Immigration attitudes remain more positive than pre-Brexit vote, but majority still want immigration reduced – and dissatisfaction with government has increased.
People’s views on immigration since Brexit vote remain stable

On a scale of 0 to 10, has migration had a positive or negative impact on Britain? (0 is “very negative”, 10 is “very positive”): 0-4=Negative; 5=Neutral; 6-10=Positive

% saying immigration’s impact on their country has been positive/negative on Britain

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Labour and Remain voters more likely to see immigration as having a positive impact

On a scale of 0 to 10, has migration had a positive or negative impact on Britain? (0 is “very negative”, 10 is “very positive”)

**Party Support**
- Conservative: 35% (Positive), 20% (Neutral), 42% (Negative)
- Labour: 20% (Positive), 14% (Neutral), 21% (Negative)

**EU Referendum Vote**
- Remain: 60% (Positive), 14% (Neutral), 13% (Negative)
- Leave: 27% (Positive), 20% (Neutral), 50% (Negative)

Base: 1,067 GB adults aged 18-75 conducted online 11-14 May 2018
BUT the majority still want to see immigration numbers reduced

Do you think the number of immigrants coming to Britain nowadays should be increased a lot, increased a little, remain the same as it is, reduced a little, or reduced a lot?

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Majorities of Conservative and Leave voters want immigration reduced

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Base: Online survey of 1,067 GB adults aged 18-75 conducted 11-14 May 2018
Dissatisfaction with the government has increased since March - back to levels seen in 2015

Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way the current government is dealing with immigration?

Base: 1,060 GB adults aged 18-75 conducted online 9-13 March 2018; c4,000-1,500 GB adults aged 18+ conducted online February 2014-October 2016
Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way the current government is dealing with immigration?

**Leavers and Remainers equally dissatisfied with government on issue**

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But Conservative supporters have become more dissatisfied

Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way the current government is dealing with immigration? Conservative voters only

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In contrast to trends in ratings of immigration since Brexit, just one in five say they have become more positive – and one in four say have become more negative
One in five say they have become more positive about the impact immigration has on Britain – one in four more negative

Since Britain has voted to leave the European Union I have become more positive about the impact immigration has on Britain

- Strongly agree: 7%
- Somewhat agree: 13%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 45%
- Somewhat disagree: 13%
- Strongly disagree: 12%
- Don’t know: 10%

Base: 1,067 GB adults aged 18-75 conducted online 11-14 May 2018
Of those who have become more positive, people are split - four in five say it’s because they recognise contribution of immigrants and same proportion say it’s because they are reassured that numbers are reducing.

Some people’s opinions on immigration have shifted since the vote to leave the EU. Which of the following, if any, apply to your views? You can choose as many as you like.

- The discussions since the vote to leave the EU has highlighted how much immigrants contribute to the UK, so I feel more positive or less worried about immigration than I did before the vote to leave (39%)
- I am reassured that fewer immigrants will come to the UK once we actually leave the EU, so I feel more positive or less worried about immigration than I did before the vote to leave (27%)
- There are fewer immigrants coming to the UK already, so I feel more positive or less worried about immigration than I did before the vote to leave (19%)
- None of these (14%)
- Don’t know (12%)

Base: All who say they have become more positive about immigration since EU Referendum (218)

*People selecting either one of these options.
People want a tough immigration policy – but one that protects people who have the legal right to be here.
Six in ten support a ‘hostile environment’ immigration policy that is tough on illegal immigrants

Do you support or oppose an immigration policy which is designed to make it as difficult as possible for people who do not have the right to be in the United Kingdom to stay here, which has been called a “hostile environment” by some. This includes measures such as requiring ID checks when accessing public services, applying for a job or when renting somewhere to live.

Support: 60%
Oppose: 40%

Base: 1,067 GB adults aged 18-75 conducted online 11-14 May 2018
And support rises to four in five among Conservative supporters and Leave voters

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Base: 1,067 GB adults aged 18-75 conducted online 11-14 May 2018
BUT majority favour an immigration system that protects people who have the legal right to be here rather than one that prioritises deporting illegal immigrants.

When dealing with illegal immigrants which of these priorities comes closest to your views?

- The priority should be ensuring that people who have the legal right to live in Britain are not wrongly forced to leave because they may not have the right evidence proving they have the right to stay, even if this means some illegal immigrants are not deported (64%)
- The priority should be ensuring that illegal immigrants are deported, even if this means some people who have the legal right to live in Britain are forced to leave if they cannot prove it (23%)
- Don’t know (14%)

Base: Online survey of 1,067 GB adults aged 18-75 conducted 11-14 May 2018
Majority of party supporters/Leave/Remain voters support policy that protects people that have legal right to be here rather than deporting illegal immigrants.

When dealing with illegal immigrants which of these priorities comes closest to your view?

The priority should be ensuring that illegal immigrants are deported, even if this means some people who have the legal right to live in Britain are forced to leave if they cannot prove it.

- Overall: 23%
- Conservative: 31%
- Labour: 15%
- Remain: 11%
- Leave: 35%

The priority should be ensuring that people who have the legal right to live in Britain are not wrongly forced to leave because they may not have the right evidence proving they have the right to stay, even if this means some illegal immigrants are not deported.

- Overall: 64%
- Conservative: 60%
- Labour: 78%
- Remain: 82%
- Leave: 52%

Base: 1,067 GB adults aged 18-75 conducted online 11-14 May 2018.
The Windrush scandal seen as result of government incompetence and majority are ashamed by it
While majority are ashamed of how Britain has treated Windrush generation, most believe it was down to govt. incompetence.

As you may know, some members of the “Windrush generation” who arrived in the UK before the 1971 Immigration Act have faced issues such as detention, refusal of access to public services and deportation if they have been unable to provide evidence that they arrived before 1971 and have the right to remain the UK. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

I am ashamed of how Britain has treated the Windrush generation

- Strongly agree: 38%
- Somewhat agree: 25%
- Neither: 19%
- Somewhat disagree: 6%
- Strongly disagree: 3%
- Don’t know: 9%

The Windrush scandal is mainly a result of government incompetence and not because of the rules on immigration

- Strongly agree: 31%
- Somewhat agree: 30%
- Neither: 16%
- Somewhat disagree: 8%
- Strongly disagree: 4%
- Don’t know: 11%

The experiences of people caught up in the Windrush scandal show that the British govt is being too hostile towards immigrants

- Strongly agree: 21%
- Somewhat agree: 22%
- Neither: 23%
- Somewhat disagree: 15%
- Strongly disagree: 9%
- Don’t know: 10%

Issues experienced by those caught up in the Windrush scandal are bad, however this is the unfortunate side effect of controlling illegal immigration

- Strongly agree: 7%
- Somewhat agree: 17%
- Neither: 23%
- Somewhat disagree: 20%
- Strongly disagree: 23%
- Don’t know: 10%
The Windrush scandal is mainly a result of government incompetence and not because of the rules on immigration.

**Party Support**
- Conservative: 29% (30%)
- Labour: 38% (32%)
- Remainers: 19% (12%)
- Leave: 10% (6%)

**EU Referendum Vote**
- Remainers: 33% (30%)
- Leave: 34% (31%)
- Don't know: 17% (12%)
- Neither agree nor disagree: 8% (3%)
- Somewhat disagree: 8% (4%)
- Strongly disagree: 9% (9%)

Base: Online survey of 1,067 GB adults aged 18-75 conducted 11-14 May 2018.
Labour supporters most likely to say govt being too hostile towards immigrants

The experiences of people caught up in Windrush scandal show that the British government is being too hostile towards immigrants.

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People overestimate levels of immigration and illegal immigration
People massively overestimate the proportion of immigrants in Britain.

Out of every 100 people in Britain, about how many do you think were born in a foreign country?

Actual*... 13.5%  
Guess... 27%

* ONS data
And they think that one in six immigrants is here illegally – higher than estimates* of 1 in 10

Now thinking about everyone who is living in Britain and was born in a foreign country, out of every 100 people living in Britain who were born in a foreign country, about how many do you think are living here illegally?

Actual estimate… 9%  
Guess… 15%

* Home Office estimates based on ONS 2001 data  
https://www.ons.gov.uk/aboutus/transparencyandgovernance/freedomofinformationfoi/illegalimmigrantsintheuk
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