

## YouGov /Unite, PCS & NUT Survey Results

Sample Size: 1722 GB Adults  
Fieldwork: 18th - 19th April 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	
<b>Weighted Sample</b>	<b>1722</b>			549	455	392	837	885	208	439	589	486	982	740	220	560	369	424	150	
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George Osborne announced in the Budget that he would like to change the way future retirement ages are calculated, so that retirement ages in the future are now increased in line with rising life expectancy.

Independent observers have projected that if life expectancy continues to rise at present rates this would mean someone aged 37 now won't receive their state pension until the age of 70, someone currently aged 21 won't receive their state pension until 75 and someone born this year won't receive their state pension until the age of 80.

Before now were you aware of the plans to increase the state pension age in line with rises in life expectancy?

Yes, I was aware	57	61	59	64	58	59	58	57	57	53	54	54	65	59	53	58	56	54	59	60
No, I was not aware	38	35	37	31	37	38	39	39	38	38	42	42	32	35	42	35	39	42	37	36
Not sure	5	3	3	5	4	3	3	4	6	10	5	4	4	5	4	7	5	4	4	4

Were you born...

Before 1977	71	71	70	80	79	76	69	70	72	0	33	100	100	65	78	59	73	72	72	75
During or after 1977	29	29	30	20	21	24	31	30	28	100	67	0	0	35	22	41	27	28	28	25

Under current plans people born in 1977 or after will not be able to receive a state pension until the age of 68. Thinking about your current career or occupation, how comfortable or uncomfortable do you feel about not being able to claim a state pension until at least the age of 68?

[Excluding those who were born before 1977. N=422]

Very comfortable	7	17	4	4	17	4	5	10	4	7	8	0	0	9	5	7	7	10	6	6
Fairly comfortable	24	37	20	49	27	21	25	22	26	20	26	0	0	25	21	19	31	26	16	26
<b>TOTAL COMFORTABLE</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>32</b>
Fairly uncomfortable	33	34	32	21	32	28	33	33	32	37	29	0	0	32	33	44	32	26	30	32
Very uncomfortable	29	9	39	20	21	40	31	25	32	24	31	0	0	25	37	26	23	28	41	21
<b>TOTAL UNCOMFORTABLE</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>53</b>
Don't know	8	3	4	5	2	7	6	10	5	11	5	0	0	9	4	4	7	10	7	15

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**Do you think plans to raise the state retirement age and delay the point people receive their state pension to at least 68 will...**

Harm wealthier pensioners more	1	3	1	0	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	2
Harm poorer pensioners more	62	49	74	61	53	72	68	65	59	59	64	63	62	61	64	56	63	59	66	66
Affect wealthier and poorer pensioners equally	24	37	17	26	33	19	20	21	27	21	21	23	28	25	23	26	23	27	23	21
Don't know	12	11	8	13	12	8	12	12	13	18	13	13	9	12	13	16	13	11	10	12

**Other countries in Europe are not planning to increase pension ages to the same extent as in Britain. Do you think it is fair or unfair that people in Britain will have to work for longer to receive a state pension than people in other European countries?**

Fair	14	32	7	24	23	6	12	18	11	19	16	10	16	19	8	18	15	15	11	11
Unfair	77	59	87	60	69	90	77	73	81	63	74	85	76	73	83	72	74	77	83	77
Don't know	9	9	7	16	8	4	11	9	8	18	10	6	8	9	9	11	11	7	6	12

**Which, if any, of the following do you think is the biggest potential risk of making people in the UK work longer before receiving their state pension?**

People having less opportunity to enjoy retirement while they are still healthy	31	35	27	36	34	28	31	30	31	26	31	30	33	32	29	26	32	31	31	28
Fewer jobs available for younger people	29	35	29	29	31	28	33	29	30	26	24	34	31	33	25	27	29	29	32	26
Older people would be less able to do physically or mentally demanding jobs	16	13	16	10	15	18	13	14	19	18	14	15	19	14	19	17	16	18	14	21
Poorer health as a result of having to work for longer	15	8	23	10	12	21	15	18	13	18	20	15	10	13	19	16	15	14	17	17
Grandparents being less able to spend time with or help out with their grandchildren	2	2	1	6	2	1	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	4	1	1	1	2
Other	1	1	0	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0
None of these - there are no potential risks to increasing the state pension age	3	5	1	4	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	4	3	2	3	3	3	2	2
Don't know	3	2	2	1	2	3	3	4	3	7	4	3	1	3	4	6	4	3	2	4