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Sample Size: 2057 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 4th - 5th October 2010

		Voting intention			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region				
	Total	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	**2057**	690	631	169	1003	1054	251	521	705	580	1152	869	266	670	441	502	178
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Universal benefits such as child benefit are currently available to all eligible people, regardless of their income. The government have announced that from 2013 they will end child benefit for people in households where someone earns over £44,000.
In principle, do you support or oppose limiting child benefit so that people with high incomes do not receive it?

Strongly support	45	56	39	53	51	39	40	39	47	50	40	51	41	43	46	48	44
Tend to support	38	35	39	33	36	41	36	39	37	40	40	36	34	43	38	34	40
TOTAL SUPPORT	**83**	**91**	**78**	**86**	**87**	**80**	**76**	**78**	**84**	**90**	**80**	**87**	**75**	**86**	**84**	**82**	**84**
Tend to oppose	9	6	11	8	8	10	14	13	7	5	11	6	14	8	8	8	8
Strongly oppose	6	3	10	5	4	7	6	7	6	4	7	4	8	4	5	6	6
TOTAL OPPOSE	**15**	**9**	**21**	**13**	**12**	**17**	**20**	**20**	**13**	**9**	**18**	**10**	**22**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**14**
Don't know	2	1	1	1	1	3	5	2	3	1	2	3	3	1	3	3	2

The government are proposing to stop child benefit for any family where a taxpayer earns over £44,000 a year. This means a family where a husband and wife earn £30,000 each would still recieve the benefit, but a family where the husband alone earned £44,000 would not. The government have said that the alternative of fully means-testing the benefit based on total household income would be very expensive and wipe out the money saved. Which of the following best reflects your view?

The proposed system is less than ideal, but is an acceptable compromise if the cost of a means-test based on household income would wipe out the savings	41	56	29	47	45	37	38	38	40	45	42	40	40	44	41	38	37
The proposed system is unfair, if the government want to stop the benefit going to the wealthy they should introduce a proper means-test, even if this means less money is saved	46	33	59	40	43	48	47	49	48	40	45	47	45	44	43	49	53
Neither	7	6	7	7	5	9	6	5	7	10	8	7	10	6	8	6	5
Don't know	6	5	5	6	6	6	9	8	5	5	6	7	6	5	8	7	5

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The government have also proposed a cap on the amount of benefits any one family can receive, so no family can recieve more than the average family would get for going to work. Do you support or oppose this policy?

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Strongly support	**55**	79	38	53	58	53	46	51	54	64	57	51	54	58	58	51	51
Tend to support	**31**	18	39	37	31	31	36	31	32	27	31	31	35	28	30	33	31
TOTAL SUPPORT	**86**	97	77	90	89	84	82	82	86	91	88	82	89	86	88	84	82
Tend to oppose	**5**	1	9	3	4	5	5	6	4	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	8
Strongly oppose	**3**	0	5	3	4	2	5	2	3	2	2	4	2	2	2	4	4
TOTAL OPPOSE	**8**	1	14	6	8	7	10	8	7	6	7	8	7	6	7	8	12
Don't know	**7**	2	9	5	4	10	8	9	6	4	5	9	4	7	6	9	6

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