

## Appendix B: 2021 Survey of British Indian Attitudes

Sample: 792 British Indian adults  
Conducted: July 30 - August 16, 2021  
Margin of error: +/-3.5

Question	Frequency
<b>Generally speaking, which political party, if any, do you identify with?</b>	
Conservative	31%
Labour	41%
Liberal Democrat	5%
Scottish National Party	0%
Plaid Cymru	0%
United Kingdom Independence Party	0%
Green Party	5%
British National Party	0%
Change UK - The Independent Group	0%
Reform UK	0%
Other	0%
None	1%
Don't know	15%
<b>If forced to choose, would you say you feel closer to the Labour Party or the Conservative Party?</b>	
Labour	51%
Conservative	36%
Neither	12%
<b>Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this?</b>	
Extremely Liberal	6%
Liberal	25%
Slightly Liberal	13%
Moderate, middle of the road	27%
Slightly Conservative	12%
Conservative	16%
Extremely Conservative	1%

<b>If there were a general election held tomorrow, which party would you vote for?</b>		
	Conservative	28%
	Labour	38%
	Liberal Democrat	6%
	Scottish National Party	1%
	Plaid Cymru	0%
	United Kingdom Independence Party	0%
	Green Party	6%
	British National Party	0%
	Change UK - The Independent Group	0%
	Reform UK	1%
	Independent Candidate	0%
	Other	0%
	Don't know	15%
	I would not vote in the parliamentary election	5%
<b>How did you vote in the 2015 UK general election?</b>		
<i>Restricted to respondents who voted in 2015, 2019, and would vote in a snap election. Excludes respondents who did not remember who they voted for.</i>		
	Conservative	37%
	Labour	54%
	Other	10%
<b>How did you vote in the 2019 UK general election?</b>		
<i>Restricted to respondents who voted in 2015, 2019, and would vote in a snap election. Excludes respondents who did not remember who they voted for.</i>		
	Conservative	39%
	Labour	46%
	Other	15%
<b>What is your age?</b>		
	18-29	20%
	30-49	49%
	50+	32%
<b>What is the highest level of education you have completed?</b>		
	Primary education	0%
	Lower secondary education	14%
	Upper secondary education	13%
	Post-secondary, non-tertiary education	5%
	Short-cycle tertiary education	4%
	Bachelors or equivalent level degree	36%
	Masters or equivalent level degree	21%
	Doctoral or equivalent level degree	5%
	I did not complete any formal education	2%

<b>What is your gross household income?</b>		
	Under £5,000 per year	2%
	£5,000 to £9,999 per year	3%
	£10,000 to £14,999 per year	4%
	£15,000 to £19,999 per year	4%
	£20,000 to £24,999 per year	5%
	£25,000 to £29,999 per year	4%
	£30,000 to £34,999 per year	5%
	£35,000 to £39,999 per year	5%
	£40,000 to £44,999 per year	4%
	£45,000 to £49,999 per year	4%
	£50,000 to £59,999 per year	7%
	£60,000 to £69,999 per year	7%
	£70,000 to £99,999 per year	11%
	£100,000 to £149,999 per year	7%
	£150,000 and over	4%
	Don't know	6%
	Prefer not to answer	18%
<b>Were you born in the United Kingdom?</b>		
	Yes	57%
	No	43%
<b>In what year did you come to live in the United Kingdom?</b>		
	Pre-2000	77%
	2000 and after	23%
<b>In what year did you come to live in the United Kingdom?</b>		
<i>I have been in the United Kingdom for...</i>		
	Less than 15 years	13%
	15-49 years	67%
	50 or more years	20%
<b>What is your present religion, if any?</b>		
	None	19%
	Christian	8%
	Hindu	36%
	Muslim	11%
	Sikh	20%
	Others	3%
	Prefer not to say	2%
<b>What is your gender?</b>		
	Male	50%
	Female	50%
	Other	0%

**Which of the following best describes why you do not identify with the Conservative Party?***Restricted to respondents who do not identify with the Conservative Party*

The Conservative Party is tough on immigration	4%
The Conservative Party is corrupt	29%
The Conservative Party is intolerant of minorities	11%
The Conservative Party is not good for India	2%
The Conservative Party wants to cut public services	29%
The Conservative Party supports Brexit	10%
None of these apply	15%

**Which of the following best describes why you do not identify with the Labour Party?***Restricted to respondents who do not identify with the Labour Party*

The Labour Party is weak on illegal immigration	13%
The Labour Party is too influenced by socialism	29%
The Labour Party favors particular religious minorities	9%
The Labour Party is not good for India	5%
The Labour Party wants to increase taxes	15%
The Labour Party is opposed to Brexit	5%
None of these apply	25%

**If a fresh election were held tomorrow, who would you like to see as the next prime minister?**

Boris Johnson	11%
Keir Starmer	24%
Priti Patel	2%
Rishi Sunak	21%
Dominic Raab	3%
Matt Hancock	0%
Michael Gove	0%
Nicola Sturgeon	6%
Gavin Williamson	0%
Mark Drakeford	0%
Other	3%
Undecided	28%

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way Boris Johnson is handling his job as Prime Minister?**

Approve strongly	13%
Approve	4%
Approve but not strongly	20%
Disapprove but not strongly	19%
Disapprove	3%
Disapprove strongly	42%

**What are your feelings toward: Rishi Sunak?**

Cold (0-49)	31%
Indifferent (50)	15%
Warm (51-100)	54%

**What are your feelings toward: Boris Johnson?**

Cold (0-49)	55%
Indifferent (50)	14%
Warm (51-100)	31%

<b>What are your feelings toward: Keir Starmer?</b>		
	Cold (0-49)	45%
	Indifferent (50)	19%
	Warm (51-100)	36%
<b>What are your feelings toward: Jeremy Corbyn?</b>		
	Cold (0-49)	54%
	Indifferent (50)	14%
	Warm (51-100)	32%
<b>What are your feelings toward: Priti Patel?</b>		
	Cold (0-49)	62%
	Indifferent (50)	14%
	Warm (51-100)	24%
<b>What are your feelings toward: Labour Party?</b>		
	Cold (0-49)	37%
	Indifferent (50)	18%
	Warm (51-100)	45%
<b>What are your feelings toward: Conservative Party?</b>		
	Cold (0-49)	49%
	Indifferent (50)	14%
	Warm (51-100)	37%
<b>Which of the following is the most important issue for you personally?</b>		
	Economy	24%
	Education	5%
	Environment/climate change	11%
	Healthcare	19%
	Housing	4%
	Immigration and asylum	5%
	Racism/racial discrimination	7%
	Welfare/pensions	4%
	Taxes	7%
	Crime	6%
	Defense and security	1%
	UK-India relations	3%
	Brexit/relations with the European Union	6%
<b>In the 2016 Brexit referendum on whether Britain should remain in or leave the European Union (EU), how did you vote?</b>		
	I voted to remain	57%
	I voted to leave	27%
	I was not eligible to vote in 2016	7%
	I did not vote	7%
	Don't know	2%
<b>In hindsight, do you think the UK was right or wrong to vote to leave the EU?</b>		
	Right to leave the EU	30%
	Wrong to leave the EU	62%
	Don't know	9%

<b>Which of the following reasons best captures why you believe the UK was wrong to leave the EU?</b>	
<i>Restricted to respondents who voted "Remain" in the 2016 Brexit referendum</i>	
The UK should work with Europe to devise a common set of laws and regulations	22%
The UK should have borders that are open to citizens of EU member countries	10%
The UK should be an inclusive, plural society	16%
Leaving the EU will harm the UK economy	32%
EU membership will allow the UK to exert more influence in the world	10%
EU membership creates jobs for UK citizens	4%
EU membership helps the UK conduct trade with India	2%
Other	3%

<b>Which of the following reasons best captures why you believe the UK was right to leave the EU?</b>	
<i>Restricted to respondents who voted "Leave" in the 2016 Brexit referendum</i>	
EU membership undermines the UK's ability to make its own laws	42%
The UK should regain control over immigration so it can decide who to allow in the country	19%
EU membership undermines Britain's distinctive identity	4%
Leaving the EU will provide a boost to the UK economy	10%
Leaving the EU will allow the UK to exert more influence in the world	9%
Leaving the EU will grant UK citizens priority access to jobs	3%
Leaving the EU helps the UK negotiate a trade deal with India	2%
Other	11%

<b>On a scale of 0-10, how well does the Labour Party do in terms of nominating British Indians as parliamentary candidates?</b>	
0 - Labour Party does a poor job	6%
1	4%
2	5%
3	7%
4	7%
5	14%
6	7%
7	9%
8	9%
9	2%
10 - Labour Party does a good job	3%
Don't know	26%

<b>On a scale of 0-10, how well does the Conservative Party do in terms of nominating British Indians as parliamentary candidates?</b>	
0 - Conservative Party does a poor job	6%
1	3%
2	4%
3	4%
4	5%
5	9%
6	11%
7	12%
8	13%
9	5%
10 - Conservative Party does a good job	5%
Don't know	22%

<b>On a scale of 0-10, how well does the Labour Party represent the interests of the British Indian community?</b>		
0 - Labour Party does a poor job		7%
1		3%
2		6%
3		7%
4		5%
5		15%
6		11%
7		12%
8		9%
9		3%
10 - Labour Party does a good job		4%
Don't know		17%

<b>On a scale of 0-10, how well does the Conservative Party represent the interests of the British Indian community?</b>		
0 - Conservative Party does a poor job		12%
1		5%
2		6%
3		7%
4		6%
5		10%
6		12%
7		13%
8		9%
9		3%
10 - Conservative Party does a good job		3%
Don't Know		15%

<b>How important is it for you to have a British Indian M.P. representing your constituency in Parliament?</b>		
Very important		17%
Somewhat important		30%
Not too important		33%
Not at all important		21%

<b>Prime Minister Boris Johnson has given British Indians a prominent place in his Cabinet. Does their inclusion in the Cabinet make you more likely or less likely to view the Conservative Party favorably?</b>		
More likely		27%
Less likely		5%
Makes no difference		63%
Don't know		4%

**Some people believe that certain political parties are “closer” to certain ethnic groups in the UK in terms of representing their interests. Which party would you say is closer to each of the following ethnic groups?**

	Labour	28%
	Conservative	30%
<i>British Indians</i>	Both are the same	27%
	Neither	15%
	Labour	59%
	Conservative	5%
<i>British Pakistanis</i>	Both are the same	18%
	Neither	18%
	Labour	56%
	Conservative	3%
<i>British Bangladeshis</i>	Both are the same	19%
	Neither	22%
	Labour	29%
	Conservative	16%
<i>British Asians</i>	Both are the same	31%
	Neither	25%
	Labour	6%
	Conservative	53%
<i>Whites</i>	Both are the same	29%
	Neither	12%
	Labour	56%
	Conservative	3%
<i>Blacks</i>	Both are the same	18%
	Neither	23%

**How important will a party’s position on India be for you personally in deciding who you will support in the next national election?**

	Very important	11%
	Somewhat important	26%
	Not too important	35%
	Not at all important	28%

**When it comes to managing UK-India relations, which party do you think does a better job?**

	Conservative	24%
	Labour	14%
	No difference	31%
	Don't know	31%

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way Boris Johnson is handling relations with India?**

	Disapprove strongly	24%
	Disapprove	25%
	Approve	31%
	Approve strongly	19%



<b>Do you support or oppose the 2021 announcement by Boris Johnson that his government is committed to negotiating a free trade deal with India?</b>		
	Support	69%
	Oppose	9%
	No opinion	22%
<b>Do you support or oppose the 2019 decision by the Labour Party to pass an emergency motion calling for international observers in Kashmir?</b>		
	Support	42%
	Oppose	24%
	No opinion	34%
<b>In past years, British groups affiliated with Indian political parties have campaigned in British elections. Which statement best describes your opinion?</b>		
	Such groups should not get involved in British domestic politics	46%
	Such groups should get involved in British domestic politics	19%
	Don't know	36%
<b>If such groups should get involved in British domestic politics, which group(s) would you like to see play a more active role in British elections?</b>		
<i>Restricted to respondents who responded that these British groups affiliated with Indian political parties should get involved in British domestic politics</i>		
	Overseas Friends of the BJP (OFBJP)	42%
	Indian Overseas Congress (IOC)	49%
	Other	41%