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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	<b>18</b>	58	1	2	45	1	6	21	15	14	16	16	23	21	14	15	25	18	13	11
Labour	34	<b>34</b>	4	80	20	8	76	33	37	30	37	34	36	29	32	35	36	25	33	43	38
Liberal Democrats	4	<b>7</b>	3	1	49	2	1	23	8	6	9	7	6	7	7	6	6	7	8	5	11
None of them	30	<b>32</b>	26	13	19	37	18	30	27	36	17	29	36	35	30	34	30	33	30	33	31
Don't know	14	<b>10</b>	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	<b>20</b>	23	22	26	19	23	23	24	16	17	22	19	22	21	19	19	21	18	21	20
Got worse	45	<b>47</b>	42	50	32	48	53	44	41	53	32	38	53	54	44	51	42	46	48	51	44
Stayed the same	26	<b>23</b>	27	21	30	26	17	23	26	20	25	29	21	19	23	22	25	23	24	18	28
Don't know	12	<b>10</b>	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	<b>38</b>	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	<b>8</b>	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	<b>42</b>	40	46	47	39	47	48	43	40	31	36	43	50	45	38	38	43	40	42	47
Don't know	14	<b>12</b>	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	<b>42</b>	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	<b>9</b>	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	<b>38</b>	34	45	35	33	45	40	41	36	34	37	41	38	38	38	33	36	38	40	45
Don't know	14	<b>11</b>	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	<b>31</b>	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	<b>41</b>	42	39	33	49	33	41	37	45	38	38	43	43	40	42	43	41	45	40	34
Not sure	33	<b>28</b>	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	<b>69</b>	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	<b>23</b>	24	23	23	23	23	20	25	22	32	28	20	20	22	26	24	23	25	22	25
Neither	<b>2</b>	2	2	1	2	2	2	3	2	5	2	2	1	2	2	6	1	1	2	2
Don't know	<b>6</b>	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?**

	Jan 3-4	Jan 31 - Feb 1																			
Yes, I have personally experienced poor care in the NHS	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	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	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	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	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>	52	47	52	50	48	50	54	43	43	47	47	54	49	48	50	48	46	49	56
Not sure	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	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	<b>52</b>	52	55	56	50	52	58	44	58	38	49	58	51	53	51	45	51	57	52	55
Errors in treatment or diagnosis	<b>42</b>	43	39	54	46	38	46	43	42	47	44	45	35	42	42	40	45	43	37	49
Difficulty in obtaining necessary treatment	<b>39</b>	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	<b>38</b>	42	33	41	40	32	33	36	39	43	53	33	28	38	37	43	43	34	33	32
Physical abuse	<b>3</b>	3	5	2	2	5	2	5	2	0	6	3	0	3	3	5	2	3	3	3
Other	<b>7</b>	5	6	3	8	5	6	7	7	3	7	7	7	6	7	6	6	6	7	8
Not sure	<b>1</b>	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
<b>TOTAL WELL</b>	<b>22</b>	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
<b>TOTAL BADLY</b>	<b>37</b>	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?**

	Jan 10-11	Jan 31 - Feb 1																			
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	<b>46</b>	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	<b>51</b>	47	50	57	51	51	53	51	50	48	36	55	63	48	54	47	54	54	45	50
Don't know	<b>3</b>	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	<b>36</b>	50	28	44	46	26	35	44	27	40	36	35	34	40	30	37	38	36	31	35
Oppose	<b>41</b>	28	53	31	32	55	41	32	50	35	38	43	45	40	44	37	41	38	47	45
Don't know	<b>23</b>	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	<b>25</b>	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	<b>21</b>	25	21	19	23	21	20	20	23	21	20	23	21	23	20	24	19	22	23	20
These requirements are about right	<b>45</b>	49	44	44	48	43	48	45	46	57	45	46	40	48	42	43	47	45	43	48
Don't know	<b>8</b>	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	<b>38</b>	48	35	43	43	34	42	48	28	37	40	36	38	42	32	39	37	42	36	37
Oppose	<b>42</b>	37	44	36	42	46	38	39	44	29	34	47	47	37	48	40	40	39	46	44
Don't know	<b>21</b>	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	<b>33</b>	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	<b>49</b>	45	51	37	49	53	50	47	51	46	40	52	55	46	53	38	48	51	54	53
Don't know	<b>18</b>	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	<b>41</b>	54	37	52	48	36	41	49	33	49	46	38	34	45	34	42	39	42	41	38
Oppose	<b>43</b>	33	49	32	38	49	43	37	49	31	35	47	52	38	50	39	41	44	46	49
Don't know	<b>16</b>	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	<b>36</b>	31	40	30	33	40	37	37	35	25	34	38	39	34	38	24	28	42	42	45
Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds	<b>44</b>	51	41	54	49	39	47	46	42	53	47	43	38	47	39	48	47	43	41	35
Don't know	<b>21</b>	18	19	16	18	21	17	18	23	22	19	19	23	19	23	28	24	15	17	19