

Election Counts Survey

CATI Fieldwork : September 11th-13th 2009

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

Q.1 At general elections, votes are traditionally counted on election night and results announced throughout the night and into the following day. Some people think this is the best system as it gives results quickly, while others say that counting shouldn't begin until the day after general elections because it would save money. Which of these statements do you most agree with?

Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	1025	454	571	78	100	196	203	201	247	325	245	169	286	265	279	251	141	89
Weighted base	1025	492	533	122	162	203	173	152	213	267	297	215	246	269	269	253	145	90
Votes should be counted and results declared as soon as possible after voting finishes	512 50%	248 50%	263 49%	44 36%	77 47%	107 53%	90 52%	85 56%	108 51%	144 54%	147 49%	113 52%	108 44%	143 53%	132 49%	131 52%	61 42%	44 48%
Votes should be counted and results declared on the following day	229 22%	109 22%	120 22%	36 30%	46 29%	32 16%	37 21%	34 22%	44 20%	48 18%	74 25%	48 22%	59 24%	55 20%	67 25%	43 17%	42 29%	22 24%
I don't particularly mind	276 27%	130 26%	146 27%	41 34%	37 23%	63 31%	44 25%	33 22%	59 28%	74 28%	73 24%	53 25%	77 31%	69 26%	67 25%	77 30%	39 27%	25 27%
Don't know	8 1%	4 1%	3 1%	- -	2 1%	1 1%	2 1%	- -	2 1%	1 *	4 1%	2 1%	2 1%	1 *	2 1%	2 1%	2 2%	- -