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	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	2059	1013	1046	174	321	401	371	335	457	627	605	314	513	266	801
Weighted base	2059	1009	1050	247	330	391	350	309	432	556	597	432	473	277	876
<u>The leaders' debates make the General Election campaign more interesting</u>															
Agree	1063 52%	550 54%	513 49%	115 46%	175 53%	197 50%	156 45%	177 57%	243 56%	324 58%	323 54%	193 45%	224 47%	146 53%	452 52%
Disagree	579 28%	307 30%	272 26%	42 17%	67 20%	103 26%	121 35%	99 32%	146 34%	162 29%	152 25%	132 30%	134 28%	68 24%	244 28%
Don't know	417 20%	152 15%	265 25%	90 36%	88 27%	91 23%	73 21%	33 11%	42 10%	70 13%	122 20%	108 25%	116 25%	63 23%	180 21%
<u>Nigel Farage, the leader of UKIP, should be offered the opportunity to take part alongside the other main party leaders</u>															
Agree	1114 54%	619 61%	495 47%	111 45%	136 41%	205 52%	181 52%	194 63%	286 66%	313 56%	305 51%	238 55%	257 54%	117 42%	470 54%
Disagree	421 20%	216 21%	205 20%	30 12%	77 23%	78 20%	79 22%	67 22%	91 21%	159 29%	133 22%	63 15%	66 14%	75 27%	181 21%
Don't know	524 25%	174 17%	350 33%	106 43%	117 35%	109 28%	90 26%	48 15%	55 13%	84 15%	159 27%	131 30%	151 32%	85 30%	225 26%
<u>David Cameron would look like a coward if he declined to take part in leaders' debates in 2015</u>															
Agree	1384 67%	702 70%	682 65%	127 51%	204 62%	269 69%	244 70%	230 75%	310 72%	424 76%	401 67%	270 62%	289 61%	184 66%	585 67%
Disagree	243 12%	147 15%	96 9%	33 13%	35 11%	28 7%	34 10%	37 12%	75 17%	67 12%	85 14%	45 10%	46 10%	31 11%	100 11%
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Disagree	561 27%	304 30%	257 24%	55 22%	104 32%	126 32%	94 27%	82 27%	99 23%	195 35%	175 29%	83 19%	108 23%	90 32%	258 29%
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