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Which of the following do you think are the main NEGATIVE effects of immigration? Please tick two or three

People coming here to claim benefits for them and their families	56	65	51	41	68	64	52	48	51	61	53	55	56	59	52	61	50	60	57	58	46	63	53	51	29	74	58
Increasing the pressure and demand for public services	45	51	41	53	45	54	46	45	46	44	37	42	48	46	50	38	49	43	50	41	43	43	49	35	47	39	52
Allowing in people with extreme views or terrorist sympathies	44	51	40	44	50	52	42	39	44	44	41	39	41	52	42	47	37	49	43	45	35	50	39	44	36	50	46
Increasing the pressure and demand for housing	42	41	43	50	35	38	42	48	39	44	51	43	41	37	44	39	59	44	39	34	36	36	46	42	50	35	45
Damaging Britain's own culture and traditions	28	30	20	19	46	34	20	25	27	28	26	23	26	33	26	29	18	27	29	31	27	33	26	17	9	36	31
Reducing wages by undercutting British workers	21	16	25	23	24	14	25	22	22	20	23	20	23	18	18	25	24	22	17	22	21	21	21	20	19	25	20
Increasing the level of crime	16	23	15	10	16	21	14	14	18	15	9	12	19	21	16	17	12	18	14	17	18	20	13	20	9	20	18
Other	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	4	1	1	4	2	1	1
None of these - there are no negative effects from immigration	3	0	6	2	0	0	6	3	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	4	1	5	3	6	2	3	4	12	1	0
Don't know	4	1	4	3	1	2	3	4	4	4	6	4	5	3	4	3	4	2	3	5	8	3	4	8	2	1	2

Which of the following do you think are the main POSITIVE effects of immigration? Please tick two or three

Bringing people to fill highly skilled jobs where there is a labour shortage	43	51	43	51	34	50	41	45	44	41	38	42	40	48	47	37	46	43	41	41	44	43	46	30	49	32	53
Bringing in more people of working age who pay more in taxes than they claim in benefits	32	35	36	54	16	32	32	40	34	31	30	33	29	37	36	27	43	35	28	29	30	31	35	27	57	18	36
Bringing in foreign students who fund our universities and make them more vibrant	27	28	26	27	22	28	26	31	27	27	32	23	25	31	30	24	28	25	27	29	30	24	28	31	29	21	34
Bringing in people with fresh ideas to start new businesses and create jobs	26	33	25	36	19	30	26	24	29	23	29	23	27	27	29	22	28	30	22	25	24	22	28	30	36	19	29
Bringing people to fill low paid jobs British workers won't do	23	26	27	31	18	21	22	28	24	22	32	26	19	22	26	20	24	29	21	18	20	23	23	26	42	12	25
Giving Britain a more diverse culture - theatres, film and books	21	19	23	25	6	14	21	24	18	24	38	21	21	12	23	18	29	22	16	18	25	14	25	23	39	8	24
Giving Britain more diverse cuisine - restaurants and takeaways	15	13	15	10	10	10	18	12	15	15	25	16	15	9	15	15	17	12	17	15	16	11	17	19	16	16	14
Other	2	1	1	8	0	2	2	2	3	1	2	4	1	2	2	2	4	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	1	3
None of these - there are no positive effects from immigration	15	12	14	4	37	17	17	13	15	14	6	12	16	19	10	20	11	12	17	18	13	19	12	14	1	32	5
Don't know	7	2	6	1	3	4	7	6	5	8	9	8	7	5	7	7	6	5	7	8	11	6	6	11	1	5	5

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Below are some arguments that people have made against limits on immigration. Generally speaking, do you think these arguments are true or false?

Lower immigration would mean Britain would need to higher taxes to pay for our ageing population

This is probably true	30	26	35	56	13	24	33	37	35	26	39	39	24	26	37	21	42	29	32	23	31	21	34	38	67	9	31
This is probably false	48	59	42	22	74	60	43	41	49	48	33	38	55	56	45	53	36	48	49	54	47	56	45	37	15	75	47
Not sure	22	15	23	22	13	16	24	21	17	26	29	23	21	18	18	26	22	22	19	23	22	22	20	25	18	16	22

Lower immigration would mean difficulty filling jobs in the NHS

This is probably true	39	39	46	65	20	32	44	52	44	34	38	41	35	42	43	33	43	44	36	33	41	34	43	39	72	17	45
This is probably false	46	50	38	23	72	55	40	32	42	51	42	41	52	46	43	51	40	41	51	53	45	52	43	42	16	72	42
Not sure	14	10	16	13	8	12	16	16	14	15	19	18	13	11	14	16	18	15	12	15	14	14	14	19	11	11	13

Lower immigration would damage the growth and success of British businesses

This is probably true	21	18	27	39	4	10	24	27	27	15	40	26	17	14	25	15	27	20	21	18	25	15	24	26	56	4	19
This is probably false	57	69	46	37	89	73	48	48	55	59	38	49	62	65	52	63	44	60	59	60	52	65	53	48	21	85	56
Not sure	22	13	27	24	8	17	28	25	18	26	22	25	21	21	22	22	29	21	20	22	23	20	23	26	23	12	25

Lower immigration would mean a lack of people to do low paid work, like cleaning or fruit picking

This is probably true	40	41	48	55	23	38	44	41	39	41	51	39	35	41	44	34	39	42	39	36	43	38	42	36	66	23	43
This is probably false	44	48	35	30	66	49	39	37	45	42	30	42	50	43	41	47	43	41	46	46	41	48	40	44	20	66	41
Not sure	17	11	17	15	11	13	17	22	16	17	19	19	14	16	15	19	18	16	14	18	17	13	18	20	14	11	16

And supposing the following arguments were true, would they make you more or less likely to support tougher limits on immigration?

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Would make me more likely to support tough limits on immigration	8	11	8	4	11	8	8	9	10	6	7	9	8	8	9	7	6	8	9	9	5	9	7	10	5	12	6
Would make me less likely to support tough limits on immigration	14	12	20	22	4	9	14	15	15	13	20	22	10	10	16	11	16	14	14	12	16	13	13	20	23	6	17
No difference - I would still support tougher limits on immigration	44	61	30	27	71	65	38	35	42	46	22	29	52	57	41	48	31	48	43	49	40	49	43	36	12	64	48
No difference - I would still oppose tougher limits on immigration	16	8	20	30	6	7	19	21	18	14	21	19	15	12	18	13	24	12	17	13	24	14	17	15	44	7	10
Don't know	18	9	22	16	8	11	21	19	15	21	29	22	16	13	16	21	23	18	17	17	15	15	20	20	15	11	19

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Would make me more likely to support tough limits on immigration	5	6	6	0	10	5	6	4	6	5	2	9	4	5	6	4	3	5	7	5	5	6	4	6	3	9	3
Would make me less likely to support tough limits on immigration	23	24	27	35	11	19	25	26	22	23	28	26	20	20	24	21	23	26	22	21	19	22	23	24	31	12	31
No difference - I would still support tougher limits on immigration	39	54	26	21	65	58	31	31	40	38	22	24	46	51	38	40	30	39	39	45	39	45	37	31	8	61	40
No difference - I would still oppose tougher limits on immigration	16	7	22	31	5	7	20	21	18	15	20	21	15	11	18	14	24	14	17	13	23	13	18	18	45	7	10
Don't know	17	9	20	12	9	10	18	17	14	19	28	20	14	13	14	21	19	17	16	17	14	14	17	21	14	11	16

Lower immigration would damage the growth and success of British businesses

Would make me more likely to support tough limits on immigration	6	7	5	3	7	6	6	5	7	4	2	11	4	5	6	5	5	5	6	6	4	6	4	8	4	9	4
Would make me less likely to support tough limits on immigration	18	21	19	21	8	17	19	14	20	16	27	19	16	15	21	13	21	19	16	15	19	13	20	21	27	7	24
No difference - I would still support tougher limits on immigration	41	55	32	30	69	59	35	38	39	43	21	27	49	54	39	45	31	43	40	48	35	50	37	34	9	64	42
No difference - I would still oppose tougher limits on immigration	17	8	21	32	5	8	19	22	19	15	22	21	15	12	17	16	23	13	18	13	26	13	19	16	43	7	11
Don't know	19	9	23	14	11	11	21	20	15	22	28	21	17	15	17	21	21	19	19	17	17	18	19	21	16	12	19

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Would make me less likely to support tough limits on immigration	15	18	16	21	5	13	15	14	16	14	23	19	10	13	18	11	14	18	14	12	15	13	15	21	29	7	16
No difference - I would still support tougher limits on immigration	44	60	35	29	72	65	39	38	44	45	25	28	53	57	43	47	37	46	44	50	38	50	43	34	8	64	51
No difference - I would still oppose tougher limits on immigration	17	8	23	33	6	7	21	23	19	16	21	22	17	13	18	17	23	14	18	15	27	15	19	17	44	9	12
Don't know	18	8	21	16	8	9	21	20	15	21	28	23	16	13	16	21	23	17	18	18	16	15	19	23	16	13	17

Would you be happy or unhappy if...

Your child married someone from a different ethnic background to you

Would be happy	16	13	19	27	8	12	18	21	16	16	16	14	17	16	17	14	23	17	16	12	13	8	20	24	35	8	14
Would be unhappy	16	18	12	5	37	19	16	10	17	14	9	15	13	22	14	17	11	16	16	18	11	27	8	13	3	29	10
Wouldn't mind either way	57	58	60	62	45	56	54	61	56	58	68	60	57	50	60	54	56	56	57	59	61	53	63	48	60	50	67
Not sure	11	11	10	6	11	12	12	8	11	12	7	10	13	12	8	16	11	11	11	12	15	13	9	14	2	13	9

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Someone from a different ethnic background to you moved into the house next door

Would be happy	16	14	18	29	7	12	18	22	16	16	17	16	15	17	18	14	24	16	17	12	11	8	19	27	35	7	15
Would be unhappy	10	9	8	2	28	13	10	7	10	9	4	7	9	15	8	12	5	9	9	14	6	19	4	4	1	21	5
Wouldn't mind either way	66	71	68	69	54	68	64	65	66	66	71	68	68	60	68	64	64	65	66	66	70	65	70	57	63	63	75
Not sure	8	6	5	0	11	7	7	6	8	9	8	9	8	8	7	10	7	9	7	7	13	8	7	12	1	9	6

Your boss at work was someone from a different ethnic background to you

Would be happy	16	14	18	28	8	12	18	21	16	15	17	15	15	18	17	14	21	16	18	13	10	9	19	24	35	7	14
Would be unhappy	7	5	6	2	20	10	7	6	8	6	3	5	7	9	5	9	5	8	6	7	4	12	3	6	1	15	2
Wouldn't mind either way	71	75	73	68	65	72	69	67	69	72	72	73	72	66	71	69	69	69	70	73	73	72	73	60	63	71	79
Not sure	7	6	4	2	8	7	6	5	7	7	8	7	6	7	6	8	4	8	6	6	12	7	6	10	1	7	4

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Thinking about your close friends – say, the ten or twenty people, other than relatives, to whom you feel closest – which of these statements applies to you?

All my close friends are white	50	37	42	36	33	46	41	32	37	33	41	23	33	35	48	34	41	13	42	36	39	50	100	0	0	22	52	32
Almost all my close friends are white	23	25	28	23	33	24	25	23	27	28	23	33	25	27	20	27	23	19	26	28	26	23	0	51	0	29	22	28
Most of my close friends are white	17	24	23	24	24	19	25	23	24	25	24	31	21	25	23	25	22	28	24	25	24	20	0	49	0	32	17	27
Roughly half my close friends are white	6	9	6	10	7	9	8	12	10	9	8	7	11	8	8	8	10	22	6	8	8	5	0	0	64	11	7	8
Most of my close friends are from ethnic minorities	3	3	1	4	0	2	1	5	1	2	3	2	5	2	1	2	3	9	1	2	3	0	0	0	19	3	1	3
Almost all my close friends are from ethnic minorities	1	1	0	2	3	1	0	3	0	2	1	3	1	1	0	1	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	0	1
All my close friends are from ethnic minorities	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	2	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	4	1	1	1	3	0	0	10	1	1	1