

## Cuts Index Survey

### ONLINE Fieldwork : 16th - 20th December 2010

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

**Q.1 Do you, or would you, trust each of the following politicians to see the country through the current economic situation?**

**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	2033	1020	1013	207	341	420	343	320	402	737	534	271	491	504	548	548	277	156
Weighted base	2033	996	1037	244	325	386	346	305	427	549	590	427	468	517	537	510	293	176
<b><u>Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne</u></b>																		
Yes	503 25%	310 31%	193 19%	34 14%	62 19%	86 22%	74 21%	93 30%	154 36%	165 30%	150 25%	96 22%	92 20%	153 30%	136 25%	102 20%	73 25%	39 22%
No	944 46%	458 46%	486 47%	112 46%	151 46%	195 51%	186 54%	147 48%	153 36%	251 46%	269 46%	201 47%	223 48%	226 44%	229 43%	257 50%	136 46%	95 54%
Don't know	587 29%	229 23%	358 35%	98 40%	113 35%	105 27%	86 25%	65 21%	120 28%	133 24%	171 29%	130 31%	152 33%	138 27%	171 32%	152 30%	84 29%	42 24%
<b><u>Prime Minister, David Cameron</u></b>																		
Yes	760 37%	412 41%	347 34%	65 27%	103 32%	128 33%	118 34%	128 42%	217 51%	244 44%	223 38%	140 33%	153 33%	216 42%	218 41%	165 32%	111 38%	50 28%
No	895 44%	432 43%	463 45%	112 46%	163 50%	188 49%	166 48%	122 40%	144 34%	216 39%	259 44%	191 45%	229 49%	212 41%	211 39%	252 49%	125 43%	95 54%
Don't know	378 19%	152 15%	226 22%	66 27%	60 18%	70 18%	61 18%	55 18%	66 15%	89 16%	107 18%	95 22%	86 18%	89 17%	107 20%	93 18%	58 20%	31 18%
<b><u>Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg</u></b>																		
Yes	489 24%	267 27%	222 21%	36 15%	74 23%	83 21%	77 22%	81 26%	139 33%	157 29%	147 25%	83 19%	104 22%	149 29%	132 25%	99 19%	75 25%	35 20%
No	1079 53%	532 53%	546 53%	134 55%	175 54%	217 56%	195 57%	166 54%	191 45%	280 51%	299 51%	245 57%	255 54%	261 50%	265 49%	302 59%	150 51%	101 57%
Don't know	465 23%	197 20%	268 26%	74 30%	77 24%	86 22%	73 21%	58 19%	96 23%	113 21%	144 24%	99 23%	109 23%	108 21%	139 26%	110 21%	69 23%	40 23%

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Weighted base	2033	996	1037	244	325	386	346	305	427	549	590	427	468	517	537	510	293	176
<b><u>Leader of the Opposition, Ed Miliband</u></b>																		
Yes	295	156	139	46	49	59	52	32	57	74	78	61	82	74	70	82	39	30
	15%	16%	13%	19%	15%	15%	15%	10%	13%	14%	13%	14%	17%	14%	13%	16%	13%	17%
No	1169	609	559	96	183	219	201	200	269	341	340	256	232	305	329	280	174	81
	57%	61%	54%	39%	56%	57%	58%	66%	63%	62%	58%	60%	50%	59%	61%	55%	59%	46%
Don't know	569	231	338	102	93	108	92	73	101	134	171	111	154	137	137	149	80	66
	28%	23%	33%	42%	29%	28%	27%	24%	24%	24%	29%	26%	33%	27%	26%	29%	27%	37%
<b><u>Shadow Chancellor, Alan Johnson</u></b>																		
Yes	214	136	79	25	23	44	31	31	60	72	55	37	51	51	64	61	23	16
	11%	14%	8%	10%	7%	11%	9%	10%	14%	13%	9%	9%	11%	10%	12%	12%	8%	9%
No	1124	600	524	99	175	217	191	190	251	309	336	254	225	302	301	274	167	80
	55%	60%	51%	41%	54%	56%	55%	62%	59%	56%	57%	59%	48%	58%	56%	54%	57%	45%
Don't know	695	261	434	120	127	125	124	84	116	168	199	136	192	163	172	175	104	80
	34%	26%	42%	49%	39%	32%	36%	28%	27%	31%	34%	32%	41%	32%	32%	34%	35%	46%

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Table 2

**Q.2 Which one of the following groups do you think is going to be worst affected by the expected cuts in public spending?**

**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	2033	1020	1013	207	341	420	343	320	402	737	534	271	491	504	548	548	277	156
Weighted base	2033	996	1037	244	325	386	346	305	427	549	590	427	468	517	537	510	293	176
Adults on low incomes	914 45%	487 49%	427 41%	123 50%	163 50%	173 45%	187 54%	128 42%	140 33%	210 38%	252 43%	197 46%	255 55%	217 42%	238 44%	249 49%	116 39%	94 53%
Adults on middle incomes	682 34%	338 34%	343 33%	75 31%	128 39%	144 37%	105 30%	95 31%	136 32%	223 41%	227 38%	135 32%	96 21%	197 38%	168 31%	164 32%	106 36%	46 26%
The elderly	288 14%	108 11%	180 17%	11 5%	15 5%	31 8%	33 10%	65 21%	133 31%	77 14%	60 10%	63 15%	88 19%	57 11%	90 17%	61 12%	48 17%	33 18%
Children	86 4%	35 3%	51 5%	30 12%	7 2%	24 6%	14 4%	5 2%	6 1%	21 4%	24 4%	25 6%	16 3%	33 6%	18 3%	21 4%	12 4%	3 2%
Adults on high incomes	64 3%	29 3%	35 3%	6 2%	12 4%	14 4%	6 2%	12 4%	13 3%	18 3%	26 4%	7 2%	13 3%	13 3%	23 4%	15 3%	11 4%	1 1%

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Table 3  
**Q.3 Are you optimistic or pessimistic about each of the following?**  
**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	2033	1020	1013	207	341	420	343	320	402	737	534	271	491	504	548	548	277	156
Weighted base	2033	996	1037	244	325	386	346	305	427	549	590	427	468	517	537	510	293	176
<b><u>The future state of the UK economy</u></b>																		
Optimistic	570 28%	334 34%	236 23%	71 29%	96 30%	95 25%	83 24%	77 25%	147 34%	177 32%	174 29%	108 25%	112 24%	147 28%	155 29%	123 24%	113 39%	31 18%
Pessimistic	1185 58%	550 55%	635 61%	119 49%	187 58%	234 60%	227 66%	190 62%	228 53%	302 55%	335 57%	276 65%	273 58%	293 57%	295 55%	319 63%	153 52%	125 71%
Don't know	277 14%	112 11%	165 16%	54 22%	42 13%	57 15%	35 10%	37 12%	52 12%	70 13%	81 14%	43 10%	83 18%	77 15%	87 16%	68 13%	26 9%	20 11%
<b><u>Your personal financial situation</u></b>																		
Optimistic	799 39%	449 45%	350 34%	112 46%	145 45%	138 36%	114 33%	108 35%	183 43%	249 45%	248 42%	189 44%	114 24%	200 39%	204 38%	203 40%	123 42%	69 39%
Pessimistic	931 46%	412 41%	519 50%	91 37%	137 42%	179 46%	189 55%	155 51%	180 42%	213 39%	254 43%	195 46%	270 58%	241 47%	244 45%	235 46%	124 42%	87 49%
Don't know	303 15%	136 14%	168 16%	41 17%	44 13%	69 18%	43 12%	42 14%	64 15%	87 16%	88 15%	43 10%	84 18%	76 15%	88 16%	71 14%	47 16%	21 12%
Base: All respondents who work/are looking for work/students	1320	738	582	228	296	332	259	161	43	372	454	290	203	361	350	329	180	99
<b><u>Your job security in the future</u></b>																		
Optimistic	598 45%	346 47%	253 43%	113 50%	144 49%	141 43%	97 37%	73 45%	30 70%	182 49%	195 43%	150 52%	72 35%	151 42%	159 46%	143 43%	95 53%	50 50%
Pessimistic	459 35%	247 33%	212 36%	67 29%	97 33%	112 34%	120 47%	57 35%	6 13%	118 32%	168 37%	97 33%	77 38%	138 38%	123 35%	116 35%	56 31%	26 26%
Don't know	262 20%	145 20%	117 20%	48 21%	55 19%	79 24%	42 16%	31 19%	7 16%	73 20%	92 20%	43 15%	54 27%	72 20%	68 19%	70 21%	28 16%	24 24%

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Table 4

**Q.4 How, if at all, do you think the public spending cuts to be announced in the Spending Review will affect you personally?**

**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	2033	1020	1013	207	341	420	343	320	402	737	534	271	491	504	548	548	277	156
Weighted base	2033	996	1037	244	325	386	346	305	427	549	590	427	468	517	537	510	293	176
NET: Positively	264 13%	149 15%	115 11%	39 16%	41 13%	25 6%	37 11%	48 16%	74 17%	53 10%	63 11%	68 16%	80 17%	71 14%	69 13%	66 13%	39 13%	20 11%
Very positively (+2)	58 3%	29 3%	28 3%	9 4%	8 2%	8 2%	10 3%	15 5%	8 2%	11 2%	9 2%	14 3%	24 5%	14 3%	20 4%	11 2%	11 4%	3 2%
Quite positively (+1)	207 10%	120 12%	87 8%	30 12%	33 10%	17 4%	28 8%	34 11%	66 15%	43 8%	54 9%	54 13%	56 12%	58 11%	49 9%	55 11%	28 10%	17 9%
I don't think they will affect me (0)	327 16%	166 17%	160 15%	43 18%	50 15%	51 13%	35 10%	46 15%	102 24%	107 20%	88 15%	74 17%	57 12%	77 15%	86 16%	77 15%	64 22%	22 12%
Quite negatively (-1)	821 40%	403 40%	417 40%	77 32%	144 44%	186 48%	151 44%	123 40%	140 33%	239 44%	267 45%	171 40%	144 31%	187 36%	215 40%	206 40%	129 44%	84 48%
Very negatively (-2)	306 15%	151 15%	155 15%	35 14%	45 14%	71 18%	70 20%	50 16%	34 8%	77 14%	87 15%	62 15%	79 17%	92 18%	72 13%	82 16%	32 11%	27 15%
NET: Negatively	1126 55%	554 56%	572 55%	112 46%	189 58%	257 67%	221 64%	173 57%	174 41%	316 58%	354 60%	233 54%	223 48%	279 54%	287 53%	288 57%	161 55%	111 63%
Not sure	316 16%	126 13%	189 18%	50 20%	46 14%	53 14%	52 15%	38 12%	77 18%	72 13%	84 14%	53 12%	107 23%	88 17%	96 18%	79 16%	29 10%	23 13%
Mean	-0.65	-0.60	-0.69	-0.51	-0.66	-0.89	-0.83	-0.60	-0.36	-0.69	-0.73	-0.57	-0.55	-0.67	-0.61	-0.68	-0.54	-0.75
Standard deviation	1.01	1.03	0.99	1.10	0.98	0.88	1.00	1.10	0.97	0.92	0.93	1.05	1.18	1.06	1.03	1.00	0.97	0.94
Standard error	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.08

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Table 5  
**Q.5 Would you say your life is very happy, fairly happy, fairly unhappy or very unhappy?**  
**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	2033	1020	1013	207	341	420	343	320	402	737	534	271	491	504	548	548	277	156
Weighted base	2033	996	1037	244	325	386	346	305	427	549	590	427	468	517	537	510	293	176
NET: Happy	1709 84%	836 84%	873 84%	209 86%	267 82%	325 84%	271 79%	259 85%	377 88%	480 87%	482 82%	374 88%	374 80%	417 81%	462 86%	429 84%	250 85%	151 85%
Very happy	(4) 366 18%	169 17%	197 19%	48 19%	51 16%	56 14%	46 13%	61 20%	105 25%	111 20%	101 17%	77 18%	77 16%	92 18%	87 16%	96 19%	62 21%	29 17%
Fairly happy	(3) 1343 66%	667 67%	677 65%	162 66%	216 66%	269 70%	225 65%	198 65%	272 64%	369 67%	381 65%	297 70%	297 63%	325 63%	376 70%	333 65%	188 64%	122 69%
Fairly unhappy	(2) 262 13%	132 13%	129 12%	30 12%	47 15%	47 12%	57 17%	39 13%	41 10%	55 10%	91 15%	45 10%	71 15%	76 15%	65 12%	61 12%	37 13%	24 14%
Very unhappy	(1) 62 3%	28 3%	34 3%	5 2%	11 3%	14 4%	17 5%	7 2%	9 2%	14 3%	16 3%	8 2%	23 5%	24 5%	9 2%	20 4%	6 2%	2 1%
NET: Unhappy	324 16%	160 16%	163 16%	35 14%	58 18%	61 16%	74 21%	45 15%	50 12%	69 13%	108 18%	53 12%	94 20%	100 19%	74 14%	81 16%	43 15%	26 15%
Mean	2.99	2.98	3.00	3.03	2.94	2.95	2.87	3.03	3.11	3.05	2.96	3.04	2.92	2.94	3.00	2.99	3.05	3.01
Standard deviation	0.66	0.64	0.67	0.63	0.66	0.64	0.69	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.66	0.60	0.71	0.71	0.59	0.68	0.65	0.59
Standard error	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.05

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Table 6

**Q.6 Will you spend more, less or the same on Christmas this year compared to last year?****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
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Weighted base	2033	996	1037	244	325	386	346	305	427	549	590	427	468	517	537	510	293	176
More	245 12%	132 13%	113 11%	52 21%	45 14%	45 12%	19 5%	29 9%	55 13%	75 14%	72 12%	46 11%	51 11%	43 8%	70 13%	84 16%	32 11%	15 9%
The same	986 48%	522 52%	464 45%	85 35%	146 45%	196 51%	166 48%	153 50%	240 56%	277 50%	265 45%	222 52%	222 47%	250 48%	272 51%	234 46%	151 51%	79 45%
Less	741 36%	315 32%	426 41%	90 37%	128 39%	135 35%	143 41%	118 39%	125 29%	185 34%	229 39%	144 34%	183 39%	206 40%	178 33%	180 35%	103 35%	74 42%
Don't know	62 3%	28 3%	34 3%	17 7%	6 2%	10 3%	17 5%	5 2%	6 1%	12 2%	24 4%	15 3%	11 2%	18 3%	17 3%	12 2%	7 2%	8 5%

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**Q.7 As we approach the end of 2010, do you agree or disagree with each of these statements about the outlook for 2011?**

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Weighted base	2033	996	1037	244	325	386	346	305	427	549	590	427	468	517	537	510	293	176
<b><u>I am worried about the security of my or my partner's job prospects</u></b>																		
Agree	581 29%	267 27%	314 30%	85 35%	119 37%	141 37%	140 41%	74 24%	21 5%	164 30%	184 31%	131 31%	102 22%	164 32%	147 27%	152 30%	79 27%	39 22%
Disagree	544 27%	326 33%	218 21%	69 28%	115 35%	129 33%	96 28%	74 24%	63 15%	169 31%	177 30%	131 31%	68 15%	134 26%	163 30%	133 26%	71 24%	43 25%
Not applicable	616 30%	262 26%	353 34%	43 18%	18 6%	39 10%	64 19%	117 39%	334 78%	150 27%	131 22%	95 22%	239 51%	152 29%	145 27%	152 30%	94 32%	73 41%
Don't know	292 14%	141 14%	152 15%	47 19%	73 23%	77 20%	46 13%	40 13%	9 2%	65 12%	98 17%	70 16%	59 13%	67 13%	81 15%	74 14%	49 17%	21 12%
<b><u>I am optimistic that the world will be a safer place in 2011</u></b>																		
Agree	159 8%	97 10%	63 6%	30 12%	39 12%	33 8%	17 5%	12 4%	29 7%	57 10%	46 8%	30 7%	26 5%	53 10%	33 6%	34 7%	20 7%	19 11%
Disagree	1273 63%	634 64%	639 62%	123 50%	171 52%	240 62%	217 63%	219 72%	303 71%	352 64%	346 59%	262 61%	313 67%	310 60%	356 66%	316 62%	176 60%	115 65%
Not applicable	9 *	7 1%	3 *	4 2%	-	1 *	4 1%	-	-	3 1%	5 1%	1 *	-	4 1%	1 *	-	3 1%	1 1%
Don't know	592 29%	259 26%	332 32%	87 36%	116 36%	113 29%	108 31%	74 24%	95 22%	136 25%	192 33%	134 31%	129 28%	149 29%	146 27%	161 31%	94 32%	41 23%
<b><u>I expect my personal financial situation will improve in 2011</u></b>																		
Agree	441 22%	286 29%	155 15%	92 38%	100 31%	86 22%	63 18%	51 17%	49 11%	135 25%	144 24%	97 23%	65 14%	109 21%	107 20%	119 23%	68 23%	38 22%
Disagree	1072 53%	461 46%	612 59%	75 31%	144 44%	183 47%	205 59%	187 61%	277 65%	276 50%	293 50%	232 54%	272 58%	262 51%	297 55%	263 51%	153 52%	98 56%
Not applicable	24 1%	15 1%	9 1%	6 2%	-	5 1%	2 1%	3 1%	7 2%	7 1%	7 1%	5 1%	4 1%	9 2%	6 1%	4 1%	3 1%	1 1%
Don't know	496 24%	235 24%	261 25%	71 29%	81 25%	111 29%	76 22%	64 21%	93 22%	131 24%	145 25%	94 22%	126 27%	137 26%	126 24%	125 24%	69 24%	39 22%



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Weighted base	2033	996	1037	244	325	386	346	305	427	549	590	427	468	517	537	510	293	176
<b><u>I don't expect the Coalition Government to survive to the end of 2011</u></b>																		
Agree	539 27%	267 27%	273 26%	75 31%	88 27%	101 26%	98 28%	86 28%	92 22%	129 24%	154 26%	122 28%	135 29%	118 23%	132 25%	165 32%	79 27%	45 26%
Disagree	770 38%	450 45%	320 31%	66 27%	120 37%	144 37%	115 33%	124 41%	201 47%	261 48%	232 39%	148 35%	129 28%	206 40%	209 39%	166 33%	125 43%	64 36%
Not applicable	26 1%	7 1%	19 2%	12 5%	3 1%	2 1%	2 *	4 1%	3 1%	5 1%	9 2%	4 1%	7 2%	3 1%	10 2%	5 1%	3 1%	4 2%
Don't know	697 34%	272 27%	426 41%	92 38%	113 35%	139 36%	132 38%	91 30%	130 31%	153 28%	195 33%	153 36%	197 42%	190 37%	186 35%	173 34%	86 29%	63 36%
<b><u>I don't think Nick Clegg will be Liberal Democrat leader by the end of 2011</u></b>																		
Agree	685 34%	324 32%	362 35%	85 35%	99 30%	113 29%	118 34%	124 41%	146 34%	170 31%	188 32%	144 34%	183 39%	164 32%	159 30%	199 39%	99 34%	65 37%
Disagree	613 30%	374 38%	239 23%	46 19%	115 35%	125 32%	92 27%	98 32%	137 32%	206 38%	182 31%	133 31%	92 20%	166 32%	183 34%	125 25%	89 30%	49 28%
Not applicable	21 1%	8 1%	13 1%	10 4%	3 1%	-	2 *	3 1%	3 1%	5 1%	8 1%	4 1%	5 1%	7 1%	7 1%	3 1%	2 1%	2 1%
Don't know	713 35%	291 29%	423 41%	103 42%	109 33%	148 38%	133 39%	80 26%	141 33%	168 31%	212 36%	146 34%	188 40%	179 35%	188 35%	183 36%	103 35%	61 34%
<b><u>I expect there to be more violent protests in 2011 about spending cuts</u></b>																		
Agree	1604 79%	786 79%	818 79%	183 75%	245 75%	304 79%	275 80%	246 81%	351 82%	442 81%	456 77%	352 83%	354 76%	420 81%	422 79%	403 79%	219 75%	141 80%
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