

YouGov / The Times Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 3rd - 4th June 2025

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The Government has announced plans to significantly increase defence spending over the next five years. Do you think this is the right or wrong thing to do?

The right thing to do	54	73	54	56	63	55	65	60	47	35	45	59	71	57	50	54	52	47	54	57	44	57
The wrong thing to do	18	8	17	14	19	17	13	20	17	31	21	14	13	18	18	17	16	30	20	11	25	16
Not sure	28	18	29	29	19	28	22	20	36	34	34	27	16	25	32	28	32	23	26	31	31	28

How do you think the increased spending on defence should be paid for?

By increasing taxes	19	16	28	27	12	25	16	24	14	22	13	23	23	20	16	19	17	18	17	21	11	22
By reducing spending on public services	14	26	8	10	27	8	22	19	9	8	13	12	18	15	12	14	13	9	15	13	17	13
By increasing the amount the Government borrows	18	17	20	22	16	21	18	17	18	13	17	21	18	18	18	18	14	19	17	21	14	18
None of these - the Government should not be increasing spending on defence	24	14	22	18	22	23	18	21	27	39	27	19	17	23	26	23	25	31	27	17	32	20
Don't know	26	26	23	23	23	23	27	19	32	19	30	25	23	24	29	26	31	23	23	29	26	26

Now thinking about spending on public services and the taxes that fund them, which of the following best reflects your view?

The Government should increase taxes and spend more on public services	30	16	51	41	14	45	20	35	26	38	28	30	31	33	27	30	28	38	31	28	27	30
The Government should decrease taxes and spend less on public services	17	23	8	11	34	10	21	22	12	20	17	15	16	18	16	18	12	12	19	9	30	16
The Government should keep the level of taxes and spending on public services about the same	33	46	24	31	36	27	39	30	36	24	31	37	35	32	33	33	28	33	33	39	24	33
Don't know	20	15	18	17	16	18	20	13	27	18	23	18	18	17	24	20	32	17	16	24	19	21

Next week the Government will be announcing its spending plans for the next three years. For each of the following areas, please say whether you think the Government should be looking to increase spending, looking to save money, or looking to keep spending about the same?

Building new social housing																						
The Government should be looking to spend more here	35	20	50	36	23	41	27	37	32	44	34	38	28	34	36	34	29	42	37	31	44	30
The Government should be looking to keep spending here about the same	34	44	31	32	39	36	36	36	32	29	31	34	42	35	33	34	38	35	31	34	33	36
The Government should be looking to save money here	23	31	13	22	32	18	30	21	24	13	24	23	25	24	21	24	19	17	25	25	13	25
Don't know	9	5	6	10	6	6	7	6	11	13	11	5	5	7	10	8	14	6	6	10	10	9

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Policing																							
	The Government should be looking to spend more here	47	62	47	43	58	46	57	45	49	27	44	53	54	47	47	47	41	49	49	47	47	46
	The Government should be looking to keep spending here about the same	41	32	43	47	36	44	35	44	38	48	41	40	39	42	40	41	45	40	41	41	38	41
	The Government should be looking to save money here	5	2	5	3	4	5	3	6	5	13	6	3	4	5	6	5	5	9	5	4	8	5
	Don't know	7	5	4	7	2	5	5	5	9	12	9	3	4	6	8	7	9	2	5	8	8	8
Healthcare and the NHS																							
	The Government should be looking to spend more here	72	60	85	70	54	79	62	66	77	84	73	71	65	71	73	71	80	80	72	68	77	69
	The Government should be looking to keep spending here about the same	19	29	11	22	28	15	26	23	15	7	16	21	25	20	17	20	10	13	17	22	15	22
	The Government should be looking to save money here	5	8	2	3	15	3	8	7	3	3	4	6	8	6	4	5	3	5	7	3	6	5
	Don't know	4	4	3	4	2	3	3	3	5	6	7	2	2	3	6	4	7	2	4	7	2	4
Reducing Britain's carbon emissions																							
	The Government should be looking to spend more here	20	10	27	27	2	26	8	18	22	39	24	16	10	22	18	20	19	18	19	19	28	20
	The Government should be looking to keep spending here about the same	30	26	39	38	13	40	23	30	30	29	29	32	30	31	28	30	25	35	31	27	27	31
	The Government should be looking to save money here	40	55	27	25	81	27	61	45	34	17	34	46	53	38	41	39	47	40	40	44	30	39
	Don't know	10	8	7	9	4	8	8	6	14	15	13	7	7	8	13	11	9	6	10	10	15	10
International aid																							
	The Government should be looking to spend more here	6	1	9	9	1	9	1	7	5	13	7	4	3	7	5	6	4	8	5	4	12	5
	The Government should be looking to keep spending here about the same	21	9	32	29	2	33	6	19	23	34	23	19	15	23	18	20	28	25	21	15	28	20
	The Government should be looking to save money here	65	85	53	58	95	52	88	69	61	37	59	73	80	63	68	66	58	61	66	72	54	67
	Don't know	8	4	6	3	2	5	4	5	11	15	11	4	2	7	9	8	10	6	7	8	7	8
Education																							
	The Government should be looking to spend more here	45	36	51	48	28	52	37	40	49	51	49	42	38	46	43	45	45	44	45	36	57	45
	The Government should be looking to keep spending here about the same	44	53	42	41	56	41	51	50	39	39	39	50	50	44	44	44	40	50	44	50	36	43
	The Government should be looking to save money here	5	5	2	4	11	2	7	5	4	4	3	5	8	4	5	5	6	3	6	5	3	4
	Don't know	6	6	5	7	5	5	5	4	8	7	9	4	4	6	8	7	9	2	5	9	4	8
Welfare benefits																							
	The Government should be looking to spend more here	18	7	22	16	11	19	13	19	17	31	19	15	14	16	21	18	16	24	20	16	20	16
	The Government should be looking to keep spending here about the same	33	32	40	35	28	41	30	32	34	29	32	32	38	33	33	33	31	31	31	32	36	35
	The Government should be looking to save money here	41	56	31	43	57	35	51	44	38	25	40	47	43	45	35	41	42	38	42	42	34	42
	Don't know	8	5	6	5	4	5	6	5	10	15	10	5	4	6	10	8	11	7	6	10	11	7
Social care																							
	The Government should be looking to spend more here	48	40	62	51	34	56	46	46	50	42	47	55	46	48	48	48	49	50	53	46	52	44
	The Government should be looking to keep spending here about the same	34	41	27	29	50	32	37	35	34	37	34	32	37	34	35	34	38	33	31	34	30	38
	The Government should be looking to save money here	9	14	5	11	11	6	11	13	5	8	8	9	12	10	8	9	4	12	9	9	10	9
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*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.