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David Cameron has pledged to fully legalise gay marriage. Do you think this is because...

He genuinely believes that it is the right thing to do	21	25	37	17	40	31	16	27	25	24	27	34	23	18	28	20	25	25	27	23	24
He does not believe it is right, but is doing it for political reasons	63	57	45	69	42	52	70	56	59	55	50	46	60	67	54	61	53	57	55	63	55
Don't know	17	18	18	14	18	17	15	17	15	21	23	20	17	16	18	19	22	19	19	14	21

Thinking about the cuts the government have made to defence spending, do you think they have cut spending on defence by too much, too little or about the right amount?

Too much	49	48	55	34	54	58	41	51	47	28	39	55	58	45	54	37	47	46	58	50
Too little	12	8	15	19	5	12	19	14	10	21	15	11	8	13	11	15	10	16	10	12
About the right amount	20	33	13	29	29	12	21	23	18	21	23	18	21	22	17	23	23	18	15	24
Don't know	19	12	17	18	12	18	19	12	25	30	23	17	13	20	18	26	19	20	16	13

Thinking about the level of cuts to defence, do you think...

The cuts have damaged Britain's ability to defend itself against security threats, and should be reversed	38	27	50	25	34	52	32	39	38	21	32	43	46	35	43	29	35	37	49	39
The cuts have damaged Britain's ability to defend itself, but given the need to cut spending they are unavoidable	23	37	15	30	33	16	22	24	22	23	24	22	24	24	22	22	25	25	20	21
The cuts are reasonable, and still leave Britain with all we need to defend ourselves against security threats	22	28	20	28	22	16	29	26	18	32	23	21	19	25	19	27	25	21	15	27
Don't know	16	9	15	17	10	17	17	10	22	24	21	15	12	17	16	22	15	17	16	13

Looking forwards, do you think the government should or should not protect defence from future cuts, even if this means bigger cuts elsewhere?

Should - defence should be protected from future cuts, even if this means bigger cuts elsewhere	46	55	43	37	58	46	38	48	44	27	37	49	58	44	48	35	48	45	51	43
Should not - defence should face the same level of cuts as other government departments	34	33	34	49	29	31	46	37	30	44	38	34	26	37	29	39	34	34	30	39
Don't know	20	12	22	15	13	23	16	15	26	30	25	17	15	18	23	26	18	21	19	18

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Which of the main political parties do you trust the most on the issue of the NHS?

Conservatives	19	18	58	1	2	45	1	6	21	15	14	16	16	23	21	14	15	25	18	13	11
Labour	34	34	4	80	20	8	76	33	37	30	37	34	36	29	32	35	36	25	33	43	38
Liberal Democrats	4	7	3	1	49	2	1	23	8	6	9	7	6	7	7	6	6	7	8	5	11
None of them	30	32	26	13	19	37	18	30	27	36	17	29	36	35	30	34	30	33	30	33	31
Don't know	14	10	9	4	11	8	5	9	7	12	22	13	6	6	10	10	13	10	11	7	10

Thinking about the last TEN years, do you think standards of care in the NHS have got better, got worse or stayed the same?

Got better	18	20	23	22	26	19	23	23	24	16	17	22	19	22	21	19	19	21	18	21	20
Got worse	45	47	42	50	32	48	53	44	41	53	32	38	53	54	44	51	42	46	48	51	44
Stayed the same	26	23	27	21	30	26	17	23	26	20	25	29	21	19	23	22	25	23	24	18	28
Don't know	12	10	9	7	12	8	7	10	9	11	26	12	7	5	11	9	13	10	9	9	8

Do you think doctors today are more or less caring than they were 10 or 20 years ago, or is there no difference?

Doctors are less caring these days	39	38	41	37	21	46	33	30	35	40	30	42	38	38	36	40	37	38	41	37	35
Doctors are more caring these days	7	8	7	9	13	7	10	10	8	8	10	8	9	7	7	11	7	8	10	10	7
Doctors are as caring as they used to be	40	42	40	46	47	39	47	48	43	40	31	36	43	50	45	38	38	43	40	42	47
Don't know	14	12	12	8	19	9	9	12	13	11	29	14	10	6	12	11	18	12	9	11	11

Do you think nurses today are more or less caring than they were 10 or 20 years ago, or is there no difference?

Nurses are less caring these days	44	42	49	36	35	54	34	40	36	48	25	38	43	52	43	40	42	44	43	41	35
Nurses are more caring these days	7	9	6	12	14	6	12	9	12	6	13	11	8	6	7	12	8	7	10	10	12
Nurses are as caring as they used to be	35	38	34	45	35	33	45	40	41	36	34	37	41	38	38	38	33	36	38	40	45
Don't know	14	11	10	7	16	8	8	11	12	10	28	13	8	4	12	10	17	12	9	9	8

Which of the following best reflects your view of nursing in the NHS?

Most nurses prioritise caring for patients over hitting their targets	26	31	31	37	38	26	40	34	35	28	28	36	31	29	30	33	29	31	29	32	38
Most nurses prioritise hitting their targets over caring for patients	41	41	42	39	33	49	33	41	37	45	38	38	43	43	40	42	43	41	45	40	34
Not sure	33	28	27	24	29	25	27	26	28	27	35	27	26	28	30	25	28	28	26	28	29

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Thinking about nurses' training, which of the following best reflects your view?

Caring for and looking after patients should be an important part of a nurse's training, and a requirement in order to qualify	69	70	69	70	72	69	74	65	72	50	61	74	77	70	67	62	71	70	68	66
Nurses' training and qualifications should concentrate upon the medical knowledge and skills needed to do the job - caring for and looking after patients should come naturally	23	24	23	23	23	23	20	25	22	32	28	20	20	22	26	24	23	25	22	25
Neither	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	3	2	5	2	2	1	2	2	6	1	1	2	2
Don't know	6	3	6	6	3	5	4	8	4	13	9	4	3	6	5	8	4	4	7	7

Have you or a member of your close family experienced poor care in the NHS in the past 10 years?

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Yes, I have personally experienced poor care in the NHS	16	16	14	19	9	16	16	16	12	19	7	21	15	15	15	16	16	17	14	16	16
Yes, a member of my close family has experienced poor care in the NHS	31	30	28	31	31	31	29	34	26	35	27	27	37	27	31	29	24	31	36	30	26
No, neither I nor any members of my family have experienced poor care in the NHS	49	48	52	47	52	50	48	50	54	43	43	47	47	54	49	48	50	48	46	49	56
Not sure	8	9	8	8	13	6	11	6	11	8	25	11	5	6	8	11	15	8	9	9	7

In the previous question you said you or your family had experienced poor care in the NHS in the last ten years, what sort of poor care did you experience?

[Asked to those who have personally or a member of their family have experienced poor care from the NHS in the past 10 years n=885]

Neglect or lack of care	52	52	55	56	50	52	58	44	58	38	49	58	51	53	51	45	51	57	52	55
Errors in treatment or diagnosis	42	43	39	54	46	38	46	43	42	47	44	45	35	42	42	40	45	43	37	49
Difficulty in obtaining necessary treatment	39	39	34	43	43	33	42	36	41	33	39	43	35	41	36	43	39	41	37	32
Rudeness or a lack of respect from NHS staff	38	42	33	41	40	32	33	36	39	43	53	33	28	38	37	43	43	34	33	32
Physical abuse	3	3	5	2	2	5	2	5	2	0	6	3	0	3	3	5	2	3	3	3
Other	7	5	6	3	8	5	6	7	7	3	7	7	7	6	7	6	6	6	7	8
Not sure	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	2	0

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How well or badly do you think the NHS deals with complaints made against hospitals and medical staff?

Very well	3	3	4	4	2	4	3	4	2	3	4	2	3	3	3	5	2	2	4	2
Fairly well	19	22	22	15	19	22	17	21	18	17	20	20	20	19	20	18	21	20	19	17
TOTAL WELL	22	25	26	19	21	26	20	25	20	20	24	22	23	22	23	23	23	22	23	19
Fairly badly	26	27	26	20	29	25	25	23	29	27	22	25	30	25	28	22	28	32	22	21
Very badly	11	8	10	13	12	10	11	10	12	7	10	12	11	12	10	11	11	9	12	12
TOTAL BADLY	37	35	36	33	41	35	36	33	41	34	32	37	41	37	38	33	39	41	34	33
Don't know	41	40	39	48	38	39	44	42	40	46	44	40	35	42	40	44	38	37	43	48

Would you support or oppose forcing NHS hospitals and trusts to make public any mistakes they have made?

Support	66	68	63	65	72	66	67	67	66	43	56	70	80	62	71	65	66	65	68	66
Oppose	14	15	18	14	11	15	13	17	12	26	20	11	7	17	11	12	15	15	14	11
Don't know	20	17	19	21	17	19	19	17	22	30	23	19	13	21	18	23	19	19	17	23

Would you support or oppose a tax allowance being introduced for married couples?

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Support - the tax system should recognise and support marriage in society	53	50	64	43	40	68	41	42	52	48	29	48	52	58	50	50	37	52	52	52	51
Oppose - it would be wrong for the tax system to favour one type of family over another	36	37	28	45	50	22	44	47	36	37	46	40	36	32	39	34	45	35	34	36	41
Don't know	11	13	7	12	10	10	15	11	11	15	25	12	12	10	11	16	18	13	13	13	8

And would you support or oppose extra tax allowances for people paying childcare costs?

Support	54	47	45	54	50	45	52	45	45	49	48	57	41	45	48	47	46	48	46	49	48
Oppose	27	33	38	28	30	38	29	36	37	30	23	24	40	38	34	32	33	31	37	32	36
Don't know	19	20	16	18	20	17	19	18	18	21	29	19	19	17	18	21	22	21	17	20	16

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Do you think a tax allowance for child care should be available to all parents who use childcare, or should it only be available to parents on low incomes?

[Asked to those who support extra tax allowances for people paying childcare costs n=951]

Should be available to all parents who use childcare	46	47	47	39	45	46	43	45	47	45	60	41	34	48	43	47	43	43	53	41
Should only be available to parents on low incomes	51	47	50	57	51	51	53	51	50	48	36	55	63	48	54	47	54	54	45	50
Don't know	3	6	3	3	4	2	4	4	3	7	3	3	2	4	3	6	3	2	2	9

Currently nurseries must have one member of staff for every three babies, and one member of staff for every four two year olds.

The government has proposed loosening these rules to make child care cheaper, requiring one member of staff for every four babies and one member of staff for every six two year olds

Do you support or oppose changing the rules in this way?

Support	36	50	28	44	46	26	35	44	27	40	36	35	34	40	30	37	38	36	31	35
Oppose	41	28	53	31	32	55	41	32	50	35	38	43	45	40	44	37	41	38	47	45
Don't know	23	22	18	25	22	19	24	23	23	25	26	22	21	21	26	26	22	25	22	21

Currently people training to work in nurseries need to have at least a C grade in GCSE maths and English (or the equivalent). Do you think...

These requirements are too restrictive, they should be relaxed to allow more people to train to work in nurseries	25	21	27	26	24	27	23	25	25	8	27	23	33	22	29	21	26	26	26	22
These requirements are not restrictive enough, they should increased to ensure better educated people train to work in nurseries	21	25	21	19	23	21	20	20	23	21	20	23	21	23	20	24	19	22	23	20
These requirements are about right	45	49	44	44	48	43	48	45	46	57	45	46	40	48	42	43	47	45	43	48
Don't know	8	5	8	11	5	9	9	10	7	14	8	8	7	7	10	12	8	7	8	10

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Islamist rebels have taken over the northern part of the African country of Mali and are trying to overthrow the government. The French have begun military action to prevent the rebels overthrowing the government.

The British government have not sent combat troops to Mali, but have sent 200 troops to help train the Mali army, 40 military advisors and 90 support troops to fly transport and surveillance aircraft

Do you support or oppose sending training and support troops to help the French intervention in Mali?

Support	38	48	35	43	43	34	42	48	28	37	40	36	38	42	32	39	37	42	36	37
Oppose	42	37	44	36	42	46	38	39	44	29	34	47	47	37	48	40	40	39	46	44
Don't know	21	15	21	22	15	21	20	13	28	33	26	16	16	21	20	20	24	20	18	19

Looking to the future, what do you expect to happen with Britain's involvement in Mali?

Britain's involvement in Mali will probably remain at a low level and last only a limited time

Britain's involvement in Mali will probably drag on for many more years and involve more and more British troops

Don't know

Britain's involvement in Mali will probably remain at a low level and last only a limited time	33	41	32	48	35	31	36	38	27	33	40	31	28	37	27	38	34	32	29	33
Britain's involvement in Mali will probably drag on for many more years and involve more and more British troops	49	45	51	37	49	53	50	47	51	46	40	52	55	46	53	38	48	51	54	53
Don't know	18	14	17	15	16	17	14	14	22	21	20	16	17	17	20	24	18	18	17	15

There are plans to build a new high speed rail link between London and Birmingham, and then on to Manchester and Leeds. This is expected to cost around £32billion. Do you support or oppose these plans?

Support	41	54	37	52	48	36	41	49	33	49	46	38	34	45	34	42	39	42	41	38
Oppose	43	33	49	32	38	49	43	37	49	31	35	47	52	38	50	39	41	44	46	49
Don't know	16	13	14	16	14	15	16	14	18	20	18	15	14	16	16	19	19	14	14	13

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If the new High Speed Rail link between London and Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds is built, which do you think it will benefit more?

London	36	31	40	30	33	40	37	37	35	25	34	38	39	34	38	24	28	42	42	45
Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds	44	51	41	54	49	39	47	46	42	53	47	43	38	47	39	48	47	43	41	35
Don't know	21	18	19	16	18	21	17	18	23	22	19	19	23	19	23	28	24	15	17	19