

YouGov / The Times Survey Results

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Below are some of the spending announcements that the Chancellor, Rachel Reeves, made this week. In each case, please say whether you think it is the right or wrong thing for her to do?

Cancelling plans to put a cap on the maximum amount of money that people can be required to pay towards long term care

Right thing to do	18	9	26	21	12	24	12	20	16	21	22	17	12	20	15	18	21	17	18	16	18	19
Wrong thing to do	59	74	51	61	74	56	73	58	60	46	47	67	78	57	62	59	58	64	61	61	45	60
Don't know	23	16	23	19	14	20	15	22	23	33	32	16	10	23	23	23	21	19	21	23	36	21

Cancelling the last Government's plans to build, replace or expand 40 hospitals

Right thing to do	17	8	29	22	8	25	12	19	15	15	18	24	10	19	15	18	13	16	22	13	18	16
Wrong thing to do	63	84	48	59	79	53	75	63	63	64	54	61	80	62	65	63	65	64	59	68	57	65
Don't know	20	8	23	19	12	23	12	18	21	21	28	15	10	19	21	20	22	20	19	19	25	19

Means testing the winter fuel allowance for pensioners, so it only goes to those in receipt of pension credit or other means-tested benefits

Right thing to do	43	29	61	54	26	56	30	47	39	43	50	44	28	49	34	42	43	46	39	41	44	44
Wrong thing to do	42	64	26	36	65	32	62	39	45	21	29	48	67	38	48	42	39	43	44	46	34	42
Don't know	15	7	13	11	9	12	8	14	16	36	20	8	5	13	18	16	18	11	17	14	22	13

Cancelling the proposed road tunnel near Stonehenge

Right thing to do	53	43	65	63	47	63	51	55	50	40	52	60	53	57	48	52	50	62	58	52	51	49
Wrong thing to do	15	29	8	15	23	11	21	19	12	13	13	14	22	16	14	17	12	6	10	16	13	22
Don't know	32	27	27	22	30	26	27	25	38	47	35	26	26	27	38	31	37	32	32	32	36	29

Giving an average pay rise of 5.5% to public sector employees

Right thing to do	65	45	84	82	51	77	54	65	65	76	70	62	56	70	60	65	64	70	63	62	67	67
Wrong thing to do	20	43	8	8	37	13	33	22	19	7	13	25	33	20	21	20	17	21	21	24	15	20
Don't know	14	12	8	10	12	11	12	13	16	16	17	12	11	11	19	15	19	10	16	14	18	13

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The Government have made a pay offer of 22% to junior doctors, spread over two years, in order to end the ongoing strike action. Do you think this is the right or wrong thing is do?

Right thing to do	58	28	82	74	35	71	42	54	62	78	60	55	51	59	57	57	65	64	57	55	58	58
Wrong thing to do	28	57	11	16	54	19	46	34	23	10	22	36	39	30	26	28	19	29	29	32	20	29
Don't know	14	15	7	10	11	10	12	12	15	12	18	9	11	11	17	14	16	7	14	13	22	12

From what you have seen or heard, do you think it is or is necessary for the Government to cut back on spending?

It is necessary to cut back on spending	58	67	64	64	63	63	61	59	58	51	54	67	61	61	55	58	61	66	56	65	50	58
It is NOT necessary to cut back on spending	20	18	16	19	26	20	22	22	18	19	21	18	21	20	19	20	20	21	21	16	23	20
Don't know	22	15	20	17	11	17	17	19	24	31	25	15	18	19	26	23	19	13	24	19	27	22

And do you think the Government are cutting back on spending in a fair or unfair way?

Fair	24	9	46	44	6	37	12	26	21	28	27	26	13	29	16	24	24	26	24	25	23	23
Unfair	45	69	23	26	74	33	64	45	45	35	33	48	66	39	52	45	41	48	48	43	35	46
Don't know	32	22	31	30	20	30	24	29	34	37	40	26	21	31	32	32	36	27	28	31	42	31

The Government have suggested that they may need to raise some taxes in the Autumn budget, but have restated their pledge not to increase income tax, national insurance or VAT? Do you think increasing other taxes would be the right or wrong thing to do?

Right thing to do	41	18	65	60	22	57	29	45	37	44	45	43	29	47	33	40	46	48	39	37	47	39
Wrong thing to do	34	59	15	20	60	24	47	37	32	29	29	36	44	34	35	35	26	31	38	37	28	34
Don't know	25	23	20	20	18	20	23	18	31	27	26	21	27	19	33	25	28	21	23	27	25	26

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And if the Government did increase other taxes in the Autumn budget, do you think this would mainly be....

The choice of the current Labour Government	35	79	13	25	57	24	54	38	32	25	24	39	54	35	34	35	28	33	33	37	26	39
The result of unfunded commitments by the last Conservative Government	24	2	47	33	8	37	13	26	22	34	30	23	12	27	20	24	23	27	25	25	28	22
Both equally	28	12	32	37	28	32	24	26	30	29	30	27	25	28	29	27	37	31	27	28	30	26
Don't know	13	6	7	5	7	8	9	9	16	12	17	11	8	10	17	13	12	9	14	10	16	13

**Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.*