

YouGov / Sun post-Budget survey

Fieldwork: June 22-23, sample 1,641

	June 20-21	June 22-23
	%	%
Headline Voting Intention		
Con	41	42
Lab	33	34
Lib Dem	18	17
Other	7	7
Do you approve or disapprove of the Government's record to date?		
Approve	47	41
Disapprove	28	28
Don't know	26	31
Do you think George Osborne is doing a good job or a bad job as Chancellor of the Exchequer?		
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He is doing a good job	20	43
He is doing a bad job	53	24
Don't know	27	33

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?

	<i>June 20-21</i>	June 22-23
Easier	2	2
Harder	33	34
About the same	61	60
Not sure/ not applicable	4	4

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

Safer	3	2
Less safe	23	23
About the same	33	33
Not sure / not applicable	41	41

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

Get a lot better	2	1
Get a little better	12	9
TOTAL BETTER	14	10
Stay the same	24	26
Get a little worse	39	40
Get a lot worse	18	18
TOTAL WORSE	57	58
Don't know	5	5

Thinking about the way the government is cutting spending to reduce the government's deficit, do you think this...		<i>June 20-21</i>	June 22-23
Is good or bad for the economy?			
	Good for the economy	47	53
	Bad for the economy	30	28
	Don't know	22	19
Is being done fairly or unfairly?			
	Fairly	34	45
	Unfairly	35	34
	Don't know	22	21
Will have an impact on your own life, or not having an impact on your own life?			
	Having an impact on my life	55	61
	Not having an impact on my life	18	16
	Don't know	27	23
And who do you think is most to blame for the current spending cuts?			
	The Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition	19	18
	The last Labour government	49	49
	Both	18	18
	Neither	7	9
	Don't know	7	6

		<i>June 20-21</i>	June 22-23
George Osborne, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has unveiled his first Budget. He announced 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	48
	It's the wrong time: higher taxes and lower spending this year could drive Britain back into recession	40	33
	Not sure	19	20
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 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	67
	Wrong - it should face its share of spending cuts	28	23
	Don't know	10	10
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	12
	Wrong - it should face its share of spending cuts	73	68
	Don't know	17	20
Do you think Mr Osborne is telling the truth about the state of Britain's economy?			
	Is telling the truth		46
	Is not		24
	Don't know		30

Given the state of the economy and the need to make tough choices, do you support or oppose the following tax increases or spending cuts that Mr Osborne announced in the Budget this week?

	Support	Oppose	Don't know
	%	%	%
Impose a levy on banks, so they pay the government an extra £2 billion a year	86	4	11
Reduce tax credits for families earning more than £40,000 a year	82	10	8
Limit housing benefit to a maximum of £400 a week	78	10	12
Increase capital gains tax for higher-rate taxpayers from 18% to 28%	72	10	18
Freeze the level of child benefit for the next three years	59	29	12
Impose a two-year pay freeze on public sector workers earning more than £21,000 a year	58	27	15
Reduce future increases in welfare benefits (other than pensions) by changing the inflation calculation	53	23	24
Bring forward the increase in retirement age to 66	44	39	17
Increase VAT from 17.5% to 20% from next January	34	54	12

And again, given the state of the economy and the need to make tough choices, do you support or oppose the following tax cuts or spending increases that Mr Osborne announced in the Budget this week?

Increase the personal income tax allowance from £6475 to £7475	86	4	10
Restoring the earnings link for increases in the state pension	74	5	22
Giving local authorities that make cuts the money to freeze council tax for a year	73	12	16
Abolish the planned tax on landlines to pay for superfast broadband	67	16	17
Doubling the operational allowance paid to troops serving in Afghanistan	65	18	17
Reduce the corporation tax that companies pay on their profits from 28% to 24% over the next four years	48	27	25
Increasing the child tax credit by £150 above inflation	45	31	24
Scrap the planned 10 percent cider tax	43	35	22

The 'civil list' - the amount the government pays the royal family - has been held at £7.9 million a year for the past twenty years. It is to be kept at £7.9 million. Do you think the civil list should be...

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Increased	8
Kept the same	38
Reduced	47
Don't know	7

Overall do you think this week's Budget is a fair one or not?

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Yes, it is fair	32	50
No, it isn't	46	27
Don't know	22	23

Do you think the measures announced in the Budget will or will not...

	Will	Will not	Don't know
Increase unemployment in the next year or two?	55	19	27
Bring government borrowing down sharply, so government finances are in balance by 2016?	45	24	30
Increase poverty?	44	32	24
Ensure that everyone, and every region, shares in Britain's economic recovery in due course?	41	31	28
Increase taxes more for the rich than anyone else?	41	34	26

Do you think the Liberal Democratic leadership is right or wrong to support the Budget?

	All	Lib Dem voters
Right	52	69
Wrong	28	17
Don't know	20	14

Overall, do you think Mr Osborne has taken broadly the right or wrong decisions in the Budget...	Right	Wrong	Not sure
For Britain as a whole?	57	23	20
For people like you?	42	33	25

a) If the Conservatives had won the general election outright and not formed a coalition with the Liberal Democrats, do you they would have been better or worse at...

b) And if Labour had won the general election, do you they would have been better or worse at...

	(a) Conserv- atives alone	(b) Labour
Running the economy		
Better than the coalition	14	24
Worse than the coalition	34	51
The same as the coalition	35	10
Don't know	17	14
Protecting the poorest		
Better than the coalition	7	34
Worse than the coalition	46	41
The same as the coalition	30	10
Don't know	18	15
Helping people like you		
Better than the coalition	11	25
Worse than the coalition	38	47
The same as the coalition	32	12
Don't know	19	16