Table 1
Q1. Putting your party allegiance aside, who do you trust most to steer Britain's economy through the current downturn? 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 | Midlands | North England | Wales \& South West | Scotland |
| Unweighted base | 1008 | 435 | 573 | 61 | 121 | 201 | 215 | 211 | 199 | 307 | 260 | 181 | 260 | 263 | 265 | 250 | 140 | 90 |
| Weighted base | 1008 | 484 | 524 | 120 | 160 | 200 | 170 | 150 | 209 | 262 | 292 | 212 | 242 | 264 | 264 | 249 | 142 | 89 |
| Gordon Brown \& Alistair Darling | $\begin{gathered} 402 \\ 40 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 201 \\ 41 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 201 \\ & 38 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 47 \\ & 39 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 61 \\ & 38 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 79 \\ & 39 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 71 \\ & 42 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 64 \\ & 43 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 81 \\ & 38 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 97 \\ & 37 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 111 \\ & 38 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 90 \\ & 43 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 103 \\ & 43 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 97 \\ & 37 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 91 \\ & 34 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 106 \\ & 42 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 56 \\ & 40 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 52 \\ & 59 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| David Cameron \& George Osborne | $\begin{gathered} 340 \\ 34 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 174 \\ 36 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 166 \\ & 32 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 47 \\ & 39 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 62 \\ & 39 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 71 \\ & 36 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 47 \\ & 28 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 47 \\ & 32 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 64 \\ & 31 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 97 \\ & 37 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 106 \\ 36 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 71 \\ & 34 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 66 \\ & 27 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 96 \\ & 36 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 98 \\ & 37 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 77 \\ & 31 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 54 \\ & 38 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15 \\ & 17 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Nick Clegg \& Vince Cable | $\begin{gathered} 49 \\ 5 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 32 \\ 7 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 17 \\ 3 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 2 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & 4 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10 \\ 6 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12 \\ 8 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 16 \\ 8 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 16 \\ 6 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12 \\ & 4 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \\ & 3 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15 \\ & 6 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 15 \\ 6 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13 \\ & 5 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & 4 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & 5 \% \end{aligned}$ | 4 $5 \%$ |
| Refused | $\begin{gathered} 17 \\ 2 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10 \\ 2 \% \end{gathered}$ | - | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \\ & 3 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \\ & 3 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \\ & 2 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \\ & 2 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \\ & 2 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \\ & 2 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \\ & 2 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Don't know | $\begin{gathered} 200 \\ 20 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 71 \\ & 15 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 129 \\ & 25 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25 \\ & 21 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 31 \\ & 19 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40 \\ & 20 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 37 \\ & 22 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 22 \\ & 15 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 45 \\ & 21 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 46 \\ & 17 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 57 \\ & 20 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 43 \\ & 20 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 54 \\ & 23 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \\ & 19 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 56 \\ & 21 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 54 \\ & 22 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 23 \\ & 16 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 17 \\ & 19 \% \end{aligned}$ |

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Table 2
Q2. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? Base: All respondents


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 would lower taxes if elected| 250 | 128 | 122 | 42 | 40 | 41 | 43 | 32 | 51 | 60 | 67 | 53 | 70 | 64 | 61 | 64 | 39 | 21 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $25 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| 631 | 315 | 316 | 64 | 96 | 130 | 105 | 105 | 132 | 166 | 179 | 143 | 143 | 152 | 162 | 162 | 95 | 60 |
| $63 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $62 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $63 \%$ | $63 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $68 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $67 \%$ |
| 6 | 2 | 4 | - | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | $*$ | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | - | 1 | 1 |
| $1 \%$ | $*$ | $1 \%$ | - | - | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $*$ | $1 \%$ | $*$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | - | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| 122 | 39 | 82 | 14 | 23 | 28 | 20 | 12 | 24 | 35 | 44 | 15 | 27 | 47 | 38 | 23 | 7 | 7 |
| $12 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 268 | 142 | 127 | 34 | 37 | 46 | 29 | 42 | 80 | 60 | 55 | 65 | 89 | 71 | 65 | 72 | 38 | 22 |
| $27 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| 668 | 322 | 346 | 74 | 108 | 146 | 127 | 97 | 116 | 183 | 210 | 137 | 138 | 170 | 176 | 164 | 101 | 57 |
| $66 \%$ | $66 \%$ | $66 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $68 \%$ | $73 \%$ | $75 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $64 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $66 \%$ | $71 \%$ | $65 \%$ |
| 7 | 2 | 5 | - | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | - |
| $1 \%$ | $*$ | $1 \%$ | - | - | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $*$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | - |
| 64 | 19 | 46 | 12 | 14 | 6 | 12 | 9 | 12 | 17 | 23 | 10 | 14 | 22 | 19 | 11 | 3 | 9 |
| $6 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $11 \%$ |

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Table 2
Q2. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

| Base: All respondents |  | Gen | nder |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Social | class |  |  |  | Region |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Male | Female | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | $\underline{65+}$ | AB | C1 | C2 | DE | South East | Midlands | North England |  <br> South <br> West | Scotland |
| Weighted base | 1008 | 484 | 524 | 120 | 160 | 200 | 170 | 150 | 209 | 262 | 292 | 212 | 242 | 264 | 264 | 249 | 142 | 89 |
| The Tories are ready for Government |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agree | $\begin{gathered} 465 \\ 46 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 239 \\ 49 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 227 \\ 43 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 53 \\ & 44 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 72 \\ & 45 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 86 \\ & 43 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 71 \\ & 42 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 73 \\ & 49 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 110 \\ 53 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 122 \\ & 46 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 141 \\ 48 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 93 \\ & 44 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 109 \\ & 45 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 132 \\ & 50 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 126 \\ 48 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 110 \\ 44 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 76 \\ & 53 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 22 \\ & 25 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Disagree | $\begin{gathered} 466 \\ 46 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 221 \\ 46 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 244 \\ 47 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \\ & 42 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 73 \\ & 46 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 104 \\ 52 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 85 \\ & 50 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 69 \\ & 46 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 85 \\ & 41 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 115 \\ 44 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 122 \\ 42 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 109 \\ 52 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 119 \\ 49 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 107 \\ 41 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 112 \\ 43 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 127 \\ 51 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 60 \\ & 42 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 59 \\ & 67 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Refused | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | * | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | - |  | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | - |
| Don't know | $\begin{gathered} 70 \\ 7 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 23 \\ & 5 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 47 \\ 9 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 17 \\ & 14 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14 \\ 9 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & 3 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12 \\ 7 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & 5 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13 \\ 6 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 24 \\ 9 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 26 \\ 9 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \\ & 4 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12 \\ 5 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 23 \\ & 9 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 22 \\ 8 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13 \\ & 5 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \\ & 4 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & 8 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| I support the Government using taxpayers money to stabilise the financial system |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agree | $\begin{aligned} & 507 \\ & 50 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 278 \\ & 57 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 229 \\ & 44 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 66 \\ & 55 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 81 \\ & 51 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 88 \\ & 44 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 76 \\ & 45 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 89 \\ & 59 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 107 \\ & 51 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 144 \\ 55 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 151 \\ & 52 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 95 \\ & 45 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 116 \\ & 48 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 137 \\ & 52 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 124 \\ & 47 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 121 \\ & 49 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 83 \\ & 58 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 41 \\ & 47 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Disagree | $\begin{aligned} & 418 \\ & 41 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 183 \\ 38 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 235 \\ 45 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 47 \\ & 40 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 62 \\ & 39 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \\ & 50 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 78 \\ & 46 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 48 \\ & 32 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 82 \\ & 39 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 93 \\ & 36 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 112 \\ & 38 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 108 \\ & 51 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 104 \\ 43 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 101 \\ & 38 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 115 \\ 43 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 106 \\ & 42 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 55 \\ & 39 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 42 \\ & 47 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Refused | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | - | - | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 2 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $1$ | $1$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | - |
| Don't know | $\begin{gathered} 76 \\ 8 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20 \\ 4 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 56 \\ & 11 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \\ & 5 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \\ & 10 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10 \\ 5 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13 \\ 8 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12 \\ 8 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 19 \\ 9 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 23 \\ 9 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 25 \\ 9 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & 3 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20 \\ 8 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 24 \\ 9 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 22 \\ 8 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20 \\ 8 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \\ & 3 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \\ & 6 \% \end{aligned}$ |

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Table 2
Q2. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? Base: All respondents

|  | Q1. Putting your party allegiance aside, who do you trust most to steer Britain's economy through the current downturn? |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Gordon Brown \& Alistair Darling | David Cameron \& George Osborne | Nick Clegg \& Vince Cable | Refused | Don't know |
| Unweighted base | 1008 | 396 | 341 | 55 | 20 | 196 |
| Weighted base | 1008 | 402 | 340 | 49 | 17 | 200 |
| The Liberal Democrats would lower taxes if elected |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agree | $\begin{gathered} 250 \\ 25 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 93 \\ & 23 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 83 \\ & 24 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13 \\ & 26 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2 \\ 14 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 58 \\ & 29 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Disagree | $\begin{aligned} & 631 \\ & 63 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 276 \\ & 69 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 226 \\ 67 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32 \\ & 65 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 8 \\ 48 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 88 \\ & 44 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Refused | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{*}$ | - | - | $\begin{gathered} 4 \\ 25 \% \end{gathered}$ | 1 |
| Don't know | $\begin{gathered} 122 \\ 12 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32 \\ & 8 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 31 \\ 9 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \\ & 9 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2 \\ 12 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 53 \\ & 26 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Labour are now united behind Gordon Brown |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agree | $\begin{gathered} 268 \\ 27 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 165 \\ & 41 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 47 \\ & 14 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & 21 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 9 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 45 \\ & 22 \% \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Disagree | $668$ | $\begin{gathered} 219 \\ 55 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 286 \\ 84 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 38 \\ & 77 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\stackrel{9}{54 \%}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 115 \\ & 57 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Refused | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | 1 | - | - | $\begin{gathered} 6 \\ 33 \% \end{gathered}$ | $1 \%$ 1 |
| Don't know | $\begin{gathered} 64 \\ 6 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 17 \\ & 4 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & 2 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 5 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 39 \\ & 20 \% \end{aligned}$ |

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Table 2
Q2. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? Base: All respondents

|  | Q1. Putting your party allegiance aside, who do you trust most to steer Britain's economy through the current downturn? |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Alistair Darling | David Cameron \& George Osborne | Nick Clegg \& Vince Cable | Refused | Don't know |
| Weighted base | 1008 | 402 | 340 | 49 | 17 | 200 |
| The Tories are ready for Government |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agree | $\begin{gathered} 465 \\ 46 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 84 \\ & 21 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 284 \\ 84 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 22 \\ & 46 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2 \\ 11 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 73 \\ & 36 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Disagree | $\begin{gathered} 466 \\ 46 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 313 \\ & 78 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 43 \\ & 13 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25 \\ & 50 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 8 \\ 46 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 78 \\ & 39 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Refused | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | * | - | - | $\begin{gathered} 4 \\ 25 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Don't know | $\begin{gathered} 70 \\ 7 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13 \\ 4 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 4 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3 \\ 18 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 48 \\ & 24 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| I support the Government using taxpayers money to stabilise the financial system |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agree | $\begin{aligned} & 507 \\ & 50 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 233 \\ & 58 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 175 \\ 52 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 26 \\ & 54 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3 \\ 19 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 69 \\ & 34 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Disagree | $\begin{aligned} & 418 \\ & 41 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 147 \\ & 37 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 154 \\ & 45 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 21 \\ & 42 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 6 \\ 34 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 91 \\ & 45 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Refused | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & * \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{*}^{1}$ | - | $\begin{gathered} 4 \\ 26 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Don't know | $\begin{gathered} 76 \\ 8 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 21 \\ 5 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10 \\ 3 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 4 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \\ 22 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 39 \\ & 19 \% \end{aligned}$ |

