

# Theos – Perceptions of the Welfare State

## METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 2,027 GB adults aged 18+ between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Data were weighted to be representative of all GB adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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## Welfare Survey

### ONLINE Fieldwork : 6th-8th December 2013

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

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	65%	71%	59%	69%	69%	59%	62%	71%	63%	74%	68%	58%	58%	71%	65%
Yes, in a bigger form than it is today	231	146	85	66	60	35	17	21	32	63	78	34	56	55	99
	11%	15%	8%	27%	18%	10%	5%	7%	7%	12%	14%	8%	12%	17%	12%
Yes, in more or less its current form	406	232	175	55	75	74	65	62	75	122	117	84	83	68	186
	20%	23%	17%	23%	22%	22%	18%	21%	17%	23%	21%	19%	17%	21%	23%
Yes, but in a smaller form	681	327	355	44	100	93	144	130	171	214	190	137	141	103	250
	34%	33%	34%	18%	29%	27%	40%	43%	39%	40%	34%	31%	29%	33%	31%
No, not in any form we would recognise today	478	178	300	29	56	84	99	71	139	97	113	123	145	65	160
	24%	18%	29%	12%	16%	24%	27%	24%	31%	18%	20%	28%	30%	20%	20%
NET: Shrinking or disappearing	1159	505	655	74	156	176	242	201	309	311	303	260	286	168	410
	57%	51%	63%	31%	46%	52%	67%	67%	70%	57%	54%	59%	59%	53%	50%
Don't know	230	111	119	46	50	55	37	16	25	45	64	64	57	27	124
	11%	11%	12%	19%	15%	16%	10%	5%	6%	8%	11%	14%	12%	9%	15%

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Weighted base	2027	182	101	1743	81	223	182	182	142	203	264	284	182	1083	166	62	21	14	5	15	48	733	1319	478
NET: Yes	1319	111	51	1157	47	148	118	116	92	123	198	190	124	711	114	50	17	10	2	9	27	462	1319	-
	65%	61%	51%	66%	58%	67%	65%	64%	65%	61%	75%	67%	68%	66%	69%	81%	80%	69%	33%	58%	56%	63%	100%	-
Yes, in a bigger form than it is today	231	15	3	213	13	29	16	17	9	15	74	28	14	122	43	33	4	1	-	3	2	50	231	-
	11%	8%	3%	12%	15%	13%	9%	9%	7%	7%	28%	10%	8%	11%	26%	52%	19%	8%	-	17%	5%	7%	18%	-
Yes, in more or less its current form	406	33	18	356	13	52	39	39	26	34	58	65	30	212	32	11	5	2	2	4	10	155	406	-
	20%	18%	17%	20%	16%	23%	22%	21%	19%	17%	22%	23%	16%	20%	19%	17%	22%	10%	33%	23%	20%	21%	31%	-
Yes, but in a smaller form	681	63	31	587	21	68	63	61	57	74	67	97	80	377	40	7	8	7	-	3	15	257	681	-
	34%	35%	30%	34%	26%	30%	34%	33%	40%	37%	25%	34%	44%	35%	24%	11%	39%	50%	-	18%	31%	35%	52%	-
No, not in any form we would recognise today	478	54	41	382	29	51	45	41	32	44	34	65	41	273	29	3	2	3	2	5	14	173	-	478
	24%	30%	41%	22%	36%	23%	25%	23%	23%	22%	13%	23%	22%	25%	17%	4%	9%	21%	34%	35%	29%	24%	-	100%
NET: Shrinking or disappearing	1159	118	72	970	51	119	108	102	89	119	101	162	121	650	69	9	10	10	2	8	29	430	681	478
	57%	64%	71%	56%	62%	53%	59%	56%	63%	59%	38%	57%	66%	60%	41%	15%	48%	71%	34%	54%	60%	59%	52%	100%
Don't know	230	17	9	204	5	23	20	25	18	35	31	29	18	99	23	9	2	2	2	1	7	98	-	-
	11%	9%	9%	12%	6%	11%	11%	14%	12%	17%	12%	10%	10%	9%	14%	15%	10%	11%	33%	7%	15%	13%	-	-

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Table 2

**Q.2 To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding the welfare state?**

**Summary**

**Base: All respondents**

		Statements				
	Welfare benefits should be a safety net for only the poorest in society	You should only benefit from state services if you have been paying into the pot which funds them	There is no reason why relatively wealthy people should not get some kinds of welfare benefit as long as they have been paying taxes	Everyone should be eligible to receive welfare benefits, irrespective of whether they have previously paid taxes or not	The welfare state is currently facing severe problems	
Unweighted base	2027	2027	2027	2027	2027	
Weighted base	2027	2027	2027	2027	2027	
NET: Agree	1371 68%	1386 68%	1018 50%	698 34%	1762 87%	
Strongly agree	(4) 578 29%	689 34%	308 15%	209 10%	923 46%	
Tend to agree	(3) 793 39%	696 34%	710 35%	489 24%	839 41%	
Tend to disagree	(2) 394 19%	336 17%	473 23%	563 28%	99 5%	
Strongly disagree	(1) 111 5%	129 6%	354 17%	578 29%	20 1%	
NET: Disagree	505 25%	465 23%	827 41%	1142 56%	119 6%	
Don't know	151 7%	177 9%	182 9%	187 9%	145 7%	
Mean	2.98	3.05	2.53	2.18	3.42	
Standard deviation	0.87	0.91	0.98	1.00	0.64	
Standard error	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	

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Table 3

**Q.2 To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding the welfare state?**

**Welfare benefits should be a safety net for only the poorest in society**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Pri- vate
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NET: Agree	1371 68%	681 69%	690 67%	160 66%	228 67%	214 63%	254 70%	205 68%	309 70%	339 63%	386 69%	296 67%	350 73%	215 68%	545 67%
Strongly agree	(4) 29%	578 30%	277 27%	53 22%	102 30%	100 29%	100 28%	92 30%	131 30%	142 26%	151 27%	136 31%	149 31%	91 29%	239 29%
Tend to agree	(3) 39%	793 38%	413 40%	106 44%	127 37%	114 33%	154 43%	114 38%	178 40%	197 36%	235 42%	160 36%	201 42%	124 39%	306 37%
Tend to disagree	(2) 19%	394 19%	193 19%	41 17%	55 16%	85 25%	54 15%	63 21%	95 22%	139 26%	102 18%	77 17%	76 16%	60 19%	150 18%
Strongly disagree	(1) 5%	111 5%	61 6%	13 5%	15 4%	14 4%	23 6%	21 7%	25 6%	36 7%	23 4%	31 7%	20 4%	21 7%	43 5%
NET: Disagree	505 25%	243 24%	262 25%	54 22%	70 21%	99 29%	78 22%	84 28%	120 27%	175 32%	125 22%	108 24%	96 20%	81 26%	193 24%
Don't know	151 7%	70 7%	81 8%	27 11%	43 12%	28 8%	29 8%	11 4%	12 3%	28 5%	51 9%	37 8%	35 7%	22 7%	80 10%
Mean	2.98	3.01	2.95	2.94	3.06	2.96	3.00	2.95	2.97	2.86	3.01	2.99	3.07	2.96	3.00
Standard deviation	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.82	0.85	0.88	0.86	0.91	0.87	0.90	0.82	0.92	0.83	0.89	0.87
Standard error	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.03

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NET: Agree	1371	129	71	1172	64	148	115	119	101	128	186	193	117	758	108	44	11	11	2	11	29	470	922	336										
	68%	71%	70%	67%	79%	67%	63%	65%	71%	63%	71%	68%	64%	70%	65%	71%	54%	80%	34%	73%	60%	64%	70%	70%										
Strongly agree	(4)	578	54	27	497	34	67	46	53	38	45	75	92	47	324	52	25	6	4	2	4	12	195	393	149									
		29%	30%	27%	29%	42%	30%	25%	29%	27%	22%	28%	32%	26%	30%	31%	40%	27%	28%	34%	25%	25%	27%	30%	31%									
Tend to agree	(3)	793	75	43	675	29	81	70	65	62	83	112	102	70	434	56	19	6	7	-	7	17	275	529	187									
		39%	41%	43%	39%	36%	36%	38%	36%	44%	41%	42%	36%	38%	40%	34%	31%	27%	52%	-	47%	35%	38%	40%	39%									
Tend to disagree	(2)	394	41	14	339	12	48	38	39	20	45	39	54	43	200	28	7	5	1	1	2	12	162	273	80									
		19%	23%	14%	19%	15%	22%	21%	21%	14%	22%	15%	19%	24%	18%	17%	11%	25%	9%	22%	14%	24%	22%	21%	17%									
Strongly disagree	(1)	111	4	9	98	1	13	11	14	13	12	17	11	6	62	6	4	1	*	-	-	-	42	63	37									
		5%	2%	8%	6%	2%	6%	6%	7%	9%	6%	6%	4%	3%	6%	3%	7%	4%	3%	-	-	-	6%	5%	8%									
NET: Disagree		505	45	23	437	14	61	49	52	33	57	56	65	49	262	34	11	6	2	1	2	12	204	336	118									
		25%	25%	22%	25%	17%	27%	27%	29%	23%	28%	21%	23%	27%	24%	20%	18%	29%	12%	22%	14%	24%	28%	25%	25%									
Don't know		151	8	8	135	4	14	18	12	8	17	21	25	16	62	24	7	4	1	2	2	8	58	62	24									
		7%	4%	8%	8%	5%	6%	10%	6%	6%	9%	8%	9%	9%	6%	14%	12%	17%	8%	44%	13%	16%	8%	5%	5%									
Mean		2.98	3.02	2.96	2.98	3.25	2.97	2.91	2.93	2.94	2.87	3.01	3.06	2.95	3.00	3.09	3.17	2.93	3.14	3.20	3.13	3.01	2.92	2.99	2.99									
Standard deviation		0.87	0.80	0.91	0.87	0.79	0.89	0.88	0.92	0.91	0.86	0.87	0.86	0.83	0.87	0.85	0.94	0.94	0.76	1.22	0.69	0.78	0.88	0.85	0.92									
Standard error		0.02	0.06	0.09	0.02	0.09	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.07	0.03	0.07	0.12	0.22	0.20	0.86	0.20	0.12	0.03	0.02	0.04									

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Strongly agree	(4) 689 34%	345 35%	345 33%	57 24%	92 27%	108 32%	110 30%	112 37%	211 48%	164 30%	179 32%	178 40%	169 35%	96 30%	273 33%
Tend to agree	(3) 696 34%	366 37%	330 32%	92 38%	117 34%	113 33%	124 34%	110 36%	140 32%	207 38%	210 37%	133 30%	146 30%	132 41%	282 35%
Tend to disagree	(2) 336 17%	146 15%	190 18%	39 16%	61 18%	61 18%	71 20%	50 17%	54 12%	96 18%	100 18%	54 12%	86 18%	49 16%	125 15%
Strongly disagree	(1) 129 6%	59 6%	69 7%	19 8%	26 8%	28 8%	21 6%	14 5%	20 5%	37 7%	29 5%	27 6%	35 7%	18 6%	51 6%
NET: Disagree	465 23%	205 21%	260 25%	59 24%	86 25%	90 26%	92 25%	64 21%	74 17%	134 25%	129 23%	81 18%	121 25%	67 21%	176 21%
Don't know	177 9%	77 8%	99 10%	33 14%	46 13%	31 9%	36 10%	15 5%	16 4%	38 7%	44 8%	50 11%	45 9%	23 7%	87 11%
Mean	3.05	3.09	3.02	2.90	2.93	2.97	2.99	3.12	3.28	2.99	3.04	3.18	3.03	3.04	3.06
Standard deviation	0.91	0.89	0.93	0.91	0.93	0.96	0.90	0.87	0.86	0.90	0.87	0.92	0.95	0.86	0.90
Standard error	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.03

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	68%	64%	59%	69%	66%	71%	70%	69%	72%	71%	64%	74%	66%	75%	63%	62%	70%	78%	34%	56%	61%	60%	71%	72%							
Strongly agree	(4)	689	58	34	597	29	88	66	70	42	73	69	104	55	433	49	18	6	5	2	7	11	203	433	212						
		34%	32%	33%	34%	36%	40%	36%	38%	30%	36%	26%	37%	30%	40%	30%	29%	28%	36%	34%	47%	23%	28%	33%	44%						
Tend to agree	(3)	696	58	26	612	24	70	61	56	59	71	100	105	65	376	55	20	9	6	-	1	18	238	501	133						
		34%	32%	26%	35%	30%	31%	33%	31%	42%	35%	38%	37%	36%	35%	33%	33%	42%	43%	-	9%	38%	32%	38%	28%						
Tend to disagree	(2)	336	41	23	273	18	28	20	33	23	31	54	36	29	157	28	7	6	2	1	5	8	144	244	60						
		17%	22%	22%	16%	23%	13%	11%	18%	16%	15%	21%	13%	16%	15%	17%	11%	26%	13%	22%	35%	16%	20%	19%	12%						
Strongly disagree	(1)	129	11	7	111	6	16	14	10	8	14	12	16	15	45	8	3	-	-	-	5	73	77	40							
		6%	6%	7%	6%	7%	7%	8%	6%	6%	7%	5%	6%	8%	4%	5%	5%	-	-	-	11%	10%	6%	8%							
NET: Disagree		465	52	29	384	24	44	34	43	31	45	67	52	45	202	37	10	6	2	1	5	13	217	321	100						
		23%	28%	29%	22%	30%	20%	19%	24%	22%	22%	25%	18%	24%	19%	22%	16%	26%	13%	22%	35%	27%	30%	24%	21%						
Don't know		177	14	12	151	4	21	21	13	10	14	27	23	18	71	25	14	1	1	2	1	6	74	64	33						
		9%	8%	12%	9%	4%	9%	12%	7%	7%	7%	10%	8%	10%	7%	15%	22%	4%	8%	44%	9%	13%	10%	5%	7%						
Mean		3.05	2.98	2.98	3.06	2.98	3.14	3.11	3.10	3.03	3.08	2.96	3.14	2.97	3.18	3.03	3.10	3.02	3.25	3.20	3.13	2.84	2.87	3.03	3.16						
Standard deviation		0.91	0.92	0.97	0.91	0.97	0.93	0.94	0.92	0.86	0.92	0.86	0.87	0.94	0.85	0.89	0.88	0.77	0.72	1.22	0.98	0.96	0.98	0.89	0.97						
Standard error		0.02	0.07	0.10	0.02	0.11	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.03	0.07	0.12	0.16	0.18	0.86	0.27	0.15	0.04	0.02	0.05						



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		50%	48%	62%	47%	43%	41%	49%	60%	60%	53%	44%	42%	55%	49%
Strongly agree	(4) 308	163	145	43	49	44	53	46	72	101	74	72	62	62	130
		15%	14%	18%	14%	13%	15%	15%	16%	19%	13%	16%	13%	19%	16%
Tend to agree	(3) 710	354	355	105	112	101	95	101	195	224	223	123	139	114	270
		35%	34%	44%	33%	30%	26%	34%	44%	41%	40%	28%	29%	36%	33%
Tend to disagree	(2) 473	217	256	41	75	83	94	75	104	114	127	109	123	61	186
		23%	25%	17%	22%	24%	26%	25%	24%	21%	23%	25%	26%	19%	23%
Strongly disagree	(1) 354	174	179	24	61	73	86	57	53	76	83	82	111	54	154
		17%	17%	10%	18%	21%	24%	19%	12%	14%	15%	19%	23%	17%	19%
NET: Disagree	827	391	436	65	136	157	180	132	157	191	211	191	234	115	339
		41%	42%	27%	40%	46%	50%	44%	36%	35%	37%	43%	49%	36%	41%
Don't know	182	85	97	28	44	39	33	21	17	26	54	56	46	26	79
		9%	9%	12%	13%	11%	9%	7%	4%	5%	10%	13%	10%	8%	10%
Mean	2.53	2.56	2.50	2.79	2.51	2.38	2.35	2.49	2.68	2.68	2.57	2.48	2.35	2.63	2.51
Standard deviation	0.98	1.00	0.97	0.89	1.00	1.01	1.04	1.00	0.90	0.95	0.93	1.02	1.01	1.02	1.01
Standard error	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.04

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### ONLINE Fieldwork : 6th-8th December 2013

Absolutes/col percents

Table 5

**Q.2 To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding the welfare state?**

**There is no reason why relatively wealthy people should not get some kinds of welfare benefit**

**(e.g. child benefits, pensions, winter fuel payments) as long as they have been paying taxes**

**Base: All respondents**

		Region											To which of the following religious groups do you consider yourself to be a member of?										Do you think the Welfare State will still be here in 30 years time?		
		Total	Scot-land	Wales	NET: Eng-land	North East	North West	York-shire & Hum-ber-side	West Mid-lands	East Mid-lands	East-ern	London	South East	South West	Chris-tian	NET: Other	Muslim	Hindu	Jewish	Sikh	Budd-hist	Other	None	Yes	No
Unweighted base		2027	182	105	1740	88	225	202	173	145	186	276	276	169	1072	180	72	23	16	4	15	50	725	1329	473
Weighted base		2027	182	101	1743	81	223	182	182	142	203	264	284	182	1083	166	62	21	14	5	15	48	733	1319	478
NET: Agree		1018	85	46	887	38	115	93	91	59	88	165	140	98	603	88	37	13	9	3	6	21	296	716	220
		50%	47%	45%	51%	47%	52%	51%	50%	42%	44%	63%	49%	54%	56%	53%	59%	60%	59%	67%	39%	43%	40%	54%	46%
Strongly agree	(4)	308	23	10	276	13	42	36	35	16	21	45	46	21	192	36	20	1	2	2	1	10	79	214	67
		15%	13%	10%	16%	16%	19%	20%	19%	11%	11%	17%	16%	11%	18%	22%	32%	5%	12%	34%	4%	22%	11%	16%	14%
Tend to agree	(3)	710	62	36	612	25	73	57	56	43	67	120	94	77	411	52	17	12	7	2	5	10	216	502	153
		35%	34%	35%	35%	30%	33%	31%	30%	30%	33%	46%	33%	42%	38%	32%	27%	55%	47%	33%	35%	22%	29%	38%	32%
Tend to disagree	(2)	473	55	27	391	20	47	40	46	37	48	49	67	38	234	36	11	4	5	-	3	14	198	312	116
		23%	30%	27%	22%	24%	21%	22%	25%	26%	24%	18%	24%	21%	22%	22%	17%	17%	33%	-	18%	30%	27%	24%	24%
Strongly disagree	(1)	354	30	20	304	20	41	27	30	37	44	28	53	26	169	26	7	4	1	-	5	9	158	218	106
		17%	16%	20%	17%	24%	18%	15%	17%	26%	21%	10%	19%	14%	16%	15%	11%	17%	8%	-	34%	18%	22%	17%	22%
NET: Disagree		827	85	47	695	39	88	67	76	73	91	76	120	64	402	61	17	7	6	-	8	23	356	530	223
		41%	47%	46%	40%	48%	40%	37%	42%	52%	45%	29%	42%	35%	37%	37%	28%	34%	41%	-	52%	48%	49%	40%	47%
Don't know		182	12	9	161	4	19	23	16	9	23	22	25	21	77	17	8	1	-	2	1	4	81	73	35
		9%	7%	9%	9%	5%	9%	12%	9%	7%	11%	8%	9%	11%	7%	10%	13%	6%	-	33%	9%	9%	11%	6%	7%
Mean		2.53	2.46	2.39	2.54	2.41	2.57	2.64	2.57	2.29	2.37	2.76	2.51	2.58	2.62	2.66	2.92	2.52	2.64	3.51	2.09	2.51	2.33	2.57	2.41
Standard deviation		0.98	0.93	0.94	0.99	1.05	1.03	1.01	1.02	1.01	0.98	0.89	1.01	0.91	0.98	1.03	1.04	0.87	0.83	0.60	1.00	1.07	0.98	0.97	1.01
Standard error		0.02	0.07	0.10	0.02	0.11	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.03	0.08	0.13	0.19	0.21	0.34	0.28	0.16	0.04	0.03	0.05

## Welfare Survey

### ONLINE Fieldwork : 6th-8th December 2013

Absolutes/col percents

Table 6

**Q.2 To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding the welfare state?**

**Everyone should be eligible to receive welfare benefits, irrespective of whether they have previously paid taxes or not**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	2027	1004	1023	254	336	292	366	321	458	576	619	345	487	293	784
Weighted base	2027	994	1033	241	341	341	361	301	441	542	562	442	481	317	818
NET: Agree	698 34%	345 35%	353 34%	122 51%	148 43%	135 39%	126 35%	80 26%	88 20%	185 34%	198 35%	137 31%	179 37%	140 44%	283 35%
Strongly agree	(4) 10%	209 10%	109 11%	41 17%	50 15%	47 14%	32 9%	21 7%	17 4%	61 11%	43 8%	53 12%	53 11%	43 14%	86 11%
Tend to agree	(3) 24%	489 24%	245 25%	244 24%	81 34%	97 28%	88 26%	94 26%	58 19%	71 16%	124 23%	155 28%	84 19%	126 26%	197 24%
Tend to disagree	(2) 28%	563 28%	263 26%	300 29%	52 22%	80 24%	74 22%	102 28%	103 34%	151 34%	171 32%	158 28%	111 25%	123 26%	199 24%
Strongly disagree	(1) 29%	578 29%	300 30%	278 27%	42 17%	64 19%	91 27%	99 28%	99 33%	183 41%	148 27%	154 27%	144 33%	133 28%	243 30%
NET: Disagree	1142 56%	563 57%	578 56%	94 39%	145 42%	166 48%	202 56%	202 67%	334 76%	318 59%	312 56%	255 58%	256 53%	149 47%	442 54%
Don't know	187 9%	85 9%	102 10%	25 10%	49 14%	41 12%	34 9%	19 6%	19 4%	39 7%	52 9%	50 11%	47 10%	28 9%	93 11%
Mean	2.18	2.16	2.20	2.57	2.46	2.30	2.18	2.01	1.82	2.20	2.17	2.12	2.23	2.40	2.17
Standard deviation	1.00	1.01	1.00	1.01	1.02	1.07	0.98	0.93	0.86	0.99	0.96	1.05	1.02	1.00	1.03
Standard error	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.04

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Table 6

**Q.2 To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding the welfare state?**

**Everyone should be eligible to receive welfare benefits, irrespective of whether they have previously paid taxes or not**

**Base: All respondents**

	Region																			To which of the following religious groups do you consider yourself to be a member of?										Do you think the Welfare State will still be here in 30 years time?	
	Total	Scot-land	Wales	NET: Eng-land	North East	North West	York-shire & Hum-ber-side	West Mid-lands	East Mid-lands	East-ern	London	South East	South West	Chris-tian	NET: Other	Muslim	Hindu	Jewish	Sikh	Budd-hist	Other	None	Yes	No							
Unweighted base	2027	182	105	1740	88	225	202	173	145	186	276	276	169	1072	180	72	23	16	4	15	50	725	1329	473							
Weighted base	2027	182	101	1743	81	223	182	182	142	203	264	284	182	1083	166	62	21	14	5	15	48	733	1319	478							
NET: Agree	698 34%	63 35%	36 35%	599 34%	33 41%	65 29%	56 31%	60 33%	41 29%	52 26%	146 55%	82 29%	64 35%	316 29%	85 51%	40 65%	12 58%	6 40%	2 33%	7 47%	18 38%	266 36%	514 39%	130 27%							
Strongly agree	(4) 209 10%	10 6%	12 11%	188 11%	9 11%	29 13%	17 9%	17 9%	12 9%	16 8%	50 19%	25 9%	13 7%	94 9%	30 18%	23 37%	*	1 7%	-	2 13%	3 7%	81 11%	149 11%	44 9%							
Tend to agree	(3) 489 24%	53 29%	24 24%	412 24%	24 29%	36 16%	39 21%	43 23%	29 20%	36 18%	96 36%	58 20%	51 28%	221 20%	56 34%	17 28%	12 56%	5 33%	2 33%	5 34%	15 31%	185 25%	365 28%	86 18%							
Tend to disagree	(2) 563 28%	57 31%	30 29%	476 27%	21 25%	69 31%	45 25%	41 23%	58 41%	58 29%	50 19%	83 29%	51 28%	322 30%	31 19%	12 20%	3 17%	2 16%	-	3 20%	10 21%	206 28%	385 29%	127 27%							
Strongly disagree	(1) 578 29%	47 26%	22 21%	510 29%	24 29%	68 30%	62 34%	61 34%	31 22%	75 37%	44 17%	93 33%	53 29%	362 33%	30 18%	2 4%	4 20%	5 35%	2 34%	4 24%	13 27%	185 25%	346 26%	179 37%							
NET: Disagree	1142 56%	104 57%	51 51%	986 57%	44 55%	136 61%	107 59%	103 56%	88 62%	133 66%	94 36%	176 62%	104 57%	683 63%	61 37%	15 24%	8 37%	7 52%	2 34%	7 44%	23 48%	391 53%	732 55%	306 64%							
Don't know	187 9%	15 8%	14 14%	158 9%	4 5%	21 10%	20 11%	20 11%	12 9%	18 9%	23 9%	25 9%	15 8%	84 8%	19 12%	7 12%	1 5%	1 8%	2 33%	1 9%	7 14%	75 10%	73 6%	42 9%							
Mean	2.18	2.16	2.30	2.17	2.24	2.13	2.07	2.09	2.18	1.96	2.63	2.05	2.14	2.05	2.58	3.11	2.41	2.13	1.98	2.40	2.20	2.25	2.25	1.99							
Standard deviation	1.00	0.90	0.99	1.01	1.02	1.04	1.02	1.03	0.90	0.97	1.01	0.98	0.95	0.98	1.03	0.90	0.86	1.07	1.19	1.07	0.99	1.00	0.99	1.01							
Standard error	0.02	0.07	0.10	0.03	0.11	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.03	0.08	0.11	0.18	0.28	0.69	0.30	0.15	0.04	0.03	0.05							

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### ONLINE Fieldwork : 6th-8th December 2013

Absolutes/col percents

Table 7

**Q.2 To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding the welfare state?**

**The welfare state is currently facing severe problems**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Pri- vate
Unweighted base	2027	1004	1023	254	336	292	366	321	458	576	619	345	487	293	784
Weighted base	2027	994	1033	241	341	341	361	301	441	542	562	442	481	317	818
NET: Agree	1762 87%	859 86%	904 87%	181 75%	274 80%	289 85%	318 88%	281 93%	419 95%	489 90%	482 86%	375 85%	416 86%	275 87%	687 84%
Strongly agree	(4) 46%	444 45%	479 46%	71 30%	145 43%	146 43%	178 49%	144 48%	238 54%	249 46%	236 42%	214 48%	224 47%	140 44%	354 43%
Tend to agree	(3) 41%	839 42%	424 41%	110 46%	129 38%	143 42%	140 39%	136 45%	181 41%	240 44%	245 44%	162 37%	192 40%	136 43%	334 41%
Tend to disagree	(2) 5%	99 5%	49 5%	51 5%	20 8%	15 4%	28 8%	17 5%	8 3%	11 3%	18 3%	32 6%	28 6%	21 4%	42 5%
Strongly disagree	(1) 1%	20 1%	10 1%	10 1%	6 2%	2 1%	2 1%	3 1%	4 1%	3 1%	5 1%	7 1%	4 1%	4 1%	9 1%
NET: Disagree	119 6%	58 6%	61 6%	26 11%	18 5%	30 9%	20 6%	12 4%	14 3%	23 4%	39 7%	32 7%	25 5%	26 8%	50 6%
Don't know	145 7%	76 8%	69 7%	33 14%	50 15%	23 7%	23 6%	8 3%	8 2%	30 6%	41 7%	34 8%	40 8%	16 5%	80 10%
Mean	3.42	3.41	3.42	3.19	3.43	3.36	3.46	3.44	3.51	3.43	3.36	3.44	3.44	3.37	3.40
Standard deviation	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.72	0.63	0.67	0.64	0.62	0.58	0.61	0.66	0.66	0.63	0.67	0.65
Standard error	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.02

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 7

**Q.2 To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding the welfare state?**

**The welfare state is currently facing severe problems**

**Base: All respondents**

	Region																			To which of the following religious groups do you consider yourself to be a member of?										Do you think the Welfare State will still be here in 30 years time?	
	Total	Scot-land	Wales	NET: Eng-land	North East	North West	York-shire & Hum-ber-side	West Mid-lands	East Mid-lands	East-ern	London	South East	South West	Chris-tian	NET: Other	Muslim	Hindu	Jewish	Sikh	Budd-hist	Other	None	Yes	No							
Unweighted base	2027	182	105	1740	88	225	202	173	145	186	276	276	169	1072	180	72	23	16	4	15	50	725	1329	473							
Weighted base	2027	182	101	1743	81	223	182	182	142	203	264	284	182	1083	166	62	21	14	5	15	48	733	1319	478							
NET: Agree	1762	166	86	1510	74	190	161	168	125	170	211	248	163	977	133	47	13	13	3	12	44	615	1164	446							
	87%	91%	85%	87%	92%	85%	88%	92%	88%	84%	80%	87%	89%	90%	80%	75%	63%	92%	67%	81%	92%	84%	88%	93%							
Strongly agree	(4)	923	81	57	785	42	104	92	80	68	91	102	116	92	509	67	21	6	4	2	10	24	339	565	295						
		46%	44%	56%	45%	51%	47%	50%	44%	48%	45%	39%	41%	50%	47%	40%	34%	27%	30%	34%	64%	51%	46%	43%	62%						
Tend to agree	(3)	839	85	29	725	33	87	69	87	57	79	109	132	71	468	67	26	8	9	2	3	20	276	599	151						
		41%	47%	29%	42%	40%	39%	38%	48%	40%	39%	41%	47%	39%	43%	40%	42%	37%	62%	33%	17%	41%	38%	45%	32%						
Tend to disagree	(2)	99	8	6	85	3	8	4	5	2	20	20	18	5	49	10	5	3	1	-	*	1	37	75	12						
		5%	4%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	3%	2%	10%	8%	7%	3%	5%	6%	8%	13%	8%	-	3%	3%	5%	6%	3%						
Strongly disagree	(1)	20	-	2	19	1	3	1	-	2	2	2	2	5	7	4	1	2	-	-	-	1	8	15	4						
		1%	-	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	3%	2%	11%	-	-	-	1%	1%	1%	1%						
NET: Disagree	119	8	8	104	4	11	5	5	5	22	22	21	10	56	15	6	5	1	-	*	2	45	90	16							
	6%	4%	7%	6%	5%	5%	3%	3%	3%	11%	8%	7%	5%	5%	9%	10%	24%	8%	-	3%	4%	6%	7%	3%							
Don't know	145	8	8	129	3	22	17	9	12	11	30	15	10	50	18	9	3	-	2	2	2	73	65	16							
	7%	5%	8%	7%	4%	10%	9%	5%	8%	5%	12%	5%	5%	5%	11%	15%	12%	-	33%	16%	4%	10%	5%	3%							
Mean	3.42	3.42	3.51	3.41	3.48	3.45	3.52	3.43	3.46	3.35	3.33	3.35	3.45	3.43	3.32	3.26	2.90	3.22	3.51	3.73	3.47	3.43	3.37	3.60							
Standard deviation	0.64	0.58	0.70	0.65	0.61	0.64	0.58	0.56	0.64	0.71	0.67	0.64	0.69	0.62	0.73	0.72	1.00	0.59	0.60	0.54	0.64	0.66	0.65	0.58							
Standard error	0.01	0.04	0.07	0.02	0.07	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.02	0.06	0.09	0.22	0.15	0.34	0.16	0.09	0.03	0.02	0.03							

## Welfare Survey

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 8

**Q.3 You have said that the welfare state is currently facing severe problems. Who do you think is mainly to blame for this?**

**Base: All respondents who agree with the statement 'The welfare state is currently facing severe problems'**

	Gender		Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	1753	863	890	192	266	243	320	298	434	519	528	290	416	249	659
Weighted base	1762	859	904	181	274	289	318	281	419	489	482	375	416	275	687
Politicians, for mismanaging the system	569 32%	303 35%	267 30%	46 25%	71 26%	93 32%	104 33%	107 38%	150 36%	179 37%	150 31%	123 33%	117 28%	94 34%	201 29%
UK benefit claimants, for falsely claiming benefits	352 20%	154 18%	198 22%	38 21%	60 22%	70 24%	72 22%	43 15%	69 17%	99 20%	102 21%	64 17%	87 21%	54 20%	153 22%
'Benefits tourists' from other countries	286 16%	121 14%	165 18%	34 19%	51 19%	38 13%	52 16%	50 18%	60 14%	54 11%	68 14%	79 21%	86 21%	40 14%	115 17%
The European Union, for opening up borders	267 15%	128 15%	139 15%	21 11%	39 14%	49 17%	41 13%	41 14%	76 18%	56 11%	72 15%	58 15%	81 20%	35 13%	94 14%
British people, for living beyond their means	156 9%	89 10%	67 7%	22 12%	37 13%	24 8%	27 8%	16 6%	30 7%	57 12%	44 9%	31 8%	24 6%	33 12%	73 11%
Other	93 5%	48 6%	45 5%	3 2%	6 2%	10 3%	20 6%	22 8%	32 8%	39 8%	26 5%	15 4%	13 3%	14 5%	31 5%
Don't know	39 2%	15 2%	24 3%	18 10%	10 4%	5 2%	3 1%	2 1%	1 *	5 1%	20 4%	6 2%	8 2%	4 2%	21 3%

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 8

#### Q.3 You have said that the welfare state is currently facing severe problems. Who do you think is mainly to blame for this?

Base: All respondents who agree with the statement 'The welfare state is currently facing severe problems'

	Region											To which of the following religious groups do you consider yourself to be a member of?										Do you think the Welfare State will still be here in 30 years time?		
	Total	Scot-land	Wales	NET: Eng-land	North East	North West	York-shire & Hum-ber-side	West Mid-lands	East Mid-lands	East-ern	London	South East	South West	Chris-tian	NET: Other	Muslim	Hindu	Jewish	Sikh	Budd-hist	Other	None	Yes	No
Unweighted base	1753	162	88	1503	79	194	178	159	126	156	220	243	148	961	143	54	15	15	3	11	45	608	1170	437
Weighted base	1762	166	86	1510	74	190	161	168	125	170	211	248	163	977	133	47	13	13	3	12	44	615	1164	446
Politicians, for mismanaging the system	569 32%	58 35%	29 34%	483 32%	28 37%	62 33%	42 26%	55 33%	50 40%	53 31%	52 25%	84 34%	56 35%	306 31%	33 25%	8 17%	3 20%	4 30%	3 85%	4 31%	12 28%	224 36%	365 31%	169 38%
UK benefit claimants, for falsely claiming benefits	352 20%	30 18%	21 24%	302 20%	11 15%	50 26%	39 24%	24 14%	25 20%	31 18%	50 24%	46 18%	27 16%	204 21%	31 23%	11 23%	6 46%	2 13%	1 15%	2 16%	10 22%	114 19%	234 20%	73 16%
'Benefits tourists' from other countries	286 16%	22 14%	12 14%	251 17%	15 20%	32 17%	33 21%	29 18%	20 16%	26 15%	27 13%	40 16%	29 18%	175 18%	20 15%	8 17%	1 4%	2 14%	-	1 8%	9 20%	84 14%	184 16%	83 19%
The European Union, for opening up borders	267 15%	23 14%	7 8%	237 16%	13 17%	21 11%	24 15%	31 18%	16 13%	35 20%	42 20%	36 15%	19 12%	171 17%	22 16%	7 16%	1 6%	4 29%	-	5 41%	5 11%	70 11%	181 16%	66 15%
British people, for living beyond their means	156 9%	18 11%	7 8%	132 9%	5 7%	13 7%	12 8%	11 6%	9 7%	15 9%	25 12%	27 11%	15 9%	64 7%	17 13%	10 21%	3 24%	2 15%	-	1 5%	2 4%	66 11%	129 11%	18 4%
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