

Nation of Whingers

A new survey carried out by the Post Office has shown that Britons are losing their stiff upper lip attitude, and are becoming a nation of whiners. When asked what qualities British residents associated with their own nation, one in three questioned cited a tendency to moan. Only ten per cent found the stiff upper lip attitude to be a defining character trait, and just 3 percent said formality was a defining characteristic. One in five said Britons were sarcastic. Seven per cent of respondents believed British people should be proud of their modern-day manners, pointing to such qualities as: humour, wit and tolerance. According to the survey, the things that annoy Britons the most are rudeness and anti-social behaviour. "We've inherited a lot of these traits from America over the past few years as we have become a consumer-orientated society," the Daily Mail quoted Cary Cooper, Professor of Organisational Psychology and Health at the University of Lancaster." In a more prosperous society we expect it all to be done for us and complain when it isn't. In years gone by we'd just get on with it and do those things ourselves," Cooper added.

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