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## **METHODOLOGY NOTE**

ComRes interviewed 2,025 UK adults online between 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Data were weighted to be representative of all UK adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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

Absolutes/col percents

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<b><u>Trade unions should spend more time supporting people in the workplace, and less time getting involved in national politics</u></b>															
Agree	1372 68%	699 70%	673 65%	107 44%	190 56%	201 59%	268 74%	239 80%	367 83%	395 73%	347 62%	297 67%	333 69%	188 65%	552 65%
Disagree	247 12%	138 14%	108 11%	33 14%	44 13%	54 16%	41 11%	31 10%	43 10%	73 14%	68 12%	66 15%	40 8%	45 16%	111 13%
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<b><u>Trade unions have too much say over what happens in Britain</u></b>															
Agree	730 36%	400 40%	330 32%	55 23%	92 27%	96 28%	123 34%	120 40%	244 55%	229 42%	197 35%	146 33%	158 33%	92 32%	296 35%
Disagree	734 36%	382 39%	352 34%	54 22%	116 34%	146 43%	157 43%	127 42%	136 31%	206 38%	190 34%	170 38%	169 35%	113 39%	307 36%
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Agree	768 38%	374 38%	394 38%	64 27%	157 46%	142 42%	143 40%	121 40%	140 32%	192 35%	189 34%	202 46%	185 39%	117 41%	326 39%
Disagree	684 34%	393 40%	291 28%	48 20%	63 18%	99 29%	125 35%	134 45%	214 49%	231 43%	191 34%	123 28%	139 29%	96 33%	269 32%
Don't know	572 28%	225 23%	347 34%	128 53%	121 35%	100 29%	92 26%	45 15%	87 20%	119 22%	181 32%	116 26%	156 32%	74 26%	252 30%
<b><u>I would never join a trade union</u></b>															
Agree	514 25%	281 28%	234 23%	51 21%	66 19%	60 18%	83 23%	88 29%	166 38%	155 29%	145 26%	90 20%	125 26%	53 19%	219 26%
Disagree	956 47%	492 50%	464 45%	67 28%	151 44%	168 49%	186 51%	170 57%	214 49%	271 50%	251 45%	226 51%	208 43%	172 60%	372 44%
Don't know	554 27%	220 22%	334 32%	123 51%	124 36%	113 33%	93 26%	42 14%	60 14%	116 21%	165 29%	125 28%	148 31%	62 22%	256 30%
<b><u>Trade unions are good at standing up for the interests of ordinary working people</u></b>															
Agree	1138 56%	560 56%	578 56%	90 38%	182 53%	197 58%	205 57%	194 64%	271 61%	308 57%	293 52%	261 59%	276 57%	161 56%	429 51%
Disagree	401 20%	237 24%	163 16%	28 12%	51 15%	55 16%	82 23%	73 24%	111 25%	134 25%	109 19%	76 17%	81 17%	61 21%	193 23%
Don't know	487 24%	196 20%	291 28%	122 51%	108 32%	90 26%	74 21%	34 11%	59 13%	99 18%	159 28%	104 24%	124 26%	65 23%	225 27%

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Disagree	1262 62%	664 67%	598 58%	68 28%	173 51%	202 59%	234 65%	232 77%	353 80%	381 70%	331 59%	270 61%	280 58%	190 66%	484 57%
Don't know	285 14%	130 13%	155 15%	78 33%	55 16%	49 14%	45 12%	25 8%	33 7%	57 11%	92 16%	66 15%	69 14%	33 11%	138 16%
<b><u>Trade unions are more trustworthy than big business</u></b>															
Agree	638 32%	330 33%	308 30%	70 29%	128 38%	120 35%	110 31%	84 28%	126 29%	167 31%	157 28%	174 40%	140 29%	114 40%	275 32%
Disagree	667 33%	367 37%	300 29%	46 19%	75 22%	88 26%	132 37%	128 43%	197 45%	211 39%	178 32%	131 30%	147 31%	86 30%	274 32%
Don't know	720 36%	295 30%	425 41%	125 52%	138 40%	133 39%	118 33%	88 29%	118 27%	163 30%	226 40%	136 31%	195 40%	88 31%	298 35%

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Unweighted base	2025	1779	151	89	243	162	160	152	95	180	286	308	199	1139	760	379	886	154	153	99	275	205
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Disagree	437 22%	388 22%	32 18%	21 26%	40 18%	52 28%	42 23%	33 23%	17 16%	55 27%	44 17%	64 22%	38 21%	253 22%	196 22%	57 23%	184 21%	14 11%	19 14%	45 35%	84 26%	22 13%
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Table 3  
**Q2 Do you think that the Coalition Government is good or bad for Britain?**  
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<b><u>I am worried that another recession would have a severe impact on me and my family</u></b>															
Agree	1395 69%	621 63%	774 75%	133 55%	244 72%	260 76%	271 75%	214 71%	272 62%	362 67%	383 68%	301 68%	350 73%	208 72%	584 69%
Disagree	326 16%	215 22%	111 11%	38 16%	52 15%	44 13%	47 13%	49 16%	96 22%	116 21%	73 13%	79 18%	58 12%	51 18%	126 15%
Don't know	304 15%	156 16%	148 14%	70 29%	45 13%	36 11%	43 12%	37 12%	73 16%	64 12%	106 19%	61 14%	73 15%	28 10%	137 16%
<b><u>The debt crisis in Europe is putting the UK economy in danger</u></b>															
Agree	1424 70%	689 69%	735 71%	136 57%	224 66%	248 73%	263 73%	225 75%	328 75%	391 72%	363 65%	313 71%	357 74%	203 71%	575 68%
Disagree	233 12%	153 15%	80 8%	24 10%	44 13%	44 13%	37 10%	36 12%	48 11%	81 15%	62 11%	63 14%	27 6%	35 12%	110 13%
Don't know	368 18%	150 15%	217 21%	80 33%	73 21%	49 15%	61 17%	40 13%	64 15%	69 13%	136 24%	65 15%	97 20%	48 17%	162 19%
<b><u>If the British economy doesn't pick up very soon, the Government should reconsider its planned programme of spending cuts</u></b>															
Agree	1225 61%	568 57%	657 64%	132 55%	238 70%	223 66%	226 63%	175 58%	231 52%	296 55%	323 58%	283 64%	324 67%	191 67%	497 59%
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<b><u>In the current financial situation, the Government is more concerned with protecting the banks than the British public</u></b>															
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<b><u>The Government is in control of the economy</u></b>															
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Don't know	399 20%	178 18%	222 21%	75 31%	65 19%	64 19%	61 17%	47 16%	88 20%	106 20%	132 23%	76 17%	85 18%	59 21%	172 20%

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	Total	England	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of London	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	2025	1779	151	89	243	162	160	152	95	180	286	308	199	1139	760	379	886	154	153	99	275	205
Weighted base	2025	1742	182	81	223	182	182	142	101	203	263	284	182	1134	891	243	891	130	129	128	326	179
<b>I am worried that another recession would have a severe impact on me and my family</b>																						
Agree	1395 69%	1187 68%	143 78%	59 73%	155 70%	125 69%	114 63%	104 74%	66 65%	143 71%	161 61%	198 70%	126 69%	792 70%	624 70%	168 69%	603 68%	97 75%	95 74%	82 64%	189 58%	141 78%
Disagree	326 16%	289 17%	19 10%	13 16%	42 19%	30 16%	34 19%	21 15%	18 18%	28 14%	41 16%	48 17%	32 17%	177 16%	135 15%	42 17%	149 17%	12 9%	12 10%	29 23%	78 24%	18 10%
Don't know	304 15%	266 15%	20 11%	9 11%	26 12%	27 15%	34 19%	17 12%	17 17%	31 16%	61 23%	37 13%	24 13%	165 15%	132 15%	33 13%	139 16%	21 17%	21 17%	17 14%	58 18%	21 12%
<b>The debt crisis in Europe is putting the UK economy in danger</b>																						
Agree	1424 70%	1207 69%	145 79%	57 70%	160 72%	135 74%	129 71%	103 72%	73 72%	147 73%	158 60%	197 70%	121 66%	778 69%	601 67%	177 73%	646 72%	95 73%	89 69%	96 75%	247 76%	118 66%
Disagree	233 12%	211 12%	10 6%	7 9%	27 12%	23 13%	24 13%	12 9%	13 12%	21 10%	34 13%	40 14%	22 12%	145 13%	117 13%	28 12%	88 10%	9 7%	13 10%	14 11%	35 11%	17 10%
Don't know	368 18%	324 19%	27 15%	17 21%	35 16%	24 13%	29 16%	27 19%	16 16%	35 17%	71 27%	47 16%	39 21%	210 19%	173 19%	38 15%	157 18%	26 20%	27 21%	18 14%	43 13%	44 24%
<b>If the British economy doesn't pick up very soon, the Government should reconsider its planned programme of spending cuts</b>																						
Agree	1225 61%	1015 58%	138 76%	57 71%	143 64%	106 58%	106 58%	89 63%	72 71%	103 51%	140 53%	165 58%	106 58%	688 61%	546 61%	142 59%	537 60%	92 71%	89 69%	68 53%	165 51%	123 69%
Disagree	454 22%	409 23%	28 15%	12 15%	49 22%	44 24%	41 23%	30 21%	17 17%	66 32%	52 20%	72 25%	43 23%	243 21%	182 20%	62 25%	210 24%	16 12%	20 15%	33 26%	117 36%	24 14%
Don't know	346 17%	318 18%	17 9%	11 14%	32 14%	32 18%	35 19%	23 16%	12 11%	34 17%	71 27%	46 16%	34 18%	202 18%	164 18%	39 16%	143 16%	22 17%	20 16%	26 21%	43 13%	32 18%

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Table 4

Q3 Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

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	Total	England	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West	NET: Work-ing	Work-ing full time	Work-ing part time	NET: Not work-ing	Not working seeking work	Not working and not seeking work	Retired on a state pension only	Retired with a private pension	House person
Weighted base	2025	1742	182	81	223	182	182	142	101	203	263	284	182	1134	891	243	891	130	129	128	326	179
<b><u>In the current financial situation, the Government is more concerned with protecting the banks than the British public</u></b>																						
Agree	1306 64%	1100 63%	129 71%	62 76%	146 65%	121 66%	110 61%	94 67%	77 76%	114 56%	166 63%	167 59%	121 66%	742 65%	597 67%	144 59%	564 63%	91 70%	87 68%	79 62%	188 58%	118 66%
Disagree	344 17%	306 18%	29 16%	8 10%	33 15%	34 18%	39 21%	24 17%	9 9%	48 24%	29 11%	66 23%	25 14%	187 17%	141 16%	46 19%	156 18%	14 10%	13 10%	22 17%	86 27%	21 12%
Don't know	376 19%	336 19%	25 14%	11 14%	44 20%	28 15%	33 18%	24 17%	15 15%	40 20%	68 26%	50 18%	37 20%	205 18%	153 17%	52 21%	171 19%	25 19%	28 22%	27 21%	51 16%	40 22%
<b><u>The Government is in control of the economy</u></b>																						
Agree	641 32%	557 32%	52 28%	19 24%	69 31%	47 26%	57 31%	39 28%	33 33%	76 37%	88 33%	103 36%	59 32%	358 32%	274 31%	84 35%	283 32%	23 18%	40 31%	42 33%	125 38%	53 30%
Disagree	984 49%	830 48%	104 57%	53 66%	118 53%	104 57%	85 47%	70 50%	50 49%	84 42%	111 42%	119 42%	84 46%	544 48%	431 48%	113 46%	440 49%	81 62%	73 56%	62 49%	142 44%	82 46%
Don't know	399 20%	355 20%	26 15%	9 11%	36 16%	31 17%	40 22%	32 23%	18 18%	42 21%	64 24%	62 22%	39 22%	231 20%	186 21%	46 19%	168 19%	26 20%	16 13%	23 18%	59 18%	44 24%