

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1982 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 11th - 12th April 2013

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	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	UKIP	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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Unweighted Sample	1981	436	677	146	208	583	501	471	956	1025	188	486	785	522	1337	644	294	672	422	444	149
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Thinking about the way the government is cutting spending to reduce the government's deficit, do you think this is...

Having an impact on your own life, or not having an impact on your own life?

Having an impact on my life
Not having an impact on my life

Don't know

56	40	70	42	67	46	68	59	55	58	45	49	66	55	50	64	53	50	60	65	49
34	55	23	47	27	46	26	32	38	29	41	36	27	37	41	25	36	41	31	24	41
10	6	6	11	6	8	6	9	7	13	14	15	6	8	9	11	11	9	9	11	10

Being done fairly or unfairly?

Fairly

Unfairly

Don't know

29	74	5	35	25	57	11	20	32	26	29	27	25	34	33	23	31	36	26	24	19
55	12	86	43	61	29	79	63	55	55	48	54	61	52	51	61	52	48	56	62	66
16	15	9	22	14	14	9	17	13	19	22	19	14	13	16	16	18	16	18	15	15

Being done too quickly, too slowly, or at about the right pace?

Too quickly

Too slowly

About the right pace

Don't know

46	12	73	39	46	23	68	58	48	44	34	43	53	44	43	49	44	39	49	50	54
15	26	6	18	23	22	10	9	18	11	25	15	9	17	16	12	13	16	13	14	18
26	56	9	34	23	47	12	21	25	27	22	23	26	30	28	24	28	32	24	23	17
13	6	11	9	7	8	11	12	8	18	19	18	11	9	12	15	15	13	14	14	11

Necessary or unnecessary?

Necessary

Unnecessary

Don't know

55	93	28	67	63	83	36	48	58	51	54	50	53	61	59	49	54	61	55	48	52
31	3	56	21	28	11	48	34	33	28	29	31	35	26	27	35	30	25	30	39	33
15	4	15	12	9	6	16	18	9	20	17	19	12	13	13	16	16	14	15	13	16

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

The Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition

The last Labour government

Both

Neither

Don't know

28	2	59	11	17	6	53	33	28	28	25	27	32	25	25	31	25	23	28	35	29
36	84	4	43	51	74	5	26	39	33	32	31	33	45	40	30	36	43	34	29	28
26	9	28	37	29	15	31	34	26	26	21	29	27	24	25	28	27	26	27	23	32
4	4	6	4	2	2	6	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	5	3	6	4	4	4	3
6	1	3	4	1	2	5	3	3	9	17	8	3	2	5	7	5	4	7	8	8

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	Having an impact on your		
	Having an impact on my life	Not having an impact on my life	Don't know
Total			
Weighted Sample	1981	1117	669
Unweighted Sample	1981	1130	684
	%	%	%

Thinking about the way the government is cutting spending to reduce the government's deficit, do you think this is...

Having an impact on your own life, or not having an impact on your own life?

Having an impact on my life	56	100	0	0
Not having an impact on my life	34	0	100	0
Don't know	10	0	0	100

Being done fairly or unfairly?

Fairly	29	19	49	12
Unfairly	55	71	35	31
Don't know	16	9	15	57

Being done too quickly, too slowly, or at about the right pace?

Too quickly	46	62	27	14
Too slowly	15	8	27	10
About the right pace	26	21	38	17
Don't know	13	9	8	58

Necessary or unnecessary?

Necessary	55	45	75	38
Unnecessary	31	43	17	7
Don't know	15	12	7	55

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

The Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition	28	36	17	18
The last Labour government	36	28	53	17
Both	26	29	21	25
Neither	4	4	5	5
Don't know	6	2	4	35

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European leaders recently proposed an agreement to limit the size of bank bonuses in all 27 member-countries to 100% of a banker's annual salary, or to 200% if shareholders of the employee's bank approve. Which of the following statements comes closest

The European Union is right to limit bankers' bonuses, but that limit should allow higher bonuses than 100% - 200% of their annual salary	6	6	6	8	7	5	6	6	5	6	8	4	6	5	6	6	6	6	6	3	
The European Union is right to limit bankers' bonuses, and a limit of 100% - 200% of their annual salary is about right	15	17	13	32	8	16	13	19	17	12	20	19	13	10	17	11	22	16	14	9	18
The European Union is right to limit bankers' bonuses, but that limit should be set lower than 100% - 200% of their annual salary	58	49	64	50	66	57	62	61	55	61	37	49	61	70	56	61	44	56	62	62	61
The European Union is wrong to limit bankers' bonuses	9	19	4	6	15	14	6	6	14	3	17	9	6	8	10	7	14	9	8	6	8
Don't know	13	10	13	4	5	8	14	7	9	17	17	18	13	8	11	16	14	12	10	17	11

Some people in Britain have been asked in recent years to give up public honours, like knighthoods, that were awarded to them for professional achievements, because they had senior roles in banks that went bust or needed financial help from the government to avoid going bust during the recent banking crisis.

Do you think people who had senior roles in banks that went bust or needed financial help from the government during the banking crisis should or should not be made to give up their knighthoods?

Should	66	62	71	61	77	70	69	68	67	65	42	59	70	77	65	67	64	65	65	66	70
Should not	16	19	14	25	14	15	16	13	19	13	35	16	13	11	16	15	17	15	17	17	11
Don't know	18	19	15	14	10	15	15	19	14	22	23	25	17	12	19	18	18	20	18	16	19

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	%	%	%	%

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The European Union is right to limit bankers' bonuses, but that limit should be set lower than 100% - 200% of their annual salary	58	64	53	38
The European Union is wrong to limit bankers' bonuses	9	6	16	1
Don't know	13	11	8	44

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Should not	16	15	19	12
Don't know	18	13	20	47

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Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

- The government should sell its stake in RBS in the near future and get what money it can for it, even if it means doing so at a loss
- The government should hold on to its stake in RBS in the hope that shares in the bank recover and the government can sell it for a higher price later on
- The government should hold on to its stake in RBS for the foreseeable future and run it as a nationalised bank
- Don't know

9	9	8	7	13	10	7	7	7	10	12	8	9	8	8	9	9	9	10	8	5
44	57	39	53	40	53	43	41	50	38	44	46	41	45	49	37	45	46	44	39	48
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Do you think George Osborne was right or wrong to link the Philpott case with problems in the welfare system?

Right	48	79	28	42	62	74	35	34	46	49	40	43	43	61	49	46	49	52	47	46	36
Wrong	41	14	63	49	35	19	56	58	46	37	41	41	47	34	41	42	37	40	41	41	54
Don't know	11	7	9	9	3	7	9	8	8	14	19	16	9	5	10	12	14	8	12	12	10

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The government should hold on to its stake in RBS for the foreseeable future and run it as a nationalised bank	32	39	25	22
Don't know	15	12	9	52

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Wrong	41	49	35	21
Don't know	11	8	7	40