

## Independent MPs Survey

### CATI Fieldwork : May 20th-21st 2009

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1  
**Q.1 Thinking about Independent MPs, who are not members of any political party, how strongly would you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**

#### Summary Table

Base: All respondents

	British democracy would be strengthened if there were more independent MPs	There is no point electing Independent MPs as they would have no influence in Parliament	I would seriously consider voting for an independent candidate at the next General Election	At the next general election independent candidates should stand against MPs who have behaved unethically
Unweighted base	1010	1010	1010	1010
Weighted base	1010	1010	1010	1010
Net: Agree	640 63%	400 40%	535 53%	787 78%
Agree strongly	295 29%	182 18%	202 20%	463 46%
Agree	345 34%	218 22%	333 33%	324 32%
Disagree	211 21%	330 33%	209 21%	95 9%
Disagree strongly	92 9%	218 22%	203 20%	82 8%
Net: Disagree	303 30%	548 54%	413 41%	177 18%
Don't know	67 7%	62 6%	62 6%	46 5%

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Table 2  
**Q.1 Thinking about Independent MPs, who are not members of any political party, how strongly would you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**  
**British democracy would be strengthened if there were more independent MPs**  
**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	1010	439	571	78	123	178	189	206	236	330	218	176	286	253	271	259	138	89
Weighted base	1010	485	525	120	160	200	170	150	210	263	293	212	242	265	265	249	142	89
Net: Agree	640 63%	310 64%	330 63%	70 58%	106 66%	136 68%	111 65%	89 59%	128 61%	168 64%	189 65%	135 63%	148 61%	168 64%	166 63%	160 64%	101 71%	45 50%
Agree strongly	295 29%	170 35%	126 24%	25 21%	38 24%	56 28%	60 35%	49 33%	67 32%	83 32%	68 23%	75 35%	69 28%	60 23%	79 30%	87 35%	47 33%	23 25%
Agree	345 34%	140 29%	204 39%	45 38%	68 43%	80 40%	51 30%	39 26%	61 29%	85 32%	121 41%	60 28%	79 33%	108 41%	87 33%	74 29%	54 38%	22 25%
Disagree	211 21%	98 20%	113 22%	35 29%	36 22%	39 19%	27 16%	31 21%	44 21%	53 20%	59 20%	48 23%	51 21%	58 22%	53 20%	51 20%	24 17%	25 28%
Disagree strongly	92 9%	55 11%	36 7%	7 6%	6 4%	11 6%	26 15%	17 11%	24 11%	28 11%	29 10%	14 7%	21 9%	22 8%	22 8%	26 10%	9 6%	13 14%
Net: Disagree	303 30%	153 32%	150 28%	42 35%	42 26%	50 25%	53 31%	48 32%	68 32%	81 31%	88 30%	62 29%	72 30%	81 30%	75 28%	77 31%	33 23%	37 42%
Don't know	67 7%	22 4%	46 9%	8 6%	12 8%	15 7%	6 4%	13 9%	14 6%	13 5%	16 5%	16 7%	22 9%	16 6%	23 9%	13 5%	8 6%	7 8%

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Table 3  
**Q.1 Thinking about Independent MPs, who are not members of any political party, how strongly would you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**  
**There is no point electing Independent MPs as they would have no influence in Parliament**  
**Base: All respondents**

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	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
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Weighted base	1010	485	525	120	160	200	170	150	210	263	293	212	242	265	265	249	142	89
Net: Agree	400 40%	194 40%	207 39%	48 40%	64 40%	80 40%	66 39%	54 36%	89 42%	95 36%	116 40%	92 43%	98 40%	99 37%	100 38%	117 47%	53 37%	32 36%
Agree strongly	182 18%	106 22%	76 14%	23 19%	28 17%	27 13%	35 20%	28 18%	42 20%	46 18%	58 20%	33 16%	44 18%	46 17%	44 16%	54 22%	27 19%	12 13%
Agree	218 22%	88 18%	130 25%	25 21%	36 23%	53 26%	31 19%	27 18%	46 22%	49 19%	58 20%	58 27%	53 22%	53 20%	56 21%	62 25%	26 19%	20 23%
Disagree	330 33%	147 30%	182 35%	50 41%	58 36%	64 32%	45 26%	48 32%	64 31%	94 36%	96 33%	64 30%	76 31%	90 34%	95 36%	70 28%	43 30%	31 35%
Disagree strongly	218 22%	129 27%	89 17%	18 15%	30 19%	40 20%	51 30%	36 24%	42 20%	66 25%	59 20%	47 22%	46 19%	57 22%	51 19%	52 21%	36 25%	22 25%
Net: Disagree	548 54%	276 57%	272 52%	68 57%	88 55%	105 52%	96 56%	84 56%	107 51%	160 61%	156 53%	110 52%	121 50%	148 56%	146 55%	122 49%	79 56%	53 60%
Don't know	62 6%	15 3%	47 9%	4 3%	8 5%	16 8%	8 5%	11 8%	14 7%	8 3%	21 7%	10 5%	23 10%	18 7%	19 7%	11 4%	10 7%	4 4%

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Table 4  
**Q.1 Thinking about Independent MPs, who are not members of any political party, how strongly would you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**  
**I would seriously consider voting for an independent candidate at the next General Election**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Region				
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Net: Agree	535 53%	263 54%	272 52%	66 55%	95 60%	113 57%	98 58%	68 46%	94 45%	139 53%	150 51%	118 56%	128 53%	136 51%	143 54%	127 51%	86 60%	44 50%
Agree strongly	202 20%	118 24%	84 16%	17 15%	26 16%	41 21%	38 22%	37 24%	43 20%	55 21%	49 17%	47 22%	52 21%	45 17%	51 19%	63 25%	33 23%	10 12%
Agree	333 33%	145 30%	188 36%	48 40%	69 43%	72 36%	60 36%	32 21%	51 24%	84 32%	101 35%	72 34%	76 31%	91 34%	92 35%	64 26%	53 37%	34 38%
Disagree	209 21%	91 19%	119 23%	29 24%	25 16%	44 22%	23 14%	40 26%	49 23%	51 20%	58 20%	47 22%	53 22%	58 22%	51 19%	53 21%	28 20%	19 22%
Disagree strongly	203 20%	108 22%	96 18%	23 19%	26 16%	31 16%	42 25%	33 22%	48 23%	59 22%	63 22%	39 18%	43 18%	54 20%	50 19%	58 23%	21 14%	21 23%
Net: Disagree	413 41%	198 41%	214 41%	52 43%	52 32%	75 38%	65 38%	73 48%	97 46%	111 42%	121 41%	86 40%	95 39%	112 42%	101 38%	111 45%	49 34%	40 45%
Don't know	62 6%	23 5%	39 7%	2 2%	13 8%	12 6%	7 4%	9 6%	19 9%	13 5%	21 7%	8 4%	19 8%	17 6%	21 8%	11 4%	8 6%	5 5%

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**Q.1 Thinking about Independent MPs, who are not members of any political party, how strongly would you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**  
**At the next general election independent candidates should stand against MPs who have behaved unethically**  
**Base: All respondents**

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Weighted base	1010	485	525	120	160	200	170	150	210	263	293	212	242	265	265	249	142	89
Net: Agree	787 78%	392 81%	394 75%	105 88%	133 83%	161 81%	138 81%	110 73%	140 67%	207 79%	234 80%	169 80%	176 73%	205 77%	215 81%	189 76%	109 77%	69 77%
Agree strongly	463 46%	264 54%	199 38%	53 44%	65 41%	101 51%	83 49%	78 52%	83 40%	128 49%	124 42%	107 51%	104 43%	107 40%	146 55%	113 45%	64 45%	33 38%
Agree	324 32%	128 26%	195 37%	53 44%	68 42%	60 30%	55 32%	32 21%	57 27%	78 30%	110 38%	62 29%	73 30%	97 37%	69 26%	76 31%	46 32%	35 40%
Disagree	95 9%	38 8%	57 11%	8 7%	16 10%	19 9%	12 7%	16 11%	24 11%	22 8%	26 9%	16 7%	31 13%	27 10%	18 7%	27 11%	17 12%	6 7%
Disagree strongly	82 8%	38 8%	45 8%	4 3%	7 4%	12 6%	15 9%	13 9%	31 15%	18 7%	23 8%	19 9%	22 9%	21 8%	18 7%	25 10%	10 7%	8 9%
Net: Disagree	177 18%	76 16%	102 19%	12 10%	23 14%	31 16%	27 16%	29 19%	55 26%	40 15%	49 17%	34 16%	54 22%	48 18%	36 14%	51 21%	27 19%	15 17%
Don't know	46 5%	17 3%	29 5%	2 2%	4 3%	8 4%	5 3%	11 7%	15 7%	16 6%	10 3%	9 4%	12 5%	12 5%	13 5%	9 4%	6 4%	5 6%