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Sample Size: 566 Liberal Democrat Party Members
Fieldwork: 10th - 14th September 2010

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

Approve	58	64	49	51	60	65	61	53	61	55	67	56	61
Disapprove	23	22	25	30	24	17	22	28	19	24	18	29	27
Don't know	18	13	25	19	17	18	18	19	20	20	14	15	12

Do you think each of the following are doing well or badly in their present role?

David Cameron as Prime Minister

Very well	18	16	20	14	16	23	19	14	16	17	22	23	3
Fairly well	63	66	59	59	61	68	65	59	65	63	66	54	76
TOTAL WELL	81	82	79	73	77	91	84	73	81	80	88	77	79
Fairly badly	13	12	15	18	15	6	11	16	16	14	4	15	9
Very badly	4	4	5	7	5	1	3	7	4	3	4	5	12
TOTAL BADLY	17	16	20	25	20	7	14	23	20	17	8	20	21
Don't know	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	4	0	3	4	2	0

Nick Clegg as Deputy Prime Minister

Very well	39	41	34	35	39	41	40	35	29	38	51	41	33
Fairly well	46	44	49	45	43	49	46	46	58	47	34	39	48
TOTAL WELL	85	85	83	80	82	90	86	81	87	85	85	80	81
Fairly badly	11	10	12	14	10	8	10	11	10	11	9	9	15
Very badly	4	4	3	3	7	2	3	4	2	2	4	9	3
TOTAL BADLY	15	14	15	17	17	10	13	15	12	13	13	18	18
Don't know	1	1	2	3	1	0	0	4	1	1	1	2	0

George Osborne as Chancellor of the Exchequer

Very well	8	7	9	7	9	8	8	9	8	7	13	9	0
Fairly well	43	46	38	31	45	52	47	33	45	43	41	38	58
TOTAL WELL	51	53	47	38	54	60	55	42	53	50	54	47	58
Fairly badly	27	29	24	31	25	26	27	27	28	29	25	26	18
Very badly	15	15	15	19	16	10	13	19	15	14	12	18	15
TOTAL BADLY	42	44	39	50	41	36	40	46	43	43	37	44	33
Don't know	7	2	15	12	5	4	5	13	4	7	9	9	9

Vincent Cable as Business Secretary

Very well	33	36	28	25	34	39	35	28	30	32	37	34	33
Fairly well	45	46	44	42	46	47	47	41	51	48	43	36	39
TOTAL WELL	78	82	72	67	80	86	82	69	81	80	80	70	72
Fairly badly	13	13	12	16	12	10	12	13	15	10	12	18	9
Very badly	2	3	2	3	4	1	2	4	0	2	0	6	6
TOTAL BADLY	15	16	14	19	16	11	14	17	15	12	12	24	15
Don't know	7	3	14	14	5	2	4	14	4	9	8	6	12

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William Hague as Foreign Secretary

Very well	16	15	16	15	17	15	15	17	13	16	18	18	9
Fairly well	50	50	49	45	48	56	54	39	54	49	46	49	52
TOTAL WELL	66	65	65	60	65	71	69	56	67	65	64	67	61
Fairly badly	17	19	15	15	17	19	17	18	18	19	18	13	15
Very badly	6	7	4	6	9	3	5	7	5	5	3	12	3
TOTAL BADLY	23	26	19	21	26	22	22	25	23	24	21	25	18
Don't know	12	8	17	19	8	8	9	19	10	11	14	9	21

Chris Huhne as Energy and Climate Change Secretary

Very well	23	27	16	20	27	22	24	21	21	25	21	22	21
Fairly well	44	47	40	41	41	50	45	42	47	42	49	44	39
TOTAL WELL	67	74	56	61	68	72	69	63	68	67	70	66	60
Fairly badly	10	9	12	9	12	10	11	8	11	10	12	10	3
Very badly	3	4	2	5	2	2	2	6	2	2	3	8	3
TOTAL BADLY	13	13	14	14	14	12	13	14	13	12	15	18	6
Don't know	20	13	30	26	17	15	18	23	19	21	16	16	33

Michael Gove as Education Secretary

Very well	5	5	5	4	7	5	6	2	3	4	7	9	3
Fairly well	24	24	25	23	22	28	24	25	26	27	22	21	21
TOTAL WELL	29	29	30	27	29	33	30	27	29	31	29	30	24
Fairly badly	29	30	28	25	32	30	33	21	35	28	25	29	27
Very badly	29	34	22	31	29	28	28	32	28	28	33	31	27
TOTAL BADLY	58	64	50	56	61	58	61	53	63	56	58	60	54
Don't know	12	7	20	17	9	10	9	21	9	13	13	10	21

Simon Hughes as Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats

Very well	31	35	24	22	32	39	33	26	28	33	25	34	27
Fairly well	42	43	41	44	41	42	44	39	49	40	47	38	39
TOTAL WELL	73	78	65	66	73	81	77	65	77	73	72	72	66
Fairly badly	9	9	10	8	9	10	10	8	7	10	12	10	0
Very badly	3	3	3	4	2	3	3	4	1	3	3	7	3
TOTAL BADLY	12	12	13	12	11	13	13	12	8	13	15	17	3
Don't know	14	9	23	23	16	6	11	23	15	14	13	11	30

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Some people talk about 'left', 'right' and 'centre' to describe parties and politicians. With this in mind, where would you place each of the following...?

David Cameron

Very left-wing	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	3	0
Fairly left-wing	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	0
Slightly left-of-centre	3	3	4	4	2	3	3	4	3	3	1	4	9
Centre	14	14	14	10	12	19	14	12	7	16	20	13	6
Slightly right-of-centre	36	41	27	33	39	37	38	31	43	34	30	37	33
Fairly right-wing	32	32	32	33	32	30	33	29	39	32	32	26	27
Very right-wing	8	7	10	9	7	8	8	9	5	7	8	12	18
Don't know	5	1	11	7	6	2	3	9	2	5	9	4	6
Average*	41	40	42	40	41	41	42	38	44	39	43	36	47

Nick Clegg

Very left-wing	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Fairly left-wing	7	5	10	14	6	2	6	10	6	5	7	13	12
Slightly left-of-centre	32	31	32	28	26	40	32	30	33	35	29	27	24
Centre	36	38	32	34	35	38	37	32	36	38	37	34	21
Slightly right-of-centre	17	20	12	16	22	14	18	15	19	14	14	20	30
Fairly right-wing	3	3	2	1	5	3	3	2	4	2	4	2	6
Very right-wing	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
Don't know	5	1	10	7	6	2	3	8	2	5	8	4	6
Average*	-7	-4	-14	-13	-3	-7	-7	-11	-5	-10	-9	-9	-2

Simon Hughes

Very left-wing	3	3	4	2	4	3	3	2	3	3	4	3	6
Fairly left-wing	37	42	28	29	39	43	41	26	46	35	34	38	24
Slightly left-of-centre	33	36	27	33	34	32	32	35	34	35	29	29	30
Centre	12	12	14	13	12	12	11	16	7	14	16	11	12
Slightly right-of-centre	2	2	3	1	2	4	3	2	2	2	3	3	9
Fairly right-wing	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	0	0	4	0
Very right-wing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Don't know	11	4	22	21	9	4	9	17	6	11	14	12	18
Average*	-42	-43	-38	-38	-44	-43	-43	-35	-46	-42	-41	-37	-36

Vince Cable

Very left-wing	1	0	3	2	1	0	1	1	2	1	3	0	0
Fairly left-wing	15	13	17	17	10	16	14	17	17	14	11	18	9
Slightly left-of-centre	40	44	33	34	41	43	42	33	46	40	36	36	42
Centre	26	28	22	22	27	28	26	26	19	28	29	26	21
Slightly right-of-centre	9	10	7	9	11	7	9	9	10	8	11	8	12
Fairly right-wing	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	3	0	0	4	0
Very right-wing	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Don't know	8	3	16	13	9	4	6	13	3	9	12	8	15
Average*	-22	-20	-26	-22	-19	-23	-22	-22	-24	-23	-21	-19	-19

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Chris Huhne

Very left-wing	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	3
Fairly left-wing	13	12	15	16	9	14	12	16	17	11	14	16	12
Slightly left-of-centre	36	43	25	34	35	39	37	33	39	40	28	33	33
Centre	24	25	23	18	29	25	25	21	23	24	29	22	18
Slightly right-of-centre	8	8	8	7	8	8	8	8	11	8	7	6	6
Fairly right-wing	2	2	3	2	1	4	2	3	2	2	3	4	0
Very right-wing	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0
Don't know	15	10	24	21	17	9	14	18	9	16	18	14	27
Average*	-20	-20	-18	-23	-18	-18	-19	-22	-21	-20	-16	-20	-28

Yourself?

Very left-wing	5	4	7	7	4	4	4	6	7	4	1	6	9
Fairly left-wing	23	24	23	28	22	21	24	21	23	22	28	22	33
Slightly left-of-centre	37	40	32	31	37	43	39	34	38	40	34	38	21
Centre	21	22	18	21	20	21	20	23	20	23	20	18	18
Slightly right-of-centre	7	7	6	5	9	7	7	6	5	6	8	11	6
Fairly right-wing	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	4	0	1	0	0
Very right-wing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Don't know	6	2	12	9	6	2	4	10	4	6	8	4	12
Average*	-32	-31	-35	-37	-28	-30	-32	-33	-32	-32	-30	-30	-41

Next month, George Osborne will set out his plans to reduce public spending in order to cut the level of government borrowing. Which of these views comes closest to your own?

The government is planning to cut borrowing too fast, and risks Britain's economy returning to recession	28	28	27	29	24	29	26	33	26	31	16	29	27
The government is right to cut borrowing as fast as it intends, but should change the emphasis, so that taxes rise more and public spending is reduced less	35	38	30	27	41	37	37	29	30	34	42	37	33
The government is right to cut borrowing as fast as it intends, and right that this should be done mainly by reducing public spending	29	29	29	32	27	29	32	23	31	30	30	25	33
None of these	3	3	5	4	4	3	2	6	6	2	4	5	0
Don't know	5	2	10	8	4	3	3	9	7	3	8	4	6

Do you approve or disapprove of the Liberal Democrat party's decision to go into coalition with the Conservatives?

Strongly approve	30	34	25	27	30	34	33	25	32	30	33	29	27
Tend to approve	48	46	51	47	46	50	48	48	48	49	46	45	55
TOTAL APPROVE	78	80	76	74	76	84	81	73	80	79	79	74	82
Tend to disapprove	14	13	16	17	14	11	13	17	16	15	13	13	9
Strongly disapprove	7	7	7	8	9	4	6	9	5	6	5	13	9
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	21	20	23	25	23	15	19	26	21	21	18	26	18
Don't know	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	3	0	0

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Thinking back to the situation after the general election, which of the following would you have preferred the Liberal Democrats to have done?

Entered into a full coalition deal with the Conservative party	50	55	42	45	50	55	52	44	49	51	50	50	42
Agreed to support a minority Conservative government on confidence and budget motions, but stopped short of full coalition	22	21	25	16	18	31	23	20	28	20	25	20	24
Agreed to support a minority Labour government on confidence and budget motions, stopping short a full coalition	10	11	9	13	12	7	10	11	9	10	8	11	18
Entered into a full coalition deal with the Labour party	9	10	7	16	7	3	7	14	6	11	3	14	0
None of these	4	2	8	4	6	3	4	6	5	4	3	4	9
Don't know	4	1	9	6	7	1	4	5	5	3	12	1	6

How long do you expect the coalition between the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats to last?

Less than a year	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	4	2	3	1	3	3
One or two years	18	17	20	17	19	19	17	22	18	20	14	19	12
Three or four years	22	21	25	20	22	24	24	17	21	23	16	22	30
The full five year Parliament or beyond	53	58	47	56	52	52	54	51	55	51	61	54	48
Don't know	4	3	5	4	5	3	3	7	4	3	8	3	6

Suppose the Conservatives offered a 'non-aggression pact' at the next general election, whereby the Conservatives agreed not to field candidates in seats being defended by the Liberal Democrats, and the Lib Dems agreed not to field candidates in an equal number of Conservative-Labour marginals. Do you think the Liberal Democrats should accept or reject such a pact?

Accept	21	19	25	18	23	22	21	20	18	25	17	20	15
Reject	66	72	57	69	64	65	67	64	61	64	68	71	79
Don't know	13	9	19	13	13	12	12	15	21	11	14	9	6

Suppose the next election results in another hung Parliament, with roughly equal numbers of Labour and Conservative MPs, and enough Lib Dems to produce a majority by joining forces with either party. Assuming Labour and the Tories offered equally attractive deals, which would you prefer?

A Conservative-Lib Dem deal	26	23	30	18	29	30	27	21	32	23	29	26	18
A Labour-Lib Dem deal	46	51	39	56	46	37	45	50	39	50	39	51	42
No deal - the Lib Dems should go into opposition	12	10	15	10	9	16	11	13	14	11	14	12	9
Don't know	16	17	16	15	16	18	17	15	16	17	17	12	30