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	Mar 11-12	Mar 18-19																				
Do you think George Osborne is doing a good job or a bad job as Chancellor of the Exchequer?																						
He is doing a good job	34	40	85	13	47	37	77	16	35	46	35	28	38	38	50	44	35	39	46	40	35	36
He is doing a bad job	40	36	4	69	33	35	7	63	45	40	32	32	34	38	36	34	38	35	30	36	40	45
Don't know	26	24	11	18	20	27	16	22	19	14	33	40	28	24	14	22	27	26	24	24	25	19
Which of these would make the better Chancellor of the Exchequer?																						
George Osborne	36	40	86	8	46	44	79	13	31	47	34	28	35	40	49	44	34	39	48	39	33	33
Ed Balls	21	20	1	55	20	8	2	47	25	23	18	19	18	23	19	19	22	24	16	21	24	17
Don't know	43	40	12	37	34	48	19	39	43	30	49	52	47	37	31	37	44	37	36	40	42	50
How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months?																						
Get a lot better	3	3	6	2	7	2	4	1	3	5	1	7	4	3	1	3	2	4	2	4	3	1
Get a little better	16	22	44	11	26	15	36	11	21	26	18	22	23	19	23	24	19	24	22	19	23	19
TOTAL BETTER	19	25	50	13	33	17	40	12	24	31	19	29	27	22	24	27	21	28	24	23	26	20
Stay about the same	43	41	39	43	50	39	42	40	44	39	44	40	41	39	45	43	39	37	45	43	38	40
Get a little worse	22	19	7	25	9	29	10	28	21	18	21	14	14	23	22	18	21	21	17	19	19	23
Get a lot worse	8	8	2	13	5	13	4	13	8	8	8	4	8	10	8	6	11	7	8	7	9	11
TOTAL WORSE	30	27	9	38	14	42	14	41	29	26	29	18	22	33	30	24	32	28	25	26	28	34
Don't know	7	7	2	7	3	2	4	6	4	5	8	14	10	6	1	6	8	8	5	7	8	6
How do you think the economic situation of the country as a whole will change over the next 12 months?																						
Get a lot better	3	4	11	1	8	2	9	1	2	6	2	5	5	3	4	5	3	6	5	3	2	3
Get a little better	26	33	60	18	48	28	53	19	31	37	29	33	31	30	38	35	30	35	35	32	31	27
TOTAL BETTER	29	37	71	19	56	30	62	20	33	43	31	38	36	33	42	40	33	41	40	35	33	30
Stay about the same	37	31	21	38	27	34	24	32	37	29	33	32	32	35	26	32	30	28	32	32	32	29
Get a little worse	18	14	3	21	12	21	5	26	16	15	14	10	12	15	18	13	16	12	13	16	15	20
Get a lot worse	7	7	0	12	3	12	3	11	7	7	8	3	8	9	7	6	9	7	6	6	9	12
TOTAL WORSE	25	21	3	33	15	33	8	37	23	22	22	13	20	24	25	19	25	19	19	22	24	32
Don't know	9	10	5	10	3	4	7	10	7	6	14	19	13	8	7	8	12	12	9	10	11	9

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Do you feel you are better off or worse off than five years ago?																							
	Better off	26	27	47	15	45	15	40	15	30	33	22	34	35	22	24	32	21	25	28	30	25	28
	Worse off	44	43	23	59	27	58	27	62	42	39	47	29	37	52	44	39	49	41	40	44	48	44
	Neither better nor worse off	26	24	29	22	26	25	31	20	25	24	25	21	20	24	31	25	24	26	29	21	21	26
	Don't know	4	5	1	4	2	1	2	3	4	4	5	16	8	2	1	4	6	8	3	4	6	3
Do you feel you are better off or worse off than a year ago?																							
	Better off	22	26	44	15	43	12	36	14	29	31	21	38	32	21	21	30	21	25	27	27	25	22
	Worse off	35	35	16	46	26	50	21	50	33	31	38	23	32	42	33	30	40	34	32	35	38	36
	Neither better nor worse off	39	36	40	37	30	38	42	33	36	35	36	26	30	35	45	37	34	35	39	33	33	40
	Don't know	3	4	1	3	1	1	1	3	2	3	5	13	6	2	0	3	5	6	2	5	5	3
Do you think Britain's economy is now in a better or worse state than it was five years ago?																							
<i>[This question was only asked to 1005 respondents]</i>																							
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	Worse	25	3	45	19	28	5	41	30	24	27	21	30	26	23	23	29	22	24	28	28	22	
	Neither better nor worse	21	10	28	23	34	13	29	22	22	21	18	20	26	19	20	23	20	20	23	24	18	
	Don't know	7	2	7	5	2	4	5	6	3	10	20	8	6	2	7	7	7	6	7	9	6	
Do you think most people in Britain are now better or worse off than they were five years ago?																							
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	Better off	23	51	5	27	11	42	11	18	28	19	23	30	16	26	25	20	22	27	20	20	27	
	Worse off	46	11	74	55	59	20	69	56	45	47	35	44	50	47	45	48	40	43	51	50	42	
	Neither better nor worse off	21	31	14	12	21	28	14	20	21	21	24	16	25	20	22	20	28	21	19	19	24	
	Don't know	10	7	7	6	9	9	7	7	6	13	18	9	9	7	8	12	10	9	10	11	6	

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This week the Chancellor George Osborne announced his final budget before the election. Below are some of the announcements he made. For each one, please say whether you think it is a good idea or the wrong priority for the present time?

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Introducing a new Help to Buy ISA to help people save for a deposit to buy a home, where the government pays £50 for every £200 saved

Good idea	63	80	50	63	61	76	53	56	61	64	71	65	56	66	62	63	64	69	61	62	43
Wrong priority	26	13	39	28	31	16	36	35	29	23	18	18	33	28	27	25	26	23	26	26	39
Don't know	11	7	11	8	8	8	11	9	10	13	11	17	12	6	11	12	10	8	14	12	18

Cutting the duty on beer by 1p, cider by 2p and whisky by 2%

Good idea	34	49	28	30	37	48	25	32	42	28	20	34	38	37	34	35	28	36	32	37	38
Wrong priority	57	49	62	63	57	48	64	63	52	61	67	54	56	56	59	54	63	59	54	54	53
Don't know	9	2	10	7	7	4	11	5	6	11	13	12	7	7	7	11	9	5	14	9	9

Scrapping the planned increase in petrol duty

Good idea	79	92	69	71	91	94	72	73	77	81	60	71	85	87	78	81	65	82	82	79	80
Wrong priority	13	5	22	23	8	3	20	21	18	10	21	19	11	9	15	11	27	14	9	11	12
Don't know	8	3	9	6	2	2	7	6	5	10	19	10	5	4	7	8	8	4	9	10	8

Making the first £1000 of interest on people's savings tax free

Good idea	81	96	69	83	87	95	70	81	82	81	75	80	82	85	84	78	82	87	79	76	79
Wrong priority	12	2	23	17	7	3	22	13	13	11	12	12	12	12	11	13	11	9	12	15	14
Don't know	7	2	8	0	6	2	9	6	5	8	13	8	7	3	5	9	7	4	9	9	7

Increasing taxes on banks by increasing the bank levy

Good idea	70	84	67	82	61	78	64	80	76	65	61	64	72	79	74	66	68	75	68	69	70
Wrong priority	10	7	14	12	17	7	15	5	11	9	12	12	10	8	9	11	11	8	10	12	7
Don't know	20	9	19	6	22	15	20	15	13	26	27	24	19	14	17	23	21	17	22	19	22

Increasing the personal tax allowance (the amount people can earn before paying tax) from £10,600 to £11,000 by 2017

Good idea	85	95	76	96	83	95	78	84	87	83	68	83	89	90	88	82	77	91	84	82	92
Wrong priority	7	3	15	2	9	2	13	9	8	6	14	6	6	6	7	7	9	6	5	9	6
Don't know	8	2	9	2	8	2	10	7	5	10	18	11	5	4	5	12	14	4	11	9	3

Increasing the threshold for paying 40% tax from £42,385 to £43,300 by 2017

Good idea	53	76	36	43	53	74	40	41	54	52	43	47	56	59	59	46	48	59	48	47	67
Wrong priority	31	17	46	51	32	17	39	48	34	29	36	30	32	30	30	33	34	31	31	34	22
Don't know	16	7	18	6	14	8	21	10	12	19	21	23	13	10	12	21	18	10	21	19	11

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Overall, do you think this week's budget is a fair one or not?

Yes, it is fair	42	80	16	52	43	72	21	37	46	38	37	42	38	48	46	35	41	46	42	39	33
No, it isn't	27	2	53	21	31	5	50	30	30	24	19	24	30	29	24	31	29	22	26	31	34
Don't know	31	18	32	27	26	23	29	33	24	38	44	34	32	24	30	33	30	32	32	30	33

Thinking first of the country as a whole, do you think the Budget will leave the country?

Better off	26	60	7	32	20	52	9	21	31	21	22	26	24	31	30	21	28	28	25	26	19
Worse off	17	2	32	12	20	3	32	19	20	15	15	18	18	15	16	19	19	13	17	21	22
Not make much difference	45	30	52	45	55	35	49	52	41	47	37	40	48	47	43	46	41	46	45	43	46
Don't know	12	8	8	11	5	9	9	9	7	17	25	16	10	6	11	14	12	13	13	11	13

Thinking now of you and your family, do you think the Budget will leave you and your family?

Better off	20	46	6	22	14	39	9	18	25	16	20	23	17	22	25	14	19	21	20	22	16
Worse off	17	3	31	10	24	6	31	14	18	16	12	16	22	14	13	22	14	13	18	21	22
Not make much difference	53	46	56	59	56	48	53	61	49	56	45	49	51	60	52	53	56	56	51	47	53
Don't know	10	5	7	9	6	7	7	6	8	12	24	12	10	3	9	12	11	10	10	11	10