

YouGov / The Sun Survey Results

Sample Size: 1874 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 20th - 21st October 2010

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Headline Voting Intention

[Excluding Don't Know and Wouldn't Vote]

Con	41	100	0	0	39	42	35	38	39	47	44	36	42	49	43	34	19
Lab	40	0	100	0	40	40	44	43	41	36	37	44	41	30	39	50	51
Lib Dem	10	0	0	100	10	10	12	11	10	8	11	9	11	14	8	9	5
Other	9	0	0	0	10	8	9	8	11	9	8	11	6	7	10	8	25

Other Parties Voting Intention

UKIP	3	0	0	0	3	3	4	2	4	3	2	4	3	3	3	4	1
SNP / PCY	2	0	0	0	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	0	0	2	0	20
Green	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	3	1	0	2	1	2	2	1	1	0
BNP	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Other	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	3

Non Voters

Would Not Vote	7	0	0	0	5	9	9	10	7	4	7	7	4	8	10	7	4
Don't know	14	0	0	0	9	18	11	15	14	13	13	15	15	13	14	14	13

Do you approve or disapprove of the Government's record to date?

		19-20 Oct	20-21 Oct														
Approve	39	40	90	4	60	44	36	38	36	36	50	43	35	44	46	42	33
Disapprove	44	45	1	88	19	45	44	39	43	51	41	41	49	39	38	43	52
Don't know	18	16	8	7	21	12	19	23	21	13	10	16	15	17	16	15	17

Weighted Sample
Unweighted Sample

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Here are some statements that different people make about different political parties. In each case, which party do you think it applies to most - the Conservatives, Labour or the Liberal Democrats?

The kind of society it wants is broadly the kind of society I want

Applies most to the Conservatives	35	34	89	3	8	34	33	28	28	32	43	37	29	32	40	39	26	23
Applies most to Labour	27	27	1	76	3	30	24	27	27	27	27	28	26	30	20	26	31	43
Applies most to the Liberal Democrats	10	9	2	3	72	10	9	11	12	8	8	11	7	13	10	8	8	6
Applies to none of them	15	18	3	10	7	18	18	15	14	23	16	14	23	10	16	19	23	20
Don't know	14	12	5	7	10	7	16	20	18	9	6	9	14	15	14	8	12	9

It is led by people of real ability

Applies most to the Conservatives	32	31	81	2	23	32	30	30	25	28	40	33	27	32	37	32	27	16
Applies most to Labour	19	18	1	52	2	21	15	14	18	19	18	17	19	18	15	16	20	25
Applies most to the Liberal Democrats	7	5	0	2	36	5	4	6	4	6	3	6	3	6	5	6	3	2
Applies to none of them	25	29	9	31	19	30	28	25	27	33	28	28	30	24	24	29	35	41
Don't know	18	18	9	13	21	12	23	25	26	14	11	15	21	21	19	16	16	16

Its leaders are prepared to take tough and unpopular decisions

Applies most to the Conservatives	62	62	92	47	53	65	60	52	56	61	74	67	57	58	65	67	60	55
Applies most to Labour	11	10	1	28	1	10	10	10	9	11	11	9	12	13	8	10	9	17
Applies most to the Liberal Democrats	4	5	2	2	29	5	4	9	3	5	4	5	5	6	5	4	4	2
Applies to none of them	12	11	2	11	8	11	12	8	14	15	6	10	13	10	10	11	13	16
Don't know	12	12	3	12	10	9	14	20	18	8	6	10	14	13	12	8	13	11

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It seems to chop and change all the time: you can never be quite sure what it stands for

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Applies most to the Liberal Democrats	23	29	23	47	8	32	26	28	26	30	31	33	25	30	24	30	29	42
Applies most to the Conservatives	19	18	5	36	9	19	16	18	20	16	17	14	22	18	15	17	20	22
Applies to none of them	8	9	6	5	11	8	9	9	9	11	6	7	10	6	9	7	10	10
Don't know	16	15	9	7	15	9	20	24	19	13	10	13	17	17	16	14	14	9

17-18
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Which of the main political parties do you trust the most to...

Reduce the country's deficit

Conservatives	46	50	97	19	47	54	46	46	46	48	56	55	43	53	55	54	44	34
Labour	20	18	0	53	1	21	16	19	16	19	20	17	20	17	15	18	19	31
Liberal Democrats	3	3	0	0	26	3	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	3	2	2	1
None of them	20	20	1	20	12	18	22	19	20	24	15	17	25	18	17	19	25	22
Don't know	12	9	2	7	14	5	14	14	16	5	7	8	11	10	10	6	9	12

Encourage economic growth

Conservatives	34	37	88	4	29	38	36	32	31	33	48	39	34	39	42	42	29	23
Labour	28	27	2	74	4	31	24	27	29	28	25	28	27	28	23	24	31	39
Liberal Democrats	5	4	1	1	34	5	3	5	4	5	2	5	3	2	6	4	4	2
None of them	20	20	3	15	14	18	21	18	18	26	14	17	24	18	17	20	24	21
Don't know	13	12	5	7	20	8	16	18	18	8	10	11	13	13	13	10	11	14

To cut spending in a fair and equal way

Conservatives	28	28	78	1	9	29	28	23	25	25	38	30	27	29	33	33	23	16
Labour	27	27	1	74	4	30	23	27	25	29	26	27	27	29	21	23	31	43
Liberal Democrats	10	9	6	2	62	11	7	11	12	9	6	12	6	11	12	9	7	3
None of them	22	25	10	18	14	24	27	23	20	32	24	22	29	20	22	27	32	25
Don't know	13	10	5	4	12	6	14	15	18	6	6	9	11	11	12	8	8	12

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Get people back into work																		
Conservatives	31	31	77	5	14	30	31	31	27	26	39	33	28	34	35	32	25	19
Labour	26	27	2	71	10	32	23	25	26	29	27	28	26	29	24	23	28	45
Liberal Democrats	6	5	2	1	37	5	5	6	5	6	3	6	4	5	5	6	4	2
None of them	22	24	11	17	15	24	25	20	22	32	20	22	27	19	21	26	31	23
Don't know	15	13	8	7	23	9	17	18	20	8	10	12	15	12	14	13	12	12
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	42	41	83	11	54	44	39	45	37	36	51	44	38	44	47	45	35	26
Bad for the economy	39	41	5	80	24	43	39	36	40	46	37	38	45	38	35	37	49	57
Don't know	19	18	11	9	23	13	22	19	23	18	12	18	18	18	19	18	16	17
Being done fairly or unfairly?																		
Fairly	36	36	77	8	51	39	34	36	36	32	42	39	32	39	42	39	29	25
Unfairly	47	50	11	87	36	51	49	45	45	57	46	46	54	47	43	48	58	60
Don't know	17	14	12	5	13	11	17	19	19	10	12	15	13	14	16	13	13	16
Having an impact on your own life, or not having an impact on your own life?																		
Having an impact on my life	56	62	61	70	53	64	60	59	61	68	58	62	61	67	58	62	66	63
Not having an impact on my life	26	21	25	17	30	23	20	29	20	17	25	23	20	19	24	20	20	21
Don't know	18	17	14	13	17	13	20	12	19	15	17	15	19	14	19	18	14	17

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Avoidable or unavoidable?

Avoidable	25	29	6	52	13	31	26	27	26	33	27	27	30	29	23	30	32	35
Unavoidable	60	58	91	33	77	59	58	54	58	56	63	61	53	56	63	61	54	50
Don't know	15	13	3	14	9	10	16	19	17	11	10	11	16	15	14	9	14	15

Do you think the government are cutting too fast, too slow, or is the pace of deficit reduction right?

Too fast	44	49	13	87	28	49	49	43	46	55	46	45	54	45	40	49	57	63
Too slow	5	4	7	2	5	5	3	8	5	2	4	4	3	5	4	3	4	3
Pace is about right	36	35	75	5	55	37	34	33	30	33	43	38	31	37	41	37	29	24
Don't know	14	12	6	5	12	10	14	16	20	9	6	12	11	13	14	11	10	10

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

The Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition	18	17	1	39	6	14	19	22	17	17	14	14	21	19	14	16	17	24
The last Labour government	48	47	93	6	65	50	44	38	40	48	56	51	41	47	54	53	39	28
Both	16	20	3	29	13	19	21	23	24	21	15	18	23	16	17	18	27	26
Neither	9	11	2	24	11	14	8	8	10	11	13	12	9	12	9	9	14	15
Don't know	9	5	1	2	5	2	8	9	10	4	2	5	5	6	7	4	3	6

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George Osborne has announced the details of the government's spending review for the next four years. Below are some of the measures announced in the review, for each one please say if you support or oppose the measure.

End the final salary pension scheme for MPs

Support	85	94	83	88	89	82	76	80	88	91	87	83	83	84	89	88	80
Oppose	5	2	8	3	6	5	6	6	5	4	4	6	8	4	5	3	10
Don't know	10	4	10	9	6	14	18	13	8	5	9	11	9	12	7	9	10
NET SUPPORT	80	92	75	85	83	77	70	74	83	87	83	77	75	80	84	85	70

Introduce a permanent levy on bank profits

Support	82	81	88	83	85	79	61	76	88	89	81	83	78	78	87	84	84
Oppose	5	9	2	4	8	3	11	5	4	5	7	3	8	5	5	4	7
Don't know	13	10	10	13	8	18	29	18	9	6	12	14	13	16	8	13	9
NET SUPPORT	77	72	86	79	77	76	50	71	84	84	74	80	70	73	82	80	77

Limit the total amount of benefits any family can receive to around £500 a week - the average income of a working family

Support	84	95	76	89	85	82	74	79	88	88	85	82	76	85	87	82	85
Oppose	8	3	15	6	9	7	14	11	6	6	8	8	11	7	7	10	6
Don't know	8	2	9	5	5	10	12	10	6	6	7	9	13	8	6	8	9
NET SUPPORT	76	92	61	83	76	75	60	68	82	82	77	74	65	78	80	72	79

Withdraw child benefit from households with a higher-rate taxpayer

Support	74	84	65	84	78	71	60	64	79	83	72	77	64	75	80	75	71
Oppose	16	11	25	11	15	18	21	22	15	12	19	14	21	15	15	15	21
Don't know	9	5	10	5	7	12	19	14	6	5	9	10	15	11	5	10	8
NET SUPPORT	58	73	40	73	63	53	39	42	64	71	53	63	43	60	65	60	50

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Reduce the BBC's budget for making programmes by requiring it to take over the cost of running the BBC World Service

Support	64	80	52	54	66	61	63	64	65	62	66	61	58	64	68	63	62
Oppose	19	10	32	24	22	16	18	16	20	21	20	18	27	18	18	17	22
Don't know	17	10	16	22	12	22	19	20	15	16	14	21	15	18	14	20	15
NET SUPPORT	45	70	20	30	44	45	45	48	45	41	46	43	31	46	50	46	40

Require public services employees (such as teachers and civil servants) to pay more towards their pensions

Support	59	78	45	63	65	54	36	48	61	77	59	59	58	59	66	56	57
Oppose	26	12	42	21	24	27	40	31	26	15	27	24	26	23	24	30	32
Don't know	15	10	13	16	11	19	24	21	14	7	14	17	16	19	11	15	11
NET SUPPORT	33	66	3	42	41	27	-4	17	35	62	32	35	32	36	42	26	25

Freeze the basic level of working tax credits for three years

Support	56	76	43	62	58	54	52	53	55	62	58	53	53	54	60	56	55
Oppose	24	10	40	14	25	23	18	23	32	19	22	28	25	22	26	25	25
Don't know	20	14	16	24	16	23	29	25	14	19	20	19	23	23	15	19	19
NET SUPPORT	32	66	3	48	33	31	34	30	23	43	36	25	28	32	34	31	30

Increase the rents paid by future council tenants

Support	49	69	34	61	52	47	32	50	48	58	56	40	48	51	53	47	42
Oppose	34	16	53	23	35	33	42	31	38	28	28	42	35	29	31	39	44
Don't know	17	16	13	16	14	20	26	20	13	14	16	19	18	19	16	15	14
NET SUPPORT	15	53	-19	38	17	14	-10	19	10	30	28	-2	13	22	22	8	-2

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Increase the state pension age to 66 by 2020 for both men and women

Support	49	73	33	62	55	43	53	45	45	55	56	40	57	53	45	42	51
Oppose	40	21	58	23	37	44	32	39	47	37	34	48	31	34	47	47	43
Don't know	11	7	8	14	8	14	15	16	8	8	10	12	13	13	7	11	6
NET SUPPORT	9	52	-25	39	18	-1	21	6	-2	18	22	-8	26	19	-2	-5	8

Reduce the availability of legal aid

Support	42	63	29	35	46	38	31	39	42	49	43	42	43	43	42	42	39
Oppose	42	25	59	45	42	42	46	39	45	41	41	43	43	40	45	43	44
Don't know	16	12	12	20	11	20	24	22	13	10	16	15	14	17	14	15	17
NET SUPPORT	0	38	-30	-10	4	-4	-15	0	-3	8	2	-1	0	3	-3	-1	-5

Allow higher-rate taxpayers over 60 to keep their bus passes and winter fuel allowance

Support	43	48	45	33	46	41	39	44	43	46	45	41	52	41	42	42	47
Oppose	47	45	48	57	48	45	45	42	50	47	46	46	36	48	50	48	45
Don't know	10	7	7	10	6	14	16	14	7	7	8	12	12	10	8	11	8
NET SUPPORT	-4	3	-3	-24	-2	-4	-6	2	-7	-1	-1	-5	16	-7	-8	-6	2

Cut the number of public sector jobs by 490,000 over 4 years

Support	39	68	15	41	46	31	23	29	39	54	39	37	36	44	38	33	35
Oppose	44	17	72	35	41	46	58	48	45	33	44	43	45	36	45	50	53
Don't know	18	15	13	24	13	22	19	24	17	13	17	19	19	19	18	17	11
NET SUPPORT	-5	51	-57	6	5	-15	-35	-19	-6	21	-5	-6	-9	8	-7	-17	-18

Use more community sentences and send fewer criminals to prison

Support	26	24	24	49	27	25	22	29	26	24	29	21	33	27	23	23	25
Oppose	60	63	65	36	63	58	61	53	63	64	57	66	50	56	67	66	61
Don't know	14	13	11	15	10	17	17	18	11	12	14	14	17	17	10	12	14
NET SUPPORT	-34	-39	-41	13	-36	-33	-39	-24	-37	-40	-28	-45	-17	-29	-44	-43	-36

Allow rail fares to rise faster than inflation

Support	10	15	6	12	12	7	9	12	9	9	11	8	10	9	11	9	9
Oppose	80	75	87	73	79	80	79	76	82	81	79	80	80	80	77	81	81
Don't know	11	10	7	15	9	13	13	12	10	10	10	12	10	11	12	10	10
NET SUPPORT	-70	-60	-81	-61	-67	-73	-70	-64	-73	-72	-68	-72	-70	-71	-66	-72	-72

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Do you think the quality of the following services are likely to get better, get worse or stay about the same over the next few years?

National Health Service

Get a lot better	3	6	2	1	3	3	6	2	1	4	2	3	1	3	4	2	4
Get a little better	15	29	6	14	17	13	13	15	12	19	16	13	22	16	13	13	13
TOTAL BETTER	18	35	8	15	20	16	19	17	13	23	18	16	23	19	17	15	17
Stay the same	41	51	29	53	41	42	48	47	37	39	46	36	38	44	39	42	39
Get a little worse	27	13	39	28	26	28	26	23	32	26	23	33	26	26	31	26	29
Get a lot worse	14	2	25	4	13	14	8	13	17	12	12	15	14	11	12	17	15
TOTAL WORSE	41	15	64	32	39	42	34	36	49	38	35	48	40	37	43	43	44

State schools

Get a lot better	3	7	1	0	3	3	8	1	2	4	2	3	2	3	3	2	6
Get a little better	13	26	5	14	14	12	15	13	9	17	14	11	15	16	12	11	6
TOTAL BETTER	16	33	6	14	17	15	23	14	11	21	16	14	17	19	15	13	12
Stay the same	44	53	30	55	44	45	43	50	42	42	46	42	46	45	45	43	38
Get a little worse	26	13	39	27	25	28	25	23	31	26	25	28	24	24	29	27	32
Get a lot worse	14	1	26	4	15	13	10	14	17	12	13	15	13	12	11	17	18
TOTAL WORSE	40	14	65	31	40	41	35	37	48	38	38	43	37	36	40	44	50

Local police forces

Get a lot better	2	5	1	1	2	2	8	1	1	3	2	3	2	2	2	1	7
Get a little better	7	17	2	7	8	7	11	7	6	8	7	8	12	9	4	7	4
TOTAL BETTER	9	22	3	8	10	9	19	8	7	11	9	11	14	11	6	8	11
Stay the same	30	46	11	37	29	30	33	37	25	27	34	25	29	34	32	26	19
Get a little worse	41	28	51	50	39	42	36	37	44	41	40	42	44	37	42	40	47
Get a lot worse	20	5	35	6	21	19	11	17	24	22	18	23	14	18	20	26	23
TOTAL WORSE	61	33	86	56	60	61	47	54	68	63	58	65	58	55	62	66	70

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Get a lot better	2	5	1	0	3	2	5	2	1	2	2	2	3	1	4	2	3
Get a little better	4	7	2	6	4	4	2	7	3	4	5	4	7	6	2	3	2
TOTAL BETTER	6	12	3	6	7	6	7	9	4	6	7	6	10	7	6	5	5
Stay the same	51	59	38	54	46	55	54	53	50	48	51	50	46	54	53	50	42
Get a little worse	32	25	42	35	35	30	33	26	35	34	33	32	34	28	33	34	40
Get a lot worse	10	5	17	5	12	9	6	12	10	11	9	12	10	10	9	11	13
TOTAL WORSE	42	30	59	40	47	39	39	38	45	45	42	44	44	38	42	45	53

	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	1874	601	594	149	910	964	226	475	645	528	1049	791	241	617	398	458	161
Unweighted Sample	1874	566	579	147	865	1009	135	511	699	529	1204	636	272	630	335	429	208
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Overall, do you think the cuts the government have announced are too harsh, too cautious or have they got the balance about right?

Too harsh	44	7	82	24	45	43	44	42	49	38	39	49	45	35	42	52	54
Too cautious	6	10	3	7	6	6	7	6	5	7	6	7	8	6	7	5	4
The balance is about right	38	76	8	58	40	36	37	34	34	46	41	34	38	43	40	32	29
Don't know	12	7	6	11	9	16	12	18	11	8	14	10	9	15	11	11	13

And overall, do you think the government have made the right or wrong decisions on which areas to cut spending?

Right decisions	40	81	11	54	43	36	36	36	35	50	42	36	38	45	41	36	31
Wrong decisions	41	7	75	24	42	39	38	41	46	36	39	43	44	34	39	46	51
Don't know	19	12	14	23	14	24	26	23	19	13	19	20	17	21	19	18	18

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Britain's economy is out of the danger zone

Agree	9	14	7	10	10	8	14	10	6	9	9	9	9	10	9	7	8
Disagree	77	70	83	80	77	76	69	74	85	73	76	77	71	74	77	81	83
Don't know	14	17	9	11	13	16	17	16	9	18	15	14	20	16	14	12	9

The coalition government have brought the country back from the brink of bankruptcy

Agree	34	74	6	52	38	30	37	29	30	41	35	31	35	42	32	28	19
Disagree	45	8	82	28	46	44	38	44	51	40	44	46	43	39	45	48	62
Don't know	22	19	12	21	17	26	25	27	19	18	21	22	22	19	23	24	19

The public spending cuts mean that overall unemployment is likely to rise next year'

Agree	81	73	93	78	85	78	77	75	87	83	81	82	79	77	82	86	88
Disagree	7	12	3	7	8	7	10	8	6	7	7	7	10	9	7	5	4
Don't know	11	14	3	15	7	15	13	17	7	10	12	11	12	14	10	9	8

The Government's plans to cut public spending amount to a desperate gamble with people's livelihoods

Agree	55	16	92	33	54	55	55	50	61	51	50	62	52	46	56	62	66
Disagree	30	67	3	46	33	27	24	30	28	35	35	23	33	35	29	25	22
Don't know	15	17	6	21	12	18	21	21	11	13	15	15	15	19	15	13	12