

Ipsos MORI survey for King’s College London Polling Club

Topline Results

Fieldwork: 13th – 16th February 2016

Technical Details

Ipsos MORI interviewed a representative sample of 1,001 adults aged 18+ across Great Britain. Interviews were conducted by telephone 13th – 16th February 2016. 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.

SPLIT SAMPLE: APPROXIMATELY HALF THE SAMPLE WERE ASKED Q1 V1 AND HALF Q1V2

Q1V1 Would you favour Britain becoming a republic or remaining a monarchy?

Base: all asked the question (504)

	%
Republic	17
Monarchy	76
Don't know	7

Q1V2 Do you think Britain should continue to have a King or Queen as our head of state, or should we have an elected President?

Base: all asked the question (497)

	%
King or Queen	86
Elected President	12
Don't know	2

ASKED TO ALL

Q2 Do you think the monarchy does or does not have an important role to play in the future of Britain?

	%
Does	75
Does not	20
Don't know	4

SPLIT SAMPLE: APPROXIMATELY HALF THE SAMPLE WERE ASKED Q3 V1 AND HALF Q3V2

Q3V1 Do you think that the Queen should abdicate at some stage, or should she remain Queen as long as possible?

Base: all asked the question (504)

	%
Abdicate	21
Remain Queen	70
Don't know	9

Q3V2 The Queen is 90 this year, and Prince Charles has waited longer than any other heir to the throne in British history. Several other European monarchs have recently abdicated as they reached old age, and the last Pope also retired in his eighties. Do you think that the Queen should retire at some stage, or should she remain Queen for life?

Base: all asked the question (497)

	%
Retire	32
Remain Queen	61
Don't know	7

ASKED TO ALL

Q4 Do you think Prince Charles will make a good king or a bad king when he comes to the throne in future?

	%
Good king	60
Bad king	22
Don't know	18

Q5 As you probably know, there will be a referendum in the near future on whether Britain should stay in the European Union or not. Do you think that the Queen should or should not express her views in public on what outcome she believes will be best for Britain?

	%
Should	51
Should not	45
Don't know	4

Trend data

Q Would you favour Britain becoming a republic or remaining a monarchy?

	Republic	Monarchy	Don't know
	%	%	%
22-26 April 1993	18	69	14
7-12 January 1994	17	73	10
28-29 December 1994	20	71	9
6-7 September 1997	18	73	9
5-8 March 1998	19	74	7
18-20 August 1998	16	75	9
23-24 October 1998	16	74	10
5-6 November 1998	18	73	9
15-16 June 1999	16	74	10
13-15 December 2000	21	72	6
29 December 2000	15	73	12
5-6 April 2001*	20	71	9
1-3 February 2002§	19	71	10
7-9 April 2005	22	65	13
20-22 April 2006	18	72	10
15-17 April 2011	18	75	7
12-14 May 2012	13	80	7
9-11 June 2012	15	77	8
10-13 November 2012	16	79	5
13-15 July 2013	17	77	6
13-16 February 2016	17	76	7

Source: Ipsos MORI

Base: c. 500-1,000 GB adults in each survey

Q Do you think the monarchy does or does not have an important role to play in the future of Britain?

	Does	Does not	Don't know
	%	%	%
5-6 November 1998	66	28	6
15-16 June 1999	66	25	7
8-10 November 1999	70	25	5
13-15 December 2000	67	29	4
13-16 February 2016	75	20	4

Source: Ipsos MORI

Base: c. 800-1,000 GB adults in each survey

Q Do you think that the Queen should abdicate at some stage, or should she remain Queen as long as possible?

	Abdicate	Remain Queen	Don't know
	%	%	%
December 1981	48	45	7
April 1984	32	59	9
February 1987	35	61	4
January 1990	47	48	5
May 1992	39	53	8
January 1994	28	66	6
December 1994	28	64	8
10-11 September 1997	27	65	8
18-20 August 1998	28	67	5
5-6 November 1998	29	67	4
8-10 November 1999	32	60	8
8-9 June 2000	31	62	7
29-30 June 2000	31	62	7
5-6 April 2001	34	61	6
13-16 February 2016	21	70	9

Source: Ipsos MORI

Base: c. 500-1,000 GB adults in each survey

Q Do you think that Prince Charles will make a good king or a bad king when he comes to the throne in future?

	Good King	Bad King	Don't know
	%	%	%
June 1991	82	5	13
February 1996	41	40	19
March 1996	47	36	17
August 1996	44	37	19
December 1996	46	36	18
9-10 July 1997	53	31	16
7-10 August 1997	50	37	13
10-11 September 1997	42	34	24
18-20 August 1998	61	20	19
5-6 November 1998	63	20	17
8-10 November 1999	59	25	16
8-9 June 2000	59	21	20
13-15 December 2000	64	23	13
20-22 April 2006	52	28	20
13-16 February 2016	60	22	18

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