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ONLINE Fieldwork : 5th - 8th August 2011

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Table 1

Q2. Do you think that the Coalition Government is good or bad for Britain?**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	2019	963	1056	206	339	425	362	316	371	663	509	308	539	535	509	505	299	171
Weighted base	2019	989	1030	242	323	384	343	303	423	545	586	424	465	513	533	507	291	175
Good	636 32%	386 39%	250 24%	68 28%	87 27%	103 27%	90 26%	103 34%	186 44%	212 39%	198 34%	118 28%	109 23%	167 32%	187 35%	136 27%	103 35%	44 25%
Bad	884 44%	428 43%	456 44%	95 39%	132 41%	195 51%	151 44%	150 50%	161 38%	221 40%	252 43%	185 44%	226 49%	210 41%	216 40%	240 47%	124 42%	95 54%
Don't know	499 25%	175 18%	323 31%	80 33%	105 32%	86 22%	102 30%	50 16%	77 18%	112 21%	136 23%	121 29%	129 28%	137 27%	131 25%	131 26%	65 22%	36 21%

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Weighted base	2019	175	91	237	178	187	107	189	254	259	184	157
Good	636 32%	44 25%	18 20%	62 26%	56 31%	49 26%	33 31%	70 37%	92 36%	75 29%	70 38%	68 43%
Bad	884 44%	95 54%	48 52%	111 47%	81 46%	73 39%	56 52%	79 42%	102 40%	108 42%	68 37%	63 40%
Don't know	499 25%	36 21%	25 28%	64 27%	41 23%	65 35%	18 17%	40 21%	60 24%	77 30%	47 25%	26 16%

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Weighted base	2019	989	1030	242	323	384	343	303	423	545	586	424	465	513	533	507	291	175
<u>The future state of the UK economy</u>																		
Optimistic	543 27%	314 32%	229 22%	96 39%	94 29%	75 20%	74 22%	83 27%	121 29%	165 30%	166 28%	115 27%	96 21%	153 30%	151 28%	133 26%	79 27%	26 15%
Pessimistic	1296 64%	599 61%	697 68%	118 49%	197 61%	273 71%	239 70%	202 67%	268 63%	343 63%	358 61%	269 63%	327 70%	318 62%	327 61%	330 65%	189 65%	132 75%
Don't know	180 9%	76 8%	104 10%	29 12%	33 10%	35 9%	30 9%	18 6%	35 8%	37 7%	62 11%	40 9%	41 9%	41 8%	55 10%	44 9%	23 8%	17 10%
<u>Your personal financial situation</u>																		
Optimistic	778 39%	400 40%	378 37%	123 51%	140 43%	123 32%	116 34%	106 35%	171 40%	261 48%	247 42%	143 34%	127 27%	187 37%	225 42%	198 39%	105 36%	63 36%
Pessimistic	997 49%	470 48%	527 51%	89 37%	140 43%	209 55%	191 56%	169 56%	199 47%	227 42%	272 46%	215 51%	284 61%	267 52%	238 45%	248 49%	149 51%	94 54%
Don't know	243 12%	119 12%	125 12%	31 13%	44 14%	51 13%	36 11%	28 9%	54 13%	57 10%	67 11%	66 16%	54 12%	58 11%	70 13%	61 12%	37 13%	18 10%
<u>Your job security/ prospects in the future</u>																		
Base: All respondents working, students and those seeking work																		
Total	1333	695	638	232	282	327	276	156	59	358	449	292	235	365	334	339	185	110
Optimistic	591 44%	315 45%	276 43%	107 46%	144 51%	129 40%	112 41%	70 45%	28 48%	169 47%	214 48%	122 42%	86 37%	141 39%	185 55%	148 44%	76 41%	41 37%
Pessimistic	522 39%	261 38%	261 41%	83 36%	100 35%	138 42%	112 41%	69 44%	20 34%	140 39%	165 37%	107 37%	111 47%	157 43%	98 29%	136 40%	75 40%	56 51%
Don't know	220 17%	120 17%	101 16%	43 18%	38 14%	60 18%	51 19%	17 11%	11 18%	49 14%	70 16%	63 22%	38 16%	67 18%	51 15%	54 16%	35 19%	13 12%

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Don't know	180 9%	17 10%	8 9%	21 9%	14 8%	18 10%	6 6%	26 14%	25 10%	17 6%	17 9%	11 7%
<u>Your personal financial situation</u>												
Optimistic	778 39%	63 36%	38 42%	91 38%	68 38%	82 44%	35 32%	75 39%	97 38%	90 35%	71 38%	68 43%
Pessimistic	997 49%	94 54%	46 50%	107 45%	95 54%	82 44%	58 54%	90 48%	124 49%	144 56%	91 49%	67 42%
Don't know	243 12%	18 10%	7 8%	39 16%	15 8%	23 12%	14 13%	25 13%	33 13%	25 10%	23 12%	22 14%
<u>Your job security/ prospects in the future</u>												
Base: All respondents working, students and those seeking work												
Total	1333	110	65	161	112	126	72	122	192	173	113	85
Optimistic	591 44%	41 37%	34 53%	63 39%	51 46%	63 50%	27 38%	64 52%	76 39%	65 38%	49 43%	58 68%
Pessimistic	522 39%	56 51%	24 37%	66 41%	46 41%	44 35%	34 47%	35 29%	78 41%	79 46%	41 36%	18 21%
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Q11. Would you say your life is very happy, fairly happy, fairly unhappy or very unhappy?

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Unweighted base	2019	963	1056	206	339	425	362	316	371	663	509	308	539	535	509	505	299	171
Weighted base	2019	989	1030	242	323	384	343	303	423	545	586	424	465	513	533	507	291	175
NET: Happy	1663	803	861	206	275	289	272	244	378	478	485	339	362	422	440	411	245	145
	82%	81%	84%	85%	85%	75%	79%	81%	89%	88%	83%	80%	78%	82%	83%	81%	84%	83%
Very happy	(4)	336	183	153	52	64	42	46	51	103	121	65	47	80	87	92	49	28
	17%	19%	15%	21%	20%	11%	13%	17%	19%	19%	21%	15%	10%	15%	16%	18%	17%	16%
Fairly happy	(3)	1327	619	708	154	211	247	226	193	297	376	364	273	343	353	319	195	117
	66%	63%	69%	64%	65%	64%	66%	64%	70%	69%	62%	64%	68%	67%	66%	63%	67%	67%
Fairly unhappy	(2)	296	156	140	32	39	75	59	51	41	55	78	77	85	80	72	80	27
	15%	16%	14%	13%	12%	19%	17%	17%	10%	10%	13%	18%	18%	16%	14%	16%	13%	15%
Very unhappy	(1)	60	31	29	4	9	20	13	8	5	12	22	8	18	11	21	16	3
	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	5%	4%	3%	1%	2%	4%	2%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%
NET: Unhappy	356	187	169	36	48	95	72	59	46	67	101	86	103	91	93	96	46	30
	18%	19%	16%	15%	15%	25%	21%	19%	11%	12%	17%	20%	22%	18%	17%	19%	16%	17%
Mean	2.96	2.96	2.96	3.05	3.02	2.81	2.89	2.95	3.07	3.04	3.00	2.93	2.84	2.96	2.95	2.96	2.98	2.97
Standard deviation	0.66	0.68	0.63	0.65	0.66	0.69	0.67	0.66	0.58	0.61	0.70	0.64	0.64	0.63	0.67	0.68	0.65	0.62
Standard error	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.05

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Weighted base	2019	175	91	237	178	187	107	189	254	259	184	157
NET: Happy	1663 82%	145 83%	75 82%	194 82%	142 80%	151 81%	85 79%	160 85%	210 83%	212 82%	160 87%	129 82%
Very happy	(4) 336 17%	28 16%	23 25%	43 18%	26 14%	27 14%	21 20%	39 21%	38 15%	42 16%	29 15%	22 14%
Fairly happy	(3) 1327 66%	117 67%	52 57%	151 64%	116 65%	125 67%	64 60%	121 64%	172 68%	170 66%	131 71%	107 68%
Fairly unhappy	(2) 296 15%	27 15%	15 16%	37 16%	28 16%	26 14%	18 16%	23 12%	38 15%	41 16%	20 11%	23 15%
Very unhappy	(1) 60 3%	3 2%	2 2%	6 3%	8 5%	10 5%	4 4%	6 3%	6 2%	5 2%	5 3%	5 3%
NET: Unhappy	356 18%	30 17%	17 18%	43 18%	36 20%	36 19%	22 21%	29 15%	44 17%	47 18%	24 13%	28 18%
Mean	2.96	2.97	3.05	2.97	2.89	2.90	2.95	3.02	2.95	2.96	3.00	2.93
Standard deviation	0.66	0.62	0.70	0.66	0.69	0.70	0.72	0.67	0.62	0.64	0.61	0.64
Standard error	0.01	0.05	0.07	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05

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Table 4

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Weighted base	2019	989	1030	242	323	384	343	303	423	545	586	424	465	513	533	507	291	175
<u>The UK is on course for another wave of recession</u>																		
Agree	1237	557	680	113	192	254	226	196	257	328	333	262	315	301	309	320	191	117
	61%	56%	66%	46%	59%	66%	66%	65%	61%	60%	57%	62%	68%	59%	58%	63%	65%	67%
Disagree	238	168	71	48	33	38	38	37	44	80	86	33	39	82	67	52	24	14
	12%	17%	7%	20%	10%	10%	11%	12%	10%	15%	15%	8%	8%	16%	13%	10%	8%	8%
Don't know	543	264	279	81	98	92	80	70	122	137	167	129	111	131	157	134	77	45
	27%	27%	27%	34%	30%	24%	23%	23%	29%	25%	28%	30%	24%	25%	29%	27%	26%	25%
<u>The debt crisis in Europe is putting the UK economy in danger</u>																		
Agree	1700	838	862	174	255	323	301	271	376	472	485	365	377	422	459	416	250	152
	84%	85%	84%	72%	79%	84%	88%	90%	89%	87%	83%	86%	81%	82%	86%	82%	86%	87%
Disagree	93	60	33	25	13	21	7	13	13	24	29	11	28	31	25	24	7	5
	5%	6%	3%	10%	4%	6%	2%	4%	3%	4%	5%	3%	6%	6%	5%	5%	2%	3%
Don't know	227	92	135	43	55	39	36	19	35	49	71	48	60	60	48	67	34	18
	11%	9%	13%	18%	17%	10%	10%	6%	8%	9%	12%	11%	13%	12%	9%	13%	12%	10%
<u>The banking sector has learnt the lessons of the financial crisis in 2008</u>																		
Agree	255	129	126	57	58	60	33	20	27	72	84	51	48	75	62	60	39	20
	13%	13%	12%	23%	18%	16%	9%	7%	6%	13%	14%	12%	10%	15%	12%	12%	13%	11%
Disagree	1397	710	687	122	198	261	251	247	317	398	381	294	324	356	378	337	201	125
	69%	72%	67%	50%	61%	68%	73%	82%	75%	73%	65%	69%	70%	69%	71%	67%	69%	72%
Don't know	367	150	217	64	67	62	59	35	79	75	120	79	93	83	93	110	51	30
	18%	15%	21%	26%	21%	16%	17%	12%	19%	14%	21%	19%	20%	16%	17%	22%	18%	17%
<u>In the current financial situation, the Government is more concerned with protecting the banks than the British public</u>																		
Agree	1252	594	658	122	205	247	224	196	257	314	332	285	321	313	316	332	178	113
	62%	60%	64%	50%	64%	64%	65%	65%	61%	58%	57%	67%	69%	61%	59%	65%	61%	65%
Disagree	327	212	114	37	47	71	47	54	71	105	118	53	51	86	100	59	54	28
	16%	21%	11%	15%	15%	18%	14%	18%	17%	19%	20%	13%	11%	17%	19%	12%	19%	16%
Don't know	440	183	257	84	71	66	72	52	95	126	136	86	93	115	116	116	59	34
	22%	19%	25%	35%	22%	17%	21%	17%	22%	23%	23%	20%	20%	22%	22%	23%	20%	20%

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Weighted base	2019	989	1030	242	323	384	343	303	423	545	586	424	465	513	533	507	291	175
<u>The previous Labour Government would have handled the current financial situation better than the Coalition</u>																		
Agree	532	256	276	70	106	113	81	77	86	146	151	98	138	138	99	164	75	57
	26%	26%	27%	29%	33%	29%	24%	25%	20%	27%	26%	23%	30%	27%	19%	32%	26%	32%
Disagree	928	517	411	77	112	155	158	160	266	285	269	197	177	230	297	188	142	71
	46%	52%	40%	32%	34%	40%	46%	53%	63%	52%	46%	46%	38%	45%	56%	37%	49%	41%
Don't know	559	216	343	95	106	116	104	66	71	113	166	129	150	145	136	155	75	47
	28%	22%	33%	39%	33%	30%	30%	22%	17%	21%	28%	31%	32%	28%	26%	31%	26%	27%
<u>I am worried that another recession would have a severe impact on me and my family</u>																		
Agree	1419	646	773	139	228	283	266	216	287	370	405	303	340	345	358	370	216	130
	70%	65%	75%	57%	71%	74%	77%	71%	68%	68%	69%	71%	73%	67%	67%	73%	74%	74%
Disagree	300	197	103	46	50	45	39	49	72	105	89	53	54	74	101	67	38	20
	15%	20%	10%	19%	15%	12%	11%	16%	17%	19%	15%	12%	12%	14%	19%	13%	13%	11%
Don't know	300	147	153	58	46	56	39	38	64	69	91	69	71	94	74	70	37	25
	15%	15%	15%	24%	14%	15%	11%	13%	15%	13%	16%	16%	15%	18%	14%	14%	13%	14%
<u>The debt crisis in Europe has been managed badly by European political leaders</u>																		
Agree	1572	805	767	143	232	311	275	252	359	433	436	336	367	385	432	394	223	139
	78%	81%	75%	59%	72%	81%	80%	83%	85%	79%	75%	79%	79%	75%	81%	78%	77%	80%
Disagree	80	50	30	24	18	11	13	8	7	21	28	10	21	27	13	18	13	9
	4%	5%	3%	10%	5%	3%	4%	3%	2%	4%	5%	2%	5%	5%	3%	4%	4%	5%
Don't know	367	134	232	76	74	61	55	43	58	91	121	78	76	101	88	95	55	27
	18%	14%	23%	31%	23%	16%	16%	14%	14%	17%	21%	18%	16%	20%	16%	19%	19%	16%

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Agree	1237 61%	117 67%	66 73%	144 61%	110 61%	103 55%	75 70%	107 57%	146 58%	154 60%	116 63%	98 63%
Disagree	238 12%	14 8%	8 9%	26 11%	18 10%	25 13%	6 5%	23 12%	44 17%	37 14%	18 10%	20 12%
Don't know	543 27%	45 25%	17 19%	67 28%	50 28%	59 31%	27 25%	59 31%	63 25%	67 26%	50 27%	39 25%
<u>The debt crisis in Europe is putting the UK economy in danger</u>												
Agree	1700 84%	152 87%	79 86%	193 81%	144 81%	149 80%	90 84%	163 86%	209 82%	214 83%	160 87%	147 94%
Disagree	93 5%	5 3%	6 6%	13 5%	6 3%	8 4%	2 2%	13 7%	18 7%	13 5%	5 3%	5 3%
Don't know	227 11%	18 10%	7 8%	32 13%	28 16%	30 16%	15 14%	13 7%	27 11%	32 13%	19 10%	5 3%
<u>The banking sector has learnt the lessons of the financial crisis in 2008</u>												
Agree	255 13%	20 11%	16 18%	28 12%	16 9%	21 11%	8 7%	21 11%	41 16%	33 13%	31 17%	20 13%
Disagree	1397 69%	125 72%	56 61%	155 66%	126 71%	132 71%	87 81%	132 70%	170 67%	186 72%	113 62%	114 73%
Don't know	367 18%	30 17%	19 21%	54 23%	37 21%	34 18%	12 11%	37 19%	43 17%	40 15%	39 21%	22 14%
<u>In the current financial situation, the Government is more concerned with protecting the banks than the British public</u>												
Agree	1252 62%	113 65%	66 72%	148 62%	118 66%	118 63%	75 70%	106 56%	154 61%	159 61%	103 56%	92 59%
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Disagree	928 46%	71 41%	30 33%	79 33%	79 44%	85 45%	45 42%	112 59%	107 42%	123 47%	97 52%	100 64%
Don't know	559 28%	47 27%	30 33%	75 32%	50 28%	64 34%	27 26%	45 24%	72 28%	74 28%	47 26%	28 18%
<u>I am worried that another recession would have a severe impact on me and my family</u>												
Agree	1419 70%	130 74%	71 78%	171 72%	128 72%	124 66%	85 79%	130 69%	165 65%	180 70%	131 71%	104 66%
Disagree	300 15%	20 11%	13 14%	33 14%	20 11%	34 18%	10 9%	33 18%	38 15%	36 14%	28 15%	34 22%
Don't know	300 15%	25 14%	7 8%	33 14%	30 17%	30 16%	12 11%	26 14%	51 20%	43 17%	25 13%	19 12%
<u>The debt crisis in Europe has been managed badly by European political leaders</u>												
Agree	1572 78%	139 80%	76 84%	182 77%	135 76%	137 74%	88 83%	155 82%	188 74%	196 76%	135 73%	139 88%
Disagree	80 4%	9 5%	2 2%	7 3%	9 5%	4 2%	3 3%	5 3%	15 6%	12 5%	10 5%	4 3%
Don't know	367 18%	27 16%	13 14%	48 20%	34 19%	45 24%	16 15%	29 15%	50 20%	51 20%	40 22%	14 9%