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**The Cultural and Social Domains
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**THURSDAY 14 MAY 2015: Afternoon
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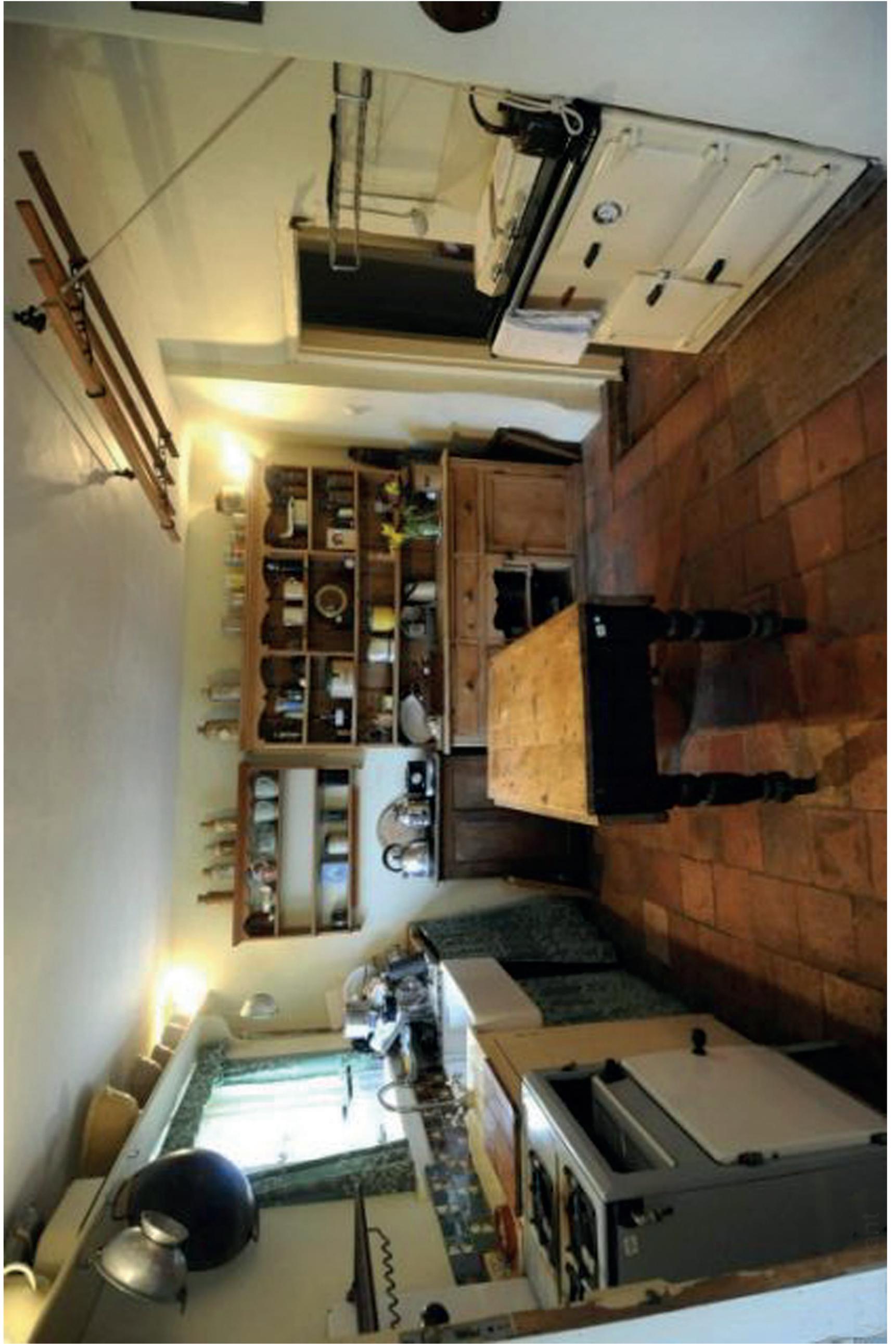
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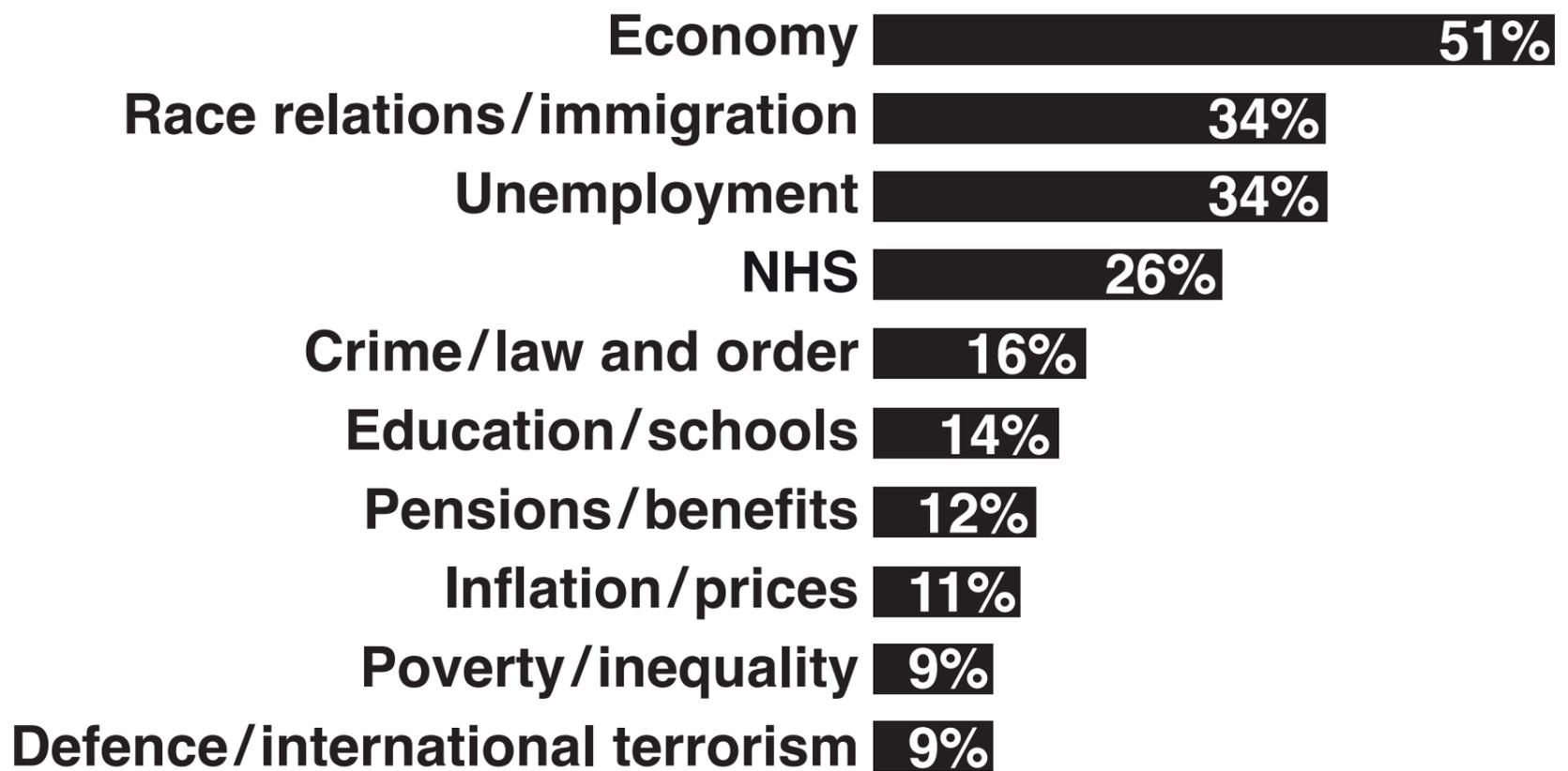


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What do you see as the most important issues facing Britain today?



SOURCE D

Voting at elections in the UK is not compulsory. In recent years there has been a sharp decline in voter turnout at local or general elections, with many now claiming no interest in either local or national politics. When politicians win elections on a high turnout, they can undoubtedly claim a higher degree of political legitimacy and a stronger mandate. Australia has had a system of compulsory voting since the 1925 federal election. People must either vote for a candidate, or, if they do not wish to support any of the candidates available, they may 'spoil' the ballot paper. Either way, some form of action is required on the part of the citizen, reflecting the notion of voting as a 'civic duty'.

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