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## **METHODOLOGY NOTE**

ComRes interviewed 2,008 adults online from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2012. Data were weighted to be demographically representative of all British adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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No change	1383 69%	686 70%	698 68%	155 64%	219 68%	246 65%	220 64%	229 76%	314 75%	393 73%	388 67%	312 74%	290 63%	215 67%	557 69%
Worse	414 21%	209 21%	205 20%	51 21%	55 17%	91 24%	93 27%	58 19%	66 16%	99 18%	120 21%	82 19%	114 25%	72 22%	176 22%
<b><u>Local NHS services</u></b>															
Better	187 9%	100 10%	86 8%	28 12%	34 11%	36 9%	19 6%	20 7%	49 12%	54 10%	59 10%	28 7%	46 10%	41 13%	59 7%
No change	1121 56%	551 56%	570 56%	143 60%	188 59%	214 56%	177 52%	168 56%	231 55%	322 59%	319 55%	241 57%	240 52%	159 49%	481 60%
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No change	1063 53%	512 52%	551 54%	144 60%	169 53%	184 48%	167 49%	166 55%	231 55%	306 56%	294 51%	241 57%	222 48%	162 50%	424 53%
Worse	699 35%	356 36%	343 33%	46 19%	107 33%	145 38%	148 43%	117 39%	135 32%	174 32%	209 36%	142 34%	174 38%	115 36%	293 37%

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<b><u>Local public transport</u></b>															
Better	234 12%	130 13%	104 10%	43 18%	56 17%	41 11%	18 5%	27 9%	49 12%	60 11%	75 13%	35 8%	64 14%	45 14%	84 10%
No change	1132 56%	556 56%	577 56%	117 48%	171 53%	219 57%	188 55%	176 58%	262 62%	340 63%	316 54%	249 59%	228 49%	156 48%	461 57%
Worse	642 32%	299 30%	343 33%	81 34%	94 29%	122 32%	135 40%	98 33%	111 26%	142 26%	191 33%	139 33%	170 37%	121 38%	258 32%

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<b>Local state schools</b>																						
Better	210 10%	186 11%	22 13%	10 12%	25 10%	21 12%	15 8%	23 15%	3 2%	14 7%	39 16%	24 9%	15 8%	104 9%	78 9%	26 11%	106 12%	20 15%	21 17%	10 9%	30 9%	25 15%
No change	1383 69%	1190 69%	118 68%	56 62%	160 68%	136 77%	128 69%	102 65%	75 71%	140 74%	158 63%	178 69%	131 72%	772 69%	603 68%	170 70%	611 69%	78 60%	78 62%	85 74%	276 79%	94 58%
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Worse	700 35%	608 35%	54 31%	32 35%	100 42%	51 29%	64 35%	44 29%	37 35%	63 34%	97 38%	93 36%	65 35%	385 34%	300 34%	85 35%	316 36%	54 42%	45 36%	45 39%	109 31%	63 39%
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Worse	699 35%	601 35%	68 39%	36 39%	108 46%	67 38%	71 38%	44 29%	30 29%	50 27%	80 32%	75 29%	69 38%	408 36%	341 39%	67 28%	291 33%	48 37%	43 34%	36 31%	107 31%	57 35%

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No change	1132 56%	977 57%	92 53%	45 50%	132 56%	111 63%	103 56%	95 61%	64 60%	110 59%	134 53%	143 55%	103 56%	616 55%	477 54%	139 58%	516 58%	60 47%	60 47%	61 53%	239 68%	96 59%
Worse	642 32%	552 32%	56 32%	35 39%	79 33%	55 31%	60 32%	44 28%	34 32%	63 33%	56 22%	92 36%	67 37%	379 34%	301 34%	78 32%	263 30%	49 38%	47 37%	38 33%	75 21%	54 33%

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

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<b><u>The way the Government is going about cutting public spending is fair</u></b>															
Agree	552 27%	319 32%	233 23%	46 19%	70 22%	97 26%	75 22%	92 30%	172 41%	203 37%	166 28%	89 21%	94 20%	64 20%	242 30%
Disagree	1069 53%	530 54%	539 53%	121 50%	160 50%	214 56%	217 64%	160 53%	197 47%	255 47%	306 53%	238 56%	269 58%	197 61%	406 51%
Don't know	387 19%	135 14%	252 25%	74 31%	92 29%	70 18%	49 14%	49 16%	53 13%	84 16%	110 19%	94 22%	98 21%	61 19%	155 19%
<b><u>The Government is cutting public spending too much and too quickly</u></b>															
Agree	1075 54%	510 52%	565 55%	129 54%	174 54%	225 59%	199 58%	157 52%	189 45%	240 44%	313 54%	246 58%	276 60%	192 60%	409 51%
Disagree	589 29%	353 36%	236 23%	44 18%	70 22%	94 25%	95 28%	100 33%	187 44%	215 40%	163 28%	107 25%	105 23%	71 22%	253 31%
Don't know	344 17%	121 12%	223 22%	68 28%	78 24%	63 16%	47 14%	43 14%	45 11%	87 16%	107 18%	69 16%	81 18%	59 18%	141 18%
<b><u>Things in this country are generally heading in the right direction</u></b>															
Agree	580 29%	346 35%	234 23%	57 24%	77 24%	96 25%	86 25%	95 32%	168 40%	196 36%	171 29%	110 26%	103 22%	78 24%	242 30%
Disagree	984 49%	477 48%	507 49%	96 40%	148 46%	223 58%	186 55%	148 49%	184 44%	229 42%	293 50%	204 48%	258 56%	175 54%	386 48%
Don't know	444 22%	161 16%	283 28%	88 37%	97 30%	63 16%	69 20%	58 19%	69 16%	117 22%	118 20%	108 26%	100 22%	69 21%	175 22%

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Agree	937 47%	450 46%	487 48%	98 41%	144 45%	225 59%	183 54%	132 44%	155 37%	225 41%	284 49%	196 46%	233 50%	172 53%	370 46%
Disagree	430 21%	269 27%	161 16%	39 16%	61 19%	58 15%	66 19%	83 27%	124 30%	146 27%	124 21%	97 23%	64 14%	58 18%	183 23%
Don't know	641 32%	266 27%	375 37%	104 43%	116 36%	99 26%	93 27%	87 29%	142 34%	172 32%	175 30%	130 31%	165 36%	91 28%	250 31%

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Don't know	344 17%	303 18%	23 13%	16 18%	39 16%	28 16%	29 16%	27 17%	19 17%	31 16%	47 18%	51 20%	35 19%	200 18%	141 16%	59 24%	144 16%	20 16%	32 25%	13 11%	41 12%	37 23%
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Disagree	984 49%	826 48%	109 63%	46 51%	121 51%	85 48%	89 48%	71 46%	49 46%	84 44%	112 44%	118 46%	99 54%	561 50%	457 52%	104 43%	423 48%	87 67%	56 45%	56 48%	145 41%	80 49%
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Disagree	430 21%	384 22%	26 15%	17 19%	45 19%	41 23%	36 19%	38 25%	20 18%	47 25%	50 20%	63 25%	47 26%	241 21%	189 21%	52 21%	189 21%	18 14%	15 12%	24 21%	111 32%	20 12%
Don't know	641 32%	560 32%	47 27%	33 36%	72 30%	64 36%	48 26%	56 36%	33 31%	58 31%	94 37%	81 31%	54 30%	341 30%	247 28%	94 39%	300 34%	44 34%	48 38%	44 38%	112 32%	52 32%

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Table 3

**Q.3 In January, the Government have planned to raise fuel duty by 3p per litre. Do you support or oppose the rise in fuel duty by 3p per litre?**

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Support	174 9%	116 12%	58 6%	31 13%	29 9%	33 9%	17 5%	29 10%	35 8%	67 12%	49 8%	27 6%	32 7%	31 10%	78 10%
Oppose	1648 82%	811 82%	837 82%	170 70%	244 76%	315 83%	297 87%	254 84%	368 87%	432 80%	480 82%	377 89%	359 78%	261 81%	661 82%
Don't know	186 9%	57 6%	129 13%	41 17%	49 15%	33 9%	28 8%	18 6%	18 4%	43 8%	54 9%	18 4%	72 15%	29 9%	64 8%

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	9%	9%	7%	4%	9%	8%	5%	8%	6%	7%	19%	8%	6%	10%	10%	9%	7%	8%	9%	6%	10%	1%
Oppose	1648	1412	144	84	198	150	151	130	91	155	165	222	158	922	730	192	726	93	92	100	305	135
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Don't know	186	160	17	3	17	12	25	14	9	20	39	15	15	93	66	27	93	26	23	9	11	25
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Table 4

**Q.4 In January, Chancellor George Osborne plans to raise fuel duty by 3p per litre. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the proposed increase?**

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<b><u>It will make a material difference to my household's disposable income</u></b>															
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Don't know	231 12%	75 8%	156 15%	49 20%	58 18%	40 11%	27 8%	20 7%	35 8%	43 8%	62 11%	39 9%	87 19%	28 9%	86 11%
<b><u>The Government should proceed with the planned increase</u></b>															
Agree	200 10%	125 13%	75 7%	29 12%	34 11%	42 11%	22 6%	33 11%	40 10%	72 13%	60 10%	32 8%	36 8%	42 13%	86 11%
Disagree	1593 79%	794 81%	800 78%	169 70%	231 72%	300 79%	293 86%	249 83%	352 84%	414 76%	457 79%	364 86%	358 78%	252 78%	636 79%
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<b><u>The increase is a necessary measure to help tackle the Government's financial debt</u></b>															
Agree	285 14%	150 15%	135 13%	44 18%	53 17%	60 16%	27 8%	41 14%	59 14%	103 19%	85 15%	49 12%	48 10%	57 18%	118 15%
Disagree	1446 72%	738 75%	708 69%	144 60%	203 63%	275 72%	281 82%	230 76%	313 74%	364 67%	425 73%	331 78%	326 71%	235 73%	582 73%
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Weighted base	2008	984	1024	241	321	382	341	301	421	542	582	422	462	322	803
<b><u>I would be angry if the Government proceeds with the increase</u></b>															
Agree	1474 73%	742 75%	732 71%	161 67%	222 69%	286 75%	273 80%	218 72%	314 75%	381 70%	432 74%	330 78%	331 72%	249 77%	592 74%
Disagree	307 15%	159 16%	148 14%	36 15%	48 15%	53 14%	36 10%	55 18%	80 19%	106 20%	88 15%	56 13%	57 12%	39 12%	125 16%
Don't know	227 11%	83 8%	144 14%	44 18%	51 16%	43 11%	33 10%	28 9%	27 6%	55 10%	63 11%	36 9%	73 16%	34 10%	86 11%
<b><u>Increasing fuel prices now would suggest the Government is out of touch with the lives of ordinary people</u></b>															
Agree	1581 79%	792 80%	789 77%	172 71%	232 72%	308 81%	290 85%	245 81%	333 79%	404 74%	465 80%	351 83%	360 78%	259 81%	635 79%
Disagree	239 12%	133 14%	105 10%	32 13%	45 14%	40 10%	31 9%	37 12%	54 13%	86 16%	69 12%	45 11%	39 8%	43 13%	102 13%
Don't know	189 9%	59 6%	129 13%	37 15%	44 14%	34 9%	20 6%	19 6%	34 8%	52 10%	47 8%	26 6%	63 14%	20 6%	66 8%
<b><u>The cost of motoring is getting unreasonable expensive</u></b>															
Agree	1745 87%	856 87%	889 87%	189 78%	269 84%	338 88%	316 93%	257 85%	377 89%	464 86%	503 86%	385 91%	393 85%	283 88%	695 87%
Disagree	127 6%	82 8%	45 4%	16 7%	14 4%	23 6%	13 4%	27 9%	34 8%	46 8%	40 7%	21 5%	20 4%	22 7%	50 6%
Don't know	135 7%	45 5%	90 9%	36 15%	38 12%	21 5%	12 4%	18 6%	10 2%	32 6%	39 7%	16 4%	49 11%	16 5%	58 7%

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	Total	England	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West	NET: Working	Working full time	Working part time	NET: Not working	Not working seeking work	Not working and not seeking work	Retired on a state pension only	Retired with a private pension	House person
Unweighted base	2008	1753	184	89	262	171	183	169	71	192	190	299	198	1101	743	358	907	123	126	102	377	179
Weighted base	2008	1727	174	91	236	177	186	156	106	188	253	258	183	1125	884	241	883	129	126	116	350	162
<b><u>It will make a material difference to my household's disposable income</u></b>																						
Agree	1299 65%	1127 65%	102 59%	68 75%	150 64%	114 64%	123 66%	110 71%	70 66%	120 64%	142 56%	163 63%	136 74%	769 68%	609 69%	161 67%	530 60%	69 54%	65 52%	84 73%	211 60%	101 62%
Disagree	478 24%	394 23%	56 32%	14 15%	58 25%	43 24%	36 19%	27 17%	28 26%	49 26%	72 29%	60 23%	34 19%	242 21%	201 23%	40 17%	236 27%	35 27%	38 30%	18 16%	114 33%	31 19%
Don't know	231 12%	207 12%	16 9%	9 10%	27 12%	20 11%	27 14%	19 12%	8 8%	19 10%	38 15%	34 13%	12 7%	114 10%	74 8%	40 17%	117 13%	25 19%	23 18%	13 11%	25 7%	31 19%
<b><u>The Government should proceed with the planned increase</u></b>																						
Agree	200 10%	175 10%	15 8%	4 5%	22 9%	15 8%	17 9%	13 9%	10 9%	21 11%	46 18%	22 8%	14 8%	128 11%	101 11%	27 11%	72 8%	12 9%	11 9%	8 6%	37 11%	4 3%
Disagree	1593 79%	1364 79%	143 82%	81 89%	201 85%	143 81%	146 79%	127 82%	86 81%	145 77%	157 62%	210 82%	153 83%	888 79%	702 79%	186 77%	705 80%	95 73%	94 75%	98 85%	286 82%	132 81%
Don't know	215 11%	188 11%	16 9%	5 6%	13 6%	19 11%	23 12%	15 10%	10 9%	22 12%	49 19%	26 10%	16 9%	109 10%	81 9%	28 12%	106 12%	23 18%	21 17%	10 9%	26 8%	26 16%
<b><u>The increase is a necessary measure to help tackle the Government's financial debt</u></b>																						
Agree	285 14%	248 14%	26 15%	8 8%	30 13%	24 14%	22 12%	19 12%	11 11%	29 16%	62 25%	29 11%	25 14%	175 16%	140 16%	35 15%	110 12%	15 12%	17 13%	8 7%	54 15%	15 10%
Disagree	1446 72%	1236 72%	131 75%	73 80%	181 77%	129 73%	135 72%	110 70%	79 74%	133 71%	151 60%	188 73%	139 76%	817 73%	656 74%	161 67%	630 71%	85 65%	86 68%	94 81%	255 73%	111 68%
Don't know	277 14%	243 14%	18 10%	11 12%	26 11%	24 14%	30 16%	27 17%	16 15%	26 14%	40 16%	41 16%	19 10%	133 12%	88 10%	45 19%	144 16%	30 23%	23 18%	14 12%	41 12%	36 22%

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Agree	1474	1268	127	81	182	136	133	118	79	137	144	193	144	841	673	168	633	81	86	90	253	122
	73%	73%	73%	90%	77%	77%	72%	75%	74%	73%	57%	75%	78%	75%	76%	70%	72%	63%	69%	78%	72%	75%
Disagree	307	267	25	5	38	24	25	19	15	27	70	31	28	164	128	36	143	20	22	14	75	12
	15%	15%	14%	6%	16%	14%	13%	12%	14%	15%	28%	12%	15%	15%	14%	15%	16%	15%	18%	12%	21%	7%
Don't know	227	192	23	4	16	17	28	19	12	24	39	33	12	120	83	37	108	28	17	11	22	29
	11%	11%	13%	4%	7%	10%	15%	12%	11%	13%	16%	13%	6%	11%	9%	15%	12%	22%	14%	10%	6%	18%
<b><u>Increasing fuel prices now would suggest the Government is out of touch with the lives of ordinary people</u></b>																						
Agree	1581	1355	140	78	196	143	147	127	85	149	172	196	147	894	706	187	687	94	98	99	270	126
	79%	78%	80%	86%	83%	81%	79%	81%	80%	79%	68%	76%	80%	79%	80%	78%	78%	73%	77%	86%	77%	78%
Disagree	239	212	19	9	24	18	20	18	8	18	45	36	24	145	115	30	94	11	12	7	51	13
	12%	12%	11%	9%	10%	10%	11%	11%	7%	9%	18%	14%	13%	13%	13%	12%	11%	8%	9%	6%	15%	8%
Don't know	189	160	15	4	16	16	18	11	13	21	36	25	12	86	62	24	103	24	17	9	29	23
	9%	9%	9%	5%	7%	9%	10%	7%	12%	11%	14%	10%	7%	8%	7%	10%	12%	19%	13%	8%	8%	14%
<b><u>The cost of motoring is getting unreasonable expensive</u></b>																						
Agree	1745	1500	153	87	203	160	160	139	92	168	196	224	163	978	774	204	767	107	109	102	306	142
	87%	87%	88%	96%	86%	90%	86%	89%	87%	89%	78%	87%	89%	87%	88%	85%	87%	83%	86%	89%	88%	88%
Disagree	127	114	10	2	20	8	9	6	4	11	29	15	14	72	57	15	55	4	5	9	32	5
	6%	7%	6%	2%	8%	4%	5%	4%	4%	6%	11%	6%	8%	6%	6%	6%	6%	3%	4%	8%	9%	3%
Don't know	135	114	12	2	14	10	16	10	10	9	28	19	7	74	53	21	61	18	13	4	11	15
	7%	7%	7%	2%	6%	5%	9%	7%	10%	5%	11%	7%	4%	7%	6%	9%	7%	14%	10%	4%	3%	9%