respondents in the aggregate across the sample, as each response option will appear in comparison to all the others (via a Bradley-Terry model).

Demographic/Background Characteristics

The survey vendor (YouGov) provided these items its existing data.

- Age
- Ethnicity
- Gender
- Social grade
- Education
- Sexuality
- Religion
- Location: parliamentary constituency (UK 2010 boundaries, Scotland 2014 boundaries, Wales electoral regions) / MSOA / LSOA / postcode sector / unitary authorities and districts
- 2016 referendum vote
- 2019 general election vote
- 2021 Senedd vote
- 2021 Holyrood vote
- Attention to politics
- Newspaper readership
- Media consumption
- Organisation membership
- Social media use
- Household income
- Personal income
- Type of house tenure
- Number of children
- Marital status
- Work status

Initial Consent to Participate

NOTE: The following is what participants saw on screen before undertaking the survey. They could take part only after giving their consent.

The following questions form part of a research project being conducted by researchers from the Constitution Unit and the Department of Political Science at University College London (UCL). They are looking at public views about democracy in the UK. You are invited to take part in the project by answering these questions. Please read the information below before deciding whether you want to participate.

Title of Study: Democracy in the UK after Brexit

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UCL Research Ethics Committee Approval ID Number: 11565/002

What is the project's purpose?

The project is looking at how people think the United Ki

should work in practice.

Why have I been chosen?

The survey is being run on behalf of the UCL research team by YouGov. Yo

Will my answers be kept confidential?

Yes. As with all the YouGov surveys that you fill in, your responses will be completely anonymous. The UQ_research team will never find out who you are. Nor will anyone else outside YouGov.

Additional Background Questions

NATIONAL_IDENTITY: Which of the following describes how you think of yourself? Please choose UP TO TWO options. If you choose two options, you will have a chance afterwards to say if you feel one of these identities more strongly.

Response options:

- British
- English
- Scottish
- Welsh
- Irish
- Northern Irish/Ulster
- Other
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NATIONAL_IDENTITY_2 [ASKED ONLY TO THOSE RESPONDENTS GIVING TWO IDENTITIES IN THE PREVIOUS QUESTION]: You said that would you describe yourself as [X] and [Y]. Do you think of yourself as:

Response options:

- More [X] than [Y]
- Equally [X] and [Y]
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General Attitudes to Democracy and Politics

SATISFACTION_DEMOCRACY: On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in the United Kingdom?

Response options:

- 1. Very satisfied
- 2. Fairly satisfied
- 3. Not very satisfied
- 4. Not at all satisfied
- 5.

EFFICACY_DEMOCRACY: How much influence do you think people like you have on how the UK is governed?

Response options:

- 1. Far too little
- 2. Somewhat too little
- 3. About the right amount
- 4. Somewhat too much
- 5. Far too much
- 6.

KNOWLEDGE_INSTITUTIONS: How well do you understand how the United Kingdom is governed?

Response options:

1. Not at all71 0 595.32 841.92 reW*nQ EMC / P &MCID 0 BDC q0.000008871 0 5971 08T08.02 338.69 Tm0 g0 G

TRUST_INSTITUTIONS: To what extent do you trust or distrust each of the following to act in the best interests of people in the UK?

Response scale:

- 1. Strongly distrust
- 2. Distrust
- 3. Neither trust nor distrust
- 4. Trust
- 5. Strongly trust
- 6.
- A. The Prime Minister
- B. The UK Parliament
- C. The civil service
- D. The court system

TRUST_ACTORS: Who do you tend to trust more (or distrust less) to act in the best interests of people in the UK?

Response options:

- I trust [A] more than I trust [B]
- I trust [B] more than I trust [A]
- I trust or distrust both equally
- •

[A] and [B] are random selections from the following list:

- The Prime Minister
- Ministers in the UK government
- Members of the House of Commons (MPs)
- Members of the House of Lords (Peers)
- The BBC
- Newspapers
- Officials in the civil service
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- The Bank of England
- Judges
- Voters in general
- Local councils

POWER_ACTORS: If you could make one of these more powerful than they currently are, which, if either, would you choose?

- The Prime Minister
- Ministers in the UK government
- Members of the House of Commons (MPs)

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- Members of the House of Lords (Peers)
- Officials in the civil service
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- JudgesVoters in general
- Local councils

TO_RULES: Which comes closer to your view?

- Healthy democracy requires that politicians always act within the rules
- Healthy democracy means getting things done, even if that sometimes requires politicians to break the rules
- I agree/disagree with both equally

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Democratic Culture and Behaviour

CITIZEN_CONSIDERATIONS: When deciding how to vote, the most important thing that citizens should consider

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- people across the country

OVERSIGHT_MINISTERS: Please imagine there is clear evidence that a minister in government has [FAILURE]. Which, if any, of the following do you think should decide whether they ought to resign?

Response options:

- The minister themselves
- The Prime Minister
- MPs in Parliament
- An independent person such as a judge
- The ministe
- None of these
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[FAILURE]

- failed to run their department competently
- bullied officials who report to them
- behaved inappropriately in their private life
- arranged for a government contract to be given to one of their friends
- lied to Parliament

Institutional Choices

PARLIAMENT_EXECUTIVE_POWER: Which of the following do you think should [POWER]?

JUDICIARY_ROLE2: Please imagine the government has proposed a new law and Parliament has approved it. been violated as daimed?

Response options:

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TERRITORIAL_GOVERNANCE: Thinking about [POLICY AREA], which, if any, of the following comes dosest to your view?

Response options:

- There should be one set of policies for the whole of the UK
- England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland should each have their own policies
- Each region or urban area within England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland should have its own policies
- Each local council area should have its own policies

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[POLICY AREA]:

- how many immigrants should be able to come in
- the level of income tax
- the level of taxes on alcohol
- the level of the state pension
- how much is spent on healthcare
- how much is spent on policing
- whether cannabis is legal
- whether a particular drug is available on prescription
- how often rubbish bins are emptied
- rules on wearing face masks
- the length of sentences for convicted criminals
- how the courts system is run
- the content of the school curriculum
- where new houses can be built
- the provision of public libraries

VIGNETTE_MINISTER_CIVILSERVICE: We would like you to consider another hypothetical situation that could arise in UK politics.

Imagine that there is [PRIME MINISTER].

[MINISTERS] conclude that they should [CHANGE] spending on [ISSUE].

[CIVILSERVANTS] advise them that this would be a bad idea, based on [EVIDENCE].

Should the [MINISTERS] press ahead with the [CHANGE]?

Response options:

- Yes, the [MINISTERS] should press ahead
- No, the [MINISTERS] should reconsider
- •

[PRIME MINISTER]:

- a Conservative government led by Boris Johnson
- a Labour government led by Keir Starmer
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VIGNETTE_CITIZEN_INFLUENCE: Please imagine that the UK Parliament has no plans to debate whether to change spending on [ISSUE] and that [PUBLIC OPINION].

Do you think people should, or should not be able to [RESOLUTION]?

Response options:

- Definitely should
- Probably should
- Probably should not
- Definitely should not
- •

[ISSUE]: Respondent received the same randomised value selected in VIGNETTE_ISSUE.

[PUBLICOPINION]:

- in public polling, most people want to increase spending
- in public polling, people are evenly split between wanting to increase and decrease spending
- in public polling, most people want to decrease spending

[RESOLUTION]:

- force a national referendum on the issue
- require MPs to convene an assembly of citizens selected at random (as for a jury), whose

VIGNETTE_MEDIA_EXECUTIVE: The UK government has the power to appoint the Chair of the BBC. Imagine that the preferred candidate of [GOVERNMENT] is someone with [EXPERIENCE] who has previously said that [POLICY].

Do you think this person could be a suitable candidate to be Chair of the BBC?

Response options:

- Definitely
- Probably
- Probably not
- Definitely not
- •

[GOVERNMENT]:

- a Conservative government led by Boris Johnson
- a Labour government led by Keir Starmer
- a future Conservative government
- a future Labour government

[POLICY]:

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