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Sample Size: 2456 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 23rd - 24th March 2011

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Do you think George Osborne is doing a good job or a bad job as Chancellor of the Exchequer?

He is doing a good job	27	34	78	7	47	69	6	28	36	31	29	32	30	41	37	29	37	43	34	22	24
He is doing a bad job	46	40	4	75	26	10	73	43	44	36	33	36	47	38	38	43	35	31	41	49	51
Don't know	27	27	18	19	28	21	22	28	20	33	38	31	24	21	25	28	28	26	24	29	26

Thinking about the way the government is cutting spending to reduce the government's deficit, do you think this Good or bad for the economy?

Good for the economy	35	39	80	11	51	69	13	36	42	36	34	40	35	46	44	33	46	46	38	32	28
Bad for the economy	50	46	9	81	33	17	77	50	47	46	43	43	53	43	43	51	41	39	49	53	55
Don't know	15	14	11	8	16	14	11	15	11	18	23	17	12	11	13	16	13	15	13	15	17

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Being done fairly or unfairly?																					
Fairly	26	31	72	6	42	62	7	26	34	29	25	34	28	36	36	26	33	38	34	22	22
Unfairly	60	56	16	90	46	24	85	63	57	55	56	52	62	52	52	61	56	48	55	64	64
Don't know	14	13	12	4	12	14	8	12	10	16	20	14	10	12	12	14	11	14	12	13	14
Necessary or unnecessary?																					
Necessary	55	59	94	31	77	87	32	59	60	57	56	61	54	63	63	53	64	66	59	50	48
Unnecessary	32	31	4	58	17	8	57	30	32	29	25	26	37	30	27	35	26	24	32	38	37
Don't know	12	11	3	11	7	5	12	11	8	14	20	13	9	8	10	12	9	10	10	12	15
Too deep, too shallow or at about the right level?																					
Too deep	49	44	12	74	36	18	73	50	47	42	41	37	50	45	42	48	41	36	46	52	52
Too shallow	7	9	9	10	7	10	9	6	10	9	11	11	9	7	9	10	13	9	8	8	10
About the right level	27	30	67	5	43	59	6	28	33	27	21	32	28	35	34	24	32	37	30	22	23
Don't know	16	16	11	11	13	12	12	16	10	22	28	20	13	12	15	18	13	18	16	17	15
Being done too quickly, too slowly, or at about the right pace?																					
Too quickly	57	53	18	86	42	25	83	60	53	52	49	48	58	52	49	58	54	44	52	63	58
Too slowly	5	6	9	2	7	8	3	4	7	5	4	8	6	5	7	5	7	7	5	5	6
About the right pace	27	30	65	6	42	58	6	26	32	28	24	30	27	36	34	25	31	38	32	20	21
Don't know	11	11	8	6	9	8	8	9	8	15	23	14	9	7	10	13	8	11	10	12	15
Having an impact on your own life, or not having an impact on your own life?																					
Having an impact on my life	72	72	63	83	69	66	81	74	73	71	62	70	78	71	71	74	71	71	71	76	71
Not having an impact on my life	20	19	29	12	23	26	13	18	21	18	21	19	16	23	21	16	22	22	18	15	19
Don't know	9	9	8	5	8	8	6	8	6	11	17	11	6	6	8	10	7	7	11	9	10

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

The Conservative-Liberal Democrat	23	25	1	57	10	3	55	23	25	25	21	20	30	25	23	28	21	17	28	35	27
The last Labour government	38	42	91	5	56	85	6	37	45	39	36	41	38	50	47	36	45	53	43	30	29
Both	26	21	4	26	21	9	24	30	20	23	20	29	22	15	20	24	26	19	17	24	29
Neither	7	6	2	11	9	1	11	7	7	5	9	4	7	6	6	6	4	6	7	6	8
Don't know	5	5	2	3	3	3	5	3	3	8	14	7	3	3	4	7	3	5	6	5	7

Do you think Mr Osborne is telling the truth about the state of Britain's

Is telling the truth	36	72	13	53	65	15	32	39	34	25	35	35	44	42	29	36	42	40	28	29
Is not	36	7	63	19	12	61	37	40	32	40	33	40	33	32	41	34	30	35	43	44
Don't know	28	21	25	28	23	24	31	22	34	36	32	25	23	26	30	30	28	25	29	27

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Who would you most trust to make the right decisions about dealing with the government's deficit?

The Conservative/Liberal Democrat	36	38	92	3	57	80	4	31	41	35	33	36	34	46	42	32	38	47	42	27	24
The Labour party	29	24	0	69	6	1	62	19	25	24	19	20	30	24	23	26	21	18	23	34	29
Neither	26	28	5	21	29	15	23	39	27	29	30	32	27	24	25	32	29	25	27	29	36
Don't know	9	10	3	7	8	4	11	10	7	12	19	12	9	5	9	11	12	9	8	11	11

Do you support or oppose the following measures announced in Mr Osborne's budget this week?

Reducing the level of corporation tax on businesses by an extra 1%

Support	57	78	45	63	75	44	55	60	54	44	53	56	67	59	54	61	59	60	53	49
Oppose	19	7	30	16	9	26	21	23	15	23	19	20	15	18	20	18	16	19	20	25
Don't know	24	14	25	21	16	29	24	17	31	33	28	24	18	23	26	21	26	21	26	26

Delaying the planned rise in fuel duty, and instead cutting it by 1p

Support	81	91	78	88	89	75	83	81	82	69	81	82	87	82	81	71	83	86	83	78
Oppose	10	5	13	6	6	14	9	11	8	13	10	10	7	10	9	18	8	7	9	11
Don't know	9	4	8	6	5	11	8	8	10	18	10	9	6	8	10	11	10	8	8	11

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Introducing a fuel price stabiliser, so that when global oil prices are high there are no extra rises in fuel duty (funded by an extra tax on the profits of oil companies), but when global oil prices drop the level of duty would rise

Support	71	87	63	79	85	62	71	72	69	64	68	70	78	73	68	67	73	73	69	66
Oppose	11	4	18	6	5	18	12	14	9	12	11	13	9	11	12	15	9	10	12	13
Don't know	18	9	19	15	11	20	17	14	22	24	22	17	14	16	20	18	18	17	19	21

Reducing inheritance tax by 10% for people who leave 10% of their estate to

Support	51	64	43	58	58	43	52	51	51	49	54	48	51	54	46	57	52	54	45	47
Oppose	26	19	35	20	22	35	23	30	22	23	23	28	27	25	26	21	23	25	31	27
Don't know	24	17	22	22	20	23	25	20	27	28	23	24	22	20	28	22	25	21	25	26

Spending £250m on helping first time buyers afford the deposit on new build

Support	60	67	60	68	66	57	64	60	59	62	57	54	68	60	59	62	61	64	55	52
Oppose	23	22	25	14	23	25	20	25	22	14	26	29	19	24	22	20	22	21	27	30
Don't know	17	10	15	18	12	18	16	15	19	24	17	17	14	16	19	19	18	14	18	17

Linking future rises in the state pension age to rises in life expectancy

Support	47	66	35	56	62	33	48	51	44	44	52	44	49	50	44	49	51	46	44	44
Oppose	31	17	46	25	20	45	33	31	30	26	27	36	31	31	31	26	29	35	33	29
Don't know	22	16	19	19	18	22	19	18	25	30	22	20	20	20	25	25	20	19	23	26

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Keeping the 50p income tax rate for people earning over £150,000 as a temporary measure

Support	63	75	60	71	71	59	66	69	57	45	59	66	70	64	62	62	62	66	60	64
Oppose	17	12	23	15	13	22	17	18	16	17	16	17	18	17	16	17	17	14	21	15
Don't know	20	13	17	14	16	19	17	13	27	38	25	17	12	19	22	21	21	20	19	21

Increasing the personal tax allowance by £630 for basic and higher rate

Support	78	88	75	87	87	74	79	81	74	55	76	81	86	80	75	74	79	81	78	72
Oppose	9	6	13	4	5	12	9	9	8	13	9	9	6	9	8	11	9	6	7	13
Don't know	14	6	12	9	8	14	12	9	18	33	15	10	9	11	17	15	13	13	14	15

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

Yes, it is fair	44	81	20	65	72	19	46	46	43	39	49	40	47	49	39	46	53	45	35	32
No, it isn't	31	6	53	18	11	52	31	34	28	27	26	36	32	28	35	27	24	36	37	33
Don't know	25	13	27	17	17	29	23	20	29	34	25	24	21	24	26	27	22	19	28	34