

Questions	Labour – Jane Avis	Simon Rix – Liberal Democrats	UKIP – Jeff Bolter	Conservative – Richard Ottaway
What would you do to improve the reputation of MPs after the recent expenses scandal	Impose a strict regime and review of expenses and pensions. Would expect MPs to self-regulate. Out of 650 MPs in House of Commons, 250 including Malcolm Wicks, Croydon MP, were not involved in scandal. MPs salary is £60,000 compared to bankers, some of whom early £200,000 need to question whether salaries need adjusting.	Change the rules so MPs can't get away with it. Change electoral system so voters could get rid of MPs who didn't perform well.	Not asked	People are disillusioned, will take time to re-build trust. Every MP has been independently audited, no impropriety with my expenses. Conservatives will introduce new code of conduct and cut number of MPs by 10%.
What is your stance on war in Afghanistan	Agree that British troops should be there. Approved by United Nations, all countries have a presence there. Taliban are obnoxious/outrageous. Have extreme view on women, not allowed to work, etc. Everytime soldier killed or wounded it breaks my heart. War in Iraq: Personally against it, joined demonstration in London. UN didn't pass final resolution	We need to win the war but need to change the way we are fighting. Lib Dems are against Iraq war.	Need to establish whether war is in best interest of British people. Will support units wherever they are. Need to look for a solution to the problem, not go to war.	Essential to fight war against terror. Remember 9/11, 7/7, failed 2007 bombings? Terrorists at root of all these attacks, based in Afghanistan and Pakistan. We are trying to live in a more peaceful world. Better that the war is not fought on the streets of London, Europe, New York
What would you do to improve education and raise standards of	Tony Blair said 'education, education, education when first elected. That will	This Academy has done a brilliant job, schools need to change if they are	This Academy is absolutely excellent, very impressed. UKIP support	Too many children leaving school who can't read or write. Conservatives

<p>education for young people</p>	<p>continue and Labour will continue to inject money to schools. Labour brought in Academies programme. Labour introducing apprenticeship schemes . Youth unemployment too high. Gordon Brown guarantees education, apprenticeships or training for all young people.</p>	<p>failing. Lib Dems are concerned when big businesses take over schools and try and influence school curriculum. Lib Dems believe that schools should decide how to spend their money. Students should have catch up classes and 1:1 tuition if they need it. Have pledged extra £23m for Croydon schools,</p>	<p>Academies and also looking at other means of creating schools. Support teachers. Would continue to give resources that are affordable. If staff/unions feel there are funding problems they should contact their MP.</p>	<p>propose to scrap Key Stage 1 and replace with reading tests, will also reform Key Stage 2. Headteachers will have more power to enforce discipline. Want to raise standard of teaching and improve recruitment of new teachers to the profession. Will give Ofsted more powers and produce more critical/relevant reports. Will give parents powers to start their own school if they think existing one is failing. Academies are great – want to increase. This Academy is excellent. Students who go to University and have student loads – Conservatives will introduce early payment discount.</p>
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<p>What will you do to improve NHS</p>	<p>Stand by our record. Labour introduced NHS. Our pledge is that if you suspect you have cancer you will be seen in ½ weeks. Labour has doubled number of nurses and doctors</p>	<p>Should be more focus on patients, there are too many managers. More money should be spent on Drs and nurses, they know best where money is needed, they should have more control.</p>	<p>Not a lot wrong with NHS. Nurses & Drs do a fantastic job. Need to make sure money isn't wasted, would try and streamline administration within NHS.</p>	<p>Not asked</p>
<p>What will you do to reduce UK debt</p>	<p>£197 billion in debt. Interest rates are being kept low. Front line services to continue, not cut nurses, jobs or pensions.</p>	<p>Proposals to reduce deficit by cutting programmes we don't need e.g. Trident Nuclear Programme and whole load of other things e.g. Managers and bureaucracy.</p>	<p>Over 5 year period would reduce public sector borrowing debt. Will encourage free enterprise. All parties need to work together to reduce the debt. Gradual transference of public companies to private sector. Would persuade everyone to lend UKIP money to pay off debt.</p>	
<p>What do you think the impact has been of the live TV debates?</p>		<p>Have been really important. Seen a massive surge of support for Nick Clegg. It means people are taking the time to watch and become interested in politics.</p>		<p>Dramatic impact. Have given 3rd main political party a whoosh of support. Voters mustn't judge by appearances. Lib Dems have weak policies. TV debates have also sucked away energy from local campaigns.</p>

Supplementary Questions	Labour	Lib Dems	UKIP	Conservatives
What do you think of Gordon Brown's 'bigot' comment	Agree with it. He should not have apologised to the woman.			
What would you do for young children/teenagers		Young people should have a good job and education. Need to create more youth centres so young people have something to do rather than hang around the streets. Believe young people should vote at 16, if you are able to join the Army at that age you should have a say in how the country is run.		
How would you decrease knife crime		More police. Youth centres to keep young people involved. Scrap ID scheme to pay for 600 extra police in London		
What is your view of immigration?				Concerned there is too much. Increased in recent years. Can't cope with unrelented flow, we need to provide schools, houses, services for people. Conservatives propose to place a cap on non-EU immigrants

<p>What is your defence policy</p>				<p>Important we are able to defend ourselves. You wouldn't start a fight with someone who you know will beat you. Need to have nuclear deterrent so that no-one will ever attack us. Liberal Democrats suggest scrapping missiles. Conservatives say we must keep them</p>
<p>Conservative party has image of too many white, male MPs. What are you doing about this?</p>				<p>We are attracting more women MPs, not through positive discrimination but we have set up training programme for women including public speaking, conduct, general appearance we hope that we will have 3 or 4 times as many women MPs on Thursday. 12 years ago I personally worked with a girl from Croydon who is now standing for election for a seat in Kent.</p>