

Fieldwork: 22nd - 23rd March 2012

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Do you think George Osborne should go ahead with his decision to phase out the age related tax allowance, or should he reverse the decision and replace it with a different tax increase elsewhere.

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| Should go ahead with the decision and phase out the age related tax allowance | 20 | 40 | 7 | 34 | 29 | 8 | 26 | 24 | 16 | 19 | 26 | 23 | 13 | 25 | 15 |
| Should reverse the decision and replace it with a different tax increase elsewhere | 56 | 41 | 70 | 40 | 50 | 68 | 54 | 57 | 54 | 40 | 47 | 56 | 69 | 53 | 59 |
| Neither | 12 | 9 | 13 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 9 | 9 | 14 | 21 | 11 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 12 |
| Don't know | 13 | 10 | 9 | 17 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 9 | 15 | 20 | 16 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 14 |

Taking into account all this government's tax changes and public spending cuts since the election, not just in this week's budget, do you think people over 65 have suffered more than other groups, less than other groups, or about the same?

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| Taking everything into account, people over 65 have suffered more than most other groups | 38 | 33 | 42 | 30 | 36 | 43 | 38 | 39 | 36 | 33 | 26 | 34 | 54 | 36 | 39 |
| Taking everything into account, people over 65 have suffered less than most other groups | 11 | 15 | 10 | 21 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 8 | 10 | 15 | 13 | 7 | 13 | 9 |
| Taking everything into account, people over 65 have suffered about the same as most other groups | 40 | 44 | 41 | 44 | 45 | 39 | 43 | 39 | 42 | 38 | 45 | 44 | 33 | 42 | 39 |
| Don't know | 11 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 14 | 19 | 14 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 13 |

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| Should go ahead with the decision and phase out the age related tax allowance | 20 | 21 | 25 | 17 | 18 | 18 | 14 | 25 | 14 | 21 | 33 |
| Should reverse the decision and replace it with a different tax increase elsewhere | 56 | 50 | 52 | 58 | 60 | 59 | 65 | 55 | 61 | 59 | 47 |
| Neither | 12 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 14 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 9 | 12 |
| Don't know | 13 | 18 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 12 | 11 | 8 |

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| Taking everything into account, people over 65 have suffered less than most other groups | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 7 | 12 | 17 |
| Taking everything into account, people over 65 have suffered about the same as most other groups | 40 | 36 | 41 | 40 | 45 | 33 | 37 | 43 | 37 | 42 | 47 |
| Don't know | 11 | 21 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 7 | 6 |

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|------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Right | 20 | 21 | 23 | 20 | 18 | 23 | 19 | 15 | 24 | 30 | 21 | 17 | 18 | 20 | 19 |
| Wrong | 51 | 56 | 46 | 56 | 60 | 46 | 51 | 63 | 41 | 25 | 48 | 57 | 59 | 52 | 51 |
| Don't know | 29 | 23 | 31 | 24 | 22 | 31 | 30 | 22 | 35 | 45 | 31 | 26 | 23 | 28 | 30 |

Imagine a relative of yours had been taken hostage. If you were able to raise the money for a ransom, would you pay it?

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|------------------------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Yes, I would pay a ransom | 63 | 63 | 68 | 61 | 60 | 66 | 70 | 53 | 71 | 73 | 68 | 58 | 58 | 64 | 61 |
| No, I would not pay a ransom | 18 | 20 | 16 | 16 | 22 | 16 | 13 | 26 | 9 | 5 | 11 | 22 | 23 | 18 | 17 |
| Don't know | 20 | 17 | 16 | 23 | 18 | 18 | 17 | 20 | 19 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 18 | 18 | 22 |

Thinking about the proposed cuts to the armed services, do you think they are too large, not large enough, or is the balance about right?

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| Too large | 47 | 44 | 51 | 31 | 51 | 52 | 38 | 49 | 45 | 28 | 37 | 53 | 56 | 41 | 54 |
| Not large enough | 11 | 8 | 12 | 15 | 8 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 7 | 6 | 14 | 11 | 9 | 12 | 9 |
| The balance is about right | 18 | 29 | 14 | 25 | 24 | 15 | 19 | 20 | 17 | 28 | 18 | 18 | 15 | 23 | 13 |
| Don't know | 24 | 19 | 22 | 29 | 18 | 22 | 30 | 17 | 31 | 38 | 31 | 19 | 19 | 24 | 24 |

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| Right | 20 | 22 | 15 | 21 | 23 | 23 | 19 | 21 | 18 | 17 | 23 |
| Wrong | 51 | 45 | 56 | 50 | 48 | 55 | 50 | 55 | 50 | 57 | 50 |
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Do you think it is or is not acceptable to leave the Royal Navy without an aircraft carrier for this period?

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|--------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Acceptable | 13 | 13 | 14 | 24 | 9 | 13 | 18 | 17 | 10 | 15 | 19 | 12 | 9 | 17 | 9 |
| Unacceptable | 74 | 77 | 76 | 63 | 82 | 78 | 65 | 76 | 72 | 62 | 62 | 78 | 84 | 70 | 78 |
| Don't know | 13 | 10 | 11 | 13 | 9 | 9 | 17 | 7 | 18 | 22 | 18 | 10 | 8 | 13 | 13 |

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| Right | 47 | 64 | 41 | 37 | 61 | 47 | 39 | 57 | 38 | 32 | 40 | 51 | 55 | 45 | 50 |
| Wrong | 33 | 22 | 39 | 47 | 23 | 34 | 40 | 31 | 35 | 41 | 37 | 32 | 27 | 36 | 29 |
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| Britain will still have the necessary strength to protect possessions like the Falkland Islands, even without an aircraft carrier | 13 | 18 | 13 | 19 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 15 | 12 | 19 | 21 | 10 | 8 | 16 | 10 |
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| None of these | 4 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
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| Should be a limit of no more than £200 | 10 | 5 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 12 | 9 | 12 | 9 | 12 |
| Should be a limit of no more than £1,000 | 13 | 10 | 16 | 16 | 11 | 16 | 14 | 15 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 13 |
| Should be a limit of no more than £10,000 | 13 | 15 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 13 | 17 | 15 | 11 | 13 | 9 | 15 | 14 | 16 | 9 |
| Should be a limit of no more than £50,000 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| Should be a limit of no more than £100,000 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
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| Should not be a limit - they should be able to give as much as they want to a party | 34 | 44 | 32 | 28 | 44 | 29 | 34 | 32 | 36 | 33 | 32 | 36 | 35 | 35 | 33 |
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| Should be a limit of no more than £1,000 | 13 | 14 | 12 | 9 | 16 | 20 | 16 | 13 | 13 | 15 | 12 |
| Should be a limit of no more than £10,000 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 16 | 12 | 14 | 13 | 15 |
| Should be a limit of no more than £50,000 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| Should be a limit of no more than £100,000 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Should be a higher limit | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
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Businesses and companies

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| Should be a limit of no more than £200 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 10 | 7 | 10 |
| Should be a limit of no more than £1,000 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 13 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 7 |
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| Should be a higher limit | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Should not be a limit - they should be able to give as much as they want to a party | 23 | 32 | 24 | 17 | 29 | 19 | 21 | 23 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 22 | 22 | 25 |
| Don't know | 20 | 17 | 19 | 12 | 17 | 24 | 16 | 13 | 27 | 24 | 24 | 17 | 18 | 17 | 25 |

Trade Unions

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Which of the following statements best reflects your view?

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|--|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| As long as they do not receive any special favours there is nothing wrong with senior MPs and ministers meeting people who give money to their party | 29 | 44 | 23 | 34 | 39 | 23 | 25 | 32 | 26 | 38 | 25 | 31 | 27 | 31 | 27 |
| It is wrong for senior MPs and ministers to give special access to people who have given big donations to their party | 60 | 46 | 67 | 59 | 52 | 67 | 66 | 60 | 59 | 51 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 60 | 59 |
| Neither | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Don't know | 7 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 11 |

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| Should be a limit of no more than £100,000 | 11 | 9 | 12 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 8 | 13 | 10 | 12 | 15 |
| Should be a higher limit | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Should not be a limit - they should be able to give as much as they want to a party | 23 | 19 | 22 | 28 | 27 | 15 | 19 | 28 | 23 | 22 | 26 |
| Don't know | 20 | 25 | 19 | 21 | 18 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 19 | 18 | 14 |
| Trade Unions | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Should be a limit of no more than £200 | 12 | 8 | 13 | 14 | 12 | 15 | 14 | 12 | 15 | 12 | 12 |
| Should be a limit of no more than £1,000 | 8 | 11 | 5 | 7 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 7 | 6 |
| Should be a limit of no more than £10,000 | 15 | 18 | 17 | 12 | 14 | 17 | 19 | 15 | 13 | 18 | 16 |
| Should be a limit of no more than £50,000 | 10 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 10 |
| Should be a limit of no more than £100,000 | 10 | 6 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 12 | 8 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 11 |
| Should be a higher limit | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Should not be a limit - they should be able to give as much as they want to a party | 21 | 17 | 19 | 23 | 25 | 16 | 21 | 23 | 19 | 20 | 26 |
| Don't know | 21 | 25 | 22 | 21 | 18 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 20 | 17 | 15 |
| Which of the following statements best reflects your view? | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As long as they do not receive any special favours there is nothing wrong with senior MPs and ministers meeting people who give money to their party | 29 | 26 | 27 | 29 | 33 | 31 | 20 | 36 | 25 | 31 | 36 |
| It is wrong for senior MPs and ministers to give special access to people who have given big donations to their party | 60 | 57 | 63 | 58 | 57 | 60 | 72 | 56 | 65 | 60 | 56 |
| Neither | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Don't know | 7 | 13 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 4 |

Fieldwork: 22nd - 23rd March 2012

| | Voting intention | | | 2010 Vote | | | Gender | | Age | | | | Social grade | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-----|---------|-----------|-----|---------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-----|--------------|------|
| Total | Con | Lab | Lib Dem | Con | Lab | Lib Dem | Male | Female | 18-24 | 25-39 | 40-59 | 60+ | ABC1 | C2DE |
| Weighted Sample 1721 | 460 | 558 | 130 | 558 | 433 | 374 | 836 | 885 | 208 | 439 | 589 | 485 | 981 | 740 |
| Unweighted Sample | 445 | 546 | 139 | 536 | 422 | 411 | 855 | 866 | 86 | 434 | 743 | 458 | 1114 | 607 |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |

Do you think people and organisations who give money to political parties do or do not have too much influence?

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|--------------------------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Do have too much influence | 70 | 63 | 72 | 70 | 69 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 67 | 64 | 65 | 73 | 75 | 71 | 70 |
| Do not have too much influence | 10 | 15 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 12 | 7 | 11 | 8 | 14 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 8 |
| Don't know | 20 | 22 | 18 | 21 | 20 | 17 | 20 | 15 | 25 | 23 | 26 | 17 | 17 | 19 | 21 |

Would you support or oppose political parties being funded by the taxpayer, rather than from donations from donors?

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|------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Support | 20 | 19 | 22 | 32 | 17 | 24 | 25 | 28 | 13 | 15 | 17 | 19 | 25 | 20 | 19 |
| Oppose | 59 | 64 | 59 | 44 | 64 | 58 | 52 | 59 | 58 | 64 | 59 | 58 | 56 | 60 | 57 |
| Don't know | 22 | 17 | 19 | 24 | 19 | 18 | 23 | 13 | 30 | 21 | 24 | 22 | 19 | 20 | 24 |

Fieldwork: 22nd - 23rd March 2012

| | Region | | | | | Biggest Priority | | Household income | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|--------|---------------|------------------|-------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------|
| | Total | London | Rest of South | Midlands / Wales | North | Scotland | Making Britain fairer | Making Britain's economy stronger | Under £20,000 | £20,000 - £39,999 | £40,000+ |
| Weighted Sample | 1721 | 220 | 559 | 368 | 423 | 150 | 550 | 1030 | 460 | 523 | 410 |
| Unweighted Sample | 1721 | 248 | 608 | 300 | 416 | 149 | 563 | 1023 | 414 | 538 | 456 |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |

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|--------------------------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Do have too much influence | 70 | 64 | 68 | 71 | 71 | 82 | 76 | 72 | 75 | 70 | 69 |
| Do not have too much influence | 10 | 16 | 10 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 7 | 12 | 12 |
| Don't know | 20 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 20 | 11 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 18 | 19 |

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| Support | 20 | 22 | 21 | 14 | 22 | 22 | 25 | 19 | 19 | 21 | 22 |
| Oppose | 59 | 54 | 55 | 66 | 59 | 58 | 56 | 64 | 59 | 62 | 58 |
| Don't know | 22 | 24 | 24 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 19 | 17 | 22 | 18 | 20 |