

HAS BREXIT BEEN A SUCCESS? APPENDIX: DETAILED TABLES

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APPENDIX A: DETAILED TABLES

This appendix accompanies the report, ‘**Has Brexit Been A Success? The Public’s Perspective**’.

It includes the detailed results of 12 waves of survey research on attitudes towards Brexit that have been conducted among members of the NatGen Panel, a unique mixed-mode random probability panel maintained by NatGen Social Research (Cabrera-Alvarez et al, 2016; Jessop, 2018). All of the members of this panel were first interviewed for the annual British Social Attitudes survey (Curtice et al., 2020), the respondents to which were chosen at random, and who then agreed to undertake further short interviews, either online or over the phone.

The data for each wave have been weighted so that they reflect the known demographic character of the population and the distribution of responses to key variables on the original British Social Attitudes surveys. Details of both weighted and unweighted bases are supplied.

Reference is made to the following waves of data collection:

Survey	Fieldwork dates	n	Response (%)
Sept 16	22 September – 24 October 2016	1391	54
Feb 17	2 February – 5 March 2017	2322	60
July 17	6 July – 6 August 2017	2184	60
Oct 17	28 September – 29 October 2017	2168	61
June 18	7 June – 8 July 2018	2090	56
Feb 19	24 January – 17 February 2019	2654	57
Mar 19	15 March – 7 April 2019	3429	60
Sept 19	5 September – 6 October 2019	3346	60
Nov/Dec 19	21 November – 11 December 2019	2429	57
Feb 20	31 January – 1 March 2020	2411	58
July 20	2-26 July 2020	2413	68
Jan 21	14 January – 7 February 2021	2423	85 [†]

Notes on tables:

- Unless stated, figures for ‘Don’t Know’ / ‘Refused’ are included in the denominator upon which the percentages below are based
- “*” indicates a figure less than 0.5 per cent but greater than zero
- ‘-’ indicates that no respondents gave this answer
- All figures are rounded to the nearest whole number (from 2 decimal places, such that 0.49 rounds down and 0.51 rounds up)

† There was a methodological change in this wave where Panel members who had not taken part in the previous six waves were not invited to take part

Table 1: Reported Referendum Vote 2016 (%)

	Sept 16	Feb 17	July 17	Oct 17	June 18	Feb 19
Remain	40	41	42	42	42	41
Leave	43	41	40	41	37	34
Did not vote	17	17	17	16	20	25
Don't know / Refused	*	1	1	1	1	*
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	1391	2322	2184	2168	2090	2654
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1391	2322	2184	2168	2090	2654
	Mar 19	Sept 19	Nov/Dec 19	Feb 20	July 20	Jan 21
Remain	42	41	38	38	38	39
Leave	39	39	34	35	34	34
Did not vote	18	19	26	27	26	27
Don't know / Refused	*	1	2	1	*	*
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	3429	3346	2429	2411	2413	2423
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	3429	3346	2429	2411	2413	2423

Table 2: Hypothetical Repeat Referendum Vote (%)

	Sept 16	Feb 17	July 17	Oct 17	June 18	Feb 19
Remain	49	47	51	49	53	55
Leave	44	44	42	43	37	35
Would not vote	6	8	7	7	10	10
Don't know / Refused	*	1	1	1	1	1
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	1391	2322	2184	2168	2090	2654
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1391	2322	2184	2168	2090	2654
	Mar 19	Sept 19	Nov/Dec 19	Feb 20	July 20	Jan 21
Remain	51	51	54	51	50	49
Leave	36	38	37	38	35	36
Would not vote	13	11	9	11	14	14
Don't know / Refused	*	1	1	*	*	1
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	3429	3346	2429	2411	2413	2423
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	3429	3346	2429	2411	2413	2423

Table 3: Hypothetical Repeat Referendum Vote by Reported Referendum Vote

	Sept 16			Feb 17			July 17		
	Remain	Leave	Abstained	Remain	Leave	Abstained	Remain	Leave	Abstained
Current preference	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Remain	96	8	43	92	8	39	93	10	50
Leave	2	88	32	7	88	28	4	88	26
Would not vote	2	4	25	2	3	33	3	3	23
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	563	594	230	953	952	379	905	871	371
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	634	605	165	1077	963	254	1027	906	232
	Oct 17			June 18			Feb 19		
	Remain	Leave	Abstained	Remain	Leave	Abstained	Remain	Leave	Abstained
Current preference	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Remain	90	10	48	90	12	49	89	13	56
Leave	9	84	28	6	82	24	8	79	19
Would not vote	1	6	24	4	6	27	3	8	25
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	897	888	343	879	758	420	1078	901	643
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1012	901	229	976	791	291	1215	969	428
	Mar 19			Sept 19			Nov/Dec 19		
	Remain	Leave	Abstained	Remain	Leave	Abstained	Remain	Leave	Abstained
Current preference	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Remain	87	14	50	87	13	50	91	11	58
Leave	7	74	22	7	77	24	7	83	19
Would not vote	6	12	29	6	10	26	2	7	23
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	1426	1336	625	1373	1302	632	913	827	631
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1604	1368	413	1571	1336	399	1068	864	447
	Feb 20			July 20			Jan 21		
	Remain	Leave	Abstained	Remain	Leave	Abstained	Remain	Leave	Abstained
Current preference	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Remain	88	11	49	87	10	48	86	9	46
Leave	7	84	24	7	80	20	8	78	23
Would not vote	4	5	27	6	9	31	6	13	30
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	902	824	636	915	815	630	931	812	626
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1045	891	429	1048	871	446	1068	871	432

Note: Those who said they did not know how they would vote or who refused to say how they would do so have been excluded from the denominator on which the figures in this table are based.

Table 4: Alternative Stay Out/Rejoin Question: ‘Say there was a referendum in which you were asked to choose between the UK staying out of the EU or rejoining the EU, how would you vote?’

	July 20	Jan 21
Stay out of the EU	39	41
Rejoin the EU	47	46
Would not vote	13	12
Don’t Know/Refused	1	*
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	2413	2423
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	2413	2423

Table 5: Alternative Stay Out/Rejoin Question: ‘Say there was a referendum in which you were asked to choose between the UK staying out of the EU or rejoining the EU, how would you vote?’ by 2016 referendum vote

	July 20			Jan 21		
	Remain	Leave	Abstained	Remain	Leave	Abstained
Current preference	%	%	%	%	%	%
Rejoin	80	8	49	79	8	48
Stay out	13	84	22	15	83	26
Would not vote	7	8	29	7	8	26
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	914	817	620	932	816	628
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1046	874	436	1068	872	433

Note: Those who said they did not know how they would vote or who refused to say how they would do so have been excluded from the denominator on which the figures in this table are based.

Table 6: Thinking about Britain's relationship with the European Union, do you think of yourself as a 'Remainer', a 'Leaver', or do you not think of yourself in that way? (%)

	June 18	Feb 19	Mar 19	Sept 19
Remainer	45	50	47	46
Leaver	34	35	38	39
Do not think of self in that way	21	15	15	16
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	2090	2654	3429	3346
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	2090	2654	3429	3346
	Nov/Dec 19	Feb 20	July 20	Jan 21
Remainer	47	45	45	47
Leaver	34	37	34	35
Do not think of self in that way	19	18	21	18
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	2429	2411	2413	2423
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	2429	2411	2413	2423

Table 7: Do you think of yourself as a little closer to one side or the other? (%)

	June 18	Feb 19	Mar 19	Sept 19
Remainers	24	19	19	20
Leavers	21	20	20	24
No	55	61	61	57
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	435	410	524	532
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	435	410	429	419
	Nov/Dec 19	Feb 20	July 20	Jan 21
Remainers	22	28	19	21
Leavers	15	20	13	17
No	63	52	68	61
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	465	440	510	438
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	384	349	414	369

Base: Those who selected 'Do not think of self in that way' at 'Thinking about Britain's relationship with the European Union, do you think of yourself as a 'Remainer', a 'Leaver', or do you not think of yourself in that way?' (see Table 6 above)

Table 8: Brexit identity (combined) (%)

	June 18	Feb 19	Mar 19	Sept 19	Feb 20	July 20	Jan 21
Remainer	50	52	51	48	50	49	51
Leaver	38	38	41	42	41	37	38
No Brexit identity	11	9	9	9	10	14	11
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	2090	2654	3429	3346	2411	2413	2423
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	2090	2654	3429	3346	2411	2413	2423

Table 9: Would you call yourself a very strong {Remainer/Leaver}, fairly strong or not very strong?

	June 18	Feb 19	Mar 19	Sept 19
Very strong	49	51	51	51
Fairly strong	37	37	36	36
Not very strong	13	12	12	13
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	1848	2390	3103	3040
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1848	2390	3195	3126
	Nov/Dec19	Feb 20	July 20	Jan 21
Very strong	48	46	46	42
Fairly strong	38	37	37	42
Not very strong	14	17	17	17
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	2117	2181	2065	2152
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	2194	2222	2155	2222

Base: Those who selected 'Remainer' or 'Leaver' at 'Thinking about Britain's relationship with the European Union, do you think of yourself as a 'Remainer', a 'Leaver', or do you not think of yourself in that way?' (see Table 6 above), or 'Remainers' / 'Leavers' at 'Do you think of yourself as a little closer to one side or the other?' (see Table 7 above)

Table 10: Would you call yourself a very strong {Remainer/Leaver}, fairly strong or not very strong? by 2016 referendum vote (%)

	June 18		Feb 19		Mar 19	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
Very strong	55	47	56	53	56	51
Fairly strong	37	39	34	36	34	37
Not very strong	8	15	10	11	10	12
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	822	711	1035	854	1356	1247
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	919	737	1173	923	1552	1295
	Sept 19		Nov/Dec 19		Feb 20	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
Very strong	56	51	55	47	52	46
Fairly strong	34	37	34	36	37	38
Not very strong	10	12	10	13	11	16
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	1376	1303	910	830	909	832
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1575	1338	1066	868	1005	856
	July 20		Jan 21			
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave		
Very strong	51	45	49	42		
Fairly strong	35	38	40	41		
Not very strong	14	18	11	18		
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	919	826	900	764		
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1052	878	1034	829		

Base: Those who selected 'Remainer' or 'Leaver' at 'Thinking about Britain's relationship with the European Union, do you think of yourself as a 'Remainer', a 'Leaver', or do you not think of yourself in that way?' (see Table 6 above), or 'Remainers' / 'Leavers' at 'Do you think of yourself as a little closer to one side or the other?' (see Table 7 above)

Table 11: Strength of Brexit Identity by Direction of Brexit Identity

	June 18		Feb 19		Mar 19	
	Remainer	Leaver	Remainer	Leaver	Remainer	Leaver
Strength of Brexit Identity	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very strong	53	45	53	48	54	48
Fairly strong	36	39	36	37	35	38
Not very strong	11	16	11	15	11	14
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	1049	800	1387	999	1706	1396
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1090	798	1412	1037	1770	1425
	Sept 19		Nov/Dec 19		Feb 20	
	Remainer	Leaver	Remainer	Leaver	Remainer	Leaver
Strength of Brexit Identity	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very strong	53	48	55	47	48	43
Fairly strong	36	37	35	39	37	38
Not very strong	11	15	10	14	15	19
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	1622	1409	1230	885	1194	986
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1703	1419	1278	914	1203	1109
	July 20		Jan 21			
	Remainer	Leaver	Remainer	Leaver		
Strength of Brexit Identity	%	%	%	%		
Very strong	48	43	45	37		
Fairly strong	37	38	41	43		
Not very strong	15	19	14	20		
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	1177	888	1235	916		
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1210	944	1256	965		

Base: Those who selected 'Remainer' or 'Leaver' at 'Thinking about Britain's relationship with the European Union, do you think of yourself as a 'Remainer', a 'Leaver', or do you not think of yourself in that way?' (see Table 6 above), or 'Remainers' / 'Leavers' at 'Do you think of yourself as a little closer to one side or the other?' (see Table 7 above)

Table 12: Relationship to EU - Should be: 'How close or distant do you think the UK's relationship with the EU should be in future?' (combined) (%)

	Mar 19	Sept 19	Feb 20	July 20	Jan 21
Very close	26	28	25	23	25
Fairly close	37	41	42	41	44
Neither	26	22	23	26	24
Fairly distant	7	7	8	7	6
Very distant	3	2	2	1	1
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	3429	3346	2411	2413	2423
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	3429	3346	2411	2413	2423

Table 13: Relationship to EU – Should be: 'How close or distant do you think the UK's relationship with the EU should be in future?' by 2016 referendum vote (%)

	Mar 19			Sept 19			Feb 20		
	Remain	Leave	Did not vote	Remain	Leave	Did not vote	Remain	Leave	Did not vote
Very close	46	9	20	48	9	24	43	10	20
Fairly close	37	36	39	40	43	41	40	49	38
Neither	13	40	27	8	35	24	10	33	27
Fairly distant	3	10	7	3	10	7	6	8	11
Very distant	*	4	6	1	3	4	1	1	4
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	1432	1339	628	1378	1303	633	910	832	630
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1610	1372	415	1576	1388	401	1051	897	424

	July 20			Jan 21		
	Remain	Leave	Did not vote	Remain	Leave	Did not vote
Very close	42	6	19	43	9	19
Fairly close	39	49	36	43	49	39
Neither	13	35	33	10	34	32
Fairly distant	5	9	9	3	7	8
Very distant	*	2	3	1	1	2
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	920	826	625	935	820	629
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1053	878	441	1072	875	434

Table 14: Relationship to EU - Will be: 'And from what you have seen and heard so far, how close or distant do you think the UK's relationship with the EU will be in future?' (combined) (%)

	Nov/Dec 19	Feb 20	July 20	Jan 21
Very close	3	2	2	2
Fairly close	31	29	23	32
Neither	31	39	38	36
Fairly distant	29	25	32	27
Very distant	5	4	6	2
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	2429	2411	2413	2423
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	2429	2411	2413	2423

Before July 2020, the question was worded as follows: 'How close or distant do you think the UK's relationship with the EU will be in future if the UK leaves on the basis of the deal that has been negotiated.'

Table 15: Relationship to EU - Will be: 'And from what you have seen and heard so far, how close or distant do you think the UK's relationship with the EU will be in future?' by 2016 referendum vote

	Nov/Dec 19			Feb 20		
	Remain	Leave	Did not vote	Remain	Leave	Did not vote
Very close	2	4	3	3	2	2
Fairly close	26	47	21	23	38	26
Neither	28	33	32	35	41	41
Fairly distant	38	14	36	32	15	27
Very distant	6	2	8	6	2	4
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	916	834	641	910	832	638
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1072	872	453	1051	897	432
	July 20			Jan 21		
	Remain	Leave	Did not vote	Remain	Leave	Did not vote
Very close	1	2	3	3	1	1
Fairly close	18	31	19	30	40	25
Neither	30	41	43	31	37	40
Fairly distant	42	21	30	34	20	27
Very distant	9	3	4	2	1	4
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	920	826	625	935	820	629
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1053	878	441	1072	875	434

Before July 2020, the question was worded as follows: 'How close or distant do you think the UK's relationship with the EU will be in future if the UK leaves on the basis of the deal that has been negotiated.'

Table 16: Do you think that as a result of leaving the EU immigration to Britain will be higher, lower, or won't it make much difference? (%)

	Sept 16	Feb 17	July 17	Oct 17	June 18	Feb 19
A lot higher	3	2	4	2	3	4
A little higher	4	5	6	4	4	6
Won't make much difference	53	48	52	50	53	51
A little lower	27	32	30	34	29	30
A lot lower	11	11	8	9	9	10
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	1391	2322	2184	2168	2090	2654
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1391	2322	2184	2168	2090	2654
	Mar 19	Sep 19	Nov/Dec 19	Feb 20	July 20	Jan 21
A lot higher	3	2	3	1	2	2
A little higher	4	3	5	6	6	6
Won't make much difference	57	54	53	47	54	46
A little lower	26	30	27	34	28	37
A lot lower	10	10	11	11	8	9
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	3429	3346	2429	2411	2413	2423
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	3429	3346	2429	2411	2413	2423

Table 17: Do you think that as a result of leaving the EU immigration to Britain will be higher, lower, or won't it make much difference? by 2016 referendum vote (%)

	Sept 16		Feb 17		July 17		Oct 17	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
A lot higher	2	1	3	2	4	3	3	1
A little higher	4	3	6	4	5	5	5	3
Won't make much difference	67	39	58	38	60	42	57	41
A little lower	20	38	27	37	27	38	29	41
A lot lower	6	17	6	17	4	11	7	13
Base (weighted)	561	594	960	956	909	882	912	891
Base (unweighted)	635	605	1083	968	1029	911	1019	906
	June 18		Feb 19		Mar 19		Sept 19	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
A lot higher	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	2
A little higher	2	5	5	5	4	4	3	3
Won't make much difference	57	48	57	44	61	53	59	49
A little lower	28	34	27	38	24	28	27	34
A lot lower	8	9	8	11	6	12	8	12
Base (weighted)	881	766	1073	901	1432	1339	1378	1303
Base (unweighted)	978	796	1211	968	1610	1372	1576	1338
	Nov/Dec 19		Feb 20		July 20		Jan 21	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
A lot higher	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	2
A little higher	3	4	5	5	5	7	4	5
Won't make much difference	59	46	50	42	55	51	49	40
A little lower	27	31	34	40	28	32	36	42
A lot lower	8	15	9	1	9	8	8	9
Base (weighted)	916	834	910	832	920	826	935	820
Base (unweighted)	1072	872	1051	897	1053	878	1072	875

Table 18: Do you think that as a result of leaving the EU Britain's economy will be better off, worse off, or won't it make much difference? (%)

	Sept 16	Feb 17	July 17	Oct 17	June 18	Feb 19
A lot better off	11	11	9	9	9	8
A little better off	19	19	15	16	16	11
Won't make much difference	25	23	26	22	23	22
A little worse off	28	29	28	32	26	26
A lot worse off	17	17	21	20	25	32
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	1391	2322	2184	2168	2090	2654
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1391	2322	2184	2168	2090	2654
	Mar 19	Sep 19	Nov/Dec 19	Feb 20	July 20	Jan 21
A lot better off	8	8	9	10	7	8
A little better off	11	12	13	16	15	17
Won't make much difference	23	23	22	22	28	22
A little worse off	27	25	25	28	27	30
A lot worse off	29	30	31	22	23	23
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	3429	3346	2429	2411	2413	2423
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	3429	3346	2429	2411	2413	2423

Table 19: Do you think that as a result of leaving the EU Britain's economy will be better off, worse off, or won't it make much difference? by 2016 referendum vote (%)

	Sept 16		Feb 17		July 17		Oct 17	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
A lot better off	1	23	2	21	3	19	1	19
A little better off	5	36	6	32	3	28	5	26
Won't make much difference	15	32	13	30	14	35	11	34
A little worse off	48	8	46	11	39	15	44	17
A lot worse off	31	1	32	4	40	3	38	3
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	562	595	960	956	910	882	912	891
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	635	605	1083	968	1029	911	1019	906
	June 18		Feb 19		Mar 19		Sep 19	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
A lot better off	1	18	1	20	1	18	1	17
A little better off	3	33	3	21	3	21	3	23
Won't make much difference	15	30	12	33	13	34	11	35
A little worse off	35	15	28	19	31	21	30	20
A lot worse off	45	2	56	7	51	5	55	4
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	882	767	1071	898	1432	1339	1378	1303
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	978	796	1208	961	1610	1372	1576	1338
	Nov/Dec 19		Feb 20		July 20		Jan 21	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
A lot better off	1	4	1	24	1	15	1	20
A little better off	4	25	5	34	3	31	5	32
Won't make much difference	11	32	14	29	16	36	11	28
A little worse off	27	16	37	13	35	15	39	17
A lot worse off	57	5	42	2	45	3	44	4
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	916	834	910	832	920	826	935	820
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1072	872	1051	897	1053	878	1072	875

Table 20: Following the decision to leave the European Union, the UK will have to negotiate a new agreement with the EU. Would you be in favour or against 'requiring people from Britain who want to live and work in an EU country to apply to do so in the same way as anybody else from outside the EU has to do'? (%)

	Feb 17	Mar 19	Sept 19	Feb 20	Jan 21
Strongly in favour	39	38	31	32	30
Somewhat in favour	31	28	32	33	31
Neither in favour nor against	15	16	18	16	20
Somewhat against	8	9	9	11	10
Strongly against	7	9	9	8	8
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	2322	3429	3346	2411	2423
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	2322	3429	3346	2411	2423

Table 21: Following the decision to leave the European Union, the UK will have to negotiate a new agreement with the EU. Would you be in favour or against 'requiring people from Britain who want to live and work in an EU country to apply to do so in the same way as anybody else from outside the EU has to do'? by 2016 referendum vote (%)

	Feb 17		Mar 19		Sept 19	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
Strongly in favour	29	50	29	51	20	45
Somewhat in favour	25	36	28	30	31	35
Neither in favour nor against	17	11	14	13	18	14
Somewhat against	14	2	13	4	15	3
Strongly against	14	1	16	2	15	2
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	959	957	1432	1339	1378	1303
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1083	968	1610	1372	1576	1338

	Feb 20		Jan 21	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
Strongly in favour	22	45	20	43
Somewhat in favour	30	38	30	35
Neither in favour nor against	15	11	17	18
Somewhat against	17	3	16	3
Strongly against	15	2	15	2
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	910	832	935	820
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1051	897	1072	875

Table 22: Following the decision to leave the European Union, the UK will have to negotiate a new agreement with the EU. Would you be in favour or against 'requiring people from the EU who want to come to live here to apply to do so in the same way as people from outside the EU' being part of the agreement? (%)

	Sept 16	Feb 17	July 17	Oct 17	June 18	Feb 19
Strongly in favour	47	38	33	30	28	29
Somewhat in favour	27	30	35	34	31	31
Neither in favour nor against	12	16	14	15	20	20
Somewhat against	7	8	10	12	11	10
Strongly against	6	7	7	8	9	10
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	1391	2322	2184	2168	2090	2654
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1391	2322	2184	2168	2090	2654
	Mar 19	Sept 19	Nov/Dec 19	Feb 20	July 20	Jan 21
Strongly in favour	36	30	27	31	25	29
Somewhat in favour	26	32	31	31	31	31
Neither in favour nor against	17	18	18	17	26	21
Somewhat against	11	11	13	12	11	11
Strongly against	10	8	9	8	6	8
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	3429	3346	2429	2411	2413	2423
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	3429	3346	2429	2411	2413	2423

Table 23: Following the decision to leave the European Union, the UK will have to negotiate a new agreement with the EU. Would you be in favour or against ‘requiring people from the EU who want to come to live here to apply to do so in the same way as people from outside the EU’ being part of the agreement? by 2016 referendum vote (%)

	Sept 16		Feb 17		July 17		Oct 17	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
Strongly in favour	28	67	26	55	20	48	17	45
Somewhat in favour	34	22	32	27	33	35	32	37
Neither in favour nor against	14	8	18	11	18	8	20	10
Somewhat against	13	2	12	4	16	5	19	6
Strongly against	11	1	10	3	11	3	12	2
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	562	592	959	955	909	883	913	893
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	635	605	1083	968	1029	911	1019	906

	June 18		Feb 19		Mar 19		Sept 19	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
Strongly in favour	16	42	14	50	21	54	17	47
Somewhat in favour	32	33	32	30	28	24	31	34
Neither in favour nor against	23	15	24	11	18	14	20	12
Somewhat against	16	6	15	4	17	5	18	4
Strongly against	15	3	15	4	16	2	14	2
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	882	766	1070	903	1432	1339	1378	1303
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	978	796	1212	970	1610	1372	1576	1338

	Nov/Dec 19		Feb 20		July 20		Jan 21	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
Strongly in favour	13	44	16	49	14	42	14	48
Somewhat in favour	33	34	31	33	33	34	32	33
Neither in favour nor against	18	13	20	9	24	18	22	13
Somewhat against	20	6	20	6	18	4	18	3
Strongly against	15	3	13	2	11	1	13	3
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	916	834	910	832	920	826	935	820
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1072	872	1051	897	1053	878	1072	875

Table 24: Following the decision to leave the European Union, the UK will have to negotiate a new agreement with the EU. Would you be in favour or against ‘allowing companies based in the EU to sell goods and services freely in Britain in return for allowing British companies to sell goods and services freely in the EU’ being part of the agreement? (%)

	Sept 16	Feb 17	July 17	Oct 17	June 18	Feb 19
Strongly in favour	65	61	57	57	54	58
Somewhat in favour	25	27	31	31	32	28
Neither in favour nor against	8	9	10	9	10	11
Somewhat against	1	2	1	2	2	2
Strongly against	1	1	1	1	1	1
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	1391	2322	2184	2168	2090	2654
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1391	2322	2184	2168	2090	2654

	Sep 19	Nov/Dec 19	Feb 20	July 20	Jan 21
Strongly in favour	56	56	56	48	54
Somewhat in favour	30	30	29	31	29
Neither in favour nor against	12	10	10	18	15
Somewhat against	1	2	2	2	1
Strongly against	1	1	2	1	1
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	3346	2429	2411	2413	2423
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	3346	2429	2411	2413	2423

Table 25: Following the decision to leave the European Union, the UK will have to negotiate a new agreement with the EU. Would you be in favour or against allowing companies based in the EU to sell goods and services freely in Britain in return for allowing British companies to sell goods and services freely in the EU' being part of the agreement? by 2016 referendum vote (%)

	Sept 16		Feb 17		July 17		Oct 17	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
Strongly in favour	72	65	66	61	65	54	64	56
Somewhat in favour	22	25	25	28	26	32	30	33
Neither in favour nor against	4	8	7	9	8	11	5	8
Somewhat against	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2
Strongly against	-	1	*	1	-	1	-	1
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	563	593	960	956	909	882	912	892
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	635	605	1083	968	1029	911	1019	906
	June 18		Feb 19		Sept 19		Nov/Dec 19	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
Strongly in favour	65	46	67	54	68	49	66	52
Somewhat in favour	27	37	26	30	25	35	26	34
Neither in favour nor against	6	12	7	9	6	12	5	9
Somewhat against	1	2	*	4	1	2	2	3
Strongly against	*	1	*	2	1	1	1	1
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	881	765	1073	899	1378	1303	916	834
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	978	796	1214	966	1576	1338	1072	872
	Feb 20		July 20		Jan 21			
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave		
Strongly in favour	65	51	58	47	66	47		
Somewhat in favour	25	26	30	35	26	35		
Neither in favour nor against	7	10	10	14	7	15		
Somewhat against	2	2	1	2	*	2		
Strongly against	1	1	1	1	1	1		
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	910	832	920	826	935	820		
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1051	897	1053	878	1072	875		

Table 26: Following the decision to leave the European Union, the UK will have to negotiate a new agreement with the EU. Would you be in favour or against ‘allowing Britain to put a tax on goods imported from the EU, while allowing the EU to put a tax on goods imported from Britain’ being part of the agreement? (%)

	Oct 17	June 18	Feb 19	Sept 19
Strongly in favour	5	7	6	8
Somewhat in favour	18	15	18	20
Neither in favour nor against	26	30	29	30
Somewhat against	27	24	22	22
Strongly against	22	23	25	20
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	2168	2090	2654	3346
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	2168	2090	2654	3346
	Nov/Dec 19	Feb 20	July 20	Jan 21
Strongly in favour	8	9	6	6
Somewhat in favour	20	22	20	18
Neither in favour nor against	26	27	39	31
Somewhat against	23	22	20	24
Strongly against	22	20	15	21
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	2429	2411	2413	2423
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	2429	2411	2413	2423

Table 27: Following the decision to leave the European Union, the UK will have to negotiate a new agreement with the EU. Would you be in favour or against ‘allowing Britain to put a tax on goods imported from the EU, while allowing the EU to put a tax on goods imported from Britain’ being part of the agreement? by 2016 referendum vote (%)

	Oct 17		June 18		Feb 19		Sept 19	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
Strongly in favour	4	7	4	9	4	9	7	11
Somewhat in favour	14	23	11	21	11	24	14	25
Neither in favour nor against	23	30	25	33	25	29	24	33
Somewhat against	29	26	27	22	25	18	24	19
Strongly against	29	14	33	14	33	17	30	11
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	<i>912</i>	<i>893</i>	<i>882</i>	<i>766</i>	<i>1067</i>	<i>883</i>	<i>1378</i>	<i>1303</i>
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	<i>1019</i>	<i>906</i>	<i>978</i>	<i>796</i>	<i>1207</i>	<i>956</i>	<i>1576</i>	<i>1338</i>
	Nov/Dec 19		Feb 20		July 20		Jan 21	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
Strongly in favour	4	11	7	11	4	8	3	8
Somewhat in favour	13	26	16	27	19	25	13	22
Neither in favour nor against	22	29	21	31	30	40	22	34
Somewhat against	28	18	26	20	24	18	29	23
Strongly against	32	14	29	11	23	7	33	13
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	<i>916</i>	<i>834</i>	<i>910</i>	<i>832</i>	<i>920</i>	<i>826</i>	<i>935</i>	<i>820</i>
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	<i>1072</i>	<i>872</i>	<i>1051</i>	<i>897</i>	<i>1053</i>	<i>878</i>	<i>1072</i>	<i>875</i>

Table 28: Do you think Britain should or should not allow people from the EU to come here freely to live and work in return for allowing British firms to sell goods and services freely in the EU? (%)

	Sept 16	Feb 17	July 17	Oct 17	June 18	Feb 19
Definitely should	21	22	30	23	28	27
Probably should	28	32	34	31	32	33
Probably should not	29	24	23	27	23	22
Definitely should not	22	20	12	20	16	18
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	1391	2322	2184	2168	2090	2654
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1391	2322	2184	2168	2090	2654

	Sept 19	Nov/Dec 19	Feb 20	July 20	Jan 21
Definitely should	23	29	24	24	24
Probably should	37	30	34	37	33
Probably should not	23	21	24	25	25
Definitely should not	16	18	15	13	17
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	3346	2429	2411	2413	2423
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	3346	2429	2411	2413	2423

Table 29: Do you think Britain should or should not allow people from the EU to come here freely to live and work in return for allowing British firms to sell goods and services freely in the EU? by 2016 referendum vote (%)

	Sept 16		Feb 17		July 17		Oct 17	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
Definitely should	34	10	37	9	48	13	39	7
Probably should	36	20	37	27	38	32	37	25
Probably should not	21	34	18	28	11	31	17	34
Definitely should not	8	36	6	36	2	23	6	34
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	563	594	960	956	909	882	911	892
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	635	605	1083	968	1029	911	1019	906
	June 18		Feb 19		Sept 19		Nov/Dec 19	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
Definitely should	42	11	43	13	37	13	45	10
Probably should	36	27	36	26	42	33	35	28
Probably should not	16	30	15	28	15	29	14	28
Definitely should not	6	30	6	33	5	27	6	32
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	881	767	1057	897	1378	1303	916	834
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	978	796	1205	964	1576	1338	1072	872
	Feb 20		July 20		Jan 21			
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave		
Definitely should	36	9	43	6	39	8		
Probably should	42	27	40	33	39	26		
Probably should not	16	34	12	36	16	33		
Definitely should not	5	28	4	24	5	32		
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	910	832	920	826	935	820		
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1051	897	1053	878	1072	875		

Table 30: Would you say that the UK government is handling Britain's exit from the EU well or badly? (%)

	Feb 17	July 17	Oct 17	June 18	Feb 19
Very well	5	2	2	1	1
Fairly well	23	17	14	11	6
Neither well nor badly	28	25	24	22	11
Fairly badly	21	31	34	31	27
Very badly	20	23	27	33	55
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	2322	2184	2168	2090	2654
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	2322	2184	2168	2090	2654
	Sept 19	Nov/Dec 19	Feb 20	July 20	Jan 21
Very well	1	2	4	3	3
Fairly well	3	7	19	16	19
Neither well nor badly	8	8	22	30	24
Fairly badly	20	25	27	26	27
Very badly	68	58	27	24	27
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	3346	2429	2411	2413	2423
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	3346	2429	2411	2413	2423

Table 31: Would you say that the UK government is handling Britain's exit from the EU well or badly? by 2016 referendum vote (%)

	Feb 17		July 17		Oct 17		June 18	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
Very well	3	9	1	3	2	2	1	2
Fairly well	15	33	9	25	7	19	8	19
Neither well nor badly	26	29	21	32	19	28	16	24
Fairly badly	26	14	35	25	36	32	32	28
Very badly	28	12	33	14	35	18	43	26
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	959	957	909	883	913	892	881	767
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1083	968	1029	911	1019	906	978	796
	Feb 19		Sept 19		Nov/Dec 19		Feb 20	
	Remain	Remain	Remain	Leave	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain
Very well	*	1	0	2	1	3	1	8
Fairly well	5	9	1	7	3	12	10	37
Neither well nor badly	10	9	4	7	6	10	18	21
Fairly badly	23	28	17	23	24	23	29	21
Very badly	62	53	78	61	66	52	41	12
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	1079	898	1378	1303	916	834	910	832
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1218	967	1576	1338	1072	872	1051	897
	July 20		Jan 21					
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave				
Very well	1	7	1	8				
Fairly well	6	31	10	34				
Neither well nor badly	19	32	15	23				
Fairly badly	33	21	27	23				
Very badly	41	8	46	12				
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	920	826	935	820				
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1053	878	1072	875				

Table 32: Would you say that the EU is handling Britain's exit from the EU well or badly? (%)

	Feb 17	July 17	Oct 17	June 18	Feb 19
Very well	2	3	3	2	3
Fairly well	15	18	14	14	13
Neither well nor badly	35	31	25	25	22
Fairly badly	29	29	34	33	27
Very badly	17	18	23	24	35
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	2322	2184	2168	2090	2654
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	2322	2184	2168	2090	2654
	Sept 19	Nov/Dec 19	Feb 20	Jan 21	
Very well	4	4	4	3	
Fairly well	10	19	19	18	
Neither well nor badly	20	23	32	31	
Fairly badly	25	26	26	31	
Very badly	40	28	17	17	
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	3346	2429	2411	2423	
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	3346	2429	2411	2423	

Table 33: Would you say that the EU is handling Britain's exit from the EU well or badly? by 2016 referendum vote (%)

	Feb 17		July 17		Oct 17	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
Very well	2	2	5	2	4	2
Fairly well	15	14	21	13	19	8
Neither well nor badly	38	28	33	28	27	19
Fairly badly	30	31	28	31	34	38
Very badly	12	23	10	25	16	33
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	<i>959</i>	<i>956</i>	<i>910</i>	<i>882</i>	<i>912</i>	<i>894</i>
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	<i>1083</i>	<i>968</i>	<i>1029</i>	<i>911</i>	<i>1019</i>	<i>906</i>
	June 18		Feb 19		Sept 19	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
Very well	3	1	5	2	6	2
Fairly well	19	9	19	7	18	4
Neither well nor badly	29	18	27	12	24	10
Fairly badly	31	37	27	26	24	25
Very badly	17	32	23	53	27	58
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	<i>881</i>	<i>767</i>	<i>1070</i>	<i>901</i>	<i>1378</i>	<i>1303</i>
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	<i>978</i>	<i>796</i>	<i>1211</i>	<i>969</i>	<i>1576</i>	<i>1338</i>
	Nov/Dec 19		Feb 20		Jan 21	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
Very well	7	2	6	3	4	1
Fairly well	27	11	27	14	24	14
Neither well nor badly	30	12	33	25	30	22
Fairly badly	21	29	22	33	29	36
Very badly	15	46	10	24	13	27
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	<i>916</i>	<i>834</i>	<i>910</i>	<i>832</i>	<i>935</i>	<i>820</i>
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	<i>1072</i>	<i>872</i>	<i>1051</i>	<i>897</i>	<i>1072</i>	<i>875</i>

Table 34: From what you have seen and heard so far, how good or bad do you think are the terms and conditions under which Britain has left the EU? †(%)

	Feb 17	July 17	Oct 17	June 18	Feb 19
Very good deal	4	2	2	2	*
Fairly good deal	28	23	18	15	6
Neither a good nor a bad deal	27	29	28	25	29
Fairly bad deal	30	35	40	40	36
Very bad deal	7	9	12	17	29
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	2322	2184	2168	2090	2654
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	2322	2184	2168	2090	2654
	Sept 19	Nov/Dec 19	Feb 20	July 20	Jan 21
Very good deal	1	1	1	2	1
Fairly good deal	5	10	15	11	20
Neither a good nor a bad deal	26	31	40	39	43
Fairly bad deal	37	36	30	31	28
Very bad deal	29	19	11	16	7
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	3346	2429	2411	2413	2423
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	3346	2429	2411	2413	2423

† Before February 2019, the question was worded: ‘How good or bad a deal do you think Britain will eventually get out of the Brexit negotiations with the EU?’ In September 2019 the question was worded: ‘How good or bad do you think the terms and conditions under which Britain leaves the EU will be?’ From November/December 2019 the question asked: ‘From what you have seen and heard so far, how good or bad are the terms and conditions under which it is proposed Britain should leave the EU?’ Current wording is as stated in the title.

Table 35: From what you have seen and heard so far, how good or bad do you think are the terms and conditions under which Britain has left the EU? by 2016 referendum vote †(%)

	Feb 17		July 17		Oct 17		June 18	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
Very good deal	1	8	1	3	2	2	1	3
Fairly good deal	16	42	10	36	9	25	9	23
Neither a good nor a bad deal	25	27	24	33	20	33	18	33
Fairly bad deal	43	17	49	22	53	30	49	30
Very bad deal	13	3	14	5	15	8	23	9
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	959	958	909	883	913	892	882	765
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1083	968	1029	911	1019	906	978	796
	Feb 19		Sept 19		Nov/Dec 19		Feb 20	
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave
Very good deal	1	*	0	1	*	1	*	3
Fairly good deal	5	6	3	7	7	15	8	23
Neither a good nor a bad deal	28	26	18	32	25	34	31	44
Fairly bad deal	41	32	42	35	41	31	42	22
Very bad deal	25	35	35	21	24	15	17	4
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	1056	890	1378	1303	916	834	910	832
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1197	959	1576	1338	1072	872	1051	897
	July 20		Jan 21					
	Remain	Leave	Remain	Leave				
Very good deal	*	4	*	2				
Fairly good deal	5	19	15	33				
Neither a good nor a bad deal	24	46	30	43				
Fairly bad deal	44	23	39	20				
Very bad deal	27	5	14	2				
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	920	826	935	820				
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1053	878	1072	875				

† Before February 2019, the question was worded: ‘How good or bad a deal do you think Britain will eventually get out of the Brexit negotiations with the EU?’ In September 2019 the question was worded: ‘How good or bad do you think the terms and conditions under which Britain leaves the EU will be?’ From November/December 2019 the question asked: ‘From what you have seen and heard so far, how good or bad are the terms and conditions under which it is proposed Britain should leave the EU?’ Current wording is as stated in the title.

Table 36: Britain fully left the EU at the beginning of January. Given what you have seen and heard since then, would you say that adapting to being fully outside the EU has in practice been straightforward or difficult for Britain? (%)

	Jan 21
Very straightforward	1
Quite straightforward	13
Neither straightforward nor difficult	30
Quite difficult	42
Very difficult	14
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	2423
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	2423

Table 37: Britain fully left the EU at the beginning of January. Given what you have seen and heard since then, would you say that adapting to being fully outside the EU has in practice been straightforward or difficult for Britain? by 2016 referendum vote (%)

	Jan 21	
	Remain	Leave
Very straightforward	*	2
Quite straightforward	8	21
Neither straightforward nor difficult	19	33
Quite difficult	48	38
Very difficult	23	6
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	935	820
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1072	875

Table 38: Given what you have heard and seen about the negotiations between the UK and the EU, do you think Britain was right to leave the EU on the basis of the trade deal that was negotiated or should it have left without a deal? (%)

	Jan 21
Definitely was right to leave the EU on the basis of the deal	24
Probably was right to leave the EU on the basis of the deal	58
Probably should have left without a deal	10
Definitely should have left without a deal	5
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	2423
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	2423

Table 39: Given what you have heard and seen about the negotiations between the UK and the EU, do you think Britain was right to leave the EU on the basis of the trade deal that was negotiated or should it have left without a deal? (%)

	Jan 21	
	Remain	Leave
Definitely was right to leave the EU on the basis of the deal	36	16
Probably was right to leave the EU on the basis of the deal	55	58
Probably should have left without a deal	5	18
Definitely should have left without a deal	2	6
<i>Base (weighted)</i>	935	820
<i>Base (unweighted)</i>	1072	875

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