

YouGov / The Sun Survey Results



Sample Size: 2042 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 20th - 21st June 2010

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Comparing your situation with this time last year...

Are you finding it easier or harder to make ends meet or is it about the same?

Easier	3	4	4	5	5	2	6	5	3	2	3	3	6	3	2	3	2
Harder	39	36	37	40	38	40	37	38	41	39	34	46	34	38	38	44	38
About the same	55	60	57	52	55	56	49	53	56	59	61	48	56	57	57	52	54
Not sure / not applicable	2	0	2	2	3	2	8	3	1	1	2	3	4	2	3	1	5

Do you think your job is safer, less safe or about the same?

Safer	3	3	2	5	4	3	7	5	3	1	4	3	5	3	3	3	2
Less safe	26	20	35	21	29	24	21	32	34	13	29	23	28	27	24	26	28
About the same	35	41	29	39	36	34	41	48	40	14	37	32	40	35	36	33	29
Not sure / not applicable	36	35	34	35	31	40	31	15	22	73	31	43	26	36	37	38	40

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

Get a lot better	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	3	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	3
Get a little better	12	14	8	14	13	10	24	18	9	4	13	10	16	11	13	10	10
TOTAL BETTER	14	16	10	17	15	11	25	21	11	5	15	11	18	13	14	11	13
Stay the same	24	26	21	28	22	26	24	28	22	23	27	21	27	26	24	22	19
Get a little worse	39	45	36	36	39	39	23	31	41	51	39	40	34	39	40	42	38
Get a lot worse	18	10	28	16	20	16	11	13	23	20	15	22	15	16	19	20	22
TOTAL WORSE	57	55	64	52	59	55	34	44	64	71	54	62	49	55	59	62	60
Don't know	5	3	5	3	3	7	16	7	3	1	4	7	6	5	4	5	7

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Thinking about the way the government is cutting spending to reduce the government's deficit, do you think this is...

Good or bad for the economy?

Good for the economy	47	82	14	48	48	47	38	41	45	60	50	43	45	52	48	46	35
Bad for the economy	30	4	70	26	35	26	30	31	37	23	29	32	28	25	31	33	44
Don't know	22	14	17	26	18	26	32	28	19	17	20	25	27	23	21	21	21

Being done fairly or unfairly?

Fairly	34	67	8	34	34	34	29	30	32	42	37	30	31	41	33	32	19
Unfairly	35	6	70	31	39	30	37	36	39	27	32	38	33	28	34	38	53
Don't know	32	28	22	34	27	36	34	34	29	31	31	33	36	31	33	30	27

Having an impact on your own life, or not having an impact on your own life?

Having an impact on my life	55	52	62	60	57	53	52	52	60	52	55	54	45	50	58	61	61
Not having an impact on my life	18	23	16	15	20	17	19	20	16	20	19	17	21	19	20	16	17
Don't know	27	25	22	26	23	31	30	27	24	28	26	29	34	31	22	24	22

And who do you think is most to blame for the current spending cuts?

The Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition	19	1	54	10	21	18	18	18	26	13	17	22	16	15	20	21	36
The last Labour government	49	93	6	54	50	48	38	46	47	59	52	46	49	58	48	45	30
Both	18	3	25	21	17	18	20	23	15	15	17	19	19	13	19	21	20
Neither	7	2	11	10	7	7	7	6	7	8	9	5	10	6	8	7	6
Don't know	7	1	4	5	5	9	17	8	4	5	6	9	6	8	6	6	9

In a few days time George Osborne, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will unveil his first Budget. He is expected to announce cuts in spending, and increases in taxes, in order to reduce government borrowing.

Do you think...

It's the right time to cut borrowing sharply, so Britain's economy can recover	41	78	9	41	43	40	33	37	38	53	44	38	40	47	43	38	29
It's the wrong time: higher taxes and lower spending this year could drive Britain back into recession	40	9	81	37	42	38	41	39	47	31	38	42	37	34	40	44	53
Not sure	19	13	10	22	15	23	26	23	16	17	18	20	23	20	17	18	18

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Spending on the NHS and international development is being protected from spending cuts. As a result, cuts in other government departments will have to be deeper in order, in order to achieve the overall target for spending cuts.

Do you think it is right or wrong to protect spending on the NHS, if this means deeper cuts elsewhere?

Right - its budget should be protected	62	55	71	71	60	64	62	59	63	64	61	64	64	62	63	65	53
Wrong - it should face its share of spending cuts	28	39	20	23	33	23	16	29	28	31	31	23	21	29	28	26	36
Don't know	10	6	8	7	7	13	22	12	9	5	8	13	15	9	9	9	11

Do you think it is right or wrong to protect spending on international development, if this means deeper cuts elsewhere?

Right - its budget should be protected	10	7	15	13	12	9	13	11	12	7	12	8	15	9	10	10	8
Wrong - it should face its share of spending cuts	73	83	71	73	79	67	55	70	74	82	74	72	63	73	74	76	76
Don't know	17	10	14	14	9	24	32	19	14	11	14	20	22	17	16	14	15

The government has also decided that nobody earning less than £10,000 a year will pay income tax, and people earning more than £10,000 will pay less standard rate income tax. But other taxes will have to rise to pay for this. Do you support or oppose this measure?

Support raising tax threshold to £10,000 a year, even if other taxes have to rise	64	73	58	72	67	61	47	57	64	79	65	63	55	68	70	61	60
Oppose raising tax threshold, and not raising other taxes so much	20	17	27	18	21	20	20	25	23	13	21	19	27	17	16	24	23
Don't know	16	10	15	10	12	19	33	18	13	8	14	18	18	15	14	16	18

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The Government is also considering a new tax on banks, in addition to the taxes they already pay. It would be a tax on their turnover - that is, the amount of business they do. Do you support or oppose this tax?

Support - banks have behaved badly in recent years and therefore should contribute more to our economy	76	78	77	82	78	73	65	74	76	81	75	77	69	73	77	80	79
Oppose - banks could end up doing less business in Britain, which would be bad for our economy	13	14	14	8	15	11	13	13	13	11	14	11	14	15	11	11	13
Don't know	12	8	10	10	7	16	22	13	10	8	11	13	17	12	11	9	8

Some other taxes are certain to rise. If you had to choose, which FOUR of the following would you MOST like to see happen? (Please select EXACTLY four.)

Sharply higher tobacco duty	70	77	66	67	69	72	73	73	69	68	72	68	73	68	72	71	67
Higher corporation tax on company profits	57	50	62	58	54	58	60	61	57	51	54	61	61	56	56	53	62
Sharply higher alcohol duty	47	57	41	41	39	55	35	45	45	55	46	49	52	48	49	45	34
A rise in the higher (40p) rate of income tax	46	41	53	51	51	41	36	38	49	53	46	44	35	47	45	48	53
Higher capital gains tax	43	34	53	42	44	41	30	41	47	44	41	45	42	39	41	46	50
Increasing taxes on air travel	43	45	39	49	40	47	48	43	41	43	45	41	36	46	48	44	33
A rise in the rate of VAT	22	32	13	16	25	19	15	19	22	26	23	20	18	23	23	22	19
Higher national insurance of employers	16	11	20	18	16	16	26	19	14	12	16	16	18	17	15	15	17
Higher capital transfer tax (or 'death duty')	13	8	18	12	13	12	13	11	14	13	13	13	11	11	13	12	21
A rise in the standard (20p) rate of income tax	12	13	8	15	12	11	20	10	10	12	12	11	12	13	12	10	12
Extending VAT to food and children's clothes	11	16	7	7	12	10	16	16	9	6	12	9	16	11	10	9	9
Higher stamp duty when buying a house	10	7	12	12	11	9	10	10	12	7	8	12	9	9	9	12	9
Sharply higher petrol duty	5	3	6	7	7	4	10	9	4	2	5	5	14	4	3	6	3
Higher national insurance on workers	4	4	3	5	5	4	6	2	5	6	5	4	2	5	4	4	9
Higher council tax	2	2	1	0	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	3

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And which FOUR would you LEAST like to see happen?(Please select EXACTLY four.)

Sharply higher petrol duty	54	57	55	46	52	56	57	49	54	58	51	59	41	55	60	54	58
Higher council tax	54	49	54	59	53	55	56	57	51	53	53	55	53	52	55	57	51
Extending VAT to food and children's clothes	52	48	57	55	50	54	37	44	54	63	51	53	39	54	51	56	54
A rise in the standard (20p) rate of income tax	51	52	52	51	53	49	36	54	53	53	55	47	48	51	53	51	52
Higher national insurance on workers	47	40	53	51	46	47	54	52	49	37	46	47	49	45	46	50	44
A rise in the rate of VAT	45	36	53	50	46	45	45	45	48	43	45	46	46	42	47	46	51
Higher stamp duty when buying a house	18	20	15	19	16	20	22	18	14	21	18	17	26	20	17	14	15
Higher national insurance of employers	15	17	13	14	17	13	13	13	15	17	16	14	17	15	13	16	13
Sharply higher alcohol duty	14	13	12	15	17	10	23	16	15	7	14	14	13	13	13	15	17
A rise in the higher (40p) rate of income tax	13	18	11	9	13	12	18	15	13	8	13	12	17	12	14	12	10
Higher capital transfer tax (or 'death duty')	12	16	8	9	10	13	9	11	10	15	12	11	17	14	9	9	10
Increasing taxes on air travel	8	9	6	7	7	9	7	9	6	9	7	8	13	8	7	6	9
Sharply higher tobacco duty	7	7	5	7	6	8	11	5	7	6	6	9	7	10	5	5	8
Higher capital gains tax	6	10	4	2	7	5	6	7	5	7	7	5	9	6	6	5	5
Higher corporation tax on company profits	5	7	2	5	7	3	6	6	5	4	6	3	5	5	4	5	3