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Table 1

**Q.1 Before committing British forces to an attack on Iraq do you think the British government should seek...?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age		Social Grade	
		Male	Female	<34	35+	ABC1	C2DE
Base	500	340	160	305	191	316	140
<b><u>The approval of the UN</u></b>							
Yes	418 84%	291 86%	127 79%	253 83%	162 85%	281 89%	107 76%
No	63 13%	40 12%	23 14%	40 13%	22 12%	25 8%	26 19%
Don't know	19 4%	9 3%	10 6%	12 4%	7 4%	10 3%	7 5%
<b><u>The approval of the British parliament</u></b>							
Yes	423 85%	292 86%	131 82%	256 84%	165 86%	279 88%	112 80%
No	53 11%	35 10%	18 11%	37 12%	15 8%	25 8%	21 15%
Don't know	24 5%	13 4%	11 7%	12 4%	11 6%	12 4%	7 5%

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Table 2

**Q.2 President Bush and Tony Blair say that the war against terrorism is not a war against Islam. Do you Agree or disagree?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age		Social Grade	
		Male	Female	<34	35+	ABC1	C2DE
Base	500	340	160	305	191	316	140
Agree	99 20%	64 19%	35 22%	48 16%	51 27%	61 19%	28 20%
Disagree	351 70%	244 72%	107 67%	229 75%	119 62%	215 68%	106 76%
Refused	1 *	1 *	- -	1 *	- -	1 *	- -
Don't know	49 10%	31 9%	18 11%	27 9%	21 11%	39 12%	6 4%

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Table 3

**Q.3 From what you have seen and heard do you think the USA and its allies are justified or unjustified in blaming Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda group for the attacks in America on September 11th last year?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age		Social Grade	
		Male	Female	<34	35+	ABC1	C2DE
Base	500	340	160	305	191	316	140
Justified	133 27%	81 24%	52 33%	82 27%	51 27%	86 27%	34 24%
Unjustified	280 56%	198 58%	82 51%	179 59%	99 52%	183 58%	77 55%
Refused	1 *	1 *	- -	1 *	- -	1 *	- -
Don't know	86 17%	60 18%	26 16%	43 14%	41 21%	46 15%	29 21%

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**Q.4 From your point of view do you think the outcome of the American military action in Afghanistan has so far proved to be positive or negative for Afghanistan?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age		Social Grade	
		Male	Female	<34	35+	ABC1	C2DE
Base	500	340	160	305	191	316	140
Positive	60	37	23	39	21	39	19
	12%	11%	14%	13%	11%	12%	14%
Negative	382	265	117	237	142	248	100
	76%	78%	73%	78%	74%	78%	71%
Don't know	58	38	20	29	28	29	21
	12%	11%	13%	10%	15%	9%	15%

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**Q.5 From what you have seen and heard do you think the USA and its allies are justified in blaming Al Qaeda for other attacks like the one in Bali in October?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age		Social Grade	
		Male	Female	<34	35+	ABC1	C2DE
Base	500	340	160	305	191	316	140
Justified	83	52	31	55	28	46	29
	17%	15%	19%	18%	15%	15%	21%
Unjustified	319	213	106	204	112	209	84
	64%	63%	66%	67%	59%	66%	60%
Don't know	98	75	23	46	51	61	27
	20%	22%	14%	15%	27%	19%	19%

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**Q.6 Some people talk about patriotism being “love for a country”. How patriotic do you yourself feel towards Britain?**  
**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age		Social Grade	
		Male	Female	<34	35+	ABC1	C2DE
Base	500	340	160	305	191	316	140
Net patriotic	337 67%	242 71%	95 59%	185 61%	150 79%	231 73%	84 60%
Very patriotic <input type="checkbox"/> (4)	142 28%	109 32%	33 21%	68 22%	74 39%	102 32%	30 21%
Fairly patriotic <input type="checkbox"/> (3)	195 39%	133 39%	62 39%	117 38%	76 40%	129 41%	54 39%
Not very patriotic <input type="checkbox"/> (2)	57 11%	28 8%	29 18%	48 16%	9 5%	31 10%	20 14%
Not at all patriotic <input type="checkbox"/> (1)	74 15%	51 15%	23 14%	56 18%	18 9%	39 12%	26 19%
Net not patriotic	131 26%	79 23%	52 33%	104 34%	27 14%	70 22%	46 33%
Don't know	32 6%	19 6%	13 8%	16 5%	14 7%	15 5%	10 7%
Mean	2.87	2.93	2.71	2.68	3.16	2.98	2.68
Standard error	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.09

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**Q.7 Would you regard further attacks by Al Qaeda, or similar organisations, on the USA as justified or unjustified?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age		Social Grade	
		Male	Female	<34	35+	ABC1	C2DE
Base	500	340	160	305	191	316	140
Justified	54 11%	39 11%	15 9%	45 15%	8 4%	26 8%	22 16%
Unjustified	394 79%	259 76%	135 84%	229 75%	163 85%	264 84%	98 70%
Refused	7 1%	7 2%	-	5 2%	2 1%	5 2%	2 1%
Don't know	45 9%	35 10%	10 6%	26 9%	18 9%	21 7%	18 13%

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Table 8

**Q.8 Would you regard attacks by Al Qaeda or similar organisations, on Britain as justified or unjustified?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age		Social Grade	
		Male	Female	<34	35+	ABC1	C2DE
Base	500	340	160	305	191	316	140
Justified	40 8%	30 9%	10 6%	34 11%	6 3%	22 7%	14 10%
Unjustified	423 85%	281 83%	142 89%	250 82%	170 89%	277 88%	111 79%
Refused	6 1%	6 2%	-	5 2%	1 1%	3 1%	3 2%
Don't know	31 6%	23 7%	8 5%	16 5%	14 7%	14 4%	12 9%

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**Q.9 Some people have said that the attacks by Al Qaeda and associated organisations are "a reaction undertaken by sons of Islam who are zealous in the defence of their religion and in response to the order of their God and prophet". Do you agree or disagree?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age		Social Grade	
		Male	Female	<34	35+	ABC1	C2DE
Base	500	340	160	305	191	316	140
Agree	84	58	26	62	22	50	28
	17%	17%	16%	20%	12%	16%	20%
Disagree	358	239	119	207	147	239	90
	72%	70%	74%	68%	77%	76%	64%
Refused	4	4	-	3	1	3	-
	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	-
Don't know	54	39	15	33	21	24	22
	11%	11%	9%	11%	11%	8%	16%

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Table 10

**Q.10 Some people have said that the attacks by Al Qaeda and associated organisations are justified on the grounds that muslims are being killed by America and its allies using American weapons. Do you agree or disagree?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age		Social Grade	
		Male	Female	<34	35+	ABC1	C2DE
Base	500	340	160	305	191	316	140
Agree	222 44%	151 44%	71 44%	155 51%	65 34%	132 42%	68 49%
Disagree	232 46%	157 46%	75 47%	123 40%	109 57%	157 50%	59 42%
Refused	6 1%	4 1%	2 1%	4 1%	2 1%	5 2%	1 1%
Don't know	40 8%	28 8%	12 8%	23 8%	15 8%	22 7%	12 9%

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Table 11

**Q.11 As a muslim living in Britain do you feel that non-muslim people living in Britain are more or less sympathetic towards you now than they were before the attacks on September 11th last year?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age		Social Grade	
		Male	Female	<34	35+	ABC1	C2DE
Base	500	340	160	305	191	316	140
More sympathetic	49 10%	39 11%	10 6%	38 12%	10 5%	30 9%	16 11%
Made no difference	180 36%	111 33%	69 43%	90 30%	88 46%	113 36%	49 35%
Less sympathetic	242 48%	169 50%	73 46%	159 52%	82 43%	155 49%	68 49%
Don't know	29 6%	21 6%	8 5%	18 6%	11 6%	18 6%	7 5%

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Table 12

**Q.12 Is it your perception that there has been an increase in hostility or abuse towards you personally or any member of your family from non-muslims as a result of the events in America last September 11th?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age		Social Grade	
		Male	Female	<34	35+	ABC1	C2DE
Base	500	340	160	305	191	316	140
Yes	183 37%	137 40%	46 29%	124 41%	58 30%	119 38%	51 36%
No	309 62%	198 58%	111 69%	179 59%	127 66%	194 61%	86 61%
Don't know	8 2%	5 1%	3 2%	2 1%	6 3%	3 1%	3 2%

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Table 13

**Which of the following age groups do you fall into?****Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age		Social Grade	
		Male	Female	<34	35+	ABC1	C2DE
Base	500	340	160	305	191	316	140
18 - 24	130 26%	82 24%	48 30%	130 43%	- -	68 22%	46 33%
25 - 34	175 35%	120 35%	55 34%	175 57%	- -	119 38%	43 31%
35 - 44	106 21%	65 19%	41 26%	- -	106 55%	75 24%	24 17%
45 - 54	53 11%	40 12%	13 8%	- -	53 28%	34 11%	18 13%
55 - 64	18 4%	17 5%	1 1%	- -	18 9%	12 4%	6 4%
65+	14 3%	13 4%	1 1%	- -	14 7%	8 3%	3 2%
Refused	4 1%	3 1%	1 1%	- -	- -	- -	- -

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Table 14  
**Marital Status**  
**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age		Social Grade	
		Male	Female	<34	35+	ABC1	C2DE
Base	500	340	160	305	191	316	140
Single	152 30%	105 31%	47 29%	141 46%	10 5%	92 29%	44 31%
Married or co-habiting	332 66%	226 66%	106 66%	158 52%	173 91%	215 68%	92 66%
Widowed/ Separated/ Divorced	12 2%	5 1%	7 4%	4 1%	8 4%	8 3%	4 3%
Refused	4 1%	4 1%	-	2 1%	-	1 *	-

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Table 15  
**Working Status**  
**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age		Social Grade	
		Male	Female	<34	35+	ABC1	C2DE
Base	500	340	160	305	191	316	140
Working full time (30+ hrs a week)	276 55%	230 68%	46 29%	160 52%	116 61%	195 62%	66 47%
Working part time (8-29 hrs a week)	82 16%	42 12%	40 25%	56 18%	26 14%	45 14%	27 19%
Not working but seeking work or temporarily unemployed/sick	44 9%	25 7%	19 12%	31 10%	12 6%	21 7%	17 12%
Not working/ Not seeking work/ Including retired	95 19%	40 12%	55 34%	57 19%	37 19%	55 17%	30 21%
Refused	3 1%	3 1%	-	1 *	-	-	-

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Table 16  
**Region**  
**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age		Social Grade	
		Male	Female	<34	35+	ABC1	C2DE
Base	500	340	160	305	191	316	140
Scotland	16 3%	12 4%	4 3%	7 2%	9 5%	8 3%	8 6%
North East	60 12%	41 12%	19 12%	34 11%	26 14%	36 11%	18 13%
North West	73 15%	56 16%	17 11%	49 16%	23 12%	48 15%	20 14%
Yorkshire & Humberside	54 11%	38 11%	16 10%	29 10%	25 13%	37 12%	11 8%
East Midlands	24 5%	13 4%	11 7%	17 6%	7 4%	16 5%	4 3%
West Midlands	128 26%	98 29%	30 19%	97 32%	31 16%	79 25%	38 27%
Wales	5 1%	3 1%	2 1%	2 1%	3 2%	1 *	4 3%
Eastern (East Anglia)	5 1%	3 1%	2 1%	2 1%	3 2%	5 2%	- -
London	91 18%	50 15%	41 26%	49 16%	41 21%	58 18%	27 19%
South East	31 6%	17 5%	14 9%	12 4%	19 10%	21 7%	7 5%
South West	9 2%	6 2%	3 2%	5 2%	4 2%	6 2%	3 2%
Refused	4 1%	3 1%	1 1%	2 1%	- -	1 *	- -

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Table 17  
**Social Class**  
**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age		Social Grade	
		Male	Female	<34	35+	ABC1	C2DE
Base	500	340	160	305	191	316	140
A	40 8%	26 8%	14 9%	20 7%	20 10%	40 13%	-
B	106 21%	80 24%	26 16%	58 19%	48 25%	106 34%	-
C1	170 34%	110 32%	60 38%	109 36%	61 32%	170 54%	-
C2	73 15%	51 15%	22 14%	38 12%	35 18%	- -	73 52%
D	33 7%	24 7%	9 6%	26 9%	7 4%	- -	33 24%
E	34 7%	21 6%	13 8%	25 8%	9 5%	- -	34 24%
Refused	44 9%	28 8%	16 10%	29 10%	11 6%	- -	-

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Table 18  
**Gender**  
**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age		Social Grade	
		Male	Female	<34	35+	ABC1	C2DE
Base	500	340	160	305	191	316	140
Male	340	340	-	202	135	216	96
	68%	100%	-	66%	71%	68%	69%
Female	160	-	160	103	56	100	44
	32%	-	100%	34%	29%	32%	31%