

Vote for Hong Kong 2024

UK Hongkongers Opinion Survey

Introduction

Vote for Hong Kong 2024 (V4HK) was established in October 2023 to promote UK Hongkongers' participation in UK politics and encourage them to vote in the upcoming 2024 UK general election. Through a series of activities and advocacy, V4HK hopes to enhance the cohesion of the diasporic Hongkonger communities and elevate their influence in UK politics.

V4HK is conducting a public opinion survey in order to understand the concerns and situations of Hongkongers in the United Kingdom. The survey results will form the basis for our liaison with UK parliamentary candidates across different political parties, helping them formulate policy agendas that effectively address Hongkongers' political demands.

This survey is anonymous, but some questions may involve sensitive personal information. Your data will be kept confidential and will only be used for internal research purposes. All data will be destroyed within three months after the survey concludes. We will do everything possible to protect your privacy. You can access Google's privacy notice here <https://policies.google.com/>. Google Forms store data in servers located within the European Union and comply with the privacy standard set by the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Your information will not be transferred to a third party without your express permission. Your personal information will not be used for purposes other than those stated above unless you agree to it.

This questionnaire targets Hongkongers who are aged 18 or above and are currently residing in the United Kingdom (including England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland). Participation is voluntary. You can refuse to answer any questions or terminate the questionnaire at any time. If you have any questions or wish to raise a complaint regarding this survey or how we handle your data, please email V4HK (info@vote4hongkong.uk).

Qualification and Electronic Consent

If you understand the above information and agree to participate in this survey, please check ("✓") **all** boxes to continue.

- I have read the above information.
- I agree to participate in this survey.
- I am 18 years old or above.
- I am a Hongkonger.
- I currently reside in the United Kingdom (including England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland).

Part I: Political Rights

[Q1] How is your understanding of UK politics (e.g., UK's political system, the stances of different political parties and politicians, current issues, etc.)?

- Very good
- Good
- Average
- Poor
- Very poor

[Q2] How is your understanding of your political rights in the UK (e.g., whether you have voting or candidacy rights, what elections you can participate in, etc.)?

- Very good
- Good
- Average
- Poor
- Very poor

[Q3] Which of the following best describes your current voter registration status **in the UK**?

- Registered voter
- Not registered, but I plan to register
- Not registered, and I do not plan to register
- Not eligible to vote
- Don't know if I am eligible to vote
- Don't know if I am a registered voter

[Q4] If you were to express your opinions to your constituency's Member of Parliament, how likely do you think your opinions would be taken into consideration?

- Very likely
- Likely
- Fifty-fifty
- Unlikely
- Very unlikely
- Don't know

Part II: Policy Issues

[Q5] How important are the following UK societal issues to you?

	Not at all important	Not important	Neutral	Important	Very important
a. Economy					
b. Education					
c. Health services (including dentistry)					
d. Labour rights					
e. Crime and public safety					
f. Immigration and refugee policy					

	Not at all important	Not important	Neutral	Important	Very important
g. Racial discrimination					
h. Individual political rights					
i. Foreign policy toward China and Hong Kong					

[Q6] Are there any other aspects of UK society which are important to you? If so, please specify.

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[Q7] How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following UK societal issues?

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
a. Economy					
b. Education					
c. Health services (including dentistry)					
d. Labour rights					
e. Crime and public safety					
f. Immigration and refugee policy					
g. Racial discrimination					
h. Individual political rights					
i. Foreign policy toward China and Hong Kong					

[Q8] How important are following policies or measures to you?

	Not at all important	Not important	Neutral	Important	Very important
a. Continuing the BN(O) visa scheme					
b. Freezing visa and Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) fees					
c. Accelerating the processing and loosen the eligibility requirements of political asylum applications					
d. Granting Home Fee Status to BN(O) visa holders					
e. Improving the quality of National Health Service (NHS) services (including general physician and dentistry)					
f. Assisting Hong Kong immigrants in retrieving their Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF)					
g. Assisting UK Hongkongers in finding employment commensurate with their professional qualifications or work experiences					
h. Tackling transnational surveillance and harassment by the Chinese and Hong Kong governments towards dissidents					
i. Tackling crimes in local communities (such as burglary, robbery, and youth gangs)					
j. Tackling racial discrimination and hate crime in the community					
k. Shutting down Confucius Institutes in the UK					
l. Imposing sanctions on Chinese and Hong Kong government officials who are responsible for human rights abuses					

	Not at all important	Not important	Neutral	Important	Very important
m. Reducing trade with China					
n. Removing the three-year residency requirement for apprenticeships and retraining					
o. Allowing BN(O) visa holders to back pay National Insurance contributions towards their state pension					

[Q9] Are there any other policies or measures which are important to you? If so, please specify.

Part III: Life Experience and Future Plans

[Q10] How would you rate your current quality of life?

- Very good
- Good
- Average
- Poor
- Very poor
- Don't know

[Q11] How would you rate your current level of happiness in life?

- Very happy
- Happy
- Average
- Unhappy
- Very unhappy
- Don't know

[Q12] How would you rate your current level of stress in life?

- Very high
- High
- Average
- Low
- Very low
- Don't know

[Q13] While you are living in or planning your move to the UK, which of the following has created the most stress for you? (Select up to three)

- Administrative procedures for visa application
- Waiting time for visa approval
- Expenses related to visa application
- Residency rights after visa expiration
- Current restrictions on visas
- Housing
- Transportation infrastructure
- Employment opportunities for yourself and/or family members
- Educational opportunities for yourself and/or family members
- Cost of living
- Taxes
- Inability to find employment commensurate with your professional qualifications or work experience
- Working conditions
- Health services
- Mental health
- Cultural integration or adaptation
- Language
- Racial discrimination
- Community safety
- Surveillance and harassment by the Chinese and Hong Kong governments
- Political and social conditions in Hong Kong
- I am not stressed
- Don't know
- Other: _____

[Q14] Do you plan to return to Hong Kong?

- Yes, planning to return and settle
- Yes, planning to split my time between Hong Kong and the UK
- Yes, but only for visiting relatives or tourism
- No
- Don't know

[Q15] Will you continue to live in the UK in the foreseeable future?

- Yes
- No, planning to move to another country or return to Hong Kong
- Don't know

Part IV: Demographic information

You may find some of the questions below sensitive. Please be assured that all information you provide will be kept strictly confidential. It will be used only for internal research. You can also refuse to answer any questions.

[DM1] Gender:

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary
- Other: _____
- Prefer not to say

[DM2] Age:

- 18 – 24 years old
- 25 – 34 years old
- 35 – 44 years old
- 45 – 54 years old
- 55 – 64 years old
- 65 years old or above
- Prefer not to say

[DM3] Education: (Highest level of education, whether or not the course has been completed. This includes any current, ongoing education)

- Primary school or below
- Secondary school
- Higher education: Non-degree courses (including diploma/certificate/associate degree programmes)
- Higher education: Degree courses (including bachelor's degree/postgraduate programmes)
- Prefer not to say

[DM4] Current employment status: (If more than one applies, please choose the one that best describes your current situation)

- Full-time employment
- Part-time, self-employed, or freelance
- Student
- Homemaker
- Retired
- Unemployed/Between jobs/Other non-employed
- Other: _____

Prefer not to say

[DM5] Current visa category:

- BN(O) visa (main applicant)
- BN(O) visa (dependent)
- Work/Global talent/Student visa
- British citizen or spouse
- Asylum seeker or refugee
- Other: _____
- Prefer not to say

[DM6] How long have you been living in the UK? (If you returned to Hong Kong in between, please calculate only the duration in which you were in the UK)

- Born and raised in the UK
- Less than six months
- Six months to one year
- One to two years
- Two to three years
- Three years or more
- Don't remember/Don't know
- Prefer not to say

[DM7] How many family members are you currently living with (**excluding** friends or roommates)?

- None
- 1
- 2-3
- 4-7
- 8 or more
- Prefer not to say

[DM8] Which region are you currently living in?

- Greater London
- South East
- South West
- West Midlands
- North West
- North East
- Yorkshire and the Humber
- East Midlands
- East of England
- Scotland

- Wales
- Northern Ireland
- Prefer not to say

[DM9] Which political party in the UK are you inclined to support?

- Conservative Party
- Labour Party
- Liberal Democrats
- Scottish National Party
- Democratic Unionist Party
- Plaid Cymru
- Alba Party
- Social Democratic and Labour Party
- Green Party of England and Wales
- Alliance Party of Northern Ireland
- Sinn Féin
- Do not support any
- No preference
- Don't know
- Other: _____
- Prefer not to say

[DM10] With regards to the political spectrum in Hong Kong, which of the following categories do you most identify with?

- Localist
- Democrat
- Centrist
- Pro-establishment
- No political inclination/Politically neutral
- Don't know
- Other: _____
- Prefer not to say

[DM11] Do you consider yourself an active participant in Hongkonger communities in the UK?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

Part V: Follow-up Survey

V4HK may invite some respondents to participate in focus groups in the future in order to thoroughly understand UK Hongkongers' opinions on issues such as UK society, politics, and livelihood. If you are interested in participating, please leave your name and contact email.

(Example: John xxxxxx@gmail.com)

Name and contact email: (Optional) _____

End of Survey