place at the June 8th election? Would you say that it happened...?

	England %	Scotland %	Wales %	N. Ireland %
NET: A lot/a little	38	34	41	45
A lot	10	11	13	12
A little	28	23	29	33
Hardly anything at all	22	19	21	17
Nothing at all	11	12	8	8
NET: Hardly anything/nothing at all	33	31	29	25
Don't know	28	35	29	29

38. Which one of the following best describes why you think electoral fraud or abuse took place on 8th June?

	England % (555)	Scotland % (249)	Wales % (305)	N. Ireland % (250)
<i>Base: All who thought a lot/a little fraud took place</i>				
I have seen stories in the media about political parties breaking the rules	22	28	25	24
General impression that fraud is a problem	13	13	8	14
I saw stories in the media about electoral fraud	9	19	13	23
Because you don't have to provide identification to vote	16	9	11	*
Identity fraud is on the increase	6	6	6	9
Postal voting is not secure	9	5	10	13
I heard from someone else that electoral fraud took place	4	1	3	3
People are registering other voters at the same address	4	2	3	3
People are registering multiple times	5	1	5	4
I have first-hand experience of electoral fraud	1	3	1	1
Other	8	9	12	5
Don't know	3	4	4	3

39.A In general, when it comes to being safe from fraud and abuse, would you say that voting in general is...

	England %	Scotland %	Wales %	N. Ireland %
NET: Safe	80	81	74	76
Very safe	27	23	26	22
Fairly safe	53	58	48	54
Neither safe nor unsafe	12	8	14	12
Fairly unsafe	5	5	6	7
Very unsafe	2	3	4	4
NET: Unsafe	7	8	10	10
Don't know	2	4	2	2

39.B In general, when it comes to being safe from fraud and abuse, would you say that voting at a polling station is...

	England %	Scotland %	Wales %	N. Ireland %
NET: Safe	86	86	81	86
Very safe	44	35	42	40
Fairly safe	42	51	39	46
Neither safe nor unsafe	7	5	9	8
Fairly unsafe	4	4	5	3
Very unsafe	1	1	3	1

NET: Unsafe	5	5	7	5
Don't know	2	4	3	1

39.C In general, when it comes to being safe from fraud and abuse, would you say that voting by post is...

	England %	Scotland %	Wales %	N. Ireland %
NET: Safe	62	63	57	42
Very safe	26	23	20	11
Fairly safe	37	40	37	31
Neither safe nor unsafe	10	9	13	15
Fairly unsafe	12	13	17	19
Very unsafe	7	4	6	10
NET: Unsafe	19	17	23	29
Don't know	9	10	7	15

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39.a Can you remember which party you voted for on the 8th June?

	England % (1,377)	Scotland % (658)	Wales % (696)	N. Ireland % (419)
<i>Base: All voters (3,150)</i>				
Labour	41	20	48	1
Conservative	30	20	22	1
Liberal Democrat	7	4	4	-
Scottish National Party (SNP)	*	31	*	-
Green Party	1	*	*	1
United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)	1	-	2	-
Democratic Unionist Party (DUP)	-	-	-	21
Sinn Fein	-	-	-	17
Plaid Cymru	-	-	6	-
Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP)	-	-	-	8
Ulster Unionist Party	-	-	-	8
Alliance Party	-	-	-	7
Independent candidate	*	1	*	1
Other	*	*	*	1
Prefer not to say	18	23	15	32
Don't know	1	1	2	1