YouGov / Times Survey Results



Sample Size: 678 GB Adults Fieldwork: 12th May 2014

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	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	E London Rest of South		Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland			
Weighted Sample	678	329	349	81	172	232	194	386	292	87	220	145	167	59			
Unweighted Sample	678	319	359	58	148	267	205	454	224	91	197	134	176	80			
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As you may know, there is a difference between tax AVOIDANCE, whereby people use artificial but legal methods to minimise the tax they pay, and tax EVASION, whereby people act illegally to pay less tax, or no tax at all.

In general, do you think rich people who avoid tax legally are acting...

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Reasonably: it's the government's job to pass stricter tax laws if they want the rich to pay more tax	32	30	33	25	29	33	35	36	25	38	31	27	34	27
Unreasonably: rich people have a moral duty to pay their fair share of tax and not use artificial tax avoidance schemes	60	63	57	58	59	58	64	54	67	48	62	64	56	68
Don't know	9	7	10	17	12	9	2	9	8	14	6	9	9	5

A tribunal has found that Gary Barlow, the former member of Take That, took part in a tax avoidance scheme. He will now have to pay back the tax he avoided.

Gary Barlow previously received an OBE for his work for charity. Do you think he should or should not be stripped of his OBE?

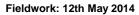
Should be stripped of his OBE	24	27	21	14	28	28	20	24	24	29	22	24	23	25
Should keep his OBE	61	62	61	60	56	61	67	63	59	44	71	57	60	62
Don't know	15	11	18	26	17	11	13	13	17	27	7	19	17	13
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And do you think Gary Barlow should or should not face criminal prosecution for taking part in a tax avoidance scheme?

Should be prosecuted	33	34	32	30	34	35	29	30	37	36	32	34	30	33
Should not be prosecuted	51	52	49	39	50	50	57	54	46	41	60	44	52	45
Don't know	17	14	19	31	16	14	14	16	17	22	8	22	18	22

Do you think the money that Gary Barlow avoided paying in tax should be...

Paid in taxes, as it should have been originally	79	83	76	66	82	78	83	79	79	83	79	79	80	71
Donated to charity instead	13	10	16	14	12	15	11	14	13	9	15	11	12	22
Don't know	8	8	8	19	6	7	5	7	9	8	7	10	7	7





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Who do you think is most to blame for tax avoidance?			1	ı					1	Ì					
Governments for not passing tight enough laws to prevent tax avoidance	37	41	34	27	34	44	35	40	33	39	34	39	36	43	
Revenue and Customs, for not enforcing the laws tightly enough	11	10	11	5	15	10	10	11	10	17	12	8	9	8	
Accountants and advisors who come up with and promote tax avoidance schemes	29	27	31	17	18	30	43	27	32	20	31	32	31	24	
Individual people who take advantage of tax avoidance schemes to reduce their tax	14	14	13	28	21	10	7	14	14	13	13	13	17	15	
None of these	1	2	1	5	2	1	0	2	1	3	1	2	0	2 8	
Don't know	8	5	10	17	10	5	4	6	10	8	8	6	8	8	
From what you have seen or heard, do you think the government is or is not doing enough to reduce tax avoidance?															
Is doing all it reasonably can to reduce the amount of tax avoidance	10	11	9	14	16	6	6	11	7	16	9	10	5	17	
Should be doing more to reduce tax avoidance	80	82	78	67	68	85	89	80	80	72	79	78	88	74	
Don't know	11	8	13	18	16	9	5	9	13	12	12	12	8	9	

^{*}Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 50 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures will be italicised.