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Sample Size: 1903 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 6th - 7th October 2010

	Voting intention			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
Weighted Sample	1903	630	568	181	929	974	228	489	652	534	1070	808	242	618	409	467	166
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Do you think the coalition government are or are not governing in the "national interest"?

They are governing in the national interest	49	92	13	72	52	46	37	50	47	56	54	42	49	59	47	43	35
Are not governing in the national interest	37	4	78	20	38	36	35	33	42	34	33	41	35	26	36	46	54
Don't know	15	4	9	8	11	18	28	17	11	10	13	17	16	15	18	11	12

Thinking about the government's plans to cut public spending, which of these views comes closer to yours?

The government are cutting spending mainly because they HAVE to; if government finances were stronger, they would make few if any of these cuts	58	93	23	81	57	60	52	59	56	63	62	53	52	69	57	53	46
The government are cutting spending mainly because they WANT to; if government finances were stronger, they would still make most of these cuts	31	4	65	15	34	28	29	27	36	28	28	34	35	22	32	34	47
Not sure	11	3	12	4	10	12	19	14	7	9	10	13	13	9	12	13	8

Ministers say that the quality of front-line public services, such as schools, hospitals and policing, will be maintained despite the cuts. In general, do you think the quality of these services will ...

Be maintained or improved	10	24	3	6	10	10	10	12	9	10	12	8	8	12	8	10	7
Suffer a little	49	66	27	64	48	49	46	48	45	55	50	47	39	54	51	47	38
Suffer a lot	35	7	67	28	38	32	29	32	44	31	33	38	42	27	35	37	52
Don't know	6	4	2	2	4	8	14	9	3	3	5	7	10	6	5	6	2

In his speech to the Conservative party conference David Cameron claimed that in the past "Too many people thought 'I've paid my taxes, the state will look after everything'." Do you agree or disagree?

Agree	51	75	31	66	51	51	35	49	52	57	54	46	48	57	46	53	39
Disagree	34	14	57	27	37	30	33	31	36	33	32	36	36	29	33	34	47
Don't know	16	10	12	7	12	19	32	20	11	10	14	18	16	14	21	14	14

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Mr Cameron talked about the "Big Society" and his desire to change British society to encourage people to volunteer more and make Britain more of a "nation of doers and go-getters". Do you think encouraging more volunteering is a good or bad idea?

A good idea - more people volunteering would make Britain a stronger society and lead to better public services	40	66	18	52	38	42	49	43	37	38	45	34	42	48	36	35	33
A bad idea - using volunteers is just about providing services on the cheap and cutting back on essential public service	39	15	67	34	43	35	25	34	44	43	36	42	38	32	42	43	45
Neither	13	12	10	12	13	13	13	12	14	14	12	14	12	12	13	14	15
Don't know	8	7	4	2	6	9	12	12	5	6	7	9	7	8	9	8	7

And thinking about how realistic Mr Cameron's proposals are, which of the following best reflects your view?

While many people's lives are too busy to volunteer, there are enough people with the time and commitment to make a real difference if the government gave them the opportunity to do so	39	64	16	47	37	41	37	37	41	40	40	37	38	45	37	35	34
Most people's lives are too busy to volunteer and it is unrealistic to expect them to take on roles and responsibilities that should be carried out by the government	43	22	69	38	45	40	38	43	44	43	42	44	43	38	45	45	47
Neither	11	9	11	10	11	11	10	9	10	13	10	11	11	9	11	12	13
Don't know	8	4	3	4	7	8	14	11	5	5	8	8	7	8	7	8	7