

YouGov / IPPR Survey Results

Sample Size: 1751 GB Adults

Fieldwork: 8th - 9th August 2012

	Voting intention			2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
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There are three commonly used ways to decide who should be able to access different benefits and services. Which ONE of these do you think is BEST suited to decide who should be able to obtain the following benefits or services? (Please tick one option per row)

State pension

They should be targeted at those in need regardless of their payment into the system	18	14	24	21	14	23	21	17	19	20	19	17	16	18	18	18	18	15	19	19
They should only be available to those who have contributed into the system (e.g. by working or caring for someone) regardless of their need level	48	57	40	42	58	41	40	48	48	33	47	49	54	50	46	45	46	54	49	45
They should be provided equally to every citizen affected, regardless of their need or contribution to the system	26	22	30	31	21	31	30	27	24	24	23	28	26	27	24	28	25	25	25	26
Don't know	9	7	6	6	7	4	9	8	9	23	11	5	5	6	12	9	11	7	7	10

Social housing

They should be targeted at those in need regardless of their payment into the system	31	26	37	43	23	36	44	30	33	36	29	34	29	34	27	29	32	30	30	37
They should only be available to those who have contributed into the system (e.g. by working or caring for someone) regardless of their need level	41	56	35	27	56	34	30	44	39	26	41	41	49	41	42	47	40	44	42	31
They should be provided equally to every citizen affected, regardless of their need or contribution to the system	16	9	20	22	10	23	16	15	17	16	17	17	14	16	16	15	14	17	17	18
Don't know	11	9	9	8	11	8	10	11	12	23	14	8	8	9	15	9	14	9	10	14

Unemployment benefits

They should be targeted at those in need regardless of their payment into the system	24	22	29	34	19	29	33	24	25	32	24	25	19	27	20	27	26	20	23	29
They should only be available to those who have contributed into the system (e.g. by working or caring for someone) regardless of their need level	49	60	41	39	59	42	40	50	48	30	46	51	57	49	49	48	47	53	53	38
They should be provided equally to every citizen affected, regardless of their need or contribution to the system	16	10	22	22	12	22	17	17	15	17	17	16	15	16	16	16	15	18	15	20
Don't know	10	9	8	5	9	7	9	9	12	21	12	7	8	8	14	10	11	9	9	13

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Thinking about the country's public finances and the current economic climate, which ONE, if any, of the following do you think should be the MAIN response from the government?

Scale back benefits that currently go to those on higher incomes	29	24	33	31	25	34	32	29	28	24	27	33	28	28	30	24	28	32	29	31
Target benefits more towards those with the greatest need	25	29	26	28	25	27	25	23	27	29	25	23	26	27	22	25	26	24	25	24
Limit benefits only to those who have contributed into the system	24	33	18	13	33	16	19	24	24	16	22	24	31	24	24	25	23	25	26	18
Increase taxes to maintain benefits at their current level	6	2	11	6	2	11	11	9	4	4	5	7	8	6	6	7	5	5	7	11
Reduce benefits for everyone	5	9	3	5	8	3	4	6	4	5	9	4	1	5	4	5	7	4	2	3
None of the above	4	1	5	12	2	5	4	4	4	3	5	5	3	4	4	5	2	5	4	4
Don't know	7	3	4	4	5	4	6	6	8	20	8	4	4	5	10	9	8	4	7	9

In which, if any, of the following areas would you support a reduction in public spending so that other areas could receive extra funding? (Please tick all that apply)

Unemployment benefit	26	40	16	20	38	18	18	26	26	29	29	23	25	26	26	25	28	26	25	20
Maternity/paternity leave	26	38	19	22	39	18	22	30	23	15	13	30	37	27	25	24	28	28	22	29
Child Benefit	23	33	17	26	30	17	22	26	20	12	18	25	29	23	22	22	23	25	21	23
Defence	21	15	24	35	13	25	32	25	17	28	21	20	19	26	14	29	20	15	21	25
Pre-school childcare	19	22	14	15	23	14	18	21	17	9	15	21	24	19	18	13	18	25	19	14
Social housing	18	25	16	11	25	13	12	20	16	21	23	16	15	19	17	21	22	16	16	14
Universities/colleges	17	19	16	13	18	19	11	19	15	5	19	18	17	16	17	12	14	20	18	20
Sickness/disability benefit	17	27	12	10	26	11	12	20	14	13	22	17	14	15	19	13	18	20	15	16
Housing, community	12	20	8	14	19	7	8	14	10	6	15	12	12	12	11	14	12	15	8	10
Public transport	8	10	8	5	8	10	7	10	7	8	10	9	6	10	7	6	9	8	8	11
Health service	5	9	3	8	7	3	5	6	4	8	4	7	3	6	4	4	6	5	6	3
Policing	4	4	2	5	4	2	5	4	3	4	4	5	2	4	3	3	4	2	6	2
State pension	3	4	3	8	4	2	4	4	3	4	5	3	2	4	3	5	5	2	3	1
Primary/secondary education	3	4	3	3	2	3	3	3	4	1	4	4	2	3	3	4	3	3	4	3
Other	5	5	3	9	6	3	5	7	3	6	4	6	5	6	4	4	6	6	3	4
Not applicable - I don't think there should be reductions in public spending in any area	20	13	28	14	16	28	17	16	24	12	16	19	27	17	24	16	20	22	21	17
Don't know	7	4	5	5	4	5	7	6	7	14	8	6	3	6	8	7	8	7	4	9

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In which, if any, of the following areas would you support receiving extra funding gained from reductions made elsewhere? (Please tick all that apply)

Health service	45	41	51	40	44	52	45	42	47	37	39	47	51	45	45	44	42	46	47	47
State pension	31	35	32	25	36	33	29	32	31	13	21	35	44	28	36	32	31	31	33	29
Policing	29	33	27	23	36	29	26	31	26	18	21	32	36	28	30	25	27	34	30	22
Primary/secondary education	23	23	26	37	21	27	26	23	24	32	27	24	16	28	17	24	24	20	24	29
Public transport	17	18	20	21	18	19	19	20	15	18	15	16	21	20	15	19	17	17	18	15
Universities/colleges	13	13	15	18	11	15	12	13	13	22	14	13	7	14	11	15	12	17	10	9
Defence	13	19	9	8	22	10	7	15	12	5	8	18	16	12	15	4	14	16	15	15
Social housing	12	5	16	15	7	19	15	12	11	11	10	12	13	11	12	12	11	7	15	18
Sickness/disability benefit	12	9	16	16	7	14	16	11	13	10	7	15	14	9	16	11	11	14	12	11
Pre-school childcare	10	7	12	15	8	12	10	9	12	14	16	8	7	12	8	15	11	8	8	15
Housing, community	9	4	14	10	3	14	12	7	10	9	10	10	6	8	9	12	7	8	9	9
Child Benefit	6	4	8	4	3	8	6	6	6	7	9	6	3	6	5	6	5	7	6	7
Maternity/paternity leave	5	4	5	5	5	5	3	4	7	12	8	4	1	5	5	5	6	5	4	6
Unemployment benefit	4	3	5	6	3	7	5	5	4	4	5	5	4	5	4	6	4	4	5	5
Other	2	3	2	1	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	1	3	2	1	4	2	1	3
Not applicable - I don't think there should be reductions in public spending in any area	11	7	15	11	8	14	12	11	12	9	10	11	14	11	12	9	9	11	15	13
Don't know	10	9	5	6	9	5	11	8	12	15	15	9	5	7	13	10	12	9	6	12

For which, if any, of the following situations or events do you think the current welfare system does or does not offer people sufficient protection? (Please tick one option per row)

Becoming unemployed

Does offer sufficient protection	49	68	38	60	60	39	49	51	47	50	53	45	50	57	39	54	54	49	43	42
Does not offer sufficient protection	51	32	62	40	40	61	51	49	53	50	47	55	50	43	61	46	46	51	57	58

Having a house repossessed or being evicted from the house

Does offer sufficient protection	37	51	30	38	46	30	37	40	35	38	40	34	38	42	32	35	40	42	34	31
Does not offer sufficient protection	63	49	70	62	54	70	63	60	65	62	60	66	62	58	68	65	60	58	66	69

Having a child

Does offer sufficient protection	78	89	76	74	86	75	80	80	76	70	70	80	87	81	75	76	79	82	78	73
Does not offer sufficient protection	22	11	24	26	14	25	20	20	24	30	30	20	13	19	25	24	21	18	22	27

Relationship/family breakdown

Does offer sufficient protection	51	63	45	49	61	48	52	54	47	41	47	51	59	54	47	47	52	53	50	49
Does not offer sufficient protection	49	37	55	51	39	52	48	46	53	59	53	49	41	46	53	53	48	47	50	51

Getting sick or becoming disabled

Does offer sufficient protection	46	62	35	50	58	35	41	48	44	58	55	40	41	51	40	49	49	47	44	35
Does not offer sufficient protection	54	38	65	50	42	65	59	52	56	42	45	60	59	49	60	51	51	53	56	65

Retiring from work

Does offer sufficient protection	42	52	38	43	47	38	42	43	41	55	47	35	39	47	35	41	49	43	35	34
Does not offer sufficient protection	58	48	62	57	53	62	58	57	59	45	53	65	61	53	65	59	51	57	65	66