



## Recent polls on immigration

### 1. Concern about Immigration...

- 76% want immigration reduced, 4% wanted it increased. 14% want it unchanged.<sup>1</sup>
- 50% chose immigration as the most important issue facing them and their family - higher than the economy (46%) and the Health Service (42%). Immigration has led or tied this poll for the past year.<sup>2</sup>

### 2. Government Policy...

- 72% thought that the government was right to impose a numerical limit on immigration each year while only 19% disagreed with that policy.<sup>3</sup>

### 3. The Preferred Level of Immigration...

- 52% said that the government should try to reduce immigration by a lot; 24% said by a little. 2% wanted it increased a lot, 2% by a little. 14% wanted it to remain the same.<sup>4</sup>

### 4. Population and Overcrowding...

- 62% wanted to see the UK population decrease. 22% wanted it to stay the same. 11% wanted an increase.<sup>5</sup>

### 5. Positive Aspects...

- 39% thought that immigrants put as much into the economy as they took out; the same proportion thought they took out more.<sup>6</sup>

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1 YouGov 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015 [https://d25d2506sfb94s.cloudfront.net/cumulus\\_uploads/document/r4762fpv66/YG-Archive-Pol-Sunday-Times-results-060315.pdf](https://d25d2506sfb94s.cloudfront.net/cumulus_uploads/document/r4762fpv66/YG-Archive-Pol-Sunday-Times-results-060315.pdf)

2 YouGov 'Issues that matter index', 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 [https://d25d2506sfb94s.cloudfront.net/cumulus\\_uploads/document/na190nomoq/YG-Archives-Pol-Trackers-Issues\(2\)-Most-important-issues-030315.pdf](https://d25d2506sfb94s.cloudfront.net/cumulus_uploads/document/na190nomoq/YG-Archives-Pol-Trackers-Issues(2)-Most-important-issues-030315.pdf)

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5 YouGov for Population Matters, May 2014, <http://www.populationmatters.org/making-case/opinion-polls/>

6 ICM for British Future, November 2014 <http://www.britishfuture.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/How-To-Talk-About-Immigration-FINAL.pdf>

## 6. The Impact on Services...

- 81% of the public thought the government should limit benefits to migrants resident in the UK for less than two years.<sup>7</sup>
- 66% think that the NHS and schools should only be available to migrants that work.<sup>8</sup>

## 7. The Impact on Jobs...

- 67% thought that employers should give priority to British people when recruiting. 20% disagreed and 12% didn't know.<sup>9</sup>

## 8. Integration...

- 95% thought that it was either very important or fairly important that migrants had an ability to speak English to become 'truly British'.<sup>10</sup>
- Asked about the most important requirements for living in Britain, 60% said being able to speak English, while 43% said being willing to work hard and pay taxes, 36% said respect for the law, 28% said respecting British culture and customs, 15% said tolerance of others.<sup>11</sup>

17<sup>th</sup> March 2015<sup>12</sup>

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9 YouGov for Channel 5, February 2014 [http://d25d2506sfb94s.cloudfront.net/cumulus\\_uploads/document/88q0g7tq8f/YG-Archive-140211-Channel5-Immigration.pdf](http://d25d2506sfb94s.cloudfront.net/cumulus_uploads/document/88q0g7tq8f/YG-Archive-140211-Channel5-Immigration.pdf)

10 British Social Attitudes Survey, 2014, <http://www.natcen.ac.uk/our-research/research/british-social-attitudes>

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