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Technical Note

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Where percentages do not sum to 100, this may be due to computer rounding, the exclusion of "don't know" categories, or multiple answers. Throughout the volume, an asterisk (*) denotes any value of less than half a per cent.

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Q1 What would you say is the most important issue facing Britain today?

Q2 What do you see as other important issues facing Britain today?

| Base: 968 British adults 18+ | Q1 | Q1/2 |
|--|----|------|
| | % | % |
| Economy/economic situation | 20 | 39 |
| Race relations/immigration/immigrants | 17 | 34 |
| Unemployment/Factory Closure/Lack of Industry | 12 | 29 |
| National Health Service/Hospitals/Health care | 5 | 23 |
| Education/Schools | 3 | 17 |
| Crime/law & order/violence/vandalism/ASB | 4 | 16 |
| Poverty/Inequality | 5 | 15 |
| Inflation/Prices | 3 | 13 |
| Housing | 2 | 12 |
| Pensions/social security/benefits | 2 | 12 |
| Low pay/minimum wage/fair wages | 2 | 11 |
| Pollution/environment | 3 | 10 |
| Ageing population/Social care for elderly | 1 | 9 |
| Defence/foreign affairs/international terrorism | 2 | 8 |
| Drug abuse | 1 | 7 |
| Morality/individual behaviour/lifestyle | 1 | 7 |
| Taxation | 1 | 7 |
| Common Market/EU/Europe/Euro | 2 | 6 |
| Population levels/overpopulation | 2 | 6 |
| Public services in general | 1 | 6 |
| Petrol prices/fuel | * | 6 |
| Scottish/Welsh Assembly/Devolution/Const. | 2 | 5 |
| reform | | |
| Transport/public transport | * | 4 |
| Countryside/rural life | * | 3 |
| Local government/council tax | * | 3 |
| Privatisation | * | 3 |
| Nationalisation/Government control of institutions | 1 | 2 |
| Animal welfare | * | 2 |
| Nuclear weapons/nuclear war/disarmament | * | 2 |
| Pound/exchange rate/value of pound | 0 | 2 |
| AIDS | * | 1 |
| Trade Unions/Strikes | * | 11 |
| Foot and mouth outbreak/farming crisis | 0 | 1 |
| Bird flu/Pandemic Flu/Swine Flu | 0 | * |
| Northern Ireland | 0 | * |
| Other | 3 | 6 |
| Don't know | 4 | 13 |