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Do you think the coalition government is managing the economy well or badly?

Very well	3	2	6	0	6	4	0	2	4	1	2	3	3	1	3	2	1	3	3	1	3
Fairly well	27	28	66	6	42	52	8	22	30	26	25	28	26	31	33	21	31	32	28	26	15
TOTAL WELL	30	30	72	6	48	56	8	24	34	27	27	31	29	32	36	23	32	35	31	27	18
Fairly badly	33	34	19	36	33	27	36	41	32	37	40	34	32	35	35	33	35	34	32	33	45
Very badly	29	28	3	53	16	11	52	26	29	26	18	28	32	26	22	35	25	25	29	32	24
TOTAL BADLY	62	62	22	89	49	38	88	67	61	63	58	62	64	61	57	68	60	59	61	65	69
Don't know	8	8	6	4	3	6	4	9	6	10	15	7	7	6	7	9	7	6	9	8	13

In your opinion how good or bad is the state of Britain's economy at the moment?

Very good	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0
Quite good	5	4	10	2	4	7	3	2	6	2	6	3	3	4	4	3	4	3	3	6	2
TOTAL GOOD	5	4	11	3	4	8	4	2	7	2	6	4	3	4	5	3	5	3	5	6	2
Neither good nor bad	19	17	30	8	27	24	9	14	18	16	24	16	14	17	19	14	19	17	14	17	17
Quite bad	48	48	47	47	50	48	48	52	46	49	43	52	44	50	50	45	44	49	47	46	52
Very bad	24	29	12	40	18	19	37	31	27	31	20	23	37	28	23	36	26	28	32	29	28
TOTAL BAD	72	77	59	87	68	67	85	83	73	80	63	75	81	78	73	81	70	77	79	75	80
Don't know	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	6	4	1	0	2	2	5	2	2	2	1

How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months?

Get a lot better	1	1	3	1	3	1	1	2	2	1	3	3	0	0	2	1	1	1	2	2	0
Get a little better	9	8	15	6	14	11	6	7	11	6	13	12	7	5	11	5	11	8	5	11	6
TOTAL BETTER	10	9	18	7	17	12	7	9	13	7	16	15	7	5	13	6	12	9	7	13	6
Stay about the same	36	29	41	22	38	34	21	31	31	27	39	27	28	27	32	24	29	33	30	26	21
Get a little worse	34	39	33	40	35	38	41	41	34	43	24	35	40	48	37	42	36	38	37	40	49
Get a lot worse	15	18	7	26	10	13	28	15	17	19	10	18	22	17	15	23	15	17	21	18	22
TOTAL WORSE	49	57	40	66	45	51	69	56	51	62	34	53	62	65	52	65	51	55	58	58	71
Don't know	4	4	2	4	1	2	2	4	4	4	10	5	3	2	3	5	7	3	5	3	3

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How much confidence, in any, do you have in David Cameron and the coalition government to steer the country out of the current economic crisis?

	Jan 26-27	Dec 6-7																				
A lot of confidence	10	5	15	0	7	11	1	3	7	3	3	6	4	5	7	3	7	6	4	5	2	
Some confidence	28	28	65	7	32	50	12	20	28	27	36	24	28	27	32	22	29	31	26	25	21	
TOTAL CONFIDENCE	38	33	80	7	39	61	13	23	35	30	39	30	32	32	39	25	36	37	30	30	23	
Not a lot of confidence	31	34	17	36	43	27	34	43	33	35	33	36	31	37	34	35	33	36	32	30	47	
No confidence at all	27	30	2	56	16	10	53	32	30	31	22	29	34	30	25	37	28	25	34	36	28	
TOTAL NO CONFIDENCE	58	64	19	92	59	37	87	75	63	66	55	65	65	67	59	72	61	61	66	66	75	
Don't know	5	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	4	6	4	3	1	3	3	4	2	3	4	1	

Who would you trust more to run the economy?

	April 26-27	Dec 6-7																				
David Cameron and George Osborne	36	37	91	3	43	73	9	26	40	34	37	30	36	44	41	31	38	42	35	32	34	
Ed Miliband and Ed Balls	28	26	1	64	16	5	56	31	29	23	22	29	28	23	25	28	22	20	33	32	22	
Not sure	35	37	8	33	41	22	35	43	31	43	42	41	36	34	34	41	41	38	32	36	45	

Thinking about the government's economic policies, which of the following best reflects your view?

	Aug 23-24	Dec 6-7																				
The government should stick to its current strategy of reducing the deficit, even if this means growth remains slow	29	36	78	9	48	63	12	30	40	32	39	35	33	38	41	29	36	42	36	29	27	
The government should change its strategy to concentrate on growth, even if this means the deficit stays longer or gets worse	42	37	13	63	32	18	64	41	41	34	26	37	41	39	35	40	30	32	38	45	42	
Neither	9	10	2	12	11	7	10	11	8	11	13	10	10	8	9	11	14	10	8	8	10	
Not sure	20	18	7	16	10	12	14	18	11	24	22	19	17	15	15	20	19	15	18	18	21	

Do you think you personally will be better or worse off from the measures announced in the Autumn statement, or will they not make much difference to you?

I will be better off	6	13	4	8	10	4	5	9	4	8	9	5	5	8	4	9	6	7	5	4
I will be worse off	36	22	48	33	29	49	37	35	37	18	38	45	33	34	40	31	33	37	42	39
The changes don't make much difference to me personally	44	55	35	48	51	36	45	47	41	47	36	41	52	46	40	42	47	41	40	48
Don't know	14	10	12	11	10	11	13	9	18	27	17	10	10	12	16	17	14	14	13	9

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Thinking about the measures George Osborne announced in this week's Autumn statement, who do you think benefitted the most?

People on high incomes	40	14	64	41	21	61	45	45	35	32	36	43	43	35	47	39	37	41	46	33
People on average incomes	19	30	12	25	27	14	17	22	16	14	21	16	23	23	14	19	18	18	19	21
People on low incomes	10	21	6	9	18	5	9	11	9	13	7	10	11	12	8	12	11	7	10	11
People on benefits	3	3	1	3	5	1	2	2	4	1	6	3	2	4	2	3	3	4	3	4
Don't know	28	31	18	23	29	20	28	20	35	39	29	28	21	27	29	28	30	29	22	31

And who do you think suffered the most from the measures announced in this week's Autumn statement?

People on high incomes	9	20	4	6	17	5	5	10	8	11	8	8	9	9	8	9	9	8	8	8
People on average incomes	16	17	12	14	21	13	13	16	16	12	19	16	15	20	11	18	16	16	18	10
People on low incomes	27	13	37	33	14	41	32	29	25	22	24	28	31	25	30	27	27	29	29	21
People on benefits	26	25	33	33	25	27	29	29	24	22	25	29	27	24	29	25	26	25	26	35
Don't know	22	25	15	14	23	14	21	16	27	33	24	20	17	21	23	21	23	22	19	27

In the Autumn statement this week George Osborne announced that most benefits would rise by 1% for the next three years, less than the current rate of inflation. Do you think this was the right or wrong thing to do?

Right - it is right that benefits should only be increased at 1% a year	33	56	17	40	51	19	33	37	30	23	33	32	40	37	28	36	34	34	29	36
Wrong - benefits should not have been increased at all	19	21	16	15	22	17	12	19	19	25	24	18	12	22	15	17	20	18	20	17
Wrong - benefits should have been increased in line with inflation or more	35	16	55	41	20	53	41	36	35	32	30	38	38	30	42	31	35	38	35	38
Don't know	13	7	12	4	8	11	13	9	17	21	13	12	10	11	15	16	11	11	16	9

George Osborne also announced more funding for HM Revenue and Customs to help target tax avoiders. Do you think the government are or are not doing enough to tackle tax avoidance and evasion?

The government are not doing enough to tackle tax avoidance and evasion	73	64	82	75	67	84	77	76	70	56	71	76	80	72	75	74	72	71	73	79
The government are doing all they reasonably can to tackle tax avoidance and evasion	17	32	10	22	25	9	16	18	17	28	18	15	14	19	14	14	20	18	16	13
Don't know	10	5	8	3	8	7	8	6	13	16	12	9	6	9	11	12	8	10	11	8

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Currently teachers are paid according to national pay scales, based on their experience and duties. In the Autumn statement George Osborne announced that in future headteachers will be able to set teachers' pay within bands based on their performance. Which of the following best reflects your view?

Teachers should be paid according to national pay scales, based on their experience and duties

Headteachers should be able to set their teachers' salaries within national scales based on their performance

Don't know

47	31	61	51	31	66	51	47	47	41	45	50	47	43	51	41	46	48	49	49
43	64	30	45	59	28	42	45	42	44	43	41	46	48	38	44	45	43	42	41
10	5	9	3	10	6	8	8	11	14	12	9	7	9	11	15	9	9	9	10

George Osborne also announced a reduction in the rate of Corporation Tax paid by businesses to 21%. Do you support or oppose this reduction?

Support

Oppose

Don't know

43	68	31	51	59	32	40	52	35	36	36	45	51	46	40	47	42	50	39	40
26	13	37	29	13	35	33	27	26	31	27	25	25	28	24	25	25	26	28	30
30	19	32	20	28	32	28	21	39	33	37	30	24	26	36	28	33	24	33	31

Britain's rate of Corporation Tax is lower than many other European countries. Which of the following best reflects your view?

It is a good thing that Britain has low corporation tax - it encourages companies to invest in the UK and helps our businesses thrive and create jobs

It is a bad thing that Britain has low corporation tax - it means companies don't make as big a tax contribution to our public services as they could do

Neither

Don't know

51	77	37	58	70	41	43	57	45	42	49	52	55	54	46	51	50	55	48	49
25	10	36	30	12	31	33	23	27	29	27	23	23	25	25	25	26	24	24	28
9	5	13	4	6	13	8	11	8	8	8	12	8	8	11	11	8	8	9	14
15	9	15	8	12	15	16	10	20	21	16	13	13	13	17	12	16	13	18	9

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In his statement George Osborne ruled out introducing a new tax on expensive houses. Do you think he was right or wrong to rule out a new tax on expensive houses?

Right to rule it out	27	45	13	23	43	17	19	31	23	23	25	23	35	30	23	29	28	24	25	30
Wrong to rule it out	57	36	74	72	39	72	69	57	57	61	54	62	53	54	61	54	57	62	56	54
Don't know	16	19	13	5	18	11	13	12	20	17	21	16	13	16	16	16	15	15	19	17

Shale gas is natural gas trapped under sedimentary rock, which is extracted using a method known as hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking". There are large reserves of shale gas in Lancashire.

Some people think that using shale gas could be a solution to Britain's energy needs. Other people think that fracking is a dangerous technique that risks contaminating ground water and causing minor earthquakes.

From what you have seen or heard about the issue, do you think Britain should or should not start extracting shale gas?

Should	34	44	31	29	41	36	27	51	18	35	31	33	37	36	31	31	34	31	37	35
Should not	30	27	33	41	25	31	37	24	36	35	31	31	27	32	28	30	29	34	30	26
Don't know	36	29	37	30	34	34	36	24	47	30	38	36	35	32	40	39	37	34	32	39

In the Autumn statement George Osborne announced financial incentives to encourage the development of shale gas extraction in the UK. Do you think this was the right or wrong thing to do?

Right	34	46	30	28	43	35	25	51	19	38	33	31	37	37	30	31	34	31	38	36
Wrong	32	26	34	45	25	32	40	26	37	31	30	34	31	32	31	33	31	33	32	27
Don't know	34	28	35	28	32	33	34	23	44	31	37	35	32	31	39	37	35	35	30	37

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In the past male children of the monarch have taken precedence over female children when it comes to inheriting the throne (meaning a younger brother would become King instead of their older sister). The law is to be changed, so that men and women are treated equally in the line of succession to the throne.

Do you think men and women should be treated equally in the line of succession to the throne?

Should	87	88	89	93	88	88	95	83	91	79	86	87	94	88	87	83	88	88	89	86
Should not	6	8	6	3	8	6	3	8	4	11	6	6	4	6	6	8	7	4	6	6
Don't know	6	4	5	4	4	6	2	8	4	11	8	7	2	6	7	8	5	8	6	8

Similar rules apply to most other hereditary titles in Britain, such as Dukes, Earls and Viscounts. Do you think the law should also be changed to given female children the same rights as male children to inherit titles?

Should be changed	81	80	83	92	81	81	92	74	87	71	84	80	84	83	79	74	84	80	81	84
Should not be changed	8	12	6	4	10	7	4	12	5	12	6	10	8	8	9	10	8	8	10	6
Don't know	10	8	11	4	9	12	4	13	8	17	10	11	8	9	12	16	8	12	9	10

Which member of the royal family do you think has done the most to improve the image of the royal family in recent years?

Prince William, Duke of Cambridge	33	30	36	43	32	37	37	29	38	27	33	37	33	31	37	29	33	36	31	43
The Queen	27	41	19	20	38	21	23	28	25	17	20	24	40	29	23	30	31	23	25	17
Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge	16	14	15	18	13	15	16	13	18	30	18	14	10	17	14	13	17	14	17	17
Prince Harry	5	3	6	2	4	6	7	7	4	4	10	5	2	6	5	4	4	6	8	3
Prince Charles	2	2	3	3	2	2	1	3	1	2	5	2	0	2	2	5	2	2	1	2
Prince Philip	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	2	0
Zara Phillips	1	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	1	4	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	1
Princess Anne	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	2	1	1	2
Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
None of them has done anything to improve the image of the royal family in recent years	9	4	13	7	4	10	9	11	7	7	5	13	8	8	11	10	7	10	9	12
Don't know	4	2	4	4	3	3	3	4	4	7	6	3	3	4	5	6	4	4	4	2

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Prince William currently works as a Flight Lieutenant in the Air and Sea Rescue Service. His commission finishes next year. When that happens do you think he should stay in the RAF for another commission, or should he leave the armed forces and concentrate on his royal duties?

Should stay in the armed forces	47	50	49	41	52	48	41	46	48	47	49	45	46	48	45	45	47	52	42	51
Should leave the armed forces and concentrate on his royal duties	27	33	24	40	28	23	31	29	25	24	24	28	31	26	29	27	27	27	29	21
Don't know	26	17	27	19	20	29	28	25	27	29	27	27	23	27	25	28	25	21	29	28

Which of the following would you choose as names for William and Kate's baby?
...if it is a boy?

George	17	20	18	13	21	18	16	14	20	21	20	16	13	19	14	21	21	16	14	8
Richard	14	15	12	23	15	12	16	15	13	6	13	15	17	14	14	12	13	15	16	12
Louis	13	13	14	8	11	16	10	10	15	18	12	12	11	11	14	12	15	9	15	7
Philip	8	8	7	12	8	7	8	9	7	8	9	7	8	8	8	9	8	10	6	7
John	7	8	10	4	9	8	5	8	6	9	7	5	8	6	8	6	5	8	7	11
Charles	4	5	3	3	6	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	3	5	7
Don't know	37	31	36	36	31	35	42	40	35	32	37	39	38	37	38	36	34	39	37	48

...if it is a girl?

Diana	21	16	27	20	17	26	21	23	20	26	19	22	21	18	25	26	19	19	24	21
Alice	18	16	19	16	18	18	16	13	22	19	22	17	15	18	18	18	18	19	19	8
Elizabeth	12	20	8	7	21	9	7	9	14	10	10	12	14	13	10	10	15	11	10	11
Mary	6	9	4	15	7	4	8	8	4	7	5	4	7	7	5	5	6	6	5	6
Frances	5	6	7	4	6	9	3	5	6	5	5	6	5	5	5	7	6	5	3	6
Anne	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	3	4	5	3	3	4	4	4	4	1	4	5
Don't know	35	29	32	34	28	31	41	39	31	29	34	37	34	35	34	32	31	38	34	43