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Recent tax rises and spending cuts have affected different groups in society in different ways. Thinking about the following groups in society, do you think they are having to make more sacrifices than other groups, are not being asked to make as many sacrifices as other groups, or are making roughly the same level of sacrifices as other groups?

Rich people

Are being asked to make more sacrifices than other groups	10	20	6	14	2	14	7	10	13	7	14	15	7	7	12	7	13	10	9	10	8
Are not being asked to make as many sacrifices as other groups	65	42	82	62	80	50	81	73	63	67	58	51	70	74	61	70	62	61	66	68	73
Are making roughly the same level of sacrifices as other groups	13	27	6	19	11	23	5	13	15	12	10	16	13	12	16	9	15	15	13	11	10
Not sure	12	12	6	5	7	13	7	4	10	14	17	18	9	8	10	14	10	14	13	11	9

People on middle incomes

Are being asked to make more sacrifices than other groups	39	48	35	31	48	46	36	36	40	38	35	39	41	38	42	35	39	41	42	35	33
Are not being asked to make as many sacrifices as other groups	19	10	27	24	20	13	27	21	19	20	13	16	22	21	16	24	18	15	16	26	28
Are making roughly the same level of sacrifices as other groups	30	34	31	37	27	32	29	36	31	29	28	29	29	34	31	29	33	31	30	27	30
Not sure	12	8	7	8	6	10	7	7	9	14	24	15	9	7	11	13	9	13	12	12	8

People on low incomes

Are being asked to make more sacrifices than other groups	52	28	70	54	55	39	66	59	51	54	45	43	57	59	46	60	53	49	51	55	61
Are not being asked to make as many sacrifices as other groups	14	26	8	16	16	20	9	13	15	13	13	19	14	9	17	9	16	14	14	12	14
Are making roughly the same level of sacrifices as other groups	22	37	15	25	22	29	16	23	23	20	21	24	19	24	26	17	20	25	23	21	14
Not sure	12	10	6	5	7	11	9	5	10	13	21	15	9	8	11	13	11	12	12	12	10

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People claiming benefits

Are being asked to make more sacrifices than other groups	44	25	64	43	41	28	62	55	48	42	39	34	49	51	42	48	46	41	43	46	56
Are not being asked to make as many sacrifices as other groups	23	37	13	24	26	33	14	18	23	23	26	30	20	19	25	20	24	24	25	21	21
Are making roughly the same level of sacrifices as other groups	19	28	13	26	22	27	12	20	18	19	13	17	20	21	21	16	20	21	19	16	13
Not sure	14	11	9	7	11	12	12	6	11	17	22	18	11	10	12	16	10	15	14	17	10

People like you

Are being asked to make more sacrifices than other groups	43	36	50	40	55	40	51	43	44	42	29	42	53	38	38	50	37	41	46	43	53
Are not being asked to make as many sacrifices as other groups	11	13	10	17	10	10	11	16	12	10	16	12	10	11	14	8	14	11	8	13	10
Are making roughly the same level of sacrifices as other groups	32	39	31	36	31	38	29	34	32	31	27	29	27	41	36	26	36	34	32	29	25
Not sure	14	12	9	8	5	12	9	8	11	17	28	17	10	10	13	15	13	14	14	15	13

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Do you think George Osborne is doing well or badly as Chancellor of the Exchequer?																						
Very well	2	2	9	1	0	1	5	1	0	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	2	5	3	2	1	3
Fairly well	24	24	62	6	32	20	49	7	19	24	24	13	23	25	29	28	18	21	29	25	22	13
TOTAL WELL	26	26	71	7	32	21	54	8	19	27	26	15	25	28	32	31	20	26	32	27	23	16
Fairly badly	27	27	16	29	37	35	23	26	36	27	26	27	26	25	29	27	26	27	25	27	26	31
Very badly	36	32	3	57	22	38	11	59	33	36	29	22	29	37	35	27	39	34	26	32	35	45
TOTAL BADLY	63	59	19	86	59	73	34	85	69	63	55	49	55	62	64	54	65	61	51	59	61	76
Don't know	11	15	10	7	9	6	11	7	12	10	19	36	21	10	5	15	15	13	17	14	15	7

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Which of the following do you think would make the best Chancellor of the Exchequer?

Vince Cable	15	11	13	40	11	8	13	31	17	12	14	13	15	16	18	10	13	15	17	13	14
Ed Balls	11	0	28	5	5	1	28	9	13	9	11	8	14	10	10	12	10	9	12	14	11
George Osborne	10	34	1	5	8	25	1	3	12	8	5	9	9	13	12	7	14	11	11	6	7
William Hague	9	22	3	7	16	21	3	4	10	9	9	7	11	10	11	7	9	10	7	9	12
Alistair Darling	9	3	16	6	13	5	17	7	12	6	2	4	10	14	8	9	9	7	7	9	15
Danny Alexander	2	2	2	5	4	3	1	4	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	4	3	1	2	0
Don't know	44	27	38	31	43	37	36	41	33	55	58	56	39	34	38	52	41	46	44	47	40

Generally speaking, do you think the benefits system in the UK works well or badly?

Very well	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2
Fairly well	23	18	31	34	16	17	30	29	24	23	23	17	28	24	25	21	34	22	20	21	25
TOTAL WELL	25	20	33	36	18	18	33	30	26	24	24	19	29	26	27	22	35	23	22	23	27
Fairly badly	38	45	36	44	39	41	38	39	38	38	36	34	38	41	38	37	32	40	37	40	35
Very badly	29	32	25	18	42	36	23	26	30	29	26	35	26	30	28	32	26	29	30	30	30
TOTAL BADLY	67	77	61	62	81	77	61	65	68	67	62	69	64	71	66	69	58	69	67	70	65
Don't know	8	4	5	2	2	5	5	5	6	9	13	12	7	3	7	9	7	7	10	6	8

And generally speaking, do you think the benefits system is too generous, not generous enough or gets the balance about right?

Is too generous	56	81	39	46	71	76	44	49	56	55	53	56	53	60	58	53	47	58	58	58	47
Is not generous enough	14	4	23	12	13	7	21	14	13	14	14	13	15	13	11	18	13	12	8	19	24
Gets the balance about right	18	10	27	27	9	10	24	25	20	16	18	14	20	19	21	14	28	17	21	11	16
Don't know	13	5	11	15	7	8	11	12	11	15	15	17	13	8	11	15	12	13	13	12	12

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Income support, the basic level of benefit support, is currently £71 a week for a single person over the age of 25. Someone receiving income support could also be eligible for housing benefit and council tax benefit. Do you think it is or is not reasonable to expect someone to live on this amount of money?

Is reasonable to expect someone on income support to live on £71 a week	52	75	39	55	59	70	38	51	54	51	53	58	48	53	57	46	52	56	55	51	40
Is not reasonable to expect someone on income support to live on £71 a week	34	16	51	34	35	21	49	36	36	32	29	26	38	38	30	39	35	34	29	34	48
Don't know	14	9	11	12	6	9	13	13	11	17	18	16	14	9	13	15	13	10	17	15	13

Thinking about people who receive welfare benefits, including disability benefits, out of work benefits and benefits to support people in low paying work, what proportion of people receiving benefits do you think are genuinely in need and deserving of help?

All or almost all people who receive benefits are genuinely in need and deserving of help	4	1	8	2	3	1	8	4	6	3	3	4	6	3	4	5	4	4	3	6	9
The majority of people who receive benefits are genuinely in need and deserving of help	32	22	47	44	16	20	45	42	34	30	34	30	36	30	35	29	36	33	29	30	36
Around half of people who receive benefits are genuinely in need and deserving of help	37	45	30	34	48	46	31	37	33	41	33	34	36	43	36	40	33	37	41	38	34
Only a minority of people who receive benefits are genuinely in need and deserving of help	18	27	9	12	30	27	11	10	18	18	19	20	16	18	18	17	20	17	18	19	14
Hardly any or none of the people who receive benefits are genuinely in need and deserving of help	2	2	2	2	1	3	2	1	3	1	1	2	3	2	2	2	1	3	1	2	2
Don't know	6	3	3	4	3	4	4	5	6	6	12	11	3	4	5	7	5	6	7	6	6

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Would you support or oppose the following changes to the benefit system?

Capping the total amount of benefits that any household can receive at £26,000 a year?

Strongly support	49	76	32	45	63	72	36	45	50	48	35	45	51	57	51	47	36	54	50	53	40
Tend to support	30	19	39	31	24	20	38	35	28	31	29	28	32	30	30	30	39	30	29	26	28
TOTAL SUPPORT	79	95	71	76	87	92	74	80	78	79	64	73	83	87	81	77	75	84	79	79	68
Tend to oppose	8	2	13	14	6	3	12	11	8	8	12	8	8	7	9	7	11	6	8	8	14
Strongly oppose	4	1	8	1	7	3	7	2	5	4	4	6	5	3	4	6	5	3	5	4	8
TOTAL OPPOSE	12	3	21	15	13	6	19	13	13	12	16	14	13	10	13	13	16	9	13	12	22
Don't know	8	2	8	8	0	2	7	6	8	8	20	13	5	3	7	10	9	7	8	9	10

Reducing the amount of housing benefit people living in social housing (housing rented from a council or housing association) receive if they have more bedrooms than the government think are necessary (e.g. a couple would have their benefits cut if they had more than ONE bedroom, a couple with one child if they had more than TWO bedrooms)?

Strongly support	23	44	11	20	24	36	11	19	25	21	23	31	22	18	26	20	21	28	22	22	17
Tend to support	26	34	19	26	24	34	19	27	25	27	24	27	24	27	28	23	32	29	24	24	18
TOTAL SUPPORT	49	78	30	46	48	70	30	46	50	48	47	58	46	45	54	43	53	57	46	46	35
Tend to oppose	22	13	26	35	29	16	25	28	21	22	22	15	22	27	21	22	22	21	25	19	20
Strongly oppose	22	4	38	16	21	9	39	21	23	21	16	16	27	23	19	26	18	16	22	26	38
TOTAL OPPOSE	44	17	64	51	50	25	64	49	44	43	38	31	49	50	40	48	40	37	47	45	58
Don't know	7	5	5	3	2	5	6	4	6	9	15	11	5	4	6	9	7	6	7	10	7

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Making people earning above-average incomes who live in council houses pay the full market rent?

Strongly support	49	70	37	42	67	67	37	48	50	48	36	41	48	62	54	43	46	53	50	47	38
Tend to support	32	22	39	40	25	26	41	39	30	34	33	31	35	30	30	35	31	30	32	35	33
TOTAL SUPPORT	81	92	76	82	92	93	78	87	80	82	69	72	83	92	84	78	77	83	82	82	71
Tend to oppose	7	3	12	10	7	2	12	8	8	7	11	9	8	5	7	8	10	5	6	7	17
Strongly oppose	4	1	6	3	1	1	6	2	4	4	2	6	5	1	3	5	6	4	3	3	7
TOTAL OPPOSE	11	4	18	13	8	3	18	10	12	11	13	15	13	6	10	13	16	9	9	10	24
Don't know	8	4	6	5	1	4	5	4	8	8	18	13	5	3	6	10	7	8	9	8	5

Means-testing pensioner benefits like free TV licences, bus travel and winter fuel payments so they only go to less well-off pensioners?

Strongly support	25	29	20	21	31	28	23	24	29	21	28	30	29	15	25	26	29	25	24	26	19
Tend to support	31	33	33	42	24	29	32	35	32	30	33	29	29	33	32	29	27	32	28	33	30
TOTAL SUPPORT	56	62	53	63	55	57	55	59	61	51	61	59	58	48	57	55	56	57	52	59	49
Tend to oppose	18	18	20	24	15	18	19	21	16	20	14	15	19	22	21	15	17	17	19	18	20
Strongly oppose	18	16	22	10	27	19	22	16	17	20	8	13	18	28	18	20	18	17	19	17	25
TOTAL OPPOSE	36	34	42	34	42	37	41	37	33	40	22	28	37	50	39	35	35	34	38	35	45
Don't know	8	5	5	3	3	6	5	3	6	9	17	12	5	2	6	10	9	8	8	6	6

Limiting the annual increase in benefits to 1% for the next three years, less than the current rate of inflation?

Strongly support	23	45	13	16	36	38	15	17	27	20	18	28	23	22	27	19	21	26	23	25	16
Tend to support	22	27	15	34	20	27	15	27	22	21	16	22	22	23	24	19	20	22	24	21	19
TOTAL SUPPORT	45	72	28	50	56	65	30	44	49	41	34	50	45	45	51	38	41	48	47	46	35
Tend to oppose	24	16	32	30	20	18	32	30	25	23	20	16	26	30	23	25	26	24	21	24	29
Strongly oppose	17	3	31	15	16	8	27	18	17	18	17	14	19	19	15	21	18	15	18	17	27
TOTAL OPPOSE	41	19	63	45	36	26	59	48	42	41	37	30	45	49	38	46	44	39	39	41	56
Don't know	14	9	10	5	7	10	11	8	9	18	30	20	10	6	12	16	16	14	14	13	10

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More specifically, do you think the following benefits/allowances should be frozen at their current levels, limited to a 1% increase (less than the rate of inflation), increased in line with inflation or increased by more than inflation?

Jobseekers allowance

Should be frozen at its current level	28	41	19	23	35	38	20	24	28	28	31	31	25	27	29	27	25	32	26	28	22
Should be increased by 1% (less than the current rate of inflation)	21	30	17	26	26	29	16	23	24	19	9	22	20	27	25	16	23	20	23	23	17
Should be increased in line with inflation	37	23	51	40	31	25	50	42	37	37	35	31	41	38	35	39	40	34	40	32	51
Should be increased by more than inflation	4	2	5	4	4	3	3	4	4	3	2	4	4	4	2	5	1	3	3	7	2
Don't know	10	5	8	8	4	5	10	7	7	13	22	13	9	4	8	13	11	11	8	11	9

Income support

Should be frozen at its current level	26	39	16	23	35	38	17	20	25	27	23	26	26	28	27	24	22	29	25	27	22
Should be increased by 1% (less than the current rate of inflation)	23	33	18	28	28	31	20	25	26	20	16	24	21	28	27	17	24	21	27	24	18
Should be increased in line with inflation	37	20	53	37	29	23	51	43	38	37	36	33	42	36	35	41	40	36	37	34	46
Should be increased by more than inflation	3	1	4	6	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	2	5	1	2	3	5	5
Don't know	10	6	8	6	6	6	9	8	8	13	22	14	8	5	9	13	11	12	9	10	10

Child benefit

Should be frozen at its current level	30	46	18	25	53	46	21	26	31	30	21	25	31	38	32	28	28	29	32	33	25
Should be increased by 1% (less than the current rate of inflation)	18	24	17	21	16	23	17	19	20	17	12	19	18	20	21	15	16	20	20	16	18
Should be increased in line with inflation	39	22	55	37	24	24	51	46	39	38	41	41	39	35	37	40	43	36	38	39	45
Should be increased by more than inflation	4	3	4	9	4	3	4	3	4	4	5	5	5	2	3	5	4	5	4	3	5
Don't know	9	4	7	7	3	4	8	6	6	11	21	10	6	4	7	11	9	10	7	9	7

Working tax credits

Should be frozen at its current level	25	41	16	22	35	37	19	17	28	23	24	23	23	30	27	23	22	25	25	27	23
Should be increased by 1% (less than the current rate of inflation)	19	23	16	26	18	23	16	23	20	17	14	19	18	21	22	15	19	19	20	17	18
Should be increased in line with inflation	40	26	54	37	36	29	51	47	38	42	34	39	45	38	37	43	42	38	40	39	49
Should be increased by more than inflation	4	3	5	7	4	3	5	4	5	4	2	6	6	3	4	5	2	5	4	5	2
Don't know	12	6	8	8	7	8	9	10	9	14	27	13	8	8	10	14	14	13	10	11	8

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Maternity pay																					
Should be frozen at its current level	30	46	20	26	49	46	21	26	32	28	22	21	32	40	31	29	27	31	32	32	23
Should be increased by 1% (less than the current rate of inflation)	18	23	17	24	16	22	18	17	20	15	12	16	17	22	19	16	18	18	16	18	21
Should be increased in line with inflation	38	22	49	38	27	24	47	45	36	39	39	46	39	28	38	37	38	37	39	34	46
Should be increased by more than inflation	4	3	6	6	2	2	4	5	5	4	6	7	4	2	4	5	7	4	4	5	2
Don't know	10	6	8	6	6	7	9	7	7	13	22	11	8	7	8	13	10	10	9	12	8
Housing benefit																					
Should be frozen at its current level	32	51	20	25	43	47	23	23	33	31	27	32	30	37	34	30	28	32	33	35	27
Should be increased by 1% (less than the current rate of inflation)	19	24	16	27	19	24	15	26	22	17	12	20	21	21	22	16	20	21	20	18	16
Should be increased in line with inflation	34	17	49	34	26	21	47	39	34	35	31	33	36	34	32	36	40	33	32	32	43
Should be increased by more than inflation	4	1	6	8	4	2	4	5	5	3	6	4	4	2	3	5	2	4	4	4	5
Don't know	11	6	8	6	7	6	10	8	7	14	24	12	9	6	9	13	10	11	11	11	9
If Labour were to form a government, do you think they would...																					
Handle the issue of welfare benefits better than the current government	28	3	68	18	12	4	60	31	29	28	30	27	31	25	25	32	28	23	29	31	39
Handle the issue of welfare benefits less well than the current government	33	80	6	42	46	67	9	28	37	30	20	31	34	41	40	25	34	40	31	28	27
Handle the issue of welfare benefits about the same as the current government	20	11	16	30	31	18	17	28	21	19	21	19	20	22	20	21	23	19	20	23	17
Don't know	18	6	10	10	11	11	14	13	13	23	30	23	15	12	15	22	15	18	20	19	17