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METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 2,034 UK adults online between 16th and 18th August 2013. Data were weighted to be representative of all UK adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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ONLINE Fieldwork : 16th-18th August 2013

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Agree	935 46%	501 50%	434 42%	60 25%	146 43%	146 43%	190 53%	151 50%	241 55%	284 52%	251 44%	195 44%	205 43%	134 50%	397 46%
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Agree	1093 54%	502 50%	592 57%	123 51%	199 58%	194 57%	204 56%	153 51%	221 50%	287 53%	286 51%	257 58%	263 54%	159 59%	477 55%
Disagree	570 28%	311 31%	259 25%	34 14%	80 23%	83 24%	109 30%	105 35%	160 36%	172 32%	168 30%	101 23%	130 27%	73 27%	220 25%
Don't know	370 18%	184 18%	186 18%	85 35%	63 18%	66 19%	50 14%	44 14%	62 14%	85 16%	110 19%	85 19%	90 19%	37 14%	172 20%
<u>Higher school exam results are a result of students today having greater access to more information than in the past, for example through the internet</u>															
Agree	1300 64%	610 61%	690 67%	129 54%	217 63%	214 62%	243 67%	194 64%	303 68%	324 60%	338 60%	306 69%	332 69%	171 63%	526 60%
Disagree	412 20%	216 22%	196 19%	52 22%	62 18%	64 19%	79 22%	67 22%	87 20%	151 28%	111 20%	74 17%	76 16%	62 23%	189 22%
Don't know	322 16%	171 17%	151 15%	60 25%	63 18%	65 19%	41 11%	40 13%	53 12%	69 13%	115 20%	63 14%	75 15%	37 14%	155 18%

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Agree	1399 69%	662 66%	736 71%	132 55%	249 73%	213 62%	254 70%	211 70%	340 77%	379 70%	391 69%	302 68%	327 68%	171 63%	586 67%
Disagree	356 17%	181 18%	174 17%	48 20%	61 18%	61 18%	70 19%	58 19%	59 13%	113 21%	88 16%	65 15%	90 19%	61 22%	159 18%
Don't know	279 14%	153 15%	127 12%	61 25%	32 9%	69 20%	39 11%	34 11%	44 10%	52 10%	86 15%	76 17%	66 14%	38 14%	125 14%
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Agree	1177 58%	634 64%	543 52%	83 34%	186 54%	161 47%	206 57%	193 64%	347 78%	339 62%	292 52%	242 55%	304 63%	137 51%	484 56%
Disagree	596 29%	237 24%	359 35%	101 42%	106 31%	118 35%	123 34%	84 28%	63 14%	160 30%	184 33%	138 31%	113 23%	100 37%	266 31%
Don't know	261 13%	125 13%	136 13%	57 24%	51 15%	63 18%	33 9%	25 8%	33 7%	44 8%	87 16%	63 14%	66 14%	32 12%	119 14%
<u>Exams are an effective way of measuring young people's abilities</u>															
Agree	1272 63%	651 65%	621 60%	106 44%	206 60%	200 58%	229 63%	203 67%	328 74%	339 62%	332 59%	280 63%	321 66%	163 61%	516 59%
Disagree	541 27%	236 24%	305 29%	89 37%	95 28%	91 27%	107 30%	75 25%	82 19%	159 29%	152 27%	124 28%	107 22%	81 30%	238 27%
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Agree	984 48%	466 47%	517 50%	102 42%	173 50%	147 43%	175 48%	152 50%	236 53%	274 50%	255 45%	222 50%	233 48%	123 46%	408 47%
Disagree	650 32%	319 32%	331 32%	86 36%	114 33%	115 34%	134 37%	94 31%	106 24%	187 34%	179 32%	133 30%	150 31%	110 41%	283 33%
Don't know	401 20%	211 21%	189 18%	53 22%	55 16%	80 23%	54 15%	56 19%	101 23%	82 15%	130 23%	88 20%	101 21%	37 14%	178 20%

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Don't know	445 22%	162 16%	282 27%	106 44%	103 30%	82 24%	71 19%	38 12%	45 10%	103 19%	133 23%	97 22%	112 23%	68 25%	201 23%
<u>Ed Miliband's relative quietness over the summer is a welcome break from politicians always trying to force their way into the news</u>															
Agree	922 45%	465 47%	457 44%	80 33%	144 42%	147 43%	153 42%	151 50%	248 56%	265 49%	239 42%	189 43%	229 47%	118 44%	377 43%
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Don't know	684 34%	291 29%	393 38%	128 53%	132 39%	133 39%	130 36%	79 26%	83 19%	146 27%	212 38%	159 36%	167 34%	112 41%	296 34%
<u>The Labour Party understands the concerns of ordinary people better than the Conservatives do</u>															
Agree	799 39%	402 40%	397 38%	87 36%	167 49%	131 38%	161 44%	117 39%	136 31%	206 38%	224 40%	184 41%	185 38%	138 51%	342 39%
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<u>Labour would have a better chance in the next General Election without Ed Miliband as Party leader</u>															
Agree	890 44%	492 49%	398 38%	74 31%	127 37%	136 40%	158 44%	150 50%	245 55%	258 48%	235 42%	198 45%	199 41%	109 40%	363 42%
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<u>Labour can't be trusted to run the economy</u>															
Agree	880 43%	474 48%	405 39%	62 26%	118 34%	121 35%	157 43%	148 49%	275 62%	268 49%	220 39%	186 42%	205 42%	93 34%	363 42%
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<u>Ed Miliband is ruthless when he wants to be</u>															
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Ed Miliband should spend more time now outlining what Labour would do in government if they won the next General Election																						
Agree	1467 72%	1264 72%	129 70%	65 80%	171 77%	137 75%	139 76%	96 67%	74 73%	153 75%	174 66%	199 70%	129 71%	796 70%	635 71%	161 66%	671 75%	76 65%	82 62%	122 81%	278 86%	113 67%
Disagree	123 6%	111 6%	9 5%	4 5%	9 4%	11 6%	11 6%	10 7%	3 3%	10 5%	24 9%	20 7%	12 6%	74 7%	49 5%	25 10%	48 5%	9 8%	6 5%	11 8%	16 5%	5 3%
Don't know	445 22%	374 21%	46 25%	12 15%	44 20%	35 19%	32 18%	37 26%	25 24%	41 20%	66 25%	65 23%	42 23%	269 24%	211 24%	58 24%	176 20%	31 27%	44 33%	18 12%	31 10%	51 30%
Ed Miliband's relative quietness over the summer is a welcome break from politicians always trying to force their way into the news																						
Agree	922 45%	801 46%	74 41%	40 50%	106 47%	70 38%	80 43%	62 43%	47 46%	103 51%	120 45%	135 47%	86 47%	495 43%	383 43%	112 46%	427 48%	47 40%	47 36%	82 54%	179 55%	71 42%
Disagree	428 21%	380 22%	32 17%	22 27%	56 25%	52 29%	45 24%	31 22%	16 16%	35 17%	45 17%	54 19%	39 21%	236 21%	186 21%	50 20%	192 21%	17 15%	27 20%	32 21%	85 26%	31 18%
Don't know	684 34%	568 32%	77 42%	19 23%	62 28%	61 33%	59 32%	49 35%	39 38%	65 32%	99 38%	96 34%	58 32%	408 36%	326 36%	82 34%	276 31%	53 45%	58 44%	37 24%	61 19%	67 40%
The Labour Party understands the concerns of ordinary people better than the Conservatives do																						
Agree	799 39%	659 38%	87 47%	43 53%	104 46%	71 39%	69 38%	50 35%	53 52%	66 32%	107 40%	88 31%	61 34%	480 42%	374 42%	106 44%	319 36%	47 40%	52 40%	52 35%	105 32%	62 37%
Disagree	730 36%	650 37%	57 31%	23 28%	73 33%	71 39%	69 38%	56 39%	23 23%	87 43%	78 29%	119 42%	74 41%	374 33%	293 33%	81 33%	356 40%	25 21%	31 23%	71 47%	174 53%	56 33%
Don't know	505 25%	440 25%	39 21%	15 19%	47 21%	41 23%	45 25%	36 25%	25 25%	50 25%	80 30%	78 27%	47 26%	285 25%	228 26%	57 23%	220 25%	45 38%	50 37%	28 18%	47 14%	51 30%

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Q.2 Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**Base: All respondents**

	Region													Which of the following best describes your current working status?								
	Total	England	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West	NET: Work-ing	Work-ing full time	Work-ing part time	NET: Not work-ing	Not working seeking work	Not working and not seeking work	Retired on a state pension only	Retired with a private pension	House person
Weighted base	2034	1749	183	81	224	183	183	142	102	203	264	285	183	1139	895	244	895	117	132	151	325	169
<u>Labour would have a better chance in the next General Election without Ed Miliband as Party leader</u>																						
Agree	890 44%	781 45%	74 40%	37 46%	107 48%	95 52%	86 47%	60 42%	35 35%	89 44%	119 45%	118 42%	70 38%	472 41%	367 41%	105 43%	419 47%	40 35%	49 37%	76 50%	189 58%	65 38%
Disagree	322 16%	280 16%	19 10%	13 16%	48 22%	32 17%	27 15%	19 13%	22 22%	25 12%	34 13%	45 16%	37 20%	194 17%	155 17%	40 16%	127 14%	20 17%	16 12%	27 18%	43 13%	22 13%
Don't know	822 40%	687 39%	90 49%	31 38%	69 31%	56 31%	70 38%	64 45%	44 43%	90 44%	111 42%	122 43%	76 42%	473 42%	373 42%	100 41%	349 39%	57 49%	67 51%	48 32%	94 29%	82 49%
<u>Labour can't be trusted to run the economy</u>																						
Agree	880 43%	790 45%	55 30%	33 41%	86 38%	87 47%	82 45%	72 50%	35 35%	97 48%	106 40%	143 50%	84 46%	455 40%	354 40%	101 41%	424 47%	37 31%	36 27%	86 57%	201 62%	64 38%
Disagree	622 31%	522 30%	60 33%	32 40%	90 40%	53 29%	54 30%	39 27%	41 40%	57 28%	72 27%	71 25%	54 30%	359 31%	285 32%	74 30%	263 29%	39 33%	46 34%	43 28%	85 26%	51 30%
Don't know	533 26%	438 25%	69 38%	16 20%	49 22%	44 24%	47 26%	32 22%	26 26%	49 24%	87 33%	71 25%	44 24%	325 29%	256 29%	69 28%	208 23%	42 36%	50 38%	23 15%	39 12%	54 32%
<u>Ed Miliband is ruthless when he wants to be</u>																						
Agree	507 25%	452 26%	32 18%	18 23%	64 29%	43 23%	59 32%	29 21%	23 23%	39 19%	83 31%	75 26%	41 22%	288 25%	234 26%	54 22%	219 24%	23 20%	26 19%	46 30%	73 23%	51 30%
Disagree	651 32%	565 32%	55 30%	29 36%	81 36%	65 36%	59 32%	49 35%	31 31%	74 37%	63 24%	88 31%	56 31%	360 32%	282 31%	78 32%	292 33%	26 23%	38 29%	53 35%	131 40%	44 26%
Don't know	876 43%	733 42%	96 52%	34 42%	78 35%	75 41%	65 35%	64 45%	47 46%	90 44%	119 45%	122 43%	86 47%	491 43%	379 42%	112 46%	384 43%	67 57%	69 52%	53 35%	121 37%	75 44%

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Weighted base	2034	1749	183	81	224	183	183	142	102	203	264	285	183	1139	895	244	895	117	132	151	325	169
<u>Throwing eggs at politicians is never justifiable</u>																						
Agree	1254 62%	1080 62%	113 62%	46 57%	148 66%	109 60%	124 68%	80 57%	61 60%	122 60%	147 55%	185 65%	119 65%	653 57%	491 55%	162 67%	601 67%	62 53%	61 46%	118 78%	252 78%	108 64%
Disagree	494 24%	422 24%	49 27%	24 30%	53 24%	54 29%	38 21%	34 24%	24 23%	59 29%	55 21%	63 22%	41 22%	321 28%	275 31%	46 19%	174 19%	30 26%	38 28%	23 15%	52 16%	31 19%
Don't know	286 14%	247 14%	21 12%	11 13%	22 10%	20 11%	22 12%	28 19%	17 17%	22 11%	62 24%	37 13%	24 13%	165 15%	130 14%	36 15%	120 13%	25 21%	34 26%	11 7%	21 6%	30 18%

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Table 3

Q.3 Thinking about each of the following public services in your local area, do you think they have got better or worse over the past three months?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Pri- vate
Unweighted base	2034	911	1123	242	276	331	398	335	452	571	620	336	507	244	821
Weighted base	2034	997	1037	242	342	342	363	302	443	544	564	443	483	270	869
<u>Local state schools</u>															
Better	302 15%	159 16%	143 14%	52 21%	85 25%	54 16%	35 10%	29 10%	47 11%	97 18%	87 15%	55 13%	63 13%	54 20%	140 16%
No change	1326 65%	662 66%	664 64%	146 60%	199 58%	210 61%	248 68%	195 64%	328 74%	355 65%	373 66%	284 64%	314 65%	160 59%	554 64%
Worse	406 20%	176 18%	230 22%	44 18%	59 17%	77 23%	80 22%	78 26%	68 15%	92 17%	104 18%	104 23%	106 22%	56 21%	175 20%
<u>Local NHS services</u>															
Better	230 11%	130 13%	100 10%	38 16%	57 17%	38 11%	27 7%	22 7%	49 11%	69 13%	71 13%	36 8%	54 11%	40 15%	93 11%
No change	1055 52%	518 52%	537 52%	144 60%	170 50%	184 54%	179 49%	148 49%	230 52%	289 53%	300 53%	218 49%	248 51%	112 42%	460 53%
Worse	749 37%	348 35%	400 39%	60 25%	115 34%	120 35%	158 43%	132 44%	164 37%	186 34%	192 34%	189 43%	182 38%	117 43%	316 36%
<u>Local authority services such as libraries and waste collection</u>															
Better	292 14%	139 14%	153 15%	51 21%	73 21%	48 14%	33 9%	30 10%	58 13%	91 17%	80 14%	52 12%	69 14%	43 16%	121 14%
No change	1051 52%	521 52%	531 51%	128 53%	171 50%	173 51%	188 52%	150 50%	240 54%	288 53%	302 54%	232 52%	230 48%	125 46%	463 53%
Worse	691 34%	337 34%	354 34%	63 26%	99 29%	122 36%	141 39%	122 41%	144 33%	165 30%	183 32%	159 36%	184 38%	102 38%	286 33%

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Weighted base	2034	997	1037	242	342	342	363	302	443	544	564	443	483	270	869
<u>Local public transport</u>															
Better	325 16%	184 18%	142 14%	63 26%	74 22%	52 15%	29 8%	43 14%	65 15%	97 18%	94 17%	63 14%	71 15%	49 18%	135 16%
No change	1134 56%	569 57%	565 54%	118 49%	181 53%	178 52%	217 60%	174 57%	267 60%	313 58%	316 56%	241 54%	264 55%	139 52%	483 56%
Worse	575 28%	244 24%	331 32%	61 25%	87 25%	113 33%	117 32%	85 28%	111 25%	134 25%	154 27%	139 31%	149 31%	81 30%	252 29%

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Unweighted base	2034	1784	145	88	242	158	200	139	105	168	282	312	195	1065	707	358	969	130	140	149	355	195
Weighted base	2034	1749	183	81	224	183	183	142	102	203	264	285	183	1139	895	244	895	117	132	151	325	169
Local state schools																						
Better	302 15%	268 15%	24 13%	7 9%	38 17%	25 14%	28 15%	15 11%	11 10%	23 11%	67 25%	38 13%	27 15%	194 17%	150 17%	45 18%	108 12%	19 16%	14 11%	12 8%	31 10%	31 18%
No change	1326 65%	1129 65%	130 71%	55 68%	140 63%	122 67%	114 62%	102 71%	67 66%	127 63%	146 55%	193 68%	129 71%	714 63%	563 63%	151 62%	612 68%	69 59%	90 68%	109 72%	249 77%	95 56%
Worse	406 20%	353 20%	30 16%	19 23%	46 21%	35 19%	41 23%	26 18%	24 23%	53 26%	52 20%	54 19%	26 14%	231 20%	182 20%	49 20%	175 20%	29 25%	28 21%	30 20%	45 14%	42 25%
Local NHS services																						
Better	230 11%	205 12%	18 10%	8 10%	26 12%	21 11%	22 12%	14 10%	7 7%	12 6%	49 18%	33 12%	21 12%	133 12%	109 12%	24 10%	97 11%	15 13%	8 6%	17 11%	35 11%	22 13%
No change	1055 52%	892 51%	116 63%	42 52%	119 53%	88 48%	80 44%	77 54%	47 46%	103 51%	131 50%	138 48%	113 62%	573 50%	451 50%	121 50%	483 54%	64 54%	88 67%	73 48%	179 55%	78 46%
Worse	749 37%	652 37%	50 27%	31 38%	79 35%	74 40%	81 44%	52 36%	47 46%	89 44%	85 32%	114 40%	49 27%	433 38%	334 37%	99 40%	316 35%	39 33%	36 27%	61 40%	111 34%	69 41%
Local authority services such as libraries and waste collection																						
Better	292 14%	253 14%	25 14%	6 8%	32 14%	24 13%	27 15%	19 13%	14 14%	24 12%	52 20%	45 16%	24 13%	164 14%	119 13%	45 18%	128 14%	21 18%	17 13%	28 18%	35 11%	27 16%
No change	1051 52%	898 51%	101 55%	40 50%	92 41%	83 45%	92 50%	76 53%	52 51%	116 57%	145 55%	150 53%	103 56%	588 52%	455 51%	133 54%	464 52%	50 42%	64 49%	77 51%	193 59%	80 47%
Worse	691 34%	599 34%	56 31%	34 42%	100 45%	75 41%	64 35%	48 34%	36 35%	63 31%	67 25%	90 32%	56 31%	387 34%	321 36%	67 27%	303 34%	46 40%	51 38%	47 31%	97 30%	62 37%

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Weighted base	2034	1749	183	81	224	183	183	142	102	203	264	285	183	1139	895	244	895	117	132	151	325	169
Local public transport																						
Better	325 16%	289 17%	21 11%	4 5%	43 19%	16 9%	23 13%	28 19%	15 15%	25 12%	82 31%	46 16%	21 12%	184 16%	145 16%	39 16%	141 16%	24 21%	22 16%	25 17%	46 14%	24 14%
No change	1134 56%	955 55%	115 63%	35 43%	102 46%	114 62%	104 57%	80 56%	63 62%	103 51%	143 54%	165 58%	110 60%	622 55%	483 54%	139 57%	512 57%	57 49%	73 55%	92 61%	209 64%	81 48%
Worse	575 28%	505 29%	47 26%	42 52%	79 35%	54 29%	56 30%	35 24%	23 23%	75 37%	39 15%	73 26%	52 29%	333 29%	266 30%	67 27%	242 27%	35 30%	38 29%	34 22%	70 21%	65 38%

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Table 4

Q.4 Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**Base: All respondents**

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	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Pri- vate
Unweighted base	2034	911	1123	242	276	331	398	335	452	571	620	336	507	244	821
Weighted base	2034	997	1037	242	342	342	363	302	443	544	564	443	483	270	869
<u>The way the Government is going about cutting public spending is fair</u>															
Agree	583 29%	344 34%	239 23%	55 23%	90 26%	71 21%	76 21%	91 30%	201 45%	212 39%	142 25%	112 25%	117 24%	55 20%	249 29%
Disagree	1101 54%	499 50%	601 58%	101 42%	179 52%	210 61%	238 66%	177 59%	196 44%	239 44%	304 54%	270 61%	287 59%	178 66%	447 51%
Don't know	350 17%	154 15%	196 19%	86 36%	74 22%	61 18%	49 14%	34 11%	46 10%	92 17%	118 21%	61 14%	80 16%	36 13%	173 20%
<u>The Government is cutting public spending too much and too quickly</u>															
Agree	1140 56%	521 52%	619 60%	113 47%	206 60%	208 61%	243 67%	175 58%	195 44%	250 46%	331 59%	260 59%	298 62%	200 74%	457 53%
Disagree	553 27%	329 33%	223 22%	35 14%	69 20%	77 22%	78 22%	94 31%	201 45%	206 38%	126 22%	114 26%	107 22%	45 17%	239 27%
Don't know	341 17%	147 15%	195 19%	94 39%	67 20%	58 17%	41 11%	33 11%	47 11%	88 16%	107 19%	69 16%	78 16%	25 9%	173 20%
<u>Things in this country are generally heading in the right direction</u>															
Agree	725 36%	418 42%	307 30%	63 26%	104 30%	89 26%	103 28%	121 40%	244 55%	241 44%	170 30%	157 35%	156 32%	76 28%	291 33%
Disagree	916 45%	405 41%	511 49%	86 36%	163 48%	186 54%	200 55%	136 45%	145 33%	210 39%	260 46%	209 47%	238 49%	142 53%	395 45%
Don't know	393 19%	174 17%	220 21%	92 38%	76 22%	67 20%	59 16%	45 15%	54 12%	93 17%	134 24%	77 17%	89 18%	51 19%	183 21%

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Weighted base	2034	997	1037	242	342	342	363	302	443	544	564	443	483	270	869
<u>The UK is on course for another wave of recession</u>															
Agree	786 39%	343 34%	443 43%	87 36%	157 46%	159 46%	164 45%	105 35%	113 26%	168 31%	233 41%	175 39%	210 43%	134 50%	335 39%
Disagree	619 30%	368 37%	251 24%	47 19%	69 20%	81 24%	103 28%	111 37%	208 47%	206 38%	145 26%	145 33%	123 26%	62 23%	248 28%
Don't know	629 31%	286 29%	344 33%	107 44%	117 34%	103 30%	95 26%	86 29%	121 27%	170 31%	187 33%	123 28%	150 31%	74 27%	287 33%

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Weighted base	2034	1749	183	81	224	183	183	142	102	203	264	285	183	1139	895	244	895	117	132	151	325	169
<u>The way the Government is going about cutting public spending is fair</u>																						
Agree	583 29%	516 30%	48 26%	16 20%	63 28%	58 32%	55 30%	45 32%	19 19%	59 29%	75 29%	87 31%	57 31%	304 27%	236 26%	69 28%	279 31%	14 12%	25 19%	56 37%	155 48%	30 18%
Disagree	1101 54%	922 53%	110 60%	57 70%	122 55%	97 53%	100 55%	75 53%	68 67%	117 58%	120 45%	135 48%	98 54%	626 55%	498 56%	127 52%	475 53%	73 62%	71 54%	79 52%	142 44%	109 65%
Don't know	350 17%	311 18%	25 14%	8 10%	38 17%	28 15%	28 15%	22 15%	14 14%	27 13%	69 26%	62 22%	28 15%	209 18%	161 18%	48 20%	141 16%	30 26%	37 28%	17 11%	28 9%	30 17%
<u>The Government is cutting public spending too much and too quickly</u>																						
Agree	1140 56%	950 54%	123 67%	57 70%	122 55%	111 61%	105 57%	73 51%	67 66%	117 58%	135 51%	138 48%	92 50%	657 58%	523 58%	134 55%	483 54%	76 65%	75 57%	82 54%	137 42%	112 66%
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Don't know	341 17%	300 17%	28 15%	8 10%	32 14%	25 14%	32 17%	21 15%	14 13%	24 12%	63 24%	66 23%	29 16%	198 17%	158 18%	40 16%	143 16%	28 24%	36 27%	20 13%	31 10%	28 16%
<u>Things in this country are generally heading in the right direction</u>																						
Agree	725 36%	636 36%	53 29%	21 25%	94 42%	62 34%	63 34%	54 38%	36 35%	81 40%	90 34%	99 35%	73 40%	368 32%	281 31%	87 36%	357 40%	27 23%	24 18%	67 44%	187 58%	52 31%
Disagree	916 45%	779 45%	91 50%	43 53%	101 45%	83 45%	87 48%	66 46%	46 45%	94 46%	98 37%	127 45%	78 43%	537 47%	433 48%	104 42%	379 42%	60 52%	71 53%	66 44%	96 30%	86 51%
Don't know	393 19%	334 19%	39 21%	18 22%	28 13%	38 21%	33 18%	23 16%	20 20%	28 14%	76 29%	58 21%	32 17%	235 21%	181 20%	54 22%	159 18%	29 25%	37 28%	18 12%	42 13%	32 19%

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Weighted base	2034	1749	183	81	224	183	183	142	102	203	264	285	183	1139	895	244	895	117	132	151	325	169
<u>The UK is on course for another wave of recession</u>																						
Agree	786 39%	681 39%	65 36%	38 47%	82 37%	77 42%	75 41%	54 38%	40 39%	93 46%	103 39%	100 35%	59 32%	469 41%	385 43%	84 34%	317 35%	54 46%	50 38%	51 34%	81 25%	81 48%
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