

## National Debt Poll Survey

### ONLINE Fieldwork : 18th - 19th July 2012

Absolutes/col percents

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BBC - either on TV, radio, or online	1522 76%	781 79%	741 72%	145 60%	228 71%	263 69%	279 82%	256 85%	350 83%	453 84%	462 79%	312 74%	296 64%	403 79%	419 79%	362 72%	210 73%	128 73%
ITV, Channel 4, Sky News - either on TV or online	945 47%	458 47%	487 48%	86 36%	140 44%	202 53%	164 48%	149 49%	205 49%	238 44%	280 48%	222 53%	205 44%	228 45%	252 48%	254 50%	127 44%	84 48%
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Other - not listed	45 2%	29 3%	16 2%	4 2%	2 1%	10 3%	11 3%	7 2%	11 3%	12 2%	10 2%	11 3%	12 3%	15 3%	11 2%	6 1%	9 3%	5 3%
Not applicable - I do not use any sources to find out about the UK economy	181 9%	61 6%	120 12%	43 18%	30 9%	43 11%	19 5%	17 6%	30 7%	18 3%	49 8%	42 10%	73 16%	38 7%	41 8%	47 9%	30 10%	25 14%

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High levels of Government, personal and financial debt	396 20%	179 18%	217 21%	53 22%	54 17%	81 21%	59 17%	48 16%	100 24%	116 21%	109 19%	82 19%	89 19%	108 21%	102 19%	88 18%	53 18%	45 26%
Global economic conditions	361 18%	190 19%	171 17%	26 11%	55 17%	73 19%	70 20%	65 21%	73 17%	115 21%	122 21%	62 15%	62 13%	100 20%	94 18%	84 17%	46 16%	36 21%
Government spending cuts	270 13%	154 16%	116 11%	33 14%	47 15%	49 13%	54 16%	37 12%	50 12%	60 11%	90 15%	54 13%	66 14%	63 12%	64 12%	89 18%	35 12%	19 11%
The Eurozone crisis	236 12%	134 14%	102 10%	31 13%	30 9%	25 7%	41 12%	46 15%	63 15%	79 15%	60 10%	43 10%	53 12%	61 12%	56 10%	59 12%	43 15%	17 10%
Uncompetitive tax and regulatory policies	58 3%	36 4%	22 2%	6 3%	15 5%	9 2%	9 3%	10 3%	9 2%	14 3%	16 3%	16 4%	13 3%	18 4%	16 3%	10 2%	7 3%	6 3%
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**The Government has reduced its budget deficit since 2010 - i.e. reducing the shortfall between the amount it raises through taxes and the amount it spends**

**Base: All respondents**

	Q.1 Which, if any, of the following sources do you use to find out news about the UK economy?								
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Unweighted base	2006	1566	923	532	443	248	264	622	159
Weighted base	2006	1522	945	469	435	277	263	611	181
True	778 39%	643 42%	391 41%	222 47%	196 45%	100 36%	110 42%	282 46%	39 21%
False	570 28%	434 28%	277 29%	150 32%	117 27%	84 30%	73 28%	178 29%	51 28%
Don't know	658 33%	445 29%	278 29%	97 21%	122 28%	93 34%	80 30%	152 25%	91 51%

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### ONLINE Fieldwork : 18th - 19th July 2012

Absolutes/col percents

Table 5

**Q.4 To the best of your knowledge, do you believe each of these statements to be true or false?**

**Since 2010, the Government has reduced its total annual spending**

**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	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	2006	1009	997	218	278	409	368	334	399	793	511	269	433	530	526	502	286	162
Weighted base	2006	983	1023	241	321	381	341	301	422	542	582	421	462	510	529	503	289	174
True	856 43%	447 45%	409 40%	109 45%	140 44%	173 45%	149 44%	134 45%	150 36%	268 49%	266 46%	176 42%	146 32%	228 45%	218 41%	210 42%	126 43%	74 43%
False	609 30%	329 33%	281 27%	50 21%	72 23%	102 27%	109 32%	96 32%	179 42%	159 29%	159 27%	124 30%	167 36%	152 30%	150 28%	155 31%	88 30%	65 37%
Don't know	541 27%	208 21%	333 33%	81 34%	109 34%	106 28%	83 24%	71 23%	92 22%	114 21%	157 27%	121 29%	149 32%	129 25%	162 31%	139 28%	76 26%	35 20%



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Weighted base	2006	482	617	160	171	74	48	11	26	12	339	594	453	389
True	856 43%	292 61%	253 41%	80 50%	62 36%	19 26%	19 40%	7 64%	11 42%	6 53%	101 30%	326 55%	167 37%	178 46%
False	609 30%	99 21%	226 37%	36 23%	81 48%	33 44%	23 48%	4 36%	8 32%	6 47%	69 20%	152 26%	174 38%	105 27%
Don't know	541 27%	91 19%	138 22%	44 27%	28 16%	23 30%	5 11%	- -	7 26%	- -	169 50%	115 19%	112 25%	106 27%

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Unweighted base	2006	1566	923	532	443	248	264	622	159
Weighted base	2006	1522	945	469	435	277	263	611	181
True	856 43%	730 48%	421 45%	217 46%	214 49%	137 49%	120 46%	289 47%	34 19%
False	609 30%	455 30%	310 33%	171 37%	131 30%	78 28%	86 33%	202 33%	51 28%
Don't know	541 27%	337 22%	215 23%	80 17%	89 21%	62 23%	57 22%	121 20%	96 53%

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Table 6

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**The Government has reduced the national debt since 2010**

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True	569 28%	304 31%	265 26%	47 20%	100 31%	107 28%	99 29%	87 29%	128 30%	179 33%	176 30%	117 28%	97 21%	146 29%	146 28%	142 28%	90 31%	44 25%
False	804 40%	420 43%	384 38%	100 42%	98 31%	151 40%	138 40%	120 40%	197 47%	216 40%	222 38%	156 37%	211 46%	201 39%	204 39%	200 40%	123 43%	76 43%
Don't know	633 32%	259 26%	374 37%	93 39%	123 38%	123 32%	104 30%	94 31%	96 23%	147 27%	184 32%	148 35%	153 33%	162 32%	179 34%	161 32%	76 26%	54 31%

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Table 7

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**The Government intends to pay off the national debt by the end of this Parliament in 2015**

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Don't know	636 32%	232 24%	404 39%	101 42%	131 41%	122 32%	97 28%	93 31%	91 22%	145 27%	177 30%	159 38%	155 34%	165 32%	171 32%	164 33%	91 32%	45 26%

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