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## THE ASHCROFT NATIONAL POLL 19 MAY 2014

1,006 adults were interviewed by telephone between 16-18 May 2014. Results have been weighted to be representative of all adults in Great Britain. Half of the interviews were conducted by landline and half by mobile phone. Results are weighted by recalled past vote at the last general election and stated likelihood to turn out at the next. A proportion of those who don't know or refuse to say how they will vote are re-allocated to the party they voted for at the 2010 general election. Full data tables are available at www.LordAshcroftPolls.com.

1. If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you vote for? [Changes since 12 May]

| Conservative      | 29% [-5] |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Labour            | 35% [+3] |  |  |  |  |  |
| Liberal Democrats | 9% [-]   |  |  |  |  |  |
| UKIP              | 14% [-1] |  |  |  |  |  |
| Others            | 12% [+1] |  |  |  |  |  |

2. The next general election will take place on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2015, just under a year from now. When the general election comes, will you definitely vote [for the party you named] or might you end up voting differently?

| %                               | ALL | Con voters | Lab voters | LD voters | UKIP voters |
|---------------------------------|-----|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Will definitely vote that way   | 52  | 62         | 56         | 34        | 47          |
| Might end up voting differently | 48  | 38         | 44         | 66        | 53          |

3. Overall, would you say Britain is going in the right direction, or the wrong direction?

|                 | ALL | Con voters | Lab voters | LD voters | UKIP voters | Swing voters* |
|-----------------|-----|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| Right direction | 44  | 83         | 35         | 57        | 24          | 47            |
| Wrong direction | 49  | 13         | 58         | 37        | 70          | 48            |

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Swing voters" are defined here as those saying they do not know how they will vote or that they may yet change their mind.

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4. Which party do you think would have the best approach to each of the following issues – the Conservatives, Labour or the Liberal Democrats?

| %   | Conservatives | Labour | Lib Dems | Lead    |
|---|---------------|--------|----------|---------|
| Getting the economy growing and creating jobs                 | 42            | 34     | 8        | Con +8  |
| Cutting the deficit and the debt                              | 50            | 23     | 9        | Con +27 |
| Dealing with crime  | 39            | 28     | 10       | Con +11 |
| Improving the NHS   | 24            | 45     | 11       | Lab +21 |
| Steering the economy through difficult times                  | 45            | 28     | 9        | Con +17 |
| Improving standards in schools                                | 29            | 37     | 14       | Lab +8  |
| Tackling the cost of living                                   | 30            | 43     | 9        | Lab +13 |
| Introducing practical policies that will work in the long run | 37            | 31     | 10       | Con +6  |
| Reforming the welfare system to cut benefit dependency        | 45            | 27     | 9        | Con +18 |
| Dealing with immigration                                      | 34            | 26     | 13       | Con +8  |

5. Which of the parties do you think has the best overall approach when it comes to Britain's relationship with the European Union?

| %                 | ALL | Con voters | Lab voters | LD voters | UKIP voters | Swing voters |
|-------------------|-----|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| Conservatives     | 25  | 64         | 13         | 10        | 13          | 25           |
| Labour            | 27  | 6          | 62         | 14        | 10          | 25           |
| Liberal Democrats | 13  | 10         | 10         | 61        | 3           | 16           |
| UKIP              | 21  | 15         | 12         | 10        | 70          | 24           |