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Do you think that David Cameron is doing well or badly as Prime Minister?

Very well	6	19	1	2	15	1	3	7	5	5	4	6	9	6	5	5	7	7	4	4
Fairly well	38	74	11	57	64	14	36	38	37	35	38	34	42	43	31	36	46	36	31	30
TOTAL WELL	44	93	12	59	79	15	39	45	42	40	42	40	51	49	36	41	53	43	35	34
Fairly badly	28	5	40	29	14	37	33	26	29	28	26	29	27	27	28	30	24	29	30	29
Very badly	23	0	46	10	4	45	24	25	21	20	24	26	19	19	28	25	17	21	29	30
TOTAL BADLY	51	5	86	39	18	82	57	51	50	48	50	55	46	46	56	55	41	50	59	59
Don't know	6	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	8	12	8	5	3	5	8	5	6	6	6	7

Do you think Ed Miliband is doing well or badly as leader of the Labour party?

Very well	2	1	5	1	1	5	1	3	1	3	2	2	1	1	3	3	1	2	3	2
Fairly well	23	10	49	15	11	45	21	23	23	24	23	23	22	20	26	23	20	22	26	26
TOTAL WELL	25	11	54	16	12	50	22	26	24	27	25	25	23	21	29	26	21	24	29	28
Fairly badly	37	43	33	47	39	33	44	38	37	34	36	36	41	41	33	39	42	36	32	37
Very badly	26	40	6	29	41	10	23	31	22	22	22	28	30	28	24	24	27	28	26	25
TOTAL BADLY	63	83	39	76	80	43	67	69	59	56	58	64	71	69	57	63	69	64	58	62
Don't know	11	7	7	9	9	7	11	6	16	17	17	10	5	9	14	10	11	11	12	11

Do you think that Nick Clegg is doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?

Very well	1	2	1	8	2	1	2	2	1	0	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1
Fairly well	21	36	9	52	31	10	26	21	21	18	21	21	23	23	18	21	23	23	18	19
TOTAL WELL	22	38	10	60	33	11	28	23	22	18	23	23	25	25	19	23	25	25	19	20
Fairly badly	33	36	32	31	35	30	36	31	35	33	33	32	35	36	30	30	35	34	31	32
Very badly	35	17	54	5	23	54	30	40	30	34	32	37	36	32	39	39	30	33	41	39
TOTAL BADLY	68	53	86	36	58	84	66	71	65	67	65	69	71	68	69	69	65	67	72	71
Don't know	9	8	4	4	9	5	7	5	13	14	13	9	4	7	12	9	10	10	9	8

Thinking about the financial position of your own household, are you better off or worse off than you were 3 years ago?

Better off	12	18	10	19	12	10	14	14	10	18	20	9	7	14	9	15	13	11	11	11
Worse off	59	48	68	50	56	67	57	57	61	39	54	67	63	56	63	56	57	61	63	60
Neither better nor worse off	26	33	20	30	31	20	27	26	25	31	23	23	30	27	24	27	27	26	23	26
Don't know	3	2	3	1	2	3	2	3	3	12	4	1	0	2	4	3	3	3	3	3

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Do you think that David Cameron is doing well or badly as Prime Minister?

Very well	6	4	6	9	6	3
Fairly well	38	36	37	49	39	24
TOTAL WELL	44	40	43	58	45	27
Fairly badly	28	29	28	24	30	30
Very badly	23	26	24	14	20	38
TOTAL BADLY	51	55	52	38	50	68
Don't know	6	5	5	4	5	5

Do you think Ed Miliband is doing well or badly as leader of the Labour party?

Very well	2	2	2	2	2	3
Fairly well	23	26	24	17	24	28
TOTAL WELL	25	28	26	19	26	31
Fairly badly	37	36	38	42	39	32
Very badly	26	22	26	30	24	26
TOTAL BADLY	63	58	64	72	63	58
Don't know	11	13	11	9	11	11

Do you think that Nick Clegg is doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?

Very well	1	2	2	2	1	1
Fairly well	21	21	21	26	22	16
TOTAL WELL	22	23	23	28	23	17
Fairly badly	33	32	33	34	35	30
Very badly	35	35	36	29	32	46
TOTAL BADLY	68	67	69	63	67	76
Don't know	9	11	8	8	9	8

Thinking about the financial position of your own household, are you better off or worse off than you were 3 years ago?

Better off	12	12	11	24	10	2
Worse off	59	66	62	35	61	86
Neither better nor worse off	26	21	25	39	27	11
Don't know	3	1	2	2	2	1

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And looking ahead, in three years' time do you think your household will be better off or worse off than you are now?

Better off	18	29	13	29	24	12	19	21	16	30	27	14	9	21	14	19	19	18	17	16
Worse off	46	32	56	36	41	55	45	44	48	28	37	52	56	42	51	44	44	46	49	49
Neither better nor worse off	25	31	21	29	27	21	27	25	25	24	24	24	28	27	22	25	27	24	23	25
Don't know	11	7	11	6	9	11	9	10	11	18	12	10	7	9	12	12	10	11	11	10

Which two or three of these terms best describes you feel, when you think about the prospects of you and your family over the next two or three years, compared with the last two or three years?

Tough, but we shall get by	35	36	34	38	36	35	36	35	34	31	36	37	34	34	36	34	35	35	34	35
Anxious	31	20	40	23	27	39	30	29	34	25	34	35	28	28	36	33	29	31	33	35
Worried for other members of my family	31	26	34	25	29	36	30	27	34	18	20	33	43	29	33	27	31	32	29	34
Just about OK	24	26	23	26	24	23	25	24	24	29	25	22	23	26	22	26	23	24	24	22
Not much different	16	20	11	19	18	13	16	18	13	19	14	14	17	17	14	16	16	16	14	14
Optimistic	15	25	9	20	20	10	15	18	12	27	17	13	11	16	13	16	16	16	13	14
Frightened	14	5	19	7	10	18	12	13	15	10	17	17	10	11	18	15	12	16	15	15
Financially secure	9	15	5	13	12	5	8	10	7	12	8	7	10	11	6	7	9	9	8	8
Better than ever	2	3	1	3	3	1	2	3	1	4	4	2	1	2	2	2	3	2	3	2

Thinking about your finances, which of the following best reflects your position?

I am very comfortable financially	2	4	1	5	4	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	3	3	2	4	3	2	2	1
I am relatively comfortable financially	28	41	23	35	35	23	30	32	25	33	26	23	35	35	20	29	31	28	26	25
I do not often have money for luxuries, but can normally comfortably cover the essentials	39	38	38	42	39	39	42	37	41	36	38	38	42	40	38	37	38	40	40	39
I can only just afford my costs and often struggle to make ends meet	23	14	29	16	18	28	21	20	25	18	24	29	17	18	30	22	22	23	23	27
I cannot afford my costs, and often have to go without essentials like food and heating	5	2	7	2	3	7	4	5	5	2	6	7	2	3	7	4	4	5	6	4
Not sure	2	1	2	0	1	2	1	3	2	9	3	1	1	2	3	3	2	1	3	3

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And looking ahead, in three years' time do you think your household will be better off or worse off than you are now?

Better off	18	16	16	26	18	10
Worse off	46	53	50	31	46	66
Neither better nor worse off	25	21	25	34	26	14
Don't know	11	10	9	9	10	10

Which two or three of these terms best describes you feel, when you think about the prospects of you and your family over the next two or three years, compared with the last two or three years?

Tough, but we shall get by	35	36	36	25	45	33
Anxious	31	37	34	14	30	54
Worried for other members of my family	31	31	33	26	29	40
Just about OK	24	23	24	24	32	12
Not much different	16	13	15	26	12	6
Optimistic	15	12	14	24	14	7
Frightened	14	19	15	4	7	35
Financially secure	9	6	8	23	3	1
Better than ever	2	2	2	4	2	1

Thinking about your finances, which of the following best reflects your position?

I am very comfortable financially	2	2	2	8	0	0
I am relatively comfortable financially	28	20	28	92	0	0
I do not often have money for luxuries, but can normally comfortably cover the essentials	39	39	40	0	100	0
I can only just afford my costs and often struggle to make ends meet	23	31	24	0	0	82
I cannot afford my costs, and often have to go without essentials like food and heating	5	7	5	0	0	18
Not sure	2	1	2	0	0	0

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Thinking about the current state of the British economy, which of the following best represents your view?

Things will continue to get worse over the next few years	51	29	65	39	38	65	54	50	53	35	47	58	55	47	57	51	47	51	55	58
Things have stopped getting worse, but have not yet started to recover	34	50	26	49	44	26	35	35	33	38	36	31	34	37	29	32	38	35	31	28
Things have stopped getting worse and have just started to recover	8	16	4	7	13	4	5	10	5	13	7	6	8	10	5	6	9	7	7	8
Things are already well on the way to recovery	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Don't know	6	4	5	4	5	5	6	5	8	13	9	5	3	5	8	10	6	6	6	6

How long do you think it will be before the British economy has fully recovered from the recent economic downturn?

Less than a year	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
One or two years	10	16	7	9	15	8	7	11	9	9	9	9	11	10	9	10	12	11	7	7
Three or four years	31	37	32	36	34	30	29	32	30	28	30	30	33	32	28	33	30	33	29	29
Five to ten years	38	35	40	34	36	40	41	38	38	34	36	40	39	38	37	36	38	38	38	41
More than ten years	11	6	11	10	8	10	12	11	10	13	12	11	9	10	11	8	10	9	14	11
Don't know	11	5	10	10	6	12	11	8	13	15	13	10	7	8	14	13	10	9	12	11

Comparing Britain to the other countries in the European Union, do you think the British economy is in a better state than most other European countries, a worse state, or about the same?

The British economy is in a worse state than most other countries in the European Union	10	5	14	7	6	12	11	12	9	12	11	11	7	8	13	12	8	9	12	11
The British economy is in a better state than most other countries in the European Union	43	65	33	47	58	32	39	46	39	44	43	40	45	46	37	41	46	44	37	41
The British economy is in about the same state as most other countries in the European Union	37	26	46	41	29	46	42	36	38	27	33	40	42	38	36	37	36	35	41	39
Don't know	10	5	8	5	6	10	8	6	14	17	12	9	6	8	14	10	10	11	10	9

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Thinking about the current state of the British economy, which of the following best represents your view?

Things will continue to get worse over the next few years	51	57	55	36	51	71
Things have stopped getting worse, but have not yet started to recover	34	30	34	46	36	20
Things have stopped getting worse and have just started to recover	8	7	7	12	7	4
Things are already well on the way to recovery	1	1	0	1	1	1
Don't know	6	6	5	5	5	4

How long do you think it will be before the British economy has fully recovered from the recent economic downturn?

Less than a year	0	0	0	1	0	0
One or two years	10	9	9	15	9	5
Three or four years	31	28	30	35	32	25
Five to ten years	38	37	39	34	41	41
More than ten years	11	13	11	7	9	17
Don't know	11	12	10	8	9	13

Comparing Britain to the other countries in the European Union, do you think the British economy is in a better state than most other European countries, a worse state, or about the same?

The British economy is in a worse state than most other countries in the European Union	10	11	10	7	9	16
The British economy is in a better state than most other countries in the European Union	43	39	42	54	44	29
The British economy is in about the same state as most other countries in the European Union	37	38	39	32	39	44
Don't know	10	12	9	7	8	12

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Looking ahead, do you think the European single currency will survive with its current members in five years time?

The European single currency will probably survive with its current members	10	8	14	15	6	13	11	12	8	12	13	9	8	11	9	12	10	8	11	10
The European single currency will probably survive, but some countries will be forced to leave	56	63	56	63	59	55	59	62	50	52	52	57	60	60	50	58	55	57	53	60
The European single currency will probably cease to exist within the next five years	19	22	15	11	24	16	17	17	21	16	17	20	22	18	21	16	22	19	19	18
Don't know	15	8	14	11	10	16	13	9	21	21	19	14	10	12	19	14	13	16	17	12

Have you or a close relative lost their job or been made redundant in the last three years? Please tick all that apply

Yes, I have lost my job or been made redundant in the last few years	11	9	13	14	9	12	12	13	9	9	15	13	7	11	12	13	9	13	12	10
Yes, a close relative has lost their job or been made redundant in the last few years	28	22	32	23	25	32	25	25	30	30	31	27	25	28	27	29	26	27	31	22
No, neither	60	68	56	67	65	56	64	62	59	57	53	61	68	62	58	56	64	60	56	67
Don't know	3	2	2	1	2	3	2	3	3	6	4	3	1	2	4	5	3	3	3	3

Are you currently claiming any of the following benefits? Please tick all that apply

Disability living allowance	8	6	10	3	7	11	8	7	9	2	3	10	11	3	14	5	8	9	8	9
Housing benefit	8	4	10	7	5	10	7	7	8	3	7	9	9	3	13	8	7	7	7	10
Employment and Support Allowance or Incapacity Benefit	5	2	8	2	3	8	4	5	5	5	3	9	3	2	9	5	4	6	5	6
Jobseekers Allowance	4	2	5	5	3	4	4	6	2	7	6	5	1	3	6	4	3	5	5	5
Income Support	3	2	3	3	2	4	2	3	3	0	3	4	2	1	5	4	2	2	3	4
Attendance allowance	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	3	1	2	0	1	1	1	2
None of these	79	87	74	86	85	75	82	79	80	81	82	75	80	88	67	82	81	77	78	76
Don't know	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	2	6	3	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	2	2

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Looking ahead, do you think the European single currency will survive with its current members in five years time?

The European single currency will probably survive with its current members	10	9	9	13	9	8
The European single currency will probably survive, but some countries will be forced to leave	56	53	57	62	59	47
The European single currency will probably cease to exist within the next five years	19	19	20	14	20	25
Don't know	15	18	14	11	12	20

Have you or a close relative lost their job or been made redundant in the last three years? Please tick all that apply

Yes, I have lost my job or been made redundant in the last few years	11	13	11	7	10	17
Yes, a close relative has lost their job or been made redundant in the last few years	28	30	29	22	28	34
No, neither	60	58	59	71	62	49
Don't know	3	3	2	1	2	3

Are you currently claiming any of the following benefits? Please tick all that apply

Disability living allowance	8	7	9	3	7	14
Housing benefit	8	9	9	2	6	17
Employment and Support Allowance or Incapacity Benefit	5	5	6	2	4	11
Jobseekers Allowance	4	5	4	2	2	9
Income Support	3	3	3	0	2	7
Attendance allowance	1	1	2	1	2	1
None of these	79	77	77	91	84	62
Don't know	2	2	2	1	1	2

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In the previous question you said you were currently claiming Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance. Which of the following best reflects your view about receiving benefits?

[Only asked to those who are currently claiming Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance. N=516]

I am embarrassed to have to rely on benefits	47	41	51	55	37	52	50	42	54	56	52	45	39	48	47	43	44	50	53	40
Welfare benefits are everyone's right and are nothing to be ashamed of	34	32	36	34	37	34	32	43	23	33	39	30	42	39	32	30	37	36	32	33
Neither of these	16	22	12	11	23	13	16	13	20	4	7	23	19	13	17	24	16	11	14	19
Don't know	3	5	2	0	4	2	1	2	4	7	2	3	0	0	4	3	3	3	1	7

How worried, if at all are you that you might lose your job?

Very worried	5	2	6	6	4	6	4	5	5	3	6	7	2	5	5	5	3	5	6	6
Fairly worried	14	11	18	14	11	18	14	17	12	12	22	19	4	16	13	18	14	13	15	11
TOTAL WORRIED	19	13	24	20	15	24	18	22	17	15	28	26	6	21	18	23	17	18	21	17
Not very worried	23	23	25	28	22	25	27	24	22	24	34	28	7	26	20	23	23	23	23	24
Not worried at all	13	17	10	13	15	11	12	13	12	15	15	13	9	14	10	13	14	11	11	13
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	36	40	35	41	37	36	39	37	34	39	49	41	16	40	30	36	37	34	34	37
Don't know	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	4	5	3	1	3	3	5	2	3	3	5
Not applicable - I am not currently employed	42	44	38	37	46	38	40	37	46	42	19	30	78	36	49	35	43	45	41	41

Rebased: How worried, if at all are you that you might lose your job?

[Excluding those who are not currently employed. N=3027]

Very worried	8	4	10	9	7	10	7	8	8	5	8	10	9	8	9	8	6	9	11	9
Fairly worried	25	19	29	22	21	29	23	27	23	21	27	26	16	25	25	29	24	24	26	19
TOTAL WORRIED	33	23	39	31	28	39	30	35	31	26	35	36	25	33	34	37	30	33	37	28
Not very worried	40	42	41	45	40	41	45	39	41	42	41	40	32	40	39	36	40	41	40	41
Not worried at all	22	31	17	21	27	18	20	21	22	25	18	19	39	23	20	20	25	20	19	23
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	62	73	58	66	67	59	65	60	63	67	59	59	71	63	59	56	65	61	59	64
Don't know	5	4	3	2	5	3	4	5	5	7	6	5	4	4	7	8	4	5	5	8

Fieldwork: 21st - 24th February 2012

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			Comfortable	Getting-by	Struggling	
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	%	%	%	%	%	%

In the previous question you said you were currently claiming Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance. Which of the following best reflects your view about receiving benefits?

[Only asked to those who are currently claiming Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance. N=516]

I am embarrassed to have to rely on benefits	47	53	49	45	42	50
Welfare benefits are everyone's right and are nothing to be ashamed of	34	29	30	43	39	31
Neither of these	16	17	18	11	18	16
Don't know	3	1	3	1	1	2

How worried, if at all are you that you might lose your job?

Very worried	5	7	5	2	3	10
Fairly worried	14	21	15	11	15	18
TOTAL WORRIED	19	28	20	13	18	28
Not very worried	23	30	22	26	28	15
Not worried at all	13	13	12	21	11	7
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	36	43	34	47	39	22
Don't know	3	4	2	2	4	3
Not applicable - I am not currently employed	42	25	45	39	39	47

Rebased: How worried, if at all are you that you might lose your job?

[Excluding those who are not currently employed. N=3027]

Very worried	8	10	9	3	6	20
Fairly worried	25	28	27	18	25	34
TOTAL WORRIED	33	38	36	21	31	54
Not very worried	40	40	40	42	45	29
Not worried at all	22	17	21	34	18	12
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	62	57	61	76	63	41
Don't know	5	5	4	3	6	5

Fieldwork: 21st - 24th February 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	
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Many people have faced squeezed incomes and rising prices in recent years. Are you and your family spending more or less on the following things than you did a few years ago?

Petrol

Spending more	58	61	55	58	63	54	57	58	58	46	58	61	58	60	55	43	60	61	59	60
Spending less	18	18	18	20	19	19	18	17	19	15	16	17	22	17	19	18	18	19	18	16
Spending about the same	14	16	15	13	13	14	15	15	13	19	14	13	14	15	14	20	14	13	14	10
Don't know	10	5	12	9	4	14	9	10	10	21	12	9	6	9	13	19	8	7	10	14

Mortgage and/or rent

Spending more	23	17	27	18	17	25	23	22	24	33	32	22	11	21	24	26	23	21	22	24
Spending less	17	22	15	20	21	16	17	18	17	11	17	20	17	19	14	18	19	18	14	14
Spending about the same	46	48	45	52	47	45	49	46	46	30	45	50	49	47	45	43	44	45	50	47
Don't know	14	14	13	10	14	15	11	14	14	26	7	8	23	12	17	13	14	15	14	15

Food and groceries

Spending more	64	64	63	69	66	62	66	63	65	50	65	65	67	65	63	59	66	64	63	67
Spending less	16	11	19	11	14	19	14	13	18	15	14	18	14	14	18	17	13	17	18	15
Spending about the same	18	23	15	18	20	16	18	20	15	24	17	16	18	19	16	21	19	16	17	16
Don't know	3	2	2	1	1	3	2	3	2	10	4	1	0	2	3	3	3	3	2	2

Holidays

Spending more	19	22	17	18	22	17	18	19	19	19	16	16	24	20	17	18	19	19	20	17
Spending less	46	39	51	45	43	49	46	43	49	39	49	51	39	45	47	46	45	45	47	49
Spending about the same	26	33	23	31	28	23	29	29	24	27	25	25	29	28	24	26	28	26	24	25
Don't know	9	6	9	5	7	11	6	9	9	16	9	8	8	6	13	10	9	10	8	9

Heating bills

Spending more	69	69	69	66	71	67	69	69	69	51	66	72	75	69	69	64	70	69	69	68
Spending less	12	10	13	14	11	13	11	11	12	13	12	12	10	11	12	12	10	13	13	13
Spending about the same	16	18	15	18	16	16	16	16	16	18	17	15	15	17	14	19	16	15	14	14
Don't know	4	3	3	3	2	4	4	5	3	18	5	1	1	4	5	5	4	4	4	5

Going out to restaurants, clubs, cinemas, etc

Spending more	13	16	13	12	14	11	13	14	13	21	15	9	13	14	12	15	15	12	12	10
Spending less	57	50	62	54	54	62	58	54	59	44	60	64	51	55	59	57	53	57	60	60
Spending about the same	23	29	19	29	26	20	25	26	21	23	19	21	29	26	20	21	26	23	21	22
Don't know	7	5	6	5	5	7	4	7	7	11	6	6	6	4	10	6	6	7	7	8

Clothes

Spending more	12	12	12	9	11	12	10	12	11	18	12	10	11	12	11	13	12	11	11	11
Spending less	56	47	62	53	52	61	58	50	61	40	60	61	51	53	59	56	51	57	59	59
Spending about the same	29	38	23	36	35	23	30	33	25	31	23	26	36	32	24	27	33	27	27	24
Don't know	4	3	3	2	3	4	3	4	4	11	5	3	2	3	6	4	4	4	3	6

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	%	%	%	%	%	%

Many people have faced squeezed incomes and rising prices in recent years. Are you and your family spending more or less on the following things than you did a few years ago?

Petrol

Spending more	58	66	61	59	58	57
Spending less	18	16	18	15	18	21
Spending about the same	14	12	13	19	14	10
Don't know	10	6	9	7	9	12

Mortgage and/or rent

Spending more	23	27	23	12	22	35
Spending less	17	21	17	23	17	12
Spending about the same	46	47	46	49	48	42
Don't know	14	5	14	16	13	10

Food and groceries

Spending more	64	70	67	63	66	65
Spending less	16	17	16	9	15	26
Spending about the same	18	12	16	26	18	8
Don't know	3	1	2	2	1	1

Holidays

Spending more	19	17	19	28	18	10
Spending less	46	52	48	27	50	64
Spending about the same	26	23	25	41	25	13
Don't know	9	7	9	4	7	13

Heating bills

Spending more	69	74	73	66	70	74
Spending less	12	12	11	9	11	16
Spending about the same	16	13	14	21	16	8
Don't know	4	1	3	4	3	2

Going out to restaurants, clubs, cinemas, etc

Spending more	13	10	12	20	11	10
Spending less	57	66	60	38	63	73
Spending about the same	23	20	22	38	22	9
Don't know	7	5	6	4	5	8

Clothes

Spending more	12	11	12	13	10	12
Spending less	56	63	58	36	61	74
Spending about the same	29	24	28	48	28	11
Don't know	4	2	3	3	2	4

Fieldwork: 21st - 24th February 2012

	Voting intention			2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

How well or badly do you think most people in Britain are coping with the economic downturn?

Very well	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Fairly well	33	50	25	43	44	25	32	36	30	36	32	29	38	37	28	32	37	34	29	29
TOTAL WELL	34	51	26	43	45	26	32	37	30	37	33	29	39	38	29	33	37	35	29	29
Fairly badly	50	40	59	43	43	57	52	48	51	43	50	53	48	48	52	49	48	48	53	52
Very badly	7	3	9	5	5	8	7	7	8	6	8	9	6	6	9	9	6	7	9	8
TOTAL BADLY	57	43	68	48	48	65	59	55	59	49	58	62	54	54	61	58	54	55	62	60
Don't know	9	6	7	8	7	9	9	9	10	15	10	8	7	8	11	10	8	9	9	11

And how well or badly do you think most people in your own local area are coping with the economic downturn?

Very well	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2
Fairly well	41	60	31	52	53	31	43	43	39	42	39	35	48	46	34	40	49	40	32	38
TOTAL WELL	42	62	32	54	55	32	44	45	40	44	41	36	49	48	35	42	51	41	33	40
Fairly badly	36	25	45	29	29	44	35	35	37	26	35	41	35	33	40	34	33	35	41	38
Very badly	9	3	12	6	5	11	8	9	9	10	10	10	6	8	11	10	5	9	12	10
TOTAL BADLY	45	28	57	35	34	55	43	44	46	36	45	51	41	41	51	44	38	44	53	48
Don't know	13	10	11	11	11	14	12	12	14	20	14	12	9	12	14	14	11	15	14	11

Who do you think is suffering most from the economic downturn, or are all groups in society suffering the same amount?

Poorest people are suffering the most	49	32	64	52	34	62	55	52	46	46	43	51	54	45	54	48	47	50	51	54
People in the middle are suffering the most	35	48	27	34	47	28	32	32	37	29	37	36	34	39	29	36	36	35	34	30
The wealthiest people are suffering the most	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
All groups are suffering about the same amount	9	15	5	9	14	6	7	8	10	9	11	8	9	9	9	11	10	8	8	11
Don't know	6	5	4	5	5	4	6	6	6	16	7	5	3	5	7	5	6	7	7	4

From what you know, have your local schools got better or worse over the last few years?

Got better	12	14	12	14	13	12	12	12	12	13	12	12	12	13	10	13	12	13	11	8
Got worse	20	17	21	20	20	20	19	19	21	21	17	22	19	18	23	19	19	20	21	22
Stayed the same	28	31	31	27	28	31	27	29	27	23	25	30	29	29	26	22	30	28	27	27
Don't know	41	38	36	39	39	37	41	40	41	44	46	36	40	40	41	46	38	39	41	42

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	%	%	%	%	%	%

How well or badly do you think most people in Britain are coping with the economic downturn?

Very well	1	0	0	1	0	0
Fairly well	33	27	32	45	37	17
TOTAL WELL	34	27	32	46	37	17
Fairly badly	50	54	52	42	50	60
Very badly	7	10	8	3	4	17
TOTAL BADLY	57	64	60	45	54	77
Don't know	9	8	8	8	8	6

And how well or badly do you think most people in your own local area are coping with the economic downturn?

Very well	1	2	1	2	1	1
Fairly well	41	35	41	55	45	22
TOTAL WELL	42	37	42	57	46	23
Fairly badly	36	39	37	27	36	48
Very badly	9	12	9	3	5	21
TOTAL BADLY	45	51	46	30	41	69
Don't know	13	12	11	13	13	9

Who do you think is suffering most from the economic downturn, or are all groups in society suffering the same amount?

Poorest people are suffering the most	49	45	51	45	46	61
People in the middle are suffering the most	35	39	35	37	39	27
The wealthiest people are suffering the most	1	1	0	0	1	1
All groups are suffering about the same amount	9	9	9	11	9	8
Don't know	6	6	5	7	5	3

From what you know, have your local schools got better or worse over the last few years?

Got better	12	17	13	15	11	10
Got worse	20	26	21	16	20	25
Stayed the same	28	42	29	28	28	29
Don't know	41	16	37	42	41	36

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

From what you know, has your local hospital got better or worse over the last few years?

Got better	12	15	12	13	14	11	12	13	11	10	9	10	18	13	10	10	14	12	11	9
Got worse	30	25	32	26	29	32	29	28	32	24	25	33	34	27	34	32	27	30	33	30
Stayed the same	32	37	33	31	34	34	31	33	31	22	28	35	37	32	32	25	34	32	32	35
Don't know	26	23	23	30	23	23	28	26	26	44	37	23	12	27	25	33	24	26	25	26

From what you know, has the level of crime in your local area gone up or down over the last few years?

Gone up	24	21	26	17	23	25	19	25	23	21	24	26	23	22	27	31	23	22	24	23
Gone down	11	12	12	12	11	13	11	12	9	9	10	10	13	12	9	10	10	11	11	11
Stayed the same	38	43	37	42	41	37	41	39	36	22	33	41	44	37	38	31	41	38	35	39
Don't know	28	25	25	28	25	26	29	24	31	49	33	23	20	29	26	28	26	29	29	28

If borrowing figures are less bad than expected and the Chancellor has some money to spend in the budget next month, which of the following do you think should be the Chancellor's biggest priority?

Cutting living costs for those struggling	31	19	42	28	23	40	32	30	32	26	37	33	27	28	36	33	29	30	34	33
Cutting taxes for those struggling	21	18	26	23	19	26	22	23	20	14	17	24	24	22	20	20	22	21	22	20
Cutting taxes for businesses to encourage investment and job creation	20	29	15	20	28	16	19	19	21	17	15	20	26	22	17	18	19	22	20	21
Reducing the size of the deficit	18	28	9	22	25	9	17	20	16	23	18	16	18	19	15	16	21	17	14	20
None of these	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	2	1	3	2	1	2	0
Don't know	8	5	6	5	5	7	7	7	9	18	11	6	4	6	10	10	7	8	8	6

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	%	%	%	%	%

From what you know, has your local hospital got better or worse over the last few years?

Got better	12	10	14	15	11	10
Got worse	30	31	33	23	30	38
Stayed the same	32	38	34	35	34	28
Don't know	26	20	19	27	24	23

From what you know, has the level of crime in your local area gone up or down over the last few years?

Gone up	24	27	26	17	24	33
Gone down	11	10	11	13	10	9
Stayed the same	38	39	38	44	38	33
Don't know	28	24	24	27	28	25

If borrowing figures are less bad than expected and the Chancellor has some money to spend in the budget next month, which of the following do you think should be the Chancellor's biggest priority?

Cutting living costs for those struggling	31	37	33	21	31	45
Cutting taxes for those struggling	21	22	22	20	22	22
Cutting taxes for businesses to encourage investment and job creation	20	15	20	25	22	13
Reducing the size of the deficit	18	15	17	25	17	10
None of these	2	2	2	2	2	2
Don't know	8	9	7	7	6	8

Fieldwork: 21st - 24th February 2012

	Voting intention			2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Which two of the following tax cuts would you MOST like to see the Chancellor do in the Budget next month?

Cancelling the planned 3p increase in fuel duty	50	57	47	44	60	46	48	48	52	42	46	52	55	50	51	33	53	54	53	49
An increase in the personal tax allowance (the amount you can earn before tax)	48	49	48	62	50	47	52	49	46	39	47	51	49	52	43	49	50	45	47	47
A reduction in VAT	43	33	54	40	33	52	44	43	43	46	42	42	44	41	45	48	40	43	42	46
Reintroducing a married couples tax allowance	17	24	12	15	23	13	15	16	18	8	18	17	19	18	16	17	18	18	15	16
Abolishing the 50p rate of tax for earnings over £150,000	3	6	2	3	5	2	1	4	2	7	4	2	3	4	2	4	4	3	2	4
None of these	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	2
Don't know	5	2	4	3	2	4	5	4	5	14	7	3	1	3	7	7	5	5	5	4

And which two of the following tax increases would you MOST like to see the Chancellor do in the Budget next month?

An extra tax on bankers bonuses	56	53	60	51	54	60	56	53	60	55	54	54	61	54	59	53	56	58	56	57
A mansion tax on houses worth over £2 million	34	31	39	41	31	37	39	34	35	30	34	36	35	35	33	31	34	35	36	37
Increasing the top rate of tax for those earning over £150,000 to 60p	31	23	39	34	26	37	34	31	31	21	27	32	36	29	32	27	31	29	33	33
Ending winter fuel allowance, free travel and television licences for pensioners who pay higher rate taxes	24	34	19	25	32	20	23	26	22	18	26	27	21	26	22	23	27	23	22	23
Ending higher rate tax relief on pension contributions	12	16	10	15	15	11	11	15	10	9	10	11	17	14	10	12	13	12	12	12
None of these	5	8	3	4	7	4	5	6	4	9	5	5	4	6	4	9	4	5	5	4
Don't know	7	5	5	4	5	5	6	6	8	16	9	7	3	5	10	8	7	8	8	6

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	%	%	%	%	%	%

Which two of the following tax cuts would you MOST like to see the Chancellor do in the Budget next month?

Cancelling the planned 3p increase in fuel duty	50	50	52	3	3	6
An increase in the personal tax allowance (the amount you can earn before tax)	48	47	48	1	1	1
A reduction in VAT	43	40	43	18	19	14
Reintroducing a married couples tax allowance	17	24	19	50	51	51
Abolishing the 50p rate of tax for earnings over £150,000	3	3	3	4	3	2
None of these	2	1	1	52	50	44
Don't know	5	6	4	40	43	47

And which two of the following tax increases would you MOST like to see the Chancellor do in the Budget next month?

An extra tax on bankers bonuses	56	53	58	26	31	36
A mansion tax on houses worth over £2 million	34	34	34	51	61	58
Increasing the top rate of tax for those earning over £150,000 to 60p	31	28	32	33	37	35
Ending winter fuel allowance, free travel and television licences for pensioners who pay higher rate taxes	24	27	25	15	12	10
Ending higher rate tax relief on pension contributions	12	11	13	30	23	19
None of these	5	5	5	6	5	9
Don't know	7	10	6	7	4	4