

Bus Services

Poll

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Methodology

Fieldwork Dates

19th – 20th August 2016

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

1,001

Data Weighting

Data were weighted to the profile of all UK adults aged 18+. Data were weighted by age, sex, region, household income, education, 2015 General Election vote and 2016 EU Referendum vote. Targets for the weighted data were derived from Office for National Statistics 2011 Census data and the results of the 2015 General Election and 2016 EU Referendum.

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 1,001 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 Suration.

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Table 1

Q1. Normal weightings

Q1. Bus services in the UK were deregulated in 1985 and the majority of services are now provided by five private bus companies: Arriva, FirstGroup, Go-Ahead, National Express and Stagecoach. There are 12 municipal public bus companies in the UK run by local authorities (for example, Reading Buses). Supporters of the clause say that local authorities should only commission bus services and not provide them, because they believe there could be a conflict of interest in them doing both. However, critics of the clause say that councils should be allowed to set up new municipal public bus companies where they feel this is the best way to provide services. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			2015 Past Vote						SEG				Region7 + 1								EU Referendum			
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	CON	LAB	LD	UKIP	Other	Did Not Vote	AB	C1	C2	DE	London	Midlands	North	South	England	Scotland	Wales	NI	Leave	Remain	Did not vote	
Unweighted Total	1001	445	556	253	344	404	293	246	62	90	92	170	321	400	135	145	91	165	263	325	844	93	42	22	439	419	124	
Weighted Total	1001	487	514	287	343	372	289	238	62	99	96	170	315	386	144	156	131	160	238	312	841	91	39	30	445	413	124	
I would like to see more public ownership of bus services	460	236	225	121	158	181	103	147	31	44	51	67	126	193	76	66	49	72	115	151	388	45	14	14	207	206	39	
	46.0%	48.4%	43.7%	42.3%	46.2%	48.7%	35.7%	61.8%	50.8%	44.4%	53.4%	39.5%	40.2%	49.9%	52.6%	42.0%	37.6%	45.1%	48.3%	48.4%	46.1%	49.4%	35.7%	46.3%	46.5%	50.0%	31.1%	
I would like to see more private ownership of bus services	113	55	58	23	40	50	55	13	9	11	7	13	47	34	13	19	17	17	25	41	101	6	4	3	62	36	15	
	11.3%	11.3%	11.3%	8.0%	11.8%	13.4%	19.2%	5.4%	14.5%	11.0%	7.8%	7.8%	15.0%	8.8%	9.1%	12.2%	13.1%	10.8%	10.7%	13.0%	12.0%	6.7%	9.1%	10.0%	13.9%	8.7%	12.1%	
I would like to see no change to the current system	256	129	127	98	65	93	82	47	12	28	23	45	85	99	30	42	40	39	56	75	210	25	15	5	103	114	33	
	25.6%	26.4%	24.8%	34.1%	19.0%	25.1%	28.3%	19.8%	19.6%	28.3%	23.7%	26.7%	27.0%	25.7%	20.7%	26.9%	30.8%	24.5%	23.4%	24.1%	25.0%	28.1%	38.1%	17.6%	23.1%	27.6%	26.8%	
Don't know	171	68	104	45	79	48	48	31	9	16	14	44	56	60	25	30	24	31	42	45	142	14	7	8	74	56	37	
	17.1%	13.9%	20.2%	15.6%	23.0%	12.9%	16.8%	13.0%	15.0%	16.3%	15.1%	26.0%	17.9%	15.6%	17.5%	18.9%	18.5%	19.6%	17.6%	14.4%	16.9%	15.9%	17.1%	26.1%	16.6%	13.6%	29.9%	
SIGMA	1001	487	514	287	343	372	289	238	62	99	96	170	315	386	144	156	131	160	238	312	841	91	39	30	445	413	124	
	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%

Survation.

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Table 2

Q2. Normal weightings

Q2. The Bus Services Bill is government legislation currently passing through the House of Lords. The bill includes a clause which would ban local authorities in England from setting up new companies to run local bus services. Existing municipal public bus companies are not affected by the clause. Supporters of the clause say that it is necessary to stop local authorities awarding contracts to their own local bus companies as a form of 'state aid'. However, critics of the clause say that allowing municipal public bus companies means a greater degree of local control and should generate more money for services instead of shareholders. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

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Local authorities should be able to set up new companies to run local bus services	570	296	274	155	177	238	155	149	43	65	45	88	181	215	90	84	73	98	139	171	480	50	25	15	256	249	53	
	57.0%	60.8%	53.4%	54.1%	51.6%	64.1%	53.6%	62.8%	69.4%	65.6%	47.4%	51.8%	57.5%	55.7%	62.6%	53.9%	55.4%	60.9%	58.5%	54.9%	57.1%	54.7%	63.4%	50.8%	57.5%	60.4%	42.6%	
Local authorities should not be able to set up new companies to run local bus services	217	116	102	74	74	69	71	49	9	19	26	30	82	77	29	29	35	29	50	76	191	12	5	9	97	89	29	
	21.7%	23.7%	19.8%	25.7%	21.7%	18.7%	24.6%	20.7%	13.8%	18.7%	27.4%	17.4%	26.2%	19.9%	20.1%	18.8%	26.6%	18.3%	21.2%	24.5%	22.7%	13.5%	13.4%	29.5%	21.8%	21.5%	23.3%	
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