

Privatisation

Poll

08/12/2015

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Methodology

Fieldwork Dates

2nd – 8th December 2015

Data Collection Method

The survey was conducted via online panel. Invitations to complete surveys were sent out to members of the panel. Differential response rates from different demographic groups were taken into account.

Population Sampled

All residents aged 18+ in the United Kingdom.

Sample Size

1037

Data Weighting

Data were weighted to the profile of all UK adults aged 18+. Data were weighted by age, sex, region, household income, education and past vote. Targets for the weighted data were derived from Office for National Statistics 2011 Census data and the results of the 2015 General Election.

Margin of Error

Because only a sample of the full population was interviewed, all results are subject to margin of error, meaning that not all differences are statistically significant. For example, in a question where 50% (the worst case scenario as far as margin of error is concerned) gave a particular answer, with a sample of 1037 it is 95% certain that the 'true' value will fall within the range of 3.1% from the sample result. Subsamples from the cross-breaks will be subject to higher margin of error, conclusions drawn from crossbreaks with very small sub-samples should be treated with caution.

Question Presentation

All data tables shown in full below, in order and wording put to respondents, including but not limited to all tables relating to published data and all relevant tables preceding them. Tables for demographic questions might not be included but these should be clear from the cross-breaks on published tables. In all questions where the responses are a list of parties, names or statements, these will typically have been displayed to respondents in a randomising order. The only questions which would not have had randomising responses would be those in which there was a natural order to maintain – e.g. a scale from “strongly agree” to “strongly disagree”, a list of numbers from 0 to 10 or questions which had factual rather than opinion-related answers such as demographic information. “Other”, “Don't know” and “Refused” responses are not randomised.

Not all questions will have necessarily been asked to all respondents – this is because they may be follow-on questions from previous questions or only appropriate to certain demographic groups. Lower response counts should make clear where this has occurred.

Data were analysed and weighted by Survation (Director of Research – Patrick Briône).

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Table 5

Q5. Normal weightings

Q5. Network Rail is an independent, not for profit company, that owns and manages most of the rail infrastructure in the UK, including signalling, bridges, tunnels, level crossings and many key stations Network Rail is responsible for making improvements to the rail network and ensuring it is safe and secure The government is currently consulting on future options for Network Rail including a proposal for 'full privatisation'

Proponents of privatisation argue that investment and efficiency would be improved if Network Rail were privatised Critics of the proposal argue that privatisation would lead to fragmentation, decreased investment and threaten customer safety Which statement is closest to your opinion?

Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			Voting Intention						2015 Past Vote						SEG				Region7 + 1							
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Network Rail should be privatised	248	144	105	70	83	95	115	38	11	24	41	10	117	44	11	24	20	22	98	77	36	37	34	31	56	80	201	24	18	6
	23.9%	28.5%	19.6%	24.5%	22.2%	25.2%	37.2%	16.1%	20.7%	20.2%	23.8%	13.6%	37.9%	17.5%	16.4%	23.3%	21.6%	15.0%	31.6%	20.2%	22.2%	20.3%	25.6%	18.7%	23.2%	24.2%	23.1%	25.1%	33.7%	31.2%
Network Rail should not be privatised	613	296	317	135	230	248	159	159	38	84	95	41	152	167	48	69	58	82	172	239	100	101	70	105	149	200	525	54	26	8
	59.1%	58.7%	59.4%	47.1%	61.7%	65.6%	51.4%	68.0%	72.1%	69.4%	55.5%	59.1%	49.5%	65.8%	71.4%	66.4%	61.6%	57.4%	55.9%	62.6%	61.2%	55.3%	52.5%	63.2%	62.0%	60.8%	60.3%	56.0%	50.1%	40.9%
Don't know	176	64	112	81	60	35	35	37	4	13	35	19	39	42	8	11	16	40	39	66	27	45	29	30	36	49	144	18	8	5
	17.0%	12.7%	21.0%	28.3%	16.2%	9.2%	11.4%	15.9%	7.2%	10.4%	20.7%	27.4%	12.6%	16.7%	12.2%	10.3%	16.8%	27.6%	12.5%	17.2%	16.6%	24.4%	21.9%	18.0%	14.8%	15.0%	16.6%	18.9%	16.2%	27.9%
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	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table 6
Q6. Normal weightings
Q6. If Network Rail was privatised, do you think it would make Network Rail
Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			Voting Intention						2015 Past Vote						SEG				Region7 + 1							
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More safe	131	81	50	43	49	39	51	28	8	17	18	3	52	34	4	11	10	17	57	37	17	19	23	12	33	38	107	17	4	4
	12.7%	16.2%	9.3%	15.0%	13.0%	10.5%	16.4%	12.1%	15.5%	14.0%	10.3%	4.3%	17.0%	13.6%	6.4%	10.2%	10.8%	11.5%	18.6%	9.7%	10.6%	10.6%	17.5%	7.4%	13.7%	11.6%	12.3%	17.5%	7.4%	19.3%
Less safe	360	197	163	80	117	163	78	105	23	50	58	23	75	106	25	44	41	50	90	146	68	56	34	65	89	122	310	26	18	6
	34.7%	39.1%	30.5%	27.8%	31.3%	43.2%	25.1%	44.9%	43.0%	40.9%	33.7%	32.6%	24.2%	41.8%	37.2%	41.9%	43.8%	34.5%	29.1%	38.2%	41.8%	30.5%	25.3%	38.9%	37.2%	37.0%	35.6%	27.0%	34.1%	30.4%
Neither more or less safe	368	166	202	91	142	135	132	64	20	39	64	26	135	76	26	34	31	41	125	142	45	57	37	62	84	120	302	40	18	8
	35.5%	33.0%	37.9%	31.8%	38.1%	35.8%	42.8%	27.4%	37.2%	32.3%	37.4%	37.2%	43.8%	30.1%	38.3%	32.9%	32.7%	28.8%	40.4%	37.1%	27.8%	30.9%	27.6%	37.2%	35.0%	36.3%	34.8%	41.6%	33.9%	43.1%
Don't know	178	59	119	73	66	40	49	36	2	15	32	18	46	37	12	16	12	36	37	58	32	51	39	27	34	50	150	13	13	1
	17.2%	11.7%	22.3%	25.3%	17.6%	10.5%	15.8%	15.6%	4.4%	12.8%	18.6%	25.9%	15.0%	14.6%	18.1%	15.0%	12.6%	25.1%	11.9%	15.0%	19.8%	28.0%	29.6%	16.4%	14.2%	15.1%	17.3%	13.9%	24.6%	7.2%
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Q7. Normal weightings
Q7. If Network Rail was privatised, do you think
Base: All Respondents

	Gender		Age			Voting Intention						2015 Past Vote						SEG				Region7 + 1								
	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	CON	LAB	LD	UKIP	Other	Und	CON	LAB	LD	UKIP	Other	Did Not Vote	AB	C1	C2	DE	London	Midlands	North	South	England	Scotland	Wales	NI	
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Train fares would increase	689	333	356	177	258	254	193	163	36	83	123	43	191	171	46	72	71	98	187	273	114	116	70	111	164	239	585	59	33	13
	66.5%	66.2%	66.7%	61.8%	69.1%	67.4%	62.5%	69.5%	67.3%	68.7%	72.0%	61.7%	61.9%	67.4%	67.5%	68.4%	76.2%	68.4%	60.6%	71.3%	70.0%	63.3%	52.5%	66.9%	68.3%	72.5%	67.2%	61.3%	62.7%	69.4%
Train fares would decrease	82	43	39	37	25	20	22	25	5	6	13	2	22	27	2	5	11	11	35	26	7	14	16	9	22	18	65	14	2	2
	7.9%	8.5%	7.4%	12.9%	6.6%	5.4%	7.2%	10.8%	9.8%	4.9%	7.7%	2.7%	7.2%	10.6%	2.3%	5.2%	11.7%	7.5%	11.4%	6.7%	4.5%	7.7%	12.2%	5.4%	9.0%	5.4%	7.4%	14.3%	3.4%	9.9%
Train fares would not be impacted	101	65	35	13	39	49	40	18	8	11	15	6	42	26	9	8	7	4	43	26	16	16	13	16	20	31	80	12	5	3
	9.7%	13.0%	6.6%	4.4%	10.4%	13.1%	12.9%	7.7%	14.5%	8.7%	8.6%	8.0%	13.7%	10.1%	13.5%	8.0%	8.0%	2.8%	13.8%	6.8%	9.7%	9.0%	9.8%	9.5%	8.3%	9.5%	9.2%	12.4%	10.0%	17.9%
Don't know	165	62	103	60	52	53	54	28	4	21	20	19	53	30	11	19	4	30	44	58	26	37	34	30	35	41	140	12	12	1
	15.9%	12.3%	19.3%	20.9%	13.9%	14.1%	17.3%	12.0%	8.4%	17.7%	11.8%	27.5%	17.2%	11.9%	16.7%	18.4%	4.1%	21.3%	14.2%	15.2%	15.7%	20.1%	25.5%	18.2%	14.4%	12.5%	16.1%	12.1%	23.8%	2.8%
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Q8. Normal weightings
Q8. If Network Rail was privatised, do you think
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Train delays and congestion would improve	207	124	83	67	67	73	75	49	9	25	26	9	75	44	11	20	18	29	85	66	31	26	31	30	46	73	180	17	6	4
	20.0%	24.7%	15.5%	23.3%	18.1%	19.3%	24.2%	20.8%	17.6%	20.5%	15.2%	13.0%	24.3%	17.5%	15.6%	19.0%	19.5%	19.9%	27.6%	17.2%	18.7%	14.1%	23.6%	17.8%	19.3%	22.1%	20.7%	17.5%	11.8%	21.2%
Train delays and congestion would get worse	344	183	161	71	136	137	73	104	16	41	62	16	78	107	23	33	51	37	86	136	62	60	33	56	80	116	285	36	17	5
	33.2%	36.3%	30.2%	24.7%	36.4%	36.4%	23.6%	44.2%	30.5%	34.0%	36.3%	23.0%	25.3%	42.4%	34.3%	31.6%	54.5%	25.8%	27.8%	35.6%	38.3%	32.5%	25.1%	33.5%	33.3%	35.2%	32.8%	37.5%	33.0%	27.4%
Train delays and congestion would not be impacted	224	110	114	63	79	82	90	38	21	26	32	13	83	54	16	21	11	28	73	69	39	43	26	42	50	71	190	21	11	2
	21.6%	21.8%	21.4%	22.0%	21.1%	21.7%	29.1%	16.3%	38.7%	21.8%	18.5%	18.3%	26.9%	21.3%	23.7%	20.5%	11.9%	19.7%	23.6%	18.0%	23.7%	23.6%	19.8%	25.1%	20.9%	21.6%	21.8%	21.8%	22.0%	9.1%
Don't know	262	86	176	86	91	85	72	44	7	29	51	32	72	48	18	30	13	50	65	111	31	55	42	39	64	70	215	22	17	8
	25.3%	17.1%	33.0%	30.0%	24.5%	22.5%	23.1%	18.7%	13.1%	23.7%	30.0%	45.7%	23.5%	18.9%	26.4%	28.9%	14.0%	34.6%	21.0%	29.1%	19.3%	29.8%	31.5%	23.5%	26.5%	21.1%	24.7%	23.3%	33.2%	42.3%
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