

GOVERNMENT CUTS

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	Bad	Don't Know
2014	%	%	%
April 21-22	46	35	19
April 6-7	45	37	18
March 23-24	44	38	17
March 9-10	42	40	18
February 23-24	43	39	19
February 9-10	41	40	18
January 26-27	42	38	20
January 12-13	45	36	19
2013			
December 15-16	42	37	21
December 1-2	43	41	16
November 24-25	41	40	20
November 10-11	39	44	17
October 27-28	40	39	21
October 13-14	43	39	18
September 29-30	41	38	21
September 15-16	43	42	15
September 1-2	41	41	18
August 21-22	39	45	16
August 20-21	40	42	18
August 18-19	40	48	12
August 7-8	40	45	15
August 6-7	38	46	16
August 4-5	41	41	18
July 21-22	39	44	17
July 7-8	38	45	17
June 27-28	35	48	17
June 23-24	37	45	18
June 9-10	35	47	17
May 19-20	37	46	17
May 12-13	36	47	17
April 21-22	34	49	17
April 7-8	38	45	17
March 17-18	33	50	16
March 3-4	34	50	17
February 17-18	34	50	17
February 3-4	35	48	17
January 20-21	36	49	14
January 6-7	39	44	16
2012			
December 9-10	33	50	17
November 25-26	33	48	19
November 11-12	35	48	17
October 28-29	36	42	22
October 14-15	32	51	17
September 30-October 1	32	51	17
September 16-17	31	50	19
September 2-3	29	53	18
August 12-13	32	52	16
July 29-30	31	52	17

	Good	Bad	Don't Know
2012 cont.	%	%	%
July 15-16	32	53	15
July 1-2	33	51	16
May 20-21	32	51	17
April 22-23	32	51	17
April 15-16	31	51	18
April 1-2	34	50	17
March 18-19	35	49	16
March 4-5	34	49	17
February 19-20	39	44	16
February 5-6	37	46	17
January 22-23	37	48	15
January 15-16	36	49	15
January 8-9	37	45	18
2011			
December 11-12	35	48	17
November 27-28	36	48	16
November 13-14	34	47	19
November 6-7	32	47	20
October 30-31	34	49	17
October 16-17	33	50	17
October 2-3	35	47	18
September 18-19	34	50	16
September 4-5	35	49	16
August 21-22	34	51	15
August 7-8	38	45	17
July 24-25	36	48	16
July 10- 11	35	48	17
June 26-27	37	47	15
June 12-13	36	48	16
May 15-16	38	47	15
April 17-18	36	48	16
April 3-4	35	50	15
March 23-24	36	46	14
March 20-21	35	50	15
March 6-7	35	50	14
February 20-21	34	51	15
February 6-7	33	52	15
January 23-24	36	47	17
January 8-10	38	47	16
2010			
December 12-13	40	43	17
November 28-29	43	42	15
November 14-15	41	42	17
November 31-1	43	40	17
October 20-21	41	41	18
October 17-18	42	39	19
October 06-07	50	36	14
October 03-04	43	39	18
September 19-20	40	43	17
September 5-6	42	38	19
August 30-31	43	39	19
August 15-16	44	38	18
August 1-2	44	37	19

	Good	Bad	Don't Know
2010 cont.	%	%	%
July 18-19	46	37	17
June 22-23	53	28	19
June 20-21	47	30	22
June 13-14	49	31	21

Being done fairly or unfairly?

	Fairly	Unfairly	Don't Know
2014	%	%	%
April 21-22	30	54	16
April 6-7	30	55	15
March 23-24	30	53	17
March 9-10	29	56	15
February 23-24	28	55	16
February 9-10	27	55	18
January 26-27	28	56	17
January 12-13	28	54	18
2013			
December 15-16	30	55	15
December 1-2	57	28	15
November 24-25	27	56	17
November 10-11	27	57	16
October 27-28	28	55	18
October 13-14	32	54	13
September 29-30	30	53	18
September 15-16	31	54	15
September 1-2	29	56	15
August 21-22	28	58	14
August 20-21	29	56	16
August 18-19	29	59	12
August 7-8	29	58	14
August 6-7	26	58	16
August 4-5	30	54	16
July 21-22	30	55	15
July 7-8	29	54	17
June 27-28	29	56	15
June 23-24	27	58	15
June 9-10	29	56	15
May 19-20	28	57	16
May 12-13	28	57	16
April 21-22	29	57	14
April 7-8	30	56	14
March 17-18	28	57	15
March 3-4	26	59	15
February 17-18	26	60	14
February 3-4	25	61	14
January 20-21	28	60	12
January 6-7	27	58	14
2012			
December 9-10	26	60	14
November 25-26	26	55	19
November 11-12	26	57	17
October 28-29	27	56	16
October 14-15	26	60	14
September 30-October 1	23	63	14
September 16-17	24	57	19
September 2-3	22	64	15
August 12-13	27	59	15
July 29-30	26	59	15
July 15-16	23	63	14
July 1-2	24	62	14
May 20-21	23	62	15
April 22-23	21	66	13
April 15-16	22	64	14

	Fairly	Unfairly	Don't Know
2012 cont.	%	%	%
April 1-2	23	64	13
March 18-19	25	60	15
March 4-5	27	57	16
February 19-20	29	57	14
February 5-6	29	56	15
January 22-23	29	56	15
January 15-16	27	58	15
January 8-9	28	57	15
2011			
December 11-12	29	57	15
November 27-28	30	56	14
November 13-14	27	57	16
November 6-7	25	58	17
October 30-31	28	58	14
October 16-17	26	59	15
October 2-3	29	57	14
September 18-19	26	59	15
September 4-5	27	59	14
August 21-22	26	61	13
August 7-8	27	59	13
July 24-25	27	59	14
July 10- 11	27	60	13
June 26-27	27	59	14
June 12-13	28	59	13
May 15-16	30	58	12
April 17-18	27	59	13
April 3-4	27	59	13
March 23-24	31	56	13
March 20-21	26	60	14
March 6-7	27	60	13
February 20-21	25	62	13
February 6-7	25	63	12
January 23-24	28	57	15
January 8-10	31	57	12
2010			
November 28-29	34	52	14
November 14-15	36	50	14
November 31-1	37	50	12
October 20-21	36	50	14
October 17-18	36	47	17
October 6-7	39	46	15
October 3-4	33	46	21
September 19-20	30	51	19
September 5-6	33	46	19
August 30-31	32	48	19
August 15-16	36	46	18
August 1-2	37	45	18
July 18-19	38	45	17
July 4-5	41	42	17
June 22-23	45	34	21
June 20-21	34	35	32
June 13-14	37	33	30

Necessary or unnecessary?

	Necessary	Unnecessary	Don't Know
2014	%	%	%
April 21-22	59	26	15
April 6-7	58	26	16
March 23-24	58	27	15
March 9-10	57	29	14
February 23-24	56	27	16
February 9-10	54	30	16
January 26-27	56	27	17
January 12-13	56	27	16
2013			
December 15-16	56	29	15
December 1-2	55	31	14
November 24-25	57	27	16
November 10-11	56	30	15
October 27-28	55	29	16
October 13-14	60	27	13
September 29-30	56	28	16
September 15-16	58	28	14
September 1-2	58	26	16
August 21-22	54	30	16
August 20-21	56	29	16
August 18-19	56	31	13
August 7-8	56	31	13
August 6-7	55	29	16
August 4-5	58	28	15
July 21-22	57	29	14
July 7-8	58	27	15
June 27-28	54	29	16
June 23-24	59	27	14
June 9-10	57	28	15
May 19-20	57	29	15
May 12-13	56	29	14
April 21-22	58	28	14
April 7-8	59	29	12
March 17-18	56	30	15
March 3-4	56	30	13
February 17-18	57	28	14
February 3-4	55	29	16
January 20-21	59	29	12
January 6-7	59	28	13
2012			
December 9-10	56	31	13
November 25-26	55	29	15
November 11-12	55	27	18
October 28-29	56	28	16
October 14-15	55	32	13
September 30-October 1	54	31	15
September 16-17	53	30	17
September 2-3	50	35	15
August 12-13	54	31	14
July 29-30	55	31	14
July 15-16	55	31	14
July 1-2	57	29	14
May 20-21	54	32	13
April 22-23	52	33	15
April 15-16	54	32	14
April 1-2	54	32	13

	Necessary	Unnecessary	Don't Know
2012 cont.	%	%	%
March 18-19	55	31	14
March 4-5	58	28	15
February 19-20	59	28	13
February 5-6	61	26	13
January 22-23	60	26	14
January 15-16	61	26	13
January 8-9	60	27	14
2011			
December 11-12	59	27	14
November 27-28	57	29	14
November 13-14	56	27	17
November 6-7	55	28	16
October 30-31	56	30	13
October 16-17	58	29	13
October 2-3	58	28	14
September 18-19	57	30	13
September 4-5	57	31	12
August 21-22	54	33	13
August 7-8	58	29	13
July 24-25	57	30	13
July 10- 11	55	31	14
June 26-27	56	32	13
June 12-13	58	30	12
May 15-16	59	31	10
April 17-18	58	30	12
April 3-4	56	31	12
March 23-24	59	31	11
March 20-21	55	32	12
March 6-7	57	32	11
February 20-21	55	33	12
February 6-7	55	34	11

Too deep, too shallow or at about the right level?

	Too Deep	Too Shallow	About Right	Don't know
2014	%	%	%	%
April 21-22	35	13	33	18
April 6-7	37	11	31	20
March 23-24	36	12	33	20
March 9-10	39	12	30	19
February 23-24	39	12	30	20
February 9-10	40	10	29	21
January 26-27	37	12	29	21
January 12-13	37	12	30	22
2013				
December 15-16	36	13	30	21
December 1-2	39	29	13	18
November 24-25	40	13	27	19
November 10-11	43	11	29	18
October 27-28	38	13	28	21
October 13-14	38	13	31	17
September 29-30	37	12	31	20
September 15-16	40	11	32	18
September 1-2	40	12	30	19
August 21-22	41	14	27	19
August 20-21	38	13	29	20
August 18-19	41	13	29	16
August 7-8	40	13	30	17
August 6-7	40	14	26	20
August 4-5	39	16	27	19
July 21-22	42	13	28	17
July 7-8	41	14	28	18
June 27-28	40	14	25	21
June 23-24	39	15	28	18
June 9-10	42	14	24	21
May 19-20	40	12	30	18
May 12-13	43	12	25	19
April 21-22	45	12	26	18
April 7-8	38	16	26	20
March 17-18	43	10	26	20
March 3-4	43	14	26	18
February 17-18	45	13	25	18
February 3-4	48	9	24	19
January 20-21	42	12	28	17
January 6-7	42	13	28	17
2012				
December 9-10	43	13	24	20
November 25-26	41	11	26	21
November 11-12	40	13	26	20
October 28-29	40	11	26	22
October 14-15	45	13	25	17
September 30-October 1	43	14	23	20
September 16-17	43	12	25	20
September 2-3	44	14	21	21
August 12-13	45	12	24	19
July 29-30	45	12	26	18
July 15-16	46	12	23	19
July 1-2	47	11	25	17
May 20-21	43	10	26	21
April 22-23	47	11	23	19
April 15-16	45	12	24	19

	Too Deep	Too Shallow	About Right	Don't know
2012 cont.	%	%	%	%
April 1-2	48	10	26	16
March 18-19	45	10	25	20
March 4-5	44	9	28	19
February 19-20	42	10	31	18
February 5-6	43	11	29	17
January 22-23	43	10	29	19
January 15-16	42	10	29	19
January 8-9	42	10	30	18
2011				
December 11-12	43	10	29	17
November 27-28	42	11	28	19
November 13-14	43	10	27	20
November 6-7	46	8	26	21
October 30-31	46	8	28	13
October 16-17	47	8	28	18
October 2-3	44	8	29	19
September 18-19	46	11	26	18
September 4-5	47	9	27	17
August 21-22	48	9	27	16
August 7-8	45	10	28	17
July 24-25	46	10	27	18
July 10- 11	50	8	25	17
June 26-27	48	8	28	16
June 12-13	47	8	29	16
May 15-16	47	7	31	15
April 17-18	50	6	28	16
April 3-4	50	8	28	15
March 23-24	44	9	30	16
March 20-21	49	7	27	16
March 6-7	50	6	28	16
February 20-21	50	6	27	16
February 6-7	51	7	25	17

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

	Too Quickly	Too Slowly	About Right	Don't know
2014	%	%	%	%
April 21-22	37	13	34	16
April 6-7	38	11	34	16
March 23-24	38	13	33	16
March 9-10	41	13	31	15
February 23-24	40	12	33	16
February 9-10	42	11	31	17
January 26-27	39	13	32	16
January 12-13	39	12	30	18
2013				
December 15-16	41	12	30	17
December 1-2	41	30	13	15
November 24-25	42	14	29	15
November 10-11	43	12	30	14
October 27-28	41	12	30	17
October 13-14	40	12	33	14
September 29-30	41	13	29	17
September 15-16	43	13	30	15
September 1-2	42	13	31	15
August 21-22	43	14	28	15
August 20-21	43	13	29	16
August 18-19	45	13	29	14
August 7-8	43	16	27	14
August 6-7	45	13	27	16
August 4-5	39	15	30	16
July 21-22	43	13	29	14
July 7-8	41	15	27	16
June 23-24	42	15	28	14
June 9-10	44	14	24	18
May 19-20	43	13	29	15
May 12-13	44	14	26	16
April 21-22	46	13	27	15
April 7-8	40	16	28	16
March 17-18	46	13	25	16
March 3-4	45	13	27	14
February 17-18	49	13	25	13
February 3-4	51	10	24	14
January 20-21	45	16	26	14
January 6-7	46	15	26	13
2012				
December 9-10	44	13	28	15
November 25-26	46	11	26	16
November 11-12	43	12	28	17
October 28-29	44	11	27	17
October 14-15	47	13	25	14
September 30-October 1	47	14	23	16
September 16-17	45	14	23	18
September 2-3	50	16	19	15
August 12-13	48	12	25	16
July 29-30	48	14	25	14
July 15-16	48	12	25	15
July 1-2	48	12	26	14
May 20-21	49	12	25	15
April 22-23	51	10	24	15
April 15-16	50	10	24	16
April 1-2	51	9	26	14

	Too Quickly	Too Slowly	About Right	Don't know
2012 cont.	%	%	%	%
March 18-19	50	10	26	14
March 4-5	47	10	28	15
February 19-20	48	10	29	13
February 5-6	49	13	26	13
January 22-23	48	9	29	15
January 15-16	48	9	30	14
January 8-9	47	7	32	14
2011				
December 11-12	48	9	30	14
November 27-28	46	10	28	16
November 13-14	48	9	27	15
November 6-7	49	8	27	16
October 30-31	51	8	28	13
October 16-17	51	8	27	13
October 2-3	48	8	30	14
September 18-19	52	9	26	13
September 4-5	52	8	28	12
August 21-22	55	6	27	11
August 7-8	51	9	27	13
July 24-25	53	8	27	12
July 10- 11	55	7	26	13
June 26-27	54	6	28	12
June 12-13	54	6	29	10
May 15-16	53	7	30	10
April 17-18	57	5	28	11
April 3-4	56	5	29	10
March 23-24	53	6	30	11
March 20-21	57	5	27	11
March 6-7	56	6	29	10
February 20-21	58	5	26	10
February 6-7	58	5	27	11

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

	Having an Impact	Not Having an Impact	Don't Know
2014	%	%	%
April 21-22	54	34	12
April 6-7	51	34	15
March 23-24	60	36	14
March 9-10	53	34	12
February 23-24	51	33	16
February 9-10	57	30	12
January 26-27	51	35	14
January 12-13	54	31	15
2013			
December 15-16	52	34	15
December 1-2	57	30	12
November 24-25	56	32	12
November 10-11	58	31	11
October 27-28	54	34	11
October 13-14	57	33	10
September 29-30	51	34	15
September 15-16	57	31	12
September 1-2	57	32	11
August 21-22	59	30	11
August 20-21	57	30	13
August 18-19	61	29	11
August 7-8	60	30	10
August 6-7	57	31	12
August 4-5	57	31	12
July 21-22	55	32	13
July 7-8	57	31	12
June 23-24	53	35	13
June 9-10	55	32	13
May 19-20	54	35	12
May 12-13	57	31	12
April 21-22	55	32	13
April 7-8	55	34	11
March 17-18	59	29	13
March 3-4	61	28	10
February 17-18	61	27	12
February 3-4	30	29	11
January 20-21	65	27	8
January 6-7	60	30	10
2012			
December 9-10	66	25	10
November 25-26	61	26	13
November 11-12	64	24	12
October 28-29	57	31	12
October 14-15	63	29	8
Sept 30-October 1	65	25	10
September 16-17	60	28	12
September 2-3	63	26	11
August 12-13	61	29	10
July 29-30	62	28	10
July 15-16	62	28	10
July 1-2	63	27	9
May 20-21	64	25	11
April 22-23	68	21	11
April 15-16	66	23	10

	Having an Impact	Not Having an Impact	Don't Know
2012 cont.	%	%	%
April 1-2	71	20	8
March 18-19	67	23	10
March 4-5	65	24	11
February 19-20	62	27	11
February 5-6	62	28	10
January 22-23	62	28	10
January 15-16	62	28	9
January 8-9	64	25	10
2011			
December 11-12	67	23	11
November 27-28	66	24	10
November 13-14	66	25	10
November 6-7	65	25	10
October 30-31	67	23	10
October 16-17	69	22	9
October 2-3	66	24	10
September 18-19	68	22	10
September 4-5	68	23	9
August 21-22	70	22	8
August 7-8	67	24	9
July 24-25	68	23	9
July 10- 11	70	21	9
June 26-27	69	22	9
June 12-13	67	24	9
May 15-16	65	25	9
April 17-18	69	22	9
April 3-4	70	20	10
March 23-24	72	19	9
March 20-21	72	20	9
March 6-7	72	19	9
February 20-21	67	22	11
February 6-7	71	20	9
January 23-24	71	18	11
January 8-10	72	18	10
2010			
December 12-13	62	25	13
November 28-29	60	27	13
November 14-15	59	26	15
November 31-1	58	26	16
October 20-21	62	21	17
October 17-18	56	26	18
October 6-7	49	31	20
October 3-4	56	25	19
September 19-20	59	25	16
September 5-6	60	24	16
August 30-31	59	25	16
July 18-19	57	28	16
July 4-5	59	24	17
June 22-23	61	16	23
June 20-21	55	18	27
June 13-14	48	26	26

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

	Con-Lib Coalition	Labour	Both	Neither	Don't Know
2014	%	%	%	%	%
April 21-22	25	38	25	3	9
April 6-7	25	36	26	4	9
March 23-24	25	36	25	5	10
March 9-10	24	37	26	5	9
February 23-24	29	33	25	4	9
February 9-10	26	34	25	5	10
January 26-27	28	34	24	4	10
January 12-13	26	34	26	4	10
2013					
December 15-16	27	35	26	3	9
December 1-2	27	35	26	4	8
November 24-25	26	34	26	3	10
November 10-11	26	35	29	4	6
October 27-28	28	35	26	3	8
October 13-14	23	38	28	5	7
September 29-30	25	37	25	5	8
September 15-16	26	35	26	4	8
September 1-2	25	36	28	5	7
August 21-22	28	34	27	5	7
August 20-21	25	36	26	4	9
August 18-19	25	35	29	5	7
August 7-8	26	35	26	5	7
August 6-7	24	34	28	4	9
August 4-5	24	36	27	4	9
July 21-22	25	36	28	4	7
July 7-8	26	37	23	5	9
June 23-24	24	37	27	5	7
June 9-10	24	35	29	4	9
May 19-20	29	36	23	4	7
May 12-13	26	35	26	4	8
April 21-22	27	36	25	4	8
April 7-8	24	36	30	4	7
March 17-18	29	37	23	4	7
March 3-4	30	35	25	4	6
February 17-18	26	36	27	4	8
February 3-4	29	34	26	4	7
January 20-21	26	38	25	4	6
January 6-7	25	37	26	5	7
2012					
December 9-10	27	36	25	5	7
November 25-26	26	35	26	5	7
November 11-12	26	35	28	5	7
October 28-29	29	34	27	4	6
October 14-15	28	36	26	5	6
September 30-October 1	27	36	27	3	7
September 16-17	29	34	26	4	7
September 2-3	29	35	25	4	6
August 12-13	28	37	23	5	7
July 29-30	27	34	28	4	7
July 15-16	27	35	28	5	6
July 1-2	26	36	28	3	6
May 20-21	28	34	27	4	7
April 22-23	29	34	25	5	7
April 15-16	28	33	27	5	7

	Con-Lib Coalition	Labour	Both	Neither	Don't Know
2012 cont.	%	%	%	%	%
April 1-2	28	35	27	4	6
March 18-19	25	36	27	6	7
March 4-5	25	36	27	6	6
February 19-20	23	38	27	5	7
February 5-6	23	37	28	5	7
January 22-23	22	39	28	5	6
January 15-16	21	37	27	7	8
January 8-9	22	39	27	6	6
2011					
December 11-12	24	39	24	6	7
November 27-28	23	38	26	6	6
November 13-14	22	38	26	7	7
November 6-7	23	37	27	7	7
October 30-31	25	39	25	6	5
October 16-17	25	38	25	6	6
October 2-3	22	39	26	7	6
September 18-19	26	38	25	5	6
September 4-5	25	38	26	5	6
August 21-22	26	37	25	6	5
August 7-8	26	38	25	6	6
July 24-25	25	40	24	5	6
July 10- 11	25	37	26	5	6
June 26-27	26	39	23	6	6
June 12-13	24	40	24	6	6
May 15-16	26	41	23	6	5
April 17-18	25	41	23	7	5
April 3-4	25	40	25	6	4
March 23-24	25	42	21	6	5
March 20-21	23	38	26	7	5
March 6-7	27	40	22	6	5
February 20-21	25	41	24	5	5
February 6-7	25	38	26	6	5
January 23-24	26	40	24	5	6
January 8-10	22	40	25	8	5
2010					
December 12-13	23	41	24	7	5
November 28-29	21	45	23	7	5
November 14-15	22	43	23	7	5
November 31-1	20	46	22	7	6
October 20-21	17	47	20	11	5
October 17-18	18	48	16	9	9
October 06-07	17	47	20	10	5
October 03-04	20	44	22	8	6
September 19-20	21	44	22	7	6
September 5-6	22	45	20	6	7
August 30-31	23	45	20	6	6
August 15-16	22	45	21	6	7
August 1-2	22	45	20	6	7
July 18-19	21	48	19	7	5
July 4-5	21	44	21	8	7
June 22-23	18	49	18	9	6
June 20-21	19	49	18	7	7
June 13-14	17	48	19	9	6