

# YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 2234 GB Adults  
Fieldwork: 27th - 28th January 2011

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

## Headline Voting Intention

[Excluding Don't Know and Wouldn't Vote]

Con	39	100	0	0	90	3	14	35	42	52	36	30	46	43	33	38	48	38	35	18
Lab	43	0	100	0	4	95	38	45	41	34	45	51	36	40	47	46	32	45	51	53
Lib Dem	8	0	0	100	1	1	34	9	8	6	11	7	9	9	8	7	13	6	7	6
Other	10	0	0	0	5	1	14	11	9	8	9	12	9	8	12	9	7	12	7	24

## Other Parties Voting Intention

UKIP	4	0	0	0	3	0	2	4	4	1	2	4	4	3	4	3	4	5	3	2
SNP / PCY	3	0	0	0	0	1	5	3	3	4	4	2	2	2	4	0	0	3	0	21
Green	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	0	0
BNP	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	0	2	3	1
Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0

## Non Voters

Would Not Vote	10	0	0	0	4	4	6	8	11	19	11	9	6	8	12	8	9	10	13	4
Don't know	14	0	0	0	10	10	20	10	18	13	20	12	12	14	15	14	13	20	13	10

## Do you approve or disapprove of the Government's record to date?

26-27 Jan 27 - 28 Jan

Approve	30	32	80	3	45	66	6	24	32	32	34	32	26	38	36	27	29	40	29	28	23
Disapprove	54	54	7	92	37	19	85	61	57	50	43	52	62	50	50	59	58	45	54	57	67
Don't know	16	14	13	5	18	15	9	15	11	18	23	16	13	12	14	15	13	15	16	15	10

## Do you think that David Cameron is doing well or badly as Prime Minister?

20-21 Jan 27 - 28 Jan

Very well	8	7	23	0	4	19	1	3	7	8	9	6	5	11	8	6	6	10	8	5	4
Fairly well	35	38	72	10	67	65	13	37	39	38	39	41	34	40	42	33	33	46	40	32	31
<b>TOTAL WELL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>
Fairly badly	25	24	3	35	21	9	34	34	23	26	14	24	26	27	24	25	28	20	20	29	29
Very badly	24	24	1	53	4	4	49	21	27	21	26	20	31	18	20	28	27	18	26	25	34
<b>TOTAL BADLY</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>63</b>
Don't know	8	6	1	3	3	3	4	5	4	9	12	9	5	4	6	7	7	5	7	9	2

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**Do you think Ed Miliband is doing well or badly as leader of the Labour party?**

Very well	3	4	1	10	1	10	4	5	3	3	4	4	4	3	6	4	4	4	4	6	
Fairly well	30	33	15	62	27	17	53	39	35	31	26	34	39	29	33	34	30	29	35	33	48
<b>TOTAL WELL</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>54</b>
Fairly badly	28	28	42	13	37	39	13	29	28	27	23	29	24	34	31	23	31	28	26	28	23
Very badly	16	15	23	3	20	25	4	10	17	12	14	10	15	19	16	13	14	19	15	11	9
<b>TOTAL BADLY</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>32</b>
Don't know	23	21	18	12	14	18	20	19	14	27	35	23	19	15	18	24	21	21	20	23	14

**Do you think that Nick Clegg is doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?**

Very well	2	3	7	0	14	5	0	4	4	3	4	3	2	5	4	3	2	5	2	2	2
Fairly well	26	31	61	8	65	52	10	31	30	32	28	29	28	37	33	29	24	38	33	25	25
<b>TOTAL WELL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>
Fairly badly	28	25	21	25	15	23	25	28	23	27	23	26	25	25	24	27	31	24	22	27	25
Very badly	34	32	5	63	5	12	59	31	38	27	29	28	38	30	31	33	36	25	34	35	44
<b>TOTAL BADLY</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>69</b>
Don't know	11	8	6	4	2	7	6	6	5	11	16	13	6	3	8	8	7	9	9	10	3

**Do you think the Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition partners are working together well or badly?**

Very well	5	6	14	1	14	11	1	6	7	4	6	6	5	7	6	4	5	8	5	4	5
Fairly well	37	40	76	11	61	69	14	38	40	40	42	39	34	48	43	36	36	49	40	35	30
<b>TOTAL WELL</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>
Fairly badly	26	26	7	40	20	12	37	30	24	28	16	25	29	27	26	26	28	22	24	28	32
Very badly	24	21	1	44	4	4	42	19	24	19	24	20	27	15	18	26	22	16	22	25	29
<b>TOTAL BADLY</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>61</b>
Don't know	8	7	2	5	1	4	5	7	5	9	13	11	5	4	7	8	8	6	9	9	5

**Do you think this coalition government will be good or bad for people like you?**

Very good	4	3	7	0	7	5	0	2	3	2	4	2	2	4	4	1	2	3	3	2	5
Fairly good	20	20	51	2	30	43	4	15	18	21	19	17	18	26	22	18	18	27	19	15	13
<b>TOTAL GOOD</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
Fairly bad	23	23	9	29	25	15	27	29	26	21	18	26	23	23	24	22	25	22	25	22	25
Very bad	30	29	3	58	9	9	55	29	30	27	20	25	38	24	25	33	32	22	28	35	37
<b>TOTAL BAD</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>62</b>
Won't make much difference either way	17	19	24	7	25	23	9	20	18	20	22	21	15	20	20	17	19	18	19	20	16
Don't know	6	7	5	3	4	5	4	6	4	9	16	10	4	3	5	8	5	7	6	8	4

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Do you think the coalition government is managing the economy well or badly?

Very well	5	3	10	0	6	9	0	2	4	3	5	3	2	4	5	2	4	4	3	2	4
Fairly well	32	32	72	3	51	61	7	27	32	33	30	34	27	38	36	27	30	41	31	27	21
<b>TOTAL BADLY</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>
Fairly badly	25	25	8	36	26	13	35	32	25	26	21	25	27	25	24	27	28	22	26	26	30
Very badly	25	27	1	55	6	7	51	25	29	25	20	24	35	24	25	30	28	21	28	32	35
<b>TOTAL BADLY</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>65</b>	
Don't know	12	12	8	5	11	10	8	13	10	14	24	13	9	9	11	13	10	12	12	13	10

In your opinion how good or bad is the state of Britain's economy at the moment?

Very good	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quite good	3	3	7	1	3	6	1	2	3	3	4	2	3	3	3	3	2	4	2	2	4
<b>TOTAL GOOD</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	
Neither good nor bad	16	13	20	9	21	18	10	10	14	12	18	16	9	13	14	12	12	15	16	10	9
Quite bad	47	47	50	50	49	47	47	51	48	47	37	47	49	50	48	46	50	45	45	50	54
Very bad	31	33	23	39	26	28	41	32	32	34	30	29	38	33	33	34	32	33	32	35	33
<b>TOTAL BAD</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>87</b>
Don't know	4	3	1	1	2	0	2	4	3	4	11	6	1	1	3	4	4	3	5	3	1

How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months?

Get a lot better	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2
Get a little better	7	6	10	3	6	9	3	6	7	5	16	8	3	3	7	5	9	6	4	4	12
<b>TOTAL BETTER</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>
Stay about the same	23	26	38	18	35	31	19	27	23	29	36	27	20	27	26	25	26	26	24	27	25
Get a little worse	39	38	38	41	36	41	41	35	41	35	19	34	41	46	40	36	34	40	38	38	37
Get a lot worse	24	25	10	35	20	16	31	27	24	25	15	21	32	22	21	29	26	22	27	26	22
<b>TOTAL WORSE</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>59</b>
Don't know	5	5	2	3	3	2	5	4	5	5	11	8	3	2	4	6	4	5	7	5	2

Do you think the next year will be tougher for you and your family than last year, less tough, or about the same?

Tougher	60	60	47	72	55	56	68	61	62	58	39	56	70	60	58	62	56	60	62	60	59
Less tough	7	5	8	3	9	6	2	6	5	5	13	6	3	3	5	5	7	5	3	5	7
About the same	29	31	43	22	35	36	26	30	29	32	38	31	25	34	32	29	32	31	29	30	33
Don't know	4	4	2	3	1	1	3	3	4	5	9	7	2	2	4	5	5	4	6	5	2

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**How likely do you think it is that Britain will go back into recession during the next 12 months?**

Very likely	14	15	5	25	11	8	23	17	16	15	10	15	20	11	13	18	18	14	14	16	15
Fairly likely	38	42	29	50	48	32	51	46	41	42	30	42	45	42	43	40	38	42	47	39	39
<b>TOTAL LIKELY</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>54</b>
Not very likely	29	25	47	13	29	41	14	20	28	22	31	21	21	32	27	23	25	28	17	26	29
Not likely at all	3	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	3	5	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	6
<b>TOTAL NOT LIKELY</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>35</b>
Don't know	16	15	17	9	10	15	10	14	12	18	24	19	11	13	15	16	16	14	18	16	10

**Thinking about interest rates, some people have said they should be increased to combat inflation, while other people think they should be kept down to encourage economic growth. Which of the following best reflects your view?**

Interest rates should be increased to combat inflation and keep prices down	28	26	33	23	36	33	17	29	30	23	22	18	25	37	27	25	30	29	25	20	29
Interest rates should be kept low to help the economy grow	48	49	48	55	48	49	56	45	50	48	38	53	54	43	50	46	46	47	46	53	48
Neither	5	5	4	5	4	4	6	3	5	5	2	6	5	6	4	6	3	6	5	5	4
Don't know	18	20	15	17	13	14	21	22	16	24	38	23	17	14	18	23	21	17	24	22	19

**Who do you trust more to make the right decisions about sorting out the British economy?**

George Osborne	22	60	2	23	54	2	11	25	20	19	17	19	31	27	16	22	27	22	19	15
Ed Balls	19	2	52	5	2	48	19	23	16	11	19	22	20	20	19	19	17	19	20	29
Neither	41	24	34	56	31	33	50	39	42	49	38	42	37	39	42	41	41	38	44	38
Don't know	18	14	12	17	13	17	21	13	22	21	25	16	12	15	22	17	15	21	18	18

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This week it was announced that the British economy shrunk by 0.5% in the last quarter of 2010. Some people have said this was due to the cold weather and snow at the end of last year.

Which of the following best reflects your view?

The downturn in the economy was probably mostly due to the snow, and without it the economy would have continued to recover	<b>9</b>	20	3	9	17	4	5	10	8	12	12	6	9	12	5	8	10	6	9	14
The snow was probably one factor in the downturn in the economy, but there were probably other underlying problems too	<b>53</b>	65	46	57	62	43	55	51	54	45	53	49	60	55	49	51	57	56	50	40
The downturn probably had nothing to do with the snow, and blaming the weather is just an excuse	<b>30</b>	12	47	30	17	47	31	33	28	20	22	40	30	27	35	31	27	28	34	38
None of these	<b>1</b>	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	3	2	1	0	1	1	1	2	2	1	2
Don't know	<b>6</b>	3	3	3	2	5	6	5	7	19	10	4	1	5	9	9	5	8	5	6

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne, has said the government will stick to its current plans on reducing the deficit and will not change course because of one quarter's bad figures. Other people have said it is a sign the government should change direction. Which of the following best reflects your view?

The downturn in figures is a sign the government's policy is not working, and they should change course	<b>36</b>	7	73	21	12	65	40	40	33	26	32	45	34	33	41	39	29	38	39	50
The government are on the right course and they should not be put off by one quarter's bad figures	<b>36</b>	83	5	50	71	9	28	38	34	35	37	29	44	41	29	30	44	34	32	32
Neither	<b>11</b>	3	10	15	7	10	14	12	10	12	11	11	10	11	11	13	12	11	10	8
Don't know	<b>17</b>	7	12	15	9	16	19	10	23	27	19	15	12	15	18	18	15	18	19	9

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The government is currently reducing the deficit mainly through spending cuts with some tax rises. Thinking about how the government goes about reducing the deficit, which of the following best reflects your view?

The government should make larger spending cuts and smaller tax rises	<b>19</b>	28	10	25	24	11	17	18	19	20	21	18	17	18	20	20	20	16	19	16
The government should make smaller spending cuts and raise taxes more	<b>23</b>	9	45	22	12	41	28	28	19	18	17	27	28	24	22	26	21	22	24	30
The government has got the balance between tax rises and spending cuts about right	<b>25</b>	51	7	36	47	9	21	25	25	26	28	21	28	29	21	22	30	26	22	21
None of these	<b>16</b>	5	23	6	6	22	17	17	15	17	16	19	11	14	18	15	15	18	16	15
Don't know	<b>17</b>	7	14	11	11	17	17	11	22	19	18	16	16	15	19	18	15	18	18	18

Do you think the government should be doing more to encourage growth in the economy, or do you think they are already doing all they can reasonably be expected to?

The government should be doing more to encourage growth	<b>65</b>	46	89	60	51	84	69	70	60	59	56	71	67	64	66	67	60	64	68	71
The government are already doing as much as they can to encourage growth	<b>18</b>	39	3	18	34	5	13	18	18	15	22	14	21	20	15	16	20	19	15	16
Not sure	<b>17</b>	15	9	21	15	12	18	13	22	26	22	15	12	16	19	17	20	17	17	13

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Some people think that the 50p top rate of tax for people earning over £150,000 risks damaging the economy in the longer term and should eventually be brought back down to 40%. Other people think it is right that the highest earners should pay this higher rate of taxation. Which of the following best reflects your view?

The 50% top rate of tax should be made permanent	50	<b>49</b>	35	66	55	36	62	58	56	43	29	47	59	49	49	50	42	48	49	51	62
The 50% top rate of tax should eventually be brought back down to 40%	34	<b>33</b>	53	20	31	51	23	24	31	34	39	28	29	38	36	29	41	34	33	29	26
Neither	3	<b>3</b>	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	6	2	2	3	4	2	4	3	4	2
Don't know	12	<b>15</b>	9	10	10	11	12	15	10	19	28	19	10	11	13	18	14	14	15	17	10

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Would you support or oppose reducing the threshold for paying the 50p top rate of income tax, so it is paid by everyone earning over £100,000 rather than the current £150,000 threshold.

Support	<b>51</b>	49	57	59	47	53	55	56	46	35	46	56	57	50	52	43	50	54	54	50
Oppose	<b>29</b>	38	27	26	39	25	27	29	29	35	28	28	28	32	24	31	32	25	25	36
Don't know	<b>20</b>	13	16	15	14	21	18	14	25	30	26	16	15	17	24	26	18	20	20	14

In April 2011 the level of tax on petrol is due to rise. Some people have called for the rise to be cancelled to help keep down the cost of petrol. Other people think that in the present economic circumstances the rise needs to go ahead to help the government reduce the deficit. Do you think the increase in tax on petrol should or should not go ahead?

Should go ahead	<b>8</b>	8	10	14	6	9	12	10	6	6	11	8	6	10	5	14	9	6	7	6
Should be cancelled	<b>85</b>	89	85	84	90	86	82	84	86	77	79	88	92	84	88	74	85	89	88	86
Don't know	<b>7</b>	3	4	2	4	5	7	5	8	16	10	4	2	6	7	11	6	5	5	8

The Governor of the Bank of England has predicted a prolonged fall in income in coming years. Do you expect your income will fall or rise in the coming years, or do you expect it stay about the same?

I expect my income to rise	<b>8</b>	12	5	12	10	5	9	10	6	18	11	4	5	9	6	9	8	8	6	8
I expect my income to fall	<b>42</b>	33	52	42	40	50	41	42	43	26	32	55	44	40	45	42	41	44	44	41
I expect my income to stay about the same	<b>39</b>	48	34	42	44	35	41	38	40	27	45	34	46	42	35	37	41	34	40	43
Not sure	<b>10</b>	7	9	4	6	10	8	10	11	29	13	7	5	8	14	11	10	13	10	8

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**Which of the following will you cut your spending on if your income falls in the coming years?**

[N=1003 Only those who expect their income to fall]

Eating out	71	75	70	69	73	72	70	74	68	71	68	73	69	74	67	73	65	75	72	75
Holidays	65	60	66	63	62	64	71	69	62	73	63	63	68	69	61	65	63	67	64	74
Clothes	65	62	65	52	63	65	65	60	70	69	66	65	64	66	64	55	66	72	66	60
Travel	62	62	61	57	60	63	65	67	58	56	59	65	61	63	61	56	60	63	63	74
Savings	55	48	54	61	53	54	58	54	57	50	49	59	56	57	53	57	53	56	58	52
Food	34	24	35	30	27	37	33	31	36	22	47	36	23	30	38	22	35	38	34	34
Car	32	33	30	45	31	31	39	36	29	41	30	34	30	33	32	28	31	32	35	39
Paying off debt	25	17	28	22	19	29	25	27	23	37	26	29	14	21	29	21	27	22	27	24
Other	5	3	3	9	4	3	11	6	5	7	6	5	4	6	5	11	7	2	3	6
Don't know	4	3	3	6	3	4	5	4	4	3	6	3	3	3	5	4	3	3	5	6

**Does the prospect of severe public spending cuts and tax rises make you more or less likely to consider emigrating?**

Less likely to consider emigrating	1	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	0
More likely to consider emigrating	23	17	28	16	18	24	26	26	20	26	33	26	8	23	22	26	20	22	24	25
No difference - I would not want to emigrate anyway	57	66	56	71	64	59	57	54	59	43	43	56	76	58	55	52	61	54	55	58
No difference - I would like to emigrate anyway	10	10	7	6	11	6	8	10	10	10	8	10	10	9	11	9	9	10	11	8
Don't know	10	6	7	6	6	9	9	10	10	19	16	6	5	9	11	12	9	11	9	9

**Conservative MP David Davis that David Cameron, George Osborne and senior members of the coalition do not understand working people's concerns because of their privileged backgrounds. Do you think this is a fair or unfair criticism?**

Fair criticism	66	37	90	69	45	85	77	71	63	52	62	75	66	63	71	63	63	68	70	72
Unfair criticism	20	49	3	22	42	6	12	19	21	25	21	15	23	25	14	21	23	18	17	18
Not sure	14	14	7	9	13	9	11	10	16	22	17	9	11	13	15	16	14	14	13	10



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The government has announced plans to sell off some or all of the English forests owned by the Forestry Commission. The government say that there is no need for the government to actually own forestry land, and that the Forestry Commission should only have a regulatory role. Other people worry that selling off the forests to private companies will put them at risk.

Do you think the government should or should not go ahead with plans to sell off Forestry Commission forests in England?

Should	<b>12</b>	21	8	12	19	7	9	15	10	26	13	10	8	14	10	12	13	11	11	19
Should not	<b>71</b>	65	82	73	67	79	76	72	69	47	63	76	80	70	70	71	72	71	70	64
Don't know	<b>17</b>	14	10	15	14	14	15	13	21	26	24	13	12	15	20	17	15	19	19	17

If the sell off of English forests goes ahead, would you support or oppose laws forcing the owners to guarantee public access to the forests?

Support	<b>79</b>	84	81	82	83	78	83	82	76	60	75	83	86	81	76	76	81	79	79	75
Oppose	<b>9</b>	7	11	9	8	11	7	9	9	13	9	9	6	9	9	11	8	8	8	11
Don't know	<b>12</b>	9	8	9	9	11	10	9	16	27	17	8	8	10	16	13	11	12	13	14

Would you be prepared to go out and protest if you discovered that forestry near you was to be sold off?

I would be unhappy if an area of forestry near me was to be sold off, and would actively protest against it	<b>18</b>	10	26	16	12	24	21	20	16	15	15	22	18	17	19	20	17	21	17	16
I would be unhappy if an area of forestry near me was to be sold off and might write letters or sign a petition, but would probably not actively protest	<b>35</b>	35	36	39	36	37	39	31	39	21	29	36	45	35	35	35	38	33	36	22
I would be unhappy if an area of forestry near me was to be sold off, but would probably not do anything about it	<b>20</b>	24	19	20	23	17	17	20	20	21	24	19	17	22	18	21	21	17	19	27
I would not mind if an area of forestry near me was sold off	<b>9</b>	16	3	15	14	4	9	10	9	15	10	7	8	9	10	8	10	9	9	13
I would be happy if an area of forestry near me was sold off	<b>2</b>	3	3	1	4	2	2	4	1	7	1	3	1	2	3	1	3	3	2	3
Don't know	<b>15</b>	11	13	9	11	16	12	14	15	21	20	13	10	14	15	15	11	17	16	19

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Sky Sports TV presenter Andy Gray has been sacked after being recorded making sexist remarks off-air. From what you have seen or heard, do you think Andy Gray has been treated fairly or unfairly?

Fairly	<b>52</b>	52	57	55	52	51	58	47	57	44	44	53	61	52	52	52	52	50	53	54
Unfairly	<b>33</b>	33	35	32	34	39	27	40	26	31	39	34	27	33	32	36	30	34	34	35
Don't know	<b>15</b>	15	8	13	14	11	14	13	17	25	17	12	12	15	16	12	18	15	14	11

And do you think Sky Sports were right or wrong to sack him?

Right	<b>51</b>	53	55	55	53	49	58	48	55	47	46	52	58	53	50	50	53	50	51	54
Wrong	<b>34</b>	32	36	33	33	40	28	40	28	30	39	36	27	34	34	35	30	35	36	36
Don't know	<b>15</b>	14	9	12	14	11	14	12	17	23	16	12	14	13	17	15	17	15	13	10

Sky Sports TV presenter Richard Keys was also disciplined for making sexist remarks off-air and has resigned from his job. From what you have seen or heard, do you think Richard Keys was right or wrong to resign?

Right	<b>53</b>	54	54	61	53	53	57	50	55	41	50	54	59	52	53	50	54	51	51	62
Wrong	<b>30</b>	28	34	22	31	34	25	35	25	31	30	32	26	30	29	32	26	31	33	27
Don't know	<b>17</b>	17	12	17	17	13	18	15	19	28	20	14	15	17	18	18	20	18	16	10

Do you think it is or is not sexist to say that a women linesman would not understand the offside rule?

Is sexist	<b>68</b>	67	70	78	66	67	80	60	76	67	68	66	72	72	63	67	73	67	64	64
Is not sexist	<b>23</b>	25	25	17	25	26	12	30	16	21	21	24	23	20	27	24	18	23	27	30
Don't know	<b>9</b>	8	5	5	9	7	8	10	8	12	11	10	5	8	10	10	9	10	9	6

The MP Dominic Raab has claimed that after decades of feminism, men are the victims of "obnoxious bigotry" by women and get a raw deal. Do you agree or disagree with his comments?

Agree	<b>36</b>	45	35	30	43	36	28	50	24	36	39	34	37	37	36	32	34	36	41	39
Disagree	<b>43</b>	37	49	54	37	44	54	31	54	38	38	46	45	45	39	47	44	43	38	44
Don't know	<b>21</b>	18	15	16	20	20	17	19	22	25	23	20	18	18	25	21	21	21	21	17

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**From what you have heard about the News of the World phone hacking scandal, do you think the behaviour of journalists involved in accessing the voicemail of celebrities and public figures was acceptable or unacceptable?**

Acceptable	<b>4</b>	5	4	1	5	2	2	5	3	7	5	2	3	3	5	3	4	4	5	2
Unacceptable	<b>85</b>	86	89	93	85	90	87	86	84	71	79	88	92	87	82	82	87	82	85	88
Don't know	<b>11</b>	9	7	5	10	8	11	9	13	22	16	9	4	10	13	14	9	14	10	10

**More generally, when if ever do you think it would be legitimate for a journalist to hack into someone's voicemail?**

It is legitimate for journalists to gain access to the voicemail of public figures to try and find a story	<b>1</b>	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2
There are some instances where it would be legitimate for journalists to hack into people's voicemail, such as investigating corruption, but most of the time it is unacceptable	<b>21</b>	27	21	19	25	19	20	23	19	17	25	21	20	22	20	25	23	21	19	16
It would never be acceptable for a journalist to hack into someone's voicemail	<b>71</b>	68	75	81	70	75	75	69	74	64	65	75	77	72	71	67	71	70	74	77
Don't know	<b>6</b>	4	2	0	3	5	5	6	6	18	9	3	2	5	7	8	5	7	6	6

**And thinking about the police investigation into the phone hacking scandal, do you think...**

This is an important issue and the police should be committing time to fully investigating it	<b>60</b>	50	73	73	51	69	67	64	56	48	54	63	67	61	58	60	57	58	62	71
This is not an important issue and the police should be committing their resources elsewhere	<b>28</b>	38	20	22	37	19	24	26	30	27	31	28	25	28	27	27	31	27	27	21
Don't know	<b>12</b>	11	7	5	12	12	10	10	15	25	15	9	8	10	15	14	12	15	11	9

## YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and political party identification:

	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
<b>Age and Gender</b>		
Male 18 to 24	63	136
Male 25 to 39	274	288
Male 40 to 54	416	377
Male 55 +	340	284
Female 18 to 24	86	130
Female 25 to 39	316	289
Female 40 to 54	455	388
Female 55 +	284	342
<b>Region</b>		
North England	510	544
Midlands	316	362
East England	235	222
London	339	287
South England	504	513
Wales	120	113
Scotland	210	193
<b>Social Grade</b>		
AB	814	615
C1	584	637
C2	334	461
DE	464	483
<b>Newspaper Type</b>		
Express / Mail	439	334
Sun / Star	248	475
Mirror / Record	134	341
Guardian / Independent	189	72
FT / Times / Telegraph	267	194
Other Paper	227	255
No Paper	730	563
<b>Political Party Identification</b>		
Labour	748	725
Conservative	585	637
Liberal Democrat	240	269
Others	261	70
None/ DK	400	534

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