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Sample Size: 1769 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 29th - 30th November 2011

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		March 23-24	Nov 29-30																		
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	24	70	2	27	56	3	14	28	21	10	19	23	38	28	20	23	31	24	18	19
He is doing a bad job	40	49	8	84	37	19	78	56	52	46	43	50	54	44	47	52	48	40	51	58	53
Don't know	27	27	23	15	36	25	19	30	20	33	48	32	23	18	25	28	29	28	25	24	28

		July 28-29	Nov 29-30																		
Which of these would make the better Chancellor of the Exchequer?																					
George Osborne	25	30	80	1	35	69	2	19	34	27	15	22	29	46	33	26	26	39	29	24	24
Ed Balls	23	24	1	61	11	6	52	24	28	19	21	26	27	19	25	21	25	19	25	26	28
Don't know	53	46	18	38	55	25	45	57	37	54	64	52	44	35	41	52	49	42	46	49	48

		Nov 24-25	Nov 29-30																		
Do you think the coalition government is managing the economy well or badly?																					
Very well	4	3	10	0	3	7	0	2	4	2	5	2	3	3	4	2	2	5	1	3	3
Fairly well	28	31	76	5	46	63	8	22	32	30	18	28	28	43	34	27	32	38	32	23	25
TOTAL WELL	31	34	86	5	49	70	9	24	36	32	23	30	31	46	38	28	34	43	33	26	28
Fairly badly	32	30	8	38	36	17	35	39	30	30	42	34	25	27	30	30	32	28	29	32	33
Very badly	28	26	2	54	9	7	51	26	27	26	13	23	37	22	24	29	20	21	29	32	33
TOTAL BADLY	60	56	9	92	44	24	86	65	57	56	54	57	63	50	54	60	52	49	59	64	66
Don't know	8	9	5	3	7	6	6	11	7	12	23	13	7	4	8	12	14	8	8	11	6

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If Labour had won the last election and formed a government, do you think the economy would be doing better, doing worse, or would it be much the same?

Doing better	25	2	64	10	3	59	23	28	21	23	25	30	19	25	25	24	18	26	30	32
Doing worse	37	86	3	43	79	5	23	40	34	22	30	35	52	40	33	38	44	35	32	29
Much the same	29	10	25	43	15	26	42	26	31	35	34	28	22	28	30	24	30	29	29	29
Don't know	9	1	8	4	3	10	12	5	13	20	11	7	7	8	12	14	7	9	10	9

Here is a list of problems facing the country. Could you say for each of them which political party you think would handle the problem best?

Reducing Britain's deficit

Conservative	41	91	16	37	78	17	29	45	38	29	38	38	53	45	36	46	47	38	36	34
Labour	19	1	55	1	4	52	14	23	16	14	20	24	16	19	21	15	16	19	25	23
Liberal Democrat	4	0	1	37	0	1	13	4	4	6	3	3	4	5	3	3	5	4	2	4
Other	3	1	1	2	2	1	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	4	1	4	2	5
None	14	2	13	9	7	12	19	15	13	8	16	16	12	13	15	12	12	14	16	16
Don't know	19	5	14	15	8	17	23	10	27	41	21	15	13	16	24	21	17	21	19	18

Encouraging growth in the economy

Conservative	29	80	2	19	68	4	14	33	26	25	21	27	42	32	26	29	40	26	23	16
Labour	34	5	82	18	9	75	35	38	30	24	37	39	29	34	34	34	27	30	43	42
Liberal Democrat	4	2	1	37	2	1	12	4	4	4	5	4	4	5	3	4	5	6	2	3
Other	3	0	1	4	2	0	3	3	2	3	2	4	2	4	2	4	1	3	2	8
None	12	5	4	6	9	7	14	12	11	7	13	13	11	11	13	9	11	14	12	13
Don't know	18	8	10	16	10	14	23	10	27	37	22	14	12	15	23	20	16	21	19	18

Creating jobs

Conservative	21	60	1	10	52	1	9	23	18	17	13	18	33	23	18	18	29	19	16	12
Labour	39	14	83	25	16	77	40	44	35	33	41	44	34	39	39	42	36	36	44	44
Liberal Democrat	5	3	2	41	2	1	15	4	6	7	5	4	5	7	3	4	6	5	4	5
Other	3	1	0	2	3	1	2	4	3	3	4	4	2	3	4	3	2	4	4	6
None	14	11	5	9	15	6	15	14	14	8	14	15	15	13	15	13	11	13	16	18
Don't know	18	11	9	13	12	13	20	11	24	33	23	14	11	15	21	20	15	22	17	16

Keeping prices down

Conservative	20	56	3	18	48	3	10	24	17	16	16	18	29	23	18	18	29	18	17	9
Labour	27	7	64	5	8	59	23	28	26	26	30	31	20	26	27	30	21	24	34	29
Liberal Democrat	5	1	2	37	2	1	13	5	4	5	6	4	4	5	3	2	5	6	3	4
Other	3	1	1	2	2	1	2	4	3	2	4	4	3	3	4	3	2	5	3	6
None	23	21	16	24	22	19	26	25	20	12	20	25	27	23	22	19	23	23	22	29
Don't know	22	14	14	16	17	17	26	14	31	38	26	19	17	20	26	28	21	24	20	22

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Steering the economy through the economic crisis

Conservative	33	90	4	26	74	5	19	36	31	24	26	31	47	36	29	32	43	31	27	24
Labour	26	1	72	3	5	64	24	30	22	17	26	31	25	27	25	28	21	25	32	31
Liberal Democrat	4	0	1	39	1	2	13	4	4	4	6	3	3	5	3	5	5	5	2	3
Other	3	1	1	3	3	0	2	4	3	2	3	4	3	3	3	4	1	5	3	7
None	13	3	8	10	9	10	16	15	11	14	16	13	10	11	15	10	11	13	16	14
Don't know	20	5	14	18	9	19	25	11	29	39	24	17	13	18	24	21	19	22	21	20

Supporting British businesses

Conservative	32	82	8	24	69	6	20	35	29	20	23	31	46	36	26	35	41	29	23	26
Labour	25	1	67	7	6	61	21	28	23	23	27	29	20	24	26	21	21	23	34	27
Liberal Democrat	5	1	2	36	1	3	14	5	4	4	6	4	4	6	4	7	6	5	2	5
Other	4	2	1	3	4	1	3	4	3	2	3	5	3	4	4	4	3	5	3	6
None	13	6	6	11	10	9	15	15	12	10	15	15	12	12	15	11	12	14	16	15
Don't know	21	8	15	18	11	19	27	13	29	41	26	17	14	18	25	24	17	25	22	22

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

	Nov 24-25	Nov 29-30																			
Very good	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	1
Quite good	3	2	5	1	0	4	1	1	3	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	1	1	2
TOTAL GOOD	3	2	5	3	1	4	1	2	4	1	4	3	2	2	3	2	5	3	2	1	3
Neither good nor bad	12	13	22	8	14	20	7	10	15	12	21	15	10	12	14	13	15	12	14	13	14
Quite bad	46	50	51	49	68	52	49	54	51	50	42	48	50	57	52	48	54	50	48	52	46
Very bad	37	31	21	38	16	23	39	32	28	34	20	30	37	29	30	33	25	31	35	30	31
TOTAL BAD	83	81	72	87	84	76	87	86	78	84	61	78	86	86	81	81	78	81	83	82	77
Don't know	2	3	1	2	1	1	4	2	2	4	14	4	1	1	2	5	2	4	1	4	6

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

Get a lot better	1	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	2	1	6	1	1	0	2	1	4	1	1	1	3
Get a little better	10	6	8	4	7	8	3	5	6	5	5	10	4	3	7	4	6	7	4	4	8
TOTAL BETTER	11	7	11	6	9	10	4	6	8	6	11	11	6	4	9	5	11	8	5	5	11
Stay about the same	28	29	38	22	37	34	21	30	30	27	34	31	23	30	30	27	33	28	29	27	30
Get a little worse	36	37	40	38	43	40	38	40	36	39	25	34	37	45	39	35	36	40	38	34	34
Get a lot worse	21	23	9	30	10	15	32	20	22	23	13	16	32	21	18	28	15	20	24	29	19
TOTAL WORSE	57	60	49	68	53	55	70	60	58	61	38	51	69	66	57	63	50	61	62	63	54
Don't know	4	5	2	4	0	2	5	4	3	6	17	7	2	0	4	6	5	4	4	5	5

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George Osborne has delivered his autumn statement, in which the forecast growth of the British economy next year was reduced from 2.5% to 0.7%. Which one or two, if any, of the following do you think is most to blame for the low rate of growth?

The debt crisis in the Eurozone	44	62	36	52	61	35	46	47	42	44	41	44	48	48	40	46	47	43	43	39
Debts run up by the last Labour government	32	67	5	29	62	4	21	33	31	16	27	32	44	34	29	33	36	34	26	25
The banks	31	17	40	36	17	40	41	30	32	18	33	32	34	31	32	23	32	29	37	29
The current government's economic policy	28	2	56	19	7	56	32	31	25	13	27	32	30	28	27	31	24	27	27	40
Higher world energy and commodity prices	15	17	15	19	17	13	18	18	12	16	16	14	15	17	13	10	19	15	14	10
Don't know	11	4	8	5	5	10	8	6	15	36	13	7	3	8	15	19	7	12	10	12
Something else	2	2	1	4	3	2	2	3	2	4	4	2	1	3	2	1	2	3	3	4

From what you have seen or heard, do you think the measures the Chancellor announced help the following areas more than elsewhere in Britain, less than elsewhere in Britain, or about the same?

Scotland

Help this area more	10	11	10	7	12	9	7	10	10	10	6	11	12	11	9	11	12	8	10	8
Help this area less	17	10	27	19	11	25	18	23	11	14	16	18	17	18	16	12	13	19	18	30
About the same as elsewhere	32	40	31	43	37	29	33	33	31	19	30	34	36	34	30	28	31	34	32	36
Don't know	41	39	32	32	40	37	42	34	48	56	47	37	34	37	46	49	44	40	40	26

Wales

Help this area more	8	9	9	5	11	7	6	9	8	9	5	10	9	9	7	11	9	8	7	4
Help this area less	17	10	27	19	10	29	18	23	12	16	17	17	18	18	16	11	13	21	19	29
About the same as elsewhere	34	43	32	45	40	29	34	35	33	18	31	36	41	36	32	31	35	33	33	39
Don't know	40	37	31	31	38	36	42	33	47	57	47	37	31	37	45	48	42	38	41	27

The North of England

Help this area more	12	17	11	14	17	10	10	15	9	12	8	12	15	14	10	12	13	10	14	9
Help this area less	19	10	32	16	12	31	20	24	15	16	16	20	23	20	18	10	14	21	29	23
About the same as elsewhere	31	38	28	38	36	27	29	31	30	16	30	34	33	32	29	32	33	32	24	40
Don't know	38	35	29	32	35	33	40	30	45	56	46	33	29	34	43	47	40	38	34	28

The Midlands

Help this area more	9	13	8	13	13	7	7	12	7	11	6	9	12	10	8	9	10	10	8	10
Help this area less	15	8	27	13	8	27	15	19	12	8	14	17	17	15	15	8	11	20	21	18
About the same as elsewhere	37	44	36	42	43	32	37	39	34	25	34	39	41	39	33	35	39	34	33	45
Don't know	39	35	30	32	36	34	41	31	46	56	46	35	30	36	43	47	41	37	38	27

London

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Help this area more	26	19	38	27	18	33	28	31	21	22	20	28	31	27	24	18	16	32	35	36
Help this area less	9	11	9	8	12	9	7	11	7	2	9	9	11	9	8	10	12	6	8	6
About the same as elsewhere	29	37	26	36	37	24	27	29	28	22	28	31	30	30	26	30	34	27	22	31
Don't know	37	33	27	29	34	33	38	29	44	55	43	33	28	33	42	42	38	36	35	27
The South of England, outside London																				
Help this area more	21	17	31	20	16	29	21	26	17	18	17	21	28	23	19	12	10	28	31	31
Help this area less	10	11	12	10	13	11	8	13	8	7	9	12	12	12	9	8	16	6	8	8
About the same as elsewhere	31	40	30	39	37	28	31	32	31	21	31	34	33	32	31	36	35	29	26	31
Don't know	37	33	27	31	34	33	40	29	45	55	44	33	28	33	42	44	39	36	35	29

Do you support or oppose the following policies announced by the Chancellor?

Following a two year pay freeze, limiting pay rises for public sector workers to 1% for two more years

Strongly support	19	44	5	17	36	5	12	22	17	8	14	20	28	21	17	18	22	22	15	11
Tend to support	28	38	19	38	36	19	30	26	29	27	23	29	32	28	27	25	29	29	26	31
TOTAL SUPPORT	47	82	24	56	73	24	41	48	46	35	37	48	59	49	44	44	51	52	41	42
Tend to oppose	19	9	27	25	13	23	24	20	18	18	19	19	18	20	18	23	20	15	20	16
Strongly oppose	22	3	41	14	8	42	22	22	22	9	29	26	16	23	21	21	19	22	25	26
TOTAL OPPOSE	41	12	68	39	21	65	46	42	39	27	48	45	35	42	38	43	39	37	44	42
Don't know	12	6	8	6	6	11	13	10	15	38	15	6	6	9	17	13	10	11	15	16

Increasing the state pension age to 67 by 2026

Strongly support	13	29	5	17	24	2	11	19	8	11	10	10	22	16	9	20	16	10	10	11
Tend to support	26	40	21	36	36	20	29	26	26	28	24	24	29	30	21	27	30	27	22	26
TOTAL SUPPORT	40	69	26	53	60	22	40	45	34	39	34	34	51	47	30	46	46	36	32	36
Tend to oppose	24	19	25	27	22	25	27	23	26	13	25	28	24	23	26	21	21	28	26	23
Strongly oppose	27	7	42	16	14	44	26	25	29	22	27	32	22	24	31	23	25	26	31	30
TOTAL OPPOSE	51	26	67	42	35	69	53	47	54	35	52	60	46	46	57	44	46	54	57	54
Don't know	9	5	7	5	4	9	7	7	11	26	14	6	3	7	13	9	8	9	11	10

Spending £1bn on subsidising work placements for young unemployed people

Strongly support	19	29	17	31	24	15	20	21	17	16	15	18	25	20	18	18	20	19	19	19
Tend to support	49	50	51	46	51	51	50	49	49	37	48	51	55	51	47	54	50	48	45	56
TOTAL SUPPORT	68	78	67	77	75	66	70	71	66	53	63	69	79	71	65	71	70	67	64	75
Tend to oppose	13	12	15	14	14	15	13	14	13	13	15	13	13	15	12	11	14	14	15	12
Strongly oppose	6	4	8	3	4	7	7	7	6	7	7	8	4	6	6	8	7	8	6	2
TOTAL OPPOSE	20	15	23	17	19	21	20	21	19	21	22	21	16	21	18	18	20	22	21	14
Don't know	12	6	10	6	6	13	9	8	15	26	15	10	5	8	17	11	10	11	15	11

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Increasing the discount for people buying their council house to 50%

Strongly support	9	12	8	8	11	8	7	13	5	10	9	7	10	8	10	13	8	10	7	9
Tend to support	25	30	24	25	28	20	26	28	22	25	22	26	28	26	24	19	24	24	34	19
TOTAL SUPPORT	34	42	32	33	40	28	33	41	28	35	31	33	38	34	34	32	32	34	41	28
Tend to oppose	28	30	27	32	30	30	29	23	34	27	28	27	32	29	27	32	30	28	26	23
Strongly oppose	24	18	30	27	20	29	24	25	23	9	25	29	22	26	21	22	25	25	18	33
TOTAL OPPOSE	52	48	58	59	51	59	53	47	57	36	53	56	54	55	48	55	55	53	44	56
Don't know	14	10	10	9	10	13	13	12	16	29	17	11	8	11	18	13	13	13	15	16

Spending money on 35 new road and rail improvement schemes

Strongly support	16	24	16	20	23	13	14	23	10	16	13	14	21	19	13	16	15	17	16	22
Tend to support	48	52	47	46	51	51	50	49	47	27	43	54	53	51	43	45	51	41	50	50
TOTAL SUPPORT	64	76	64	66	74	63	64	72	57	44	57	68	74	70	56	60	65	58	67	73
Tend to oppose	16	13	18	20	14	16	18	14	19	17	16	15	17	14	19	20	18	19	12	10
Strongly oppose	7	4	10	5	6	8	6	7	8	11	9	7	4	7	8	4	7	10	8	6
TOTAL OPPOSE	24	17	27	25	20	25	24	20	27	28	26	22	21	21	28	24	25	28	20	16
Don't know	12	6	9	9	6	12	12	8	16	28	18	9	4	9	16	16	10	14	13	11

Raising the levy on bank profits

Strongly support	44	45	47	50	45	44	51	47	41	21	37	45	58	48	38	39	48	42	40	50
Tend to support	30	34	28	30	35	31	27	31	29	19	31	33	30	29	30	30	28	31	32	26
TOTAL SUPPORT	74	79	75	79	80	75	78	77	70	40	68	78	88	78	68	70	76	74	72	76
Tend to oppose	6	7	6	6	8	6	3	7	5	10	7	6	4	7	6	6	8	7	4	8
Strongly oppose	3	4	4	3	4	4	2	3	4	7	4	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	5	2
TOTAL OPPOSE	10	11	10	9	12	10	5	11	9	17	11	9	7	10	10	9	11	10	8	11
Don't know	17	10	15	12	8	16	17	12	21	43	21	13	5	13	21	21	13	17	20	14

Cancelling the planned 3p rise in fuel duty in January

Strongly support	62	76	55	59	74	55	59	61	64	38	56	67	73	62	63	52	64	68	60	63
Tend to support	21	15	27	27	16	28	25	21	22	30	22	20	19	23	19	30	20	18	21	24
TOTAL SUPPORT	84	91	82	86	90	83	84	82	86	69	78	87	92	85	82	82	84	87	82	87
Tend to oppose	5	5	8	7	6	5	6	7	4	8	8	4	4	6	4	7	6	4	6	4
Strongly oppose	3	1	3	5	1	4	3	4	2	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	2	2	3	2
TOTAL OPPOSE	8	5	12	12	6	9	9	11	5	12	10	6	7	9	7	10	8	6	8	6
Don't know	8	4	7	2	4	8	7	8	9	20	12	7	1	6	11	8	8	7	10	7

Fieldwork: 29th - 30th November 2011

	Voting intention			2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample	1769	484	550	120	576	444	388	860	909	214	451	605	499	1008	761	226	575	379	435	154
Unweighted Sample	1769	503	479	130	600	380	419	856	913	98	444	730	497	1168	601	218	604	384	394	169
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Reducing the increases in rail fares to 1% above inflation, rather than 3%

Strongly support	42	56	32	47	54	29	43	41	44	40	34	41	52	45	39	55	45	43	34	35
Tend to support	38	33	46	39	35	48	38	37	38	30	42	39	36	37	38	33	37	34	41	45
TOTAL SUPPORT	80	89	78	87	88	77	81	78	82	70	75	80	88	83	77	88	83	76	75	79
Tend to oppose	6	5	7	5	6	6	5	8	5	6	7	7	4	6	6	2	6	8	7	5
Strongly oppose	3	0	5	2	1	5	3	4	2	3	3	3	2	2	3	0	2	4	4	3
TOTAL OPPOSE	9	5	12	7	7	12	8	11	6	9	10	10	6	9	9	3	7	12	11	8
Don't know	11	6	9	6	5	11	11	11	12	21	15	10	5	9	15	9	10	12	13	13

Giving a £50 rebate on water bills to people living in the South-West

Strongly support	10	11	12	12	13	7	12	13	8	15	7	10	12	12	8	13	21	4	3	3
Tend to support	14	17	13	21	17	12	12	15	12	13	12	13	16	15	12	20	18	13	6	10
TOTAL SUPPORT	24	28	24	33	30	19	24	28	20	28	19	23	28	26	20	33	39	17	9	13
Tend to oppose	24	29	22	20	27	23	24	24	23	15	22	27	26	25	23	22	20	29	25	21
Strongly oppose	25	17	33	16	20	35	24	25	24	15	29	28	21	23	27	11	14	29	40	31
TOTAL OPPOSE	49	46	55	36	48	57	47	49	48	30	50	55	47	48	49	32	34	59	66	53
Don't know	28	25	21	31	22	23	29	23	32	42	31	22	25	26	30	35	27	25	25	34

Do you think George Osborne was right or wrong to increase out-of-work benefits in line with inflation?

Right	40	36	52	45	35	45	46	45	36	24	29	45	51	39	41	42	37	44	39	42
Wrong	44	53	37	40	53	40	40	42	45	45	53	41	38	47	40	39	49	40	45	38
Don't know	16	11	11	15	11	14	14	13	19	31	18	14	11	15	18	19	14	16	16	19