

# Questionnaire

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Page: rand1

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**rand1-** *Show if 0/required*  
**Lane Vignette Randomization**

SINGLE CHOICE

*Order as shown*

- 1   ☐   1nul\_hypo
- 2   ☐   1\_a\_i\_1
- 3   ☐   1\_a\_i\_2
- 4   ☐   1\_a\_ii\_1
- 5   ☐   1\_a\_ii\_2
- 6   ☐   1\_b\_i\_1
- 7   ☐   1\_b\_i\_2
- 8   ☐   1\_b\_ii\_1
- 9   ☐   1\_b\_ii\_2
- 98   Skipped
- 99   Not Asked

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Page: rand2

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**rand2-** *Show if 0/required*  
**Barnes Vignette Randomization**

SINGLE CHOICE

*Order as shown*

- 1   ☐   2nul\_hypo
- 2   ☐   2\_a\_i\_1
- 3   ☐   2\_a\_i\_2
- 4   ☐   2\_a\_ii\_1
- 5   ☐   2\_a\_ii\_2
- 6   ☐   2\_b\_i\_1
- 7   ☐   2\_b\_i\_2
- 8   ☐   2\_b\_ii\_1
- 9   ☐   2\_b\_ii\_2
- 98   Skipped
- 99   Not Asked

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Page: rand3

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**rand3-** Show if 0/required

SINGLE CHOICE

**Minister Vignette Randomization***Order as shown*

- 1 ☐ 3nul\_hypo
- 2 ☐ 3\_a\_i\_1
- 3 ☐ 3\_a\_i\_2
- 4 ☐ 3\_a\_ii\_1
- 5 ☐ 3\_a\_ii\_2
- 6 ☐ 3\_b\_i\_2
- 7 ☐ 3\_b\_i\_2
- 8 ☐ 3\_b\_ii\_1
- 9 ☐ 3\_b\_ii\_2
- 98 Skipped
- 99 Not Asked

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## Page: intro

Now we're going to ask you some questions about MPs and other politicians. We're undertaking new academic research in this area, and your responses are very important to us.

## Page: Q1s

**Q1s-** Show all respondents/required

SCALE

**\$q1text**

STEMS

Q1

SCALE

- 1 ☐ Elected politicians should be held to the same standards
- 2 ☐
- 3 ☐
- 4 ☐
- 5 ☐ Elected politicians should be held to much higher standards
- 997 ☐ Don't Know
- 998 Skipped
- 999 Not Asked

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## Page: Q2

**Q2- Show all respondents/required**

SINGLE CHOICE

**Overall, how would you rate the standards of honesty and integrity of elected politicians in Britain today?***Order as shown*

- 1 ☐ Very high
- 2 ☐ Somewhat high
- 3 ☐ Neither high nor low
- 4 ☐ Somewhat low
- 5 ☐ Very low
- 6 ☐ Don't know
- 8 Skipped
- 9 Not Asked

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**Page: Q3**

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**Q3- Show all respondents/required**

SINGLE CHOICE

**Do you think that the standards of honesty and integrity of elected politicians in Britain have been improving in recent years, have been declining, or have stayed about the same?***Order as shown*

- 1 ☐ Improving
- 2 ☐ Declining
- 3 ☐ Stayed about the same
- 4 ☐ Don't know
- 8 Skipped
- 9 Not Asked

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**Page: Q4**

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**Q4- Show all respondents/required**

SINGLE CHOICE

**How much do you agree or disagree with the statement that politicians are in it just for themselves?***Order as shown*

- 1 ☐ Strongly agree
- 2 ☐ Agree
- 3 ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 ☐ Disagree
- 5 ☐ Strongly disagree
- 6 ☐ Don't know
- 8 Skipped
- 9 Not Asked

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**Page: Q5\_8**

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**Q5\_8- Show all respondents/required**

GRID

**How much of a problem is the following behaviour by elected politicians in Britain today? Please use the 0-10 scale, where 0 means it is not a problem at all and 10 means it is a very big problem.**

## ROWS

*Order as shown*

- |    |   |
|----|---|
| Q5 | Not giving straight answers to questions  |
| Q6 | Accepting bribes                          |
| Q7 | Misusing official expenses and allowances |
| Q8 | Making promises they know they can't keep |

## COLUMNS

*Order as shown*

- |    |  |
|----|--|
| 0  | <input type="radio"/> 0 - Not a problem at all |
| 1  | <input type="radio"/> 1                        |
| 2  | <input type="radio"/> 2                        |
| 3  | <input type="radio"/> 3                        |
| 4  | <input type="radio"/> 4                        |
| 5  | <input type="radio"/> 5                        |
| 6  | <input type="radio"/> 6                        |
| 7  | <input type="radio"/> 7                        |
| 8  | <input type="radio"/> 8                        |
| 9  | <input type="radio"/> 9                        |
| 10 | <input type="radio"/> 10 - A very big problem  |
| 11 | <input type="radio"/> Don't know               |
| 98 | Skipped  |
| 99 | Not Asked                                      |

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**Page: Q9**
**Q9- Show all respondents/required**

SINGLE CHOICE

**Thinking about differences between the political parties, which party's MPs are more honest or are there no differences between them?**

*Order as shown*

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 | <input type="radio"/> Conservatives              |
| 2 | <input type="radio"/> Labour                     |
| 3 | <input type="radio"/> Liberal Democrats          |
| 4 | <input type="radio"/> Other                      |
| 5 | <input type="radio"/> No difference between them |
| 6 | <input type="radio"/> Don't know                 |
| 8 | Skipped  |
| 9 | Not Asked  |

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**Page: Q10s**

**Q10s-** *Show all respondents/required*

SCALE

People want competent and honest politicians, but they disagree over which trait is more important. Some people say that it is more important to have politicians who can deliver the goods for people, even if they aren't always very honest and trustworthy. Other people say that it's more important to have politicians who are very honest and trustworthy, even if they can't always deliver the goods. What do you think? Using the 0-10 scale below, where 0 means it's more important to have politicians who can deliver the goods and 10 means it's more important to have very honest and trustworthy politicians, where would you place yourself?

STEMS

Q10

SCALE

- 0 ☐ It is more important to have politicians who can deliver the goods
- 1 ☐
- 2 ☐
- 3 ☐
- 4 ☐
- 5 ☐
- 6 ☐
- 7 ☐
- 8 ☐
- 9 ☐
- 10 ☐ It is more important to have very honest and trustworthy politicians
- 997 ☐ Don't Know
- 998 ☐ Skipped
- 999 ☐ Not Asked

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## Page: Q11

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Now we're going to ask you some questions about you.

**Q11-** *Show all respondents/required*

SINGLE CHOICE

**Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the statement that people should obey the law, even if it goes against what they think is right**

Order as shown

- 1 ☐ Strongly agree
- 2 ☐ Agree
- 3 ☐ Disagree
- 4 ☐ Strongly disagree
- 5 ☐ Don't know
- 8 ☐ Skipped
- 9 ☐ Not Asked

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## Page: Q12

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**Q12-** *Show all respondents/required*

SINGLE CHOICE

**Do you strongly approve, approve, disapprove or strongly disapprove of the way the present system of government in this country works?**

*Order as shown*

- 1 ☐ Strongly approve
- 2 ☐ Approve
- 3 ☐ Disapprove
- 4 ☐ Strongly disapprove
- 5 ☐ Don't know
- 8 ☐ Skipped
- 9 ☐ Not Asked

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## Page: Q13s

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Now we're going to ask you some questions relating to political events earlier in the year.

**Q13s-** *Show all respondents/required*

SCALE

**You may have read or heard a lot earlier this year about MPs' claims under Parliament's second-home allowance scheme. Some people thought the press coverage was fair and balanced. Other people thought the coverage was not fair and balanced. Using the scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means the press coverage was fair and balanced and 10 means the press coverage was not fair and balanced, where would you place your views?**

STEMS

Q13

SCALE

- 0 ☐ Fair and balanced
- 1 ☐
- 2 ☐
- 3 ☐
- 4 ☐
- 5 ☐
- 6 ☐
- 7 ☐
- 8 ☐
- 9 ☐
- 10 ☐ Not fair and balanced
- 997 ☐ Don't Know
- 998 ☐ Skipped
- 999 ☐ Not Asked

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## Page: Q14

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**Q14-** *Show all respondents/required*

SINGLE CHOICE

**Some people say that their opinions about the honesty and trustworthiness of MPs changed as a result of the expenses scandal. Other people say that their opinions did not change. What about you?**

*Order as shown*

- 1 ☐ I thought most MPs were honest and trustworthy before the scandal, and I still think most MPs are honest and trustworthy
- 2 ☐ I thought most MPs were honest and trustworthy before the scandal, but now I think most MPs are dishonest and untrustworthy
- 3 ☐ I thought most MPs were dishonest and untrustworthy before the scandal, and I still think most MPs are dishonest and untrustworthy
- 4 ☐ I thought most MPs were dishonest and untrustworthy before the scandal, but now I think most MPs are honest and trustworthy
- 5 ☐ Don't know
- 8 Skipped
- 9 Not Asked

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## Page: Q15

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**Q15-** *Show all respondents/required*

SINGLE CHOICE

**Thinking about the expenses claimed by MPs, which political party do you think has been damaged the most in the eyes of ordinary voters, or have they all been damaged equally?**

*Order as shown*

- 1 ☐ Conservatives
- 2 ☐ Labour
- 3 ☐ Liberal Democrats
- 4 ☐ Other
- 5 ☐ All damaged equally
- 6 ☐ Don't know
- 8 Skipped
- 9 Not Asked

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## Page: \_implicit\_4

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Now we're going to ask you some questions about behaviour that may occur in government. Your answers are very important. Please read through the scenarios carefully.

## Page: v1

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vignette = \$text1

\$vig\_text1

**Q16s- Show all respondents/required**

SCALE

**Please indicate your opinion about the company's employment of Lane using this 0 to 10 scale.**

STEMS

Q16

SCALE

0 ☐ Totally acceptable1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 ☐5 ☐6 ☐7 ☐8 ☐9 ☐10 ☐ Totally unacceptable

998 Skipped

Admin/Not Shown

999 Not Asked

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**Q17- Show all respondents/required**

SINGLE CHOICE

**In your opinion, did Lane break any official rules or not before taking up the consultancy post?***Order as shown*1 ☐ Lane broke official rules2 ☐ Lane did not break official rules3 ☐ Don't know

8 Skipped

Admin/Not Shown

9 Not Asked

Admin/Not Shown

**Q18- Show all respondents/required**

SINGLE CHOICE

**In your opinion, were Lane's personal contacts in government a major factor in his company winning the contract?***Order as shown*1 ☐ Yes2 ☐ No3 ☐ Don't know

8 Skipped

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9 Not Asked

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Page: Q19s

**Q19s- Show all respondents/required**

SCALE

**Please indicate your opinion about the company's employment of Lane using this 0 to 10 scale.**

STEMS

Q19

SCALE

0 ☐ Totally corrupt1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 ☐5 ☐6 ☐7 ☐8 ☐9 ☐10 ☐ Totally uncorrupt

998 Skipped

Admin/Not Shown

999 Not Asked

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**Page: v2**

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vignette = \$text2

\$vig\_text2

**Q20s- Show all respondents/required**

SCALE

**Please indicate your opinion about Barnes's help for the firm using this 0 to 10 scale.**

STEMS

Q20

SCALE

0 ☐ Totally acceptable1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 ☐5 ☐6 ☐7 ☐8 ☐9 ☐10 ☐ Totally unacceptable

998 Skipped

Admin/Not Shown

999 Not Asked

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**Q21- Show all respondents/required**

SINGLE CHOICE

**In your opinion, did Barnes break the law when she helped the firm?***Order as shown*

- 1 ☐ Broke the law
- 2 ☐ Did not break the law
- 3 ☐ Don't know
- 8 ☐ Skipped
- 9 ☐ Not Asked

*Admin/Not Shown**Admin/Not Shown***Q22- Show all respondents/required**

SINGLE CHOICE

**In your opinion, would the fate of the firm greatly affect the local economy or not?***Order as shown*

- 1 ☐ Would greatly affect the local economy
- 2 ☐ Would not greatly affect the local economy
- 3 ☐ Don't know
- 8 ☐ Skipped
- 9 ☐ Not Asked

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SCALE

**Please indicate your opinion about Barnes' help for the firm using this 0 to 10 scale.**

STEMS

Q23

SCALE

- 0 ☐ Totally corrupt
- 1 ☐
- 2 ☐
- 3 ☐
- 4 ☐
- 5 ☐
- 6 ☐
- 7 ☐
- 8 ☐
- 9 ☐
- 10 ☐ Totally uncorrupt
- 998 ☐ Skipped
- 999 ☐ Not Asked

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vignette = \$text3

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**Q24s- Show all respondents/required** SCALE  
**Please indicate your opinion about the minister's issuing of a 'gagging order' using this 0 to 10 scale.**

STEMS

Q24

SCALE

- 0 ☐ Totally acceptable  
 1 ☐  
 2 ☐  
 3 ☐  
 4 ☐  
 5 ☐  
 6 ☐  
 7 ☐  
 8 ☐  
 9 ☐  
 10 ☐ Totally unacceptable  
 998 Skipped  
 999 Not Asked

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**Q25- Show all respondents/required** SINGLE CHOICE  
**In your opinion, did the minister correctly follow departmental procedures?**

Order as shown

- 1 ☐ Correctly followed procedures  
 2 ☐ Did not correctly follow procedures  
 3 ☐ Don't know  
 8 Skipped  
 9 Not Asked

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**Q26- Show all respondents/required** SINGLE CHOICE  
**In your opinion, was the minister motivated by concerns about national security or by concerns about the impending election?**

Order as shown

- 1 ☐ National security  
 2 ☐ The election  
 3 ☐ Don't know  
 8 Skipped  
 9 Not Asked

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Page: Q27s

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**Q27s- Show all respondents/required**

SCALE

Please indicate your opinion about the minister's issuing of a 'gagging order' using this 0 to 10 scale.

STEMS

Q27

SCALE

0 ☐ Totally corrupt1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 ☐5 ☐6 ☐7 ☐8 ☐9 ☐10 ☐ Totally uncorrupt

998 Skipped

999 Not Asked

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Page: Q28\_29

Now we're going to ask you some questions about the political system. These questions are quite abstract, but they are very important to our research.

**Q28\_29- Show all respondents/required**

GRID

In politics, people sometimes talk about parties and politicians as being on the left or right.

Using the 1-7 scale, where the end marked 1 means left and the end marked 7 means right, where would you place...

ROWS

Order as shown

Q28

Yourself

Q29

The government's recent policies

COLUMNS

Order as shown

1 ☐ 1 - Left2 ☐ 23 ☐ 34 ☐ 45 ☐ 56 ☐ 67 ☐ 7 - Right

8 Skipped

9 Not Asked

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Page: Q30\_31

**Q30\_31-** *Show all respondents/required*

GRID

Some people say that what we need in this country is for ordinary people to make political decisions for themselves about what needs to be done and how. Others say ordinary people are too busy and should instead allow elected politicians and officials to make all political decisions. Still others say a combination would be best. Imagine a seven-point scale with 1 being ordinary people making all decisions on their own and 7 being elected politicians and officials making all the decisions on their own, while 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 indicate in-between opinions on the two extremes. Which number from 1 to 7 best represents...

## ROWS

*Order as shown*

Q30	How you think the system of governing Britain should work?
Q31	How you think the system of governing Britain <i>actually</i> does work?

## COLUMNS

*Order as shown*

- 1   ☐   1 - Ordinary people making all decisions
- 2   ☐   3
- 3   ☐   4
- 4   ☐   5
- 5   ☐   6
- 6   ☐   7 - Politicians and officials making all decisions
- 8   Skipped
- 9   Not Asked

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Page: Q32\_33

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**Q32\_33-** *Show all respondents/required*

GRID

People hold different views about the best way to deal with misconduct involving elected politicians. Some people feel that politicians who break the rules, for example, MPs who make bogus expense claims, should be dealt with by the criminal law and the police, and should be sent to prison. Think of them as 1 on a seven-point scale. Other people feel that politicians who break the rules should be dealt with by political processes, and that voters should determine their fate at the next election. Think of them as 7 on a seven-point scale. And, of course, there are people in between at 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6. Using the 1-7 scale, how do you rate...

## ROWS

*Order as shown*

Q32

Yourself

Q33

How the system currently works

## COLUMNS

*Order as shown*

- 1   ☐   1 - The criminal law
- 2   ☐   2
- 3   ☐   3
- 4   ☐   4
- 5   ☐   5
- 6   ☐   6
- 7   ☐   7 - Political processes
- 8   ☐   Skipped
- 9   ☐   Not Asked

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