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Sample Size: 810 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 19th October 2010

	Voting intention			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
	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	810	268	249	76	398	412	98	205	278	229	453	342	104	262	175	199	70
Unweighted Sample	810	259	259	79	398	412	56	169	303	282	500	295	115	293	154	203	45
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Today's defence review is expected to announce cuts of under 10% in defence spending, less than many other government departments. Which of the following best reflects your view?

The cuts are too deep and defence spending should have been protected	37	30	47	20	37	37	18	26	40	51	29	47	39	32	38	38	48
The cuts are about right	38	57	28	45	39	37	48	45	34	32	44	31	38	46	32	35	31
The cuts are too shallow, there was room to cut defence more to protect other departments	13	6	14	25	17	9	22	12	14	9	13	13	9	11	16	16	10
Don't have	12	7	10	10	7	17	12	17	12	8	14	10	14	11	13	12	11

The review is expected to announce the scrapping of the Harrier Jump Jet, which will mean Britain's aircraft carriers will have no jet planes until the new jets arrive in 2020. Until then Britain's carriers will be used for helicopters or by planes from NATO allies. Which of the following best reflects your view?

It is acceptable to axe the Harrier Jets now to save money, Britain can afford to rely upon allies and helicopters until 2020	23	28	23	28	28	19	25	28	21	22	27	19	26	27	20	23	18
It is unacceptable to axe the Harrier Jets now, they should be retained until their replacements are ready in 2020	60	59	67	46	62	57	57	43	65	69	56	64	53	59	61	62	65
Don't know	17	12	11	26	9	24	19	29	14	9	17	17	21	15	19	15	17

The review is also expected to include a reduction in armed forces personnel of 16,000. Do you think this is acceptable or unacceptable?

Acceptable	29	34	22	52	35	23	33	35	25	26	34	21	22	34	24	30	25
Unacceptable - the reduction in troop numbers is too large	48	45	60	26	49	47	34	34	55	58	45	53	42	41	51	54	61
Unacceptable - the reduction in troop numbers should be larger	5	5	7	5	4	6	17	7	2	3	5	6	8	3	6	5	10
Don't know	18	16	10	17	12	24	17	24	18	13	16	20	29	21	19	11	4

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The lack of carrier based jet fighters and the reduction in the size of the Navy fleet will leave the Royal Navy weaker than that of some other European NATO allies.

Do you think this is acceptable or unacceptable?

Acceptable - with changes in the risks facing Britain the Navy is no longer such an important part of Britain's defences	26	30	26	35	31	21	27	33	21	26	33	18	22	29	26	25	26
Unacceptable - it is impossible to know what risks Britain might face in the future and the navy is an important part of Britain's defences	59	58	66	42	56	61	54	43	67	66	53	66	54	54	62	63	67
Don't know	15	12	8	23	12	17	19	25	12	8	14	16	24	17	12	12	7

Who do you think is mainly to blame for the cuts to the armed forces?

The Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition	30	5	73	5	32	29	12	34	32	33	28	35	20	24	36	38	32
The last Labour government	34	72	1	52	35	33	25	32	34	40	38	29	39	41	29	27	33
Both	23	16	20	19	25	22	42	18	23	20	22	25	24	21	22	25	30
Neither	4	1	3	15	4	4	7	4	3	3	4	3	9	6	0	2	2
Don't know	8	6	3	8	4	13	14	12	7	4	9	8	8	8	12	8	3