

**Ipsos MORI Trust in MPs poll**

**Topline Results**

**Fieldwork: 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

**Technical Details**

Ipsos MORI interviewed a representative sample of 1,023 adults aged 18+ across Great Britain. Interviews were conducted by telephone 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013. Data are weighted to match the profile of the population.

Where percentages do not sum to 100 this may be due to computer rounding, the exclusion of “don’t know” categories, or multiple answers. An asterisk (\*) denotes any value of less than half a per cent. Data are based on all adults unless otherwise stated.

**Q In general, whose interests do you think MPs put first?**

*Base: 1,023 British adults 18+*

	Jan 1994 %	May 1996 %	Jan 2006 %	May 2009 %	Jun 2013 %
Their own	52	56	45	62	52
Their party's	26	27	28	21	31
Their constituents'	11	7	9	7	8
The country's	5	5	14	5	6
Other	1	1	1	1	1
Don't know	5	4	3	4	2

**Q In general, whose interests do you think MPs should put first?**

*Base: 1,023 British adults 18+*

	May 1996 %	May 2009 %	Jun 2013 %
Their own	*	1	1
Their party's	3	3	2
Their constituents'	48	43	40
The country's	46	52	56
Other	*	1	1
Don't know	3	1	1

**Q I am going to read out some different types of people. Please tell me which you would generally trust them to tell the truth and which you wouldn't.**

*Base: 1,023 British adults 18+*

	2004 %	2006 %	2009 %	Feb 2013 %	Jun 2013 %
<b>MPs in general</b>					
Trust to tell the truth	27	30	20	23	21
Do not trust to tell the truth	67	60	76	70	72
Don't know	6	11	3	8	7
<b>Your local MP</b>					
Trust to tell the truth	47	48	40	n/a	51
Do not trust to tell the truth	45	39	44	n/a	35
Don't know	7	13	6	n/a	14

Q **Please tell me how many MPs you think use their power for their own personal gain. Would you say all of them, most of them, about half, a few or none?**

*Base: 1,023 British adults 18+*

	2004	2006	2009	2013
	%	%	%	%
All	6	5	12	6
Most	24	24	28	27
About half	19	17	28	32
A few	47	47	29	32
None	3	2	1	1
Don't know	1	5	2	2