

Rights Survey

CATI Fieldwork : May 13th-14th 2009

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Table 1

Q.1 Generally speaking, how important or unimportant do you think it is that there is a law that protects rights and freedoms in Britain.....

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	1011	432	579	54	128	188	194	209	238	309	243	160	299	242	268	259	152	90
Weighted base	1011	485	526	120	160	200	170	150	210	263	293	212	242	265	265	250	143	89
Net: Important	966	465	501	111	149	196	167	145	198	250	282	203	231	259	249	237	137	84
	96%	96%	95%	93%	93%	98%	98%	97%	94%	95%	96%	96%	95%	98%	94%	95%	96%	94%
Very important	713	346	366	72	105	142	125	113	157	190	213	141	168	182	181	185	100	65
	70%	71%	70%	60%	65%	71%	74%	75%	75%	72%	73%	66%	69%	69%	68%	74%	70%	73%
Fairly important	253	118	135	40	44	54	42	32	41	60	69	62	63	77	67	52	37	19
	25%	24%	26%	33%	28%	27%	24%	21%	20%	23%	23%	29%	26%	29%	25%	21%	26%	22%
Fairly unimportant	16	8	8	4	6	1	2	*	2	4	3	4	5	-	3	5	6	2
	2%	2%	2%	4%	4%	1%	1%	*	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	-	1%	2%	4%	3%
Very unimportant	13	6	7	-	4	3	-	3	3	6	1	5	2	4	5	3	-	1
	1%	1%	1%	-	3%	1%	-	2%	2%	2%	*	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	-	1%
Net: Unimportant	29	14	16	4	10	4	2	4	6	10	4	9	6	4	8	8	6	4
	3%	3%	3%	4%	7%	2%	1%	2%	3%	4%	1%	4%	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%	4%
Don't know	16	7	9	4	1	1	1	2	7	3	7	1	5	2	8	4	-	1
	2%	1%	2%	4%	1%	*	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	*	2%	1%	3%	2%	-	2%

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Table 2
Q.2 In modern Britain, would you say each of the following rights are vital, important, useful or unnecessary...
The right not to be tortured or degraded
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	1011	432	579	54	128	188	194	209	238	309	243	160	299	242	268	259	152	90
Weighted base	1011	485	526	120	160	200	170	150	210	263	293	212	242	265	265	250	143	89
Vital	654 65%	310 64%	343 65%	81 67%	104 65%	133 66%	112 66%	101 67%	123 59%	180 68%	209 71%	130 61%	134 55%	177 67%	174 66%	172 69%	79 56%	51 58%
Important	244 24%	123 25%	122 23%	31 26%	30 19%	48 24%	42 25%	35 23%	58 27%	66 25%	52 18%	60 28%	66 27%	59 22%	54 21%	56 23%	45 31%	30 34%
Useful	33 3%	15 3%	18 3%	3 2%	5 3%	6 3%	9 5%	3 2%	7 3%	3 1%	9 3%	8 4%	14 6%	6 2%	10 4%	10 4%	7 5%	1 1%
Unnecessary	70 7%	32 7%	38 7%	5 4%	19 12%	12 6%	6 4%	9 6%	19 9%	12 4%	20 7%	13 6%	25 10%	21 8%	24 9%	10 4%	11 7%	6 7%
Don't know	10 1%	5 1%	5 1%	- -	2 1%	1 1%	1 1%	2 1%	4 2%	3 1%	2 1%	2 1%	3 1%	3 1%	3 1%	2 1%	1 1%	1 1%

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Table 3
Q.2 In modern Britain, would you say each of the following rights are vital, important, useful or unnecessary...
The right not to be detained without reason
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	1011	432	579	54	128	188	194	209	238	309	243	160	299	242	268	259	152	90
Weighted base	1011	485	526	120	160	200	170	150	210	263	293	212	242	265	265	250	143	89
Vital	428 42%	207 43%	222 42%	54 45%	69 43%	85 43%	70 41%	65 43%	85 41%	112 42%	130 44%	87 41%	99 41%	113 43%	126 47%	108 43%	46 32%	36 40%
Important	344 34%	163 34%	181 34%	34 28%	51 32%	71 36%	59 35%	56 37%	73 35%	89 34%	99 34%	82 39%	74 30%	93 35%	82 31%	89 36%	49 34%	32 36%
Useful	119 12%	56 12%	62 12%	16 14%	18 11%	22 11%	28 16%	14 9%	21 10%	30 11%	38 13%	17 8%	33 14%	34 13%	29 11%	23 9%	24 17%	8 9%
Unnecessary	101 10%	49 10%	52 10%	15 13%	21 13%	19 9%	11 6%	11 7%	23 11%	28 11%	24 8%	21 10%	28 12%	21 8%	22 8%	24 9%	22 16%	12 13%
Don't know	19 2%	10 2%	9 2%	- -	1 1%	3 1%	3 2%	4 3%	8 4%	4 1%	2 1%	5 2%	8 3%	5 2%	6 2%	7 3%	1 1%	1 1%

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Table 4
Q.2 In modern Britain, would you say each of the following rights are vital, important, useful or unnecessary...
The right to a fair trial
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	1011	432	579	54	128	188	194	209	238	309	243	160	299	242	268	259	152	90
Weighted base	1011	485	526	120	160	200	170	150	210	263	293	212	242	265	265	250	143	89
Vital	681 67%	329 68%	352 67%	68 57%	111 70%	137 68%	123 72%	108 72%	133 64%	199 76%	208 71%	135 64%	139 57%	180 68%	188 71%	168 67%	92 65%	53 60%
Important	279 28%	128 26%	151 29%	38 32%	41 26%	51 25%	40 23%	38 26%	71 34%	56 21%	75 26%	59 28%	89 37%	73 28%	67 25%	70 28%	43 30%	25 28%
Useful	35 3%	18 4%	17 3%	11 9%	3 2%	10 5%	7 4%	2 1%	3 2%	6 2%	10 3%	11 5%	9 4%	8 3%	9 3%	8 3%	2 1%	8 8%
Unnecessary	13 1%	10 2%	4 1%	3 2%	2 1%	3 2%	1 1%	2 1%	2 1%	2 1%	- -	5 2%	6 2%	1 *	1 1%	2 1%	5 4%	3 3%
Don't know	2 *	- -	2 *	- -	2 2%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 1%	- -	2 1%	- -	- -	- -	- -

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Table 5
Q.2 In modern Britain, would you say each of the following rights are vital, important, useful or unnecessary...
Freedom of thought, conscience and religion
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	1011	432	579	54	128	188	194	209	238	309	243	160	299	242	268	259	152	90
Weighted base	1011	485	526	120	160	200	170	150	210	263	293	212	242	265	265	250	143	89
Vital	526 52%	263 54%	264 50%	70 58%	69 43%	108 54%	85 50%	91 60%	104 49%	154 58%	162 55%	100 47%	111 46%	147 55%	145 55%	126 50%	69 49%	39 44%
Important	350 35%	160 33%	190 36%	27 22%	60 37%	67 34%	64 38%	49 33%	83 39%	88 33%	94 32%	78 37%	90 37%	82 31%	79 30%	106 42%	51 36%	33 37%
Useful	76 8%	31 6%	46 9%	13 11%	15 9%	18 9%	11 7%	6 4%	13 6%	13 5%	17 6%	26 12%	20 8%	22 8%	23 9%	10 4%	12 8%	10 11%
Unnecessary	47 5%	27 6%	20 4%	10 8%	15 10%	4 2%	9 5%	3 2%	6 3%	8 3%	19 6%	5 2%	16 6%	13 5%	11 4%	7 3%	10 7%	7 7%
Don't know	11 1%	5 1%	6 1%	- -	1 *	2 1%	1 1%	2 1%	4 2%	1 *	1 *	4 2%	5 2%	1 *	7 3%	1 1%	1 1%	- -

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Table 6
Q.2 In modern Britain, would you say each of the following rights are vital, important, useful or unnecessary...
Respect for privacy, family life and the home
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	1011	432	579	54	128	188	194	209	238	309	243	160	299	242	268	259	152	90
Weighted base	1011	485	526	120	160	200	170	150	210	263	293	212	242	265	265	250	143	89
Vital	583 58%	281 58%	302 57%	71 60%	92 57%	110 55%	101 59%	92 61%	117 56%	154 58%	181 62%	118 56%	130 54%	147 55%	161 61%	140 56%	85 59%	51 57%
Important	373 37%	177 37%	195 37%	41 34%	60 37%	80 40%	58 34%	53 35%	81 39%	91 35%	103 35%	77 36%	102 42%	95 36%	86 32%	102 41%	56 39%	34 39%
Useful	37 4%	15 3%	22 4%	6 5%	5 3%	8 4%	9 5%	3 2%	7 3%	15 6%	5 2%	11 5%	6 3%	18 7%	11 4%	6 2%	1 1%	2 2%
Unnecessary	12 1%	6 1%	6 1%	2 2%	2 1%	3 1%	- -	1 1%	3 2%	1 *	3 1%	5 3%	3 1%	2 1%	5 2%	2 1%	1 1%	2 3%
Don't know	6 1%	5 1%	1 *	- -	1 1%	1 *	2 1%	1 1%	1 *	3 1%	1 *	1 *	1 *	3 1%	2 1%	- -	- -	- -

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Table 7
Q.2 In modern Britain, would you say each of the following rights are vital, important, useful or unnecessary...
Freedom of speech, protest and association
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	1011	432	579	54	128	188	194	209	238	309	243	160	299	242	268	259	152	90
Weighted base	1011	485	526	120	160	200	170	150	210	263	293	212	242	265	265	250	143	89
Vital	490 48%	260 53%	231 44%	71 59%	76 47%	92 46%	85 50%	73 49%	93 45%	144 55%	148 50%	97 46%	101 42%	128 48%	132 50%	115 46%	77 54%	38 42%
Important	409 40%	183 38%	226 43%	43 36%	53 33%	87 43%	64 38%	66 44%	96 46%	95 36%	113 39%	91 43%	109 45%	100 38%	102 38%	113 45%	56 39%	38 43%
Useful	77 8%	29 6%	49 9%	4 3%	17 11%	14 7%	18 11%	7 5%	16 8%	16 6%	21 7%	14 7%	26 11%	24 9%	22 8%	13 5%	8 6%	10 11%
Unnecessary	32 3%	13 3%	19 4%	2 2%	13 8%	7 4%	2 1%	3 2%	4 2%	6 2%	11 4%	9 4%	5 2%	13 5%	7 3%	7 3%	1 1%	3 3%
Don't know	3 *	2 *	1 *	- -	- -	- -	2 1%	1 1%	1 *	1 *	1 *	1 *	1 *	- -	2 1%	2 1%	- -	- -

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Table 8
Q.2 In modern Britain, would you say each of the following rights are vital, important, useful or unnecessary...
The protection of property
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	1011	432	579	54	128	188	194	209	238	309	243	160	299	242	268	259	152	90
Weighted base	1011	485	526	120	160	200	170	150	210	263	293	212	242	265	265	250	143	89
Vital	570 56%	288 59%	282 54%	71 59%	87 54%	108 54%	107 63%	91 60%	107 51%	163 62%	164 56%	119 56%	124 51%	151 57%	151 57%	134 54%	86 61%	47 53%
Important	371 37%	160 33%	211 40%	36 30%	60 37%	77 38%	55 32%	55 36%	90 43%	86 33%	103 35%	81 38%	101 42%	89 34%	91 34%	106 43%	51 36%	34 38%
Useful	41 4%	18 4%	24 4%	8 7%	7 5%	6 3%	6 4%	4 2%	10 5%	8 3%	17 6%	6 3%	10 4%	15 6%	12 4%	8 3%	3 2%	3 4%
Unnecessary	20 2%	13 3%	8 1%	6 5%	3 2%	6 3%	3 2%	- -	3 1%	3 1%	7 2%	4 2%	7 3%	6 2%	10 4%	- -	1 1%	3 3%
Don't know	9 1%	7 1%	1 *	- -	3 2%	4 2%	- -	1 1%	1 *	4 2%	2 1%	2 1%	1 *	3 1%	2 1%	2 1%	1 1%	2 2%

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Table 9

Q.3 Do you remember ever receiving or seeing any information from the Government explaining the Human Rights Act?**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	1011	432	579	54	128	188	194	209	238	309	243	160	299	242	268	259	152	90
Weighted base	1011	485	526	120	160	200	170	150	210	263	293	212	242	265	265	250	143	89
Yes	103 10%	49 10%	54 10%	11 9%	16 10%	22 11%	26 15%	11 8%	16 8%	30 11%	25 9%	28 13%	20 8%	26 10%	21 8%	26 11%	22 15%	8 9%
No	908 90%	437 90%	471 90%	109 91%	144 90%	178 89%	145 85%	139 92%	194 92%	233 89%	268 91%	184 87%	222 92%	239 90%	244 92%	223 89%	121 85%	81 91%