

# BALANCED **MIGRATION**



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## **Voters in EU elections cared more about immigration than NHS and crime**

A YouGov poll released today shows that more than a third of people who voted in the EU elections named immigration as one of the issues which most influenced their vote.

Naturally enough, the top issues were the nature of Britain's relationship with the European Union (51%); and the economy, jobs and the standard of living (also 51%). 40% named "the conduct of MPs - their pay and expenses" as an issue that most influenced their decision.

All the other main policy issues scored less than half of immigration:

- **35% said immigration**
- 14% said the environment
- 12% said the NHS
- 12% said crime
- 7% said education.

The poll was commissioned by Migrationwatch UK at the request of the Cross Party Group on Balanced Migration. The Group's Co-Chairmen, Nicholas Soames MP and Frank Field MP, said:

“For some time we’ve been trying to make the main political parties wake up to the public’s concern about large scale immigration. Yesterday’s election results and this poll show the need for real action. The public are deeply opposed to immigration adding another 7 million to our population by 2028. The main parties must stop ducking the issue – and respond to strong and well-justified public opinion.”

### **Notes to editors**

1. For media enquiries, please contact Patrick White on 020 7219 6636.
2. The Rt Hon Frank Field MP and The Hon Nicholas Soames MP are Co-Chairmen of the Cross Party Group on Balanced Migration. The Group’s Vice-Chairmen are Lord (Bill) Jordan CBE (former President of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union) and Daniel Kawczynski MP (Conservative, Shrewsbury & Atcham). Other members include Tobias Ellwood MP, Roger Godsiff MP, Peter Kilfoyle MP, David Taylor MP, Lord Ahmed, Lord Anderson, Lord Carey (former Archbishop of Canterbury) Baroness Cox, Field Marshal Lord Inge KG, GCB, PC, DL, Lord Skidelsky and Lord Wakeham.
3. All figures, unless otherwise stated, are from YouGov Plc. Total sample size was 2,105 adults. Fieldwork was undertaken between 5th - 8th June 2009. The survey was carried out online. The figures have been weighted and are representative of all GB adults (aged 18+).