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Bedroom Tax Poll

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 2,002 adults online between 13th and 14th February 2013. 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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Table 1

Q.1 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**David Cameron should delay the 'Bedroom Tax' from going ahead in April and think again how best to implement it.****Base: All respondents**

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Agree	1049	538	511	101	150	196	191	173	238	248	303	203	295	273	259	280	131	106
	52%	55%	50%	42%	47%	51%	56%	57%	57%	46%	53%	48%	63%	54%	49%	56%	46%	59%
Disagree	565	299	266	64	98	101	98	88	117	182	170	129	84	141	153	122	105	45
	28%	30%	26%	27%	30%	26%	29%	29%	28%	34%	29%	31%	18%	28%	29%	24%	37%	25%
Don't know	387	146	241	74	73	86	51	41	64	108	104	88	87	92	115	101	51	29
	19%	15%	24%	31%	23%	22%	15%	13%	15%	20%	18%	21%	19%	18%	22%	20%	18%	16%




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Agree	1049	177	399	65	137	36	41	5	9	7	133	252	315	197
	52%	35%	67%	45%	59%	60%	69%	75%	40%	45%	41%	42%	67%	52%
Disagree	565	235	102	45	64	15	10	1	10	4	86	232	95	103
	28%	47%	17%	31%	28%	25%	17%	9%	47%	22%	27%	39%	20%	27%
Don't know	387	88	91	34	29	9	8	1	3	5	105	110	59	77
	19%	18%	15%	24%	13%	14%	14%	17%	12%	33%	32%	19%	13%	21%




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Table 2

Q.1 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

David Cameron should abandon the 'Bedroom tax' entirely and think of other ways to save money.

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Agree	909 45%	461 47%	449 44%	102 43%	124 39%	185 49%	171 50%	141 47%	187 45%	195 36%	250 43%	193 46%	271 58%	215 42%	212 40%	264 52%	117 41%	101 56%
Disagree	740 37%	371 38%	369 36%	74 31%	138 43%	122 32%	127 37%	117 39%	162 39%	246 46%	224 39%	159 38%	111 24%	193 38%	213 40%	152 30%	125 44%	57 32%
Don't know	352 18%	153 16%	200 20%	62 26%	59 18%	74 19%	43 13%	44 15%	70 17%	97 18%	104 18%	69 16%	83 18%	98 19%	102 19%	87 17%	45 16%	21 12%

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Agree	909 45%	111 22%	386 65%	37 26%	117 51%	29 48%	40 68%	3 42%	10 48%	7 45%	128 39%	173 29%	295 63%	162 43%
Disagree	740 37%	313 63%	128 22%	70 49%	80 35%	19 32%	12 21%	4 58%	9 40%	5 32%	105 32%	320 54%	115 25%	138 37%
Don't know	352 18%	76 15%	78 13%	37 26%	33 14%	12 21%	7 12%	-	3 12%	4 24%	92 28%	100 17%	60 13%	76 20%




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Table 3

Q.1 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

The Government should give more money to social housing providers to help those worst hit by 'Bedroom Tax'

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Agree	696 35%	363 37%	333 33%	83 35%	96 30%	136 36%	122 36%	101 33%	157 37%	155 29%	181 31%	136 32%	223 48%	177 35%	156 30%	201 40%	92 32%	70 39%
Disagree	769 38%	394 40%	376 37%	72 30%	136 42%	133 35%	137 40%	124 41%	168 40%	250 46%	240 42%	163 39%	117 25%	196 39%	222 42%	167 33%	128 45%	57 32%
Don't know	537 27%	228 23%	309 30%	83 35%	89 28%	113 30%	81 24%	77 26%	94 22%	134 25%	157 27%	121 29%	125 27%	133 26%	149 28%	136 27%	67 23%	52 29%

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Agree	696 35%	87 17%	306 52%	44 30%	84 37%	29 49%	33 57%	5 75%	2 10%	5 30%	63 19%	122 21%	239 51%	144 38%
Disagree	769 38%	296 59%	144 24%	55 38%	99 43%	21 34%	12 20%	2 25%	15 70%	8 52%	123 38%	327 55%	124 26%	131 35%
Don't know	537 27%	117 23%	142 24%	45 31%	47 20%	10 17%	14 23%	- -	4 20%	3 18%	138 43%	144 24%	106 23%	102 27%

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Table 4

Q.1 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**No-one should lose housing benefit under the 'Bedroom Tax' unless they refuse to move into suitable smaller accommodation.****Base: All respondents**

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Agree	1211 60%	614 62%	597 59%	118 50%	172 54%	227 59%	205 60%	204 67%	285 68%	317 59%	348 60%	268 64%	278 60%	324 64%	312 59%	287 57%	175 61%	112 62%
Disagree	430 21%	221 22%	209 21%	51 21%	91 28%	71 19%	82 24%	58 19%	78 19%	127 24%	127 22%	82 20%	93 20%	93 18%	119 23%	110 22%	65 23%	43 24%
Don't know	362 18%	149 15%	213 21%	70 29%	58 18%	84 22%	53 16%	40 13%	56 13%	95 18%	102 18%	70 17%	94 20%	89 18%	95 18%	106 21%	46 16%	25 14%

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Agree	1211	307	386	88	165	24	37	3	12	10	150	359	296	227
	60%	61%	65%	61%	72%	39%	63%	49%	56%	61%	46%	61%	63%	60%
Disagree	430	136	109	24	44	16	14	2	4	3	69	156	98	72
	21%	27%	18%	17%	19%	27%	24%	31%	20%	21%	21%	26%	21%	19%
Don't know	362	57	98	32	21	21	8	1	5	3	106	77	75	77
	18%	11%	17%	22%	9%	34%	13%	20%	23%	18%	33%	13%	16%	21%

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Table 5

Q.1 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**It's only fair that people who have spare bedrooms in council or housing association homes should receive less housing benefit.****Base: All respondents**

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Agree	918 46%	455 46%	463 45%	85 35%	170 53%	159 42%	163 48%	133 44%	209 50%	286 53%	277 48%	203 48%	153 33%	239 47%	264 50%	206 41%	148 52%	61 34%
Disagree	704 35%	372 38%	333 33%	88 37%	81 25%	131 34%	136 40%	117 39%	151 36%	155 29%	190 33%	144 34%	215 46%	162 32%	171 32%	190 38%	94 33%	87 49%
Don't know	379 19%	157 16%	222 22%	66 28%	70 22%	92 24%	41 12%	51 17%	59 14%	97 18%	111 19%	74 18%	98 21%	105 21%	92 18%	107 21%	44 15%	31 17%

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Disagree	711 35%	362 37%	348 34%	76 32%	127 40%	118 31%	126 37%	103 34%	160 38%	233 43%	211 37%	155 37%	112 24%	188 37%	215 41%	145 29%	108 38%	54 30%
Don't know	305 15%	115 12%	190 19%	57 24%	63 19%	71 18%	33 10%	34 11%	48 11%	79 15%	84 15%	75 18%	67 14%	75 15%	89 17%	69 14%	52 18%	19 11%




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Don't know	305 15%	59 12%	68 11%	34 23%	18 8%	7 12%	3 5%	- -	1 4%	4 28%	100 31%	83 14%	50 11%	64 17%



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Table 7

Q.1 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Army families should be excluded from paying the bedroom tax if their children are away on tours of duty.

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Disagree	214 11%	118 12%	96 9%	41 17%	47 15%	37 10%	38 11%	28 9%	23 6%	59 11%	66 11%	41 10%	47 10%	62 12%	53 10%	46 9%	28 10%	24 13%
Don't know	241 12%	88 9%	154 15%	50 21%	49 15%	64 17%	25 7%	17 6%	36 9%	57 11%	58 10%	57 14%	70 15%	54 11%	68 13%	66 13%	31 11%	22 12%

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Agree	1547	419	452	108	200	43	45	6	14	13	216	493	361	289
	77%	84%	76%	75%	87%	71%	77%	100%	64%	81%	67%	83%	77%	77%
Disagree	214	42	80	15	15	13	11	-	3	1	26	48	59	46
	11%	8%	14%	10%	6%	21%	19%	-	16%	7%	8%	8%	13%	12%
Don't know	241	38	60	20	15	5	2	-	4	2	83	51	48	41
	12%	8%	10%	14%	7%	8%	4%	-	20%	12%	26%	9%	10%	11%