

Taxation Survey

CATI Fieldwork : July 2nd-4th 2010

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

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Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Grade				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	1009	494	515	121	162	192	172	151	211	273	293	212	232	256	266	253	146	88
They increased the basic rate of income tax from 20% to something higher	263 26%	142 29%	120 23%	29 24%	25 16%	42 22%	50 29%	57 38%	60 28%	76 28%	73 25%	51 24%	63 27%	64 25%	81 30%	57 23%	31 22%	29 33%
They raised the same amount of money from any other existing taxes	623 62%	296 60%	328 64%	77 64%	101 62%	133 69%	108 63%	86 57%	118 56%	168 62%	194 66%	129 61%	132 57%	166 65%	158 59%	153 60%	97 66%	51 58%
Don't know	123 12%	57 11%	67 13%	15 12%	36 22%	18 9%	13 8%	9 6%	33 16%	29 11%	26 9%	31 15%	37 16%	27 11%	28 10%	43 17%	17 12%	8 9%

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Weighted base	1009	444	121	84	56	253	34	17
They increased the basic rate of income tax from 20% to something higher	263 26%	115 26%	27 22%	21 25%	17 30%	75 29%	7 19%	1 8%
They raised the same amount of money from any other existing taxes	623 62%	290 65%	77 64%	53 63%	27 48%	145 57%	18 53%	12 73%
Don't know	123 12%	39 9%	17 14%	9 11%	12 22%	33 13%	10 28%	3 18%

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Table 2

Q.2 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**“I would like taxes to be simpler, easier to understand and harder to avoid - even if it means I pay a little more tax myself”****Base: All respondents**

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Agree	745 74%	373 75%	372 72%	92 76%	110 68%	133 70%	125 73%	124 82%	160 76%	204 75%	219 75%	155 73%	166 72%	196 77%	198 74%	186 73%	99 68%	66 75%
Disagree	236 23%	112 23%	124 24%	28 23%	46 28%	56 29%	42 24%	25 16%	40 19%	63 23%	66 23%	52 25%	55 24%	54 21%	63 24%	56 22%	41 28%	21 24%
Don't know	28 3%	9 2%	19 4%	1 1%	6 4%	2 1%	5 3%	3 2%	12 6%	5 2%	7 2%	5 2%	11 5%	6 2%	5 2%	11 4%	5 4%	1 1%

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The money I pay in tax benefits me because it pays for services I use	259 26%	119 24%	140 27%	30 25%	43 26%	50 26%	41 24%	49 32%	47 22%	82 30%	90 31%	42 20%	44 19%	76 30%	62 23%	64 25%	35 24%	21 24%
The money I pay in tax hurts me - I would be better off being able to spend the money myself	140 14%	82 16%	59 11%	14 12%	32 20%	23 12%	29 17%	16 10%	26 12%	39 14%	30 10%	39 18%	32 14%	26 10%	38 14%	39 15%	23 16%	14 16%
The money I pay in tax doesn't benefit me as much as it would if I could spend it myself - but I'm happy to pay my taxes because it's the right thing to do	550 54%	274 55%	276 54%	67 55%	82 51%	109 57%	99 58%	77 51%	115 55%	146 53%	165 57%	117 55%	122 53%	141 55%	154 58%	127 50%	78 53%	50 57%
Not employed/ not applicable to me	60 6%	21 4%	40 8%	10 9%	5 3%	10 5%	3 2%	9 6%	23 11%	6 2%	7 2%	15 7%	33 14%	13 5%	12 5%	23 9%	10 7%	2 3%

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Right level	584 58%	275 56%	309 60%	64 53%	78 48%	112 58%	108 63%	95 63%	128 60%	166 61%	186 63%	102 48%	130 56%	151 59%	157 59%	143 57%	80 55%	53 60%
Less heavily	35 3%	17 3%	17 3%	6 5%	6 4%	8 4%	2 1%	4 3%	10 5%	12 4%	4 2%	8 4%	10 4%	14 5%	6 2%	9 4%	4 3%	2 2%
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