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	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	2031	1028	1003	209	340	422	361	318	381	783	488	278	482	539	521	512	283	176
Weighted base	2031	995	1036	244	325	386	345	305	426	548	589	427	467	516	536	510	293	176
<u>Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne</u>																		
Yes	500	304	196	32	48	88	68	97	167	176	128	114	82	141	138	122	74	25
	25%	31%	19%	13%	15%	23%	20%	32%	39%	32%	22%	27%	18%	27%	26%	24%	25%	14%
No	974	501	473	118	173	189	194	139	161	254	284	181	254	229	238	265	142	100
	48%	50%	46%	49%	53%	49%	56%	46%	38%	46%	48%	43%	54%	44%	44%	52%	49%	57%
Don't know	557	191	366	94	104	110	84	68	98	118	177	131	131	146	160	123	77	51
	27%	19%	35%	38%	32%	28%	24%	22%	23%	21%	30%	31%	28%	28%	30%	24%	26%	29%
<u>Prime Minister, David Cameron</u>																		
Yes	745	405	340	71	87	136	106	123	222	252	213	153	127	206	224	174	107	34
	37%	41%	33%	29%	27%	35%	31%	40%	52%	46%	36%	36%	27%	40%	42%	34%	37%	19%
No	978	490	488	125	176	189	194	142	152	229	274	207	268	229	231	274	141	103
	48%	49%	47%	51%	54%	49%	56%	47%	36%	42%	46%	49%	57%	44%	43%	54%	48%	59%
Don't know	308	100	208	48	62	61	46	40	52	67	102	66	72	82	81	61	45	39
	15%	10%	20%	20%	19%	16%	13%	13%	12%	12%	17%	15%	15%	16%	15%	12%	15%	22%
<u>Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg</u>																		
Yes	494	273	221	45	61	97	63	85	143	169	138	103	84	125	154	118	68	29
	24%	27%	21%	18%	19%	25%	18%	28%	34%	31%	23%	24%	18%	24%	29%	23%	23%	17%
No	1147	586	561	138	194	215	228	172	201	279	326	250	292	285	275	314	164	109
	56%	59%	54%	57%	60%	56%	66%	56%	47%	51%	55%	59%	62%	55%	51%	62%	56%	62%
Don't know	390	137	253	61	70	75	55	47	82	101	125	74	91	106	107	78	61	38
	19%	14%	24%	25%	22%	19%	16%	16%	19%	18%	21%	17%	19%	21%	20%	15%	21%	22%

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Weighted base	2031	995	1036	244	325	386	345	305	426	548	589	427	467	516	536	510	293	176
<u>Leader of the Opposition, Ed Miliband</u>																		
Yes	365	207	157	55	69	65	84	48	45	98	105	62	100	87	75	113	50	40
	18%	21%	15%	23%	21%	17%	24%	16%	10%	18%	18%	15%	21%	17%	14%	22%	17%	22%
No	1162	597	565	115	163	232	184	179	288	343	347	238	235	300	337	285	171	69
	57%	60%	55%	47%	50%	60%	53%	59%	68%	63%	59%	56%	50%	58%	63%	56%	58%	39%
Don't know	504	191	313	73	93	88	78	78	93	108	137	126	133	129	124	112	72	67
	25%	19%	30%	30%	29%	23%	23%	26%	22%	20%	23%	30%	28%	25%	23%	22%	24%	38%
<u>Shadow Chancellor, Ed Balls</u>																		
Yes	292	170	122	20	44	59	72	37	61	101	74	43	75	62	62	99	36	34
	14%	17%	12%	8%	14%	15%	21%	12%	14%	18%	12%	10%	16%	12%	12%	19%	12%	19%
No	1154	611	543	127	161	220	185	184	278	330	347	235	242	301	333	277	163	80
	57%	61%	52%	52%	49%	57%	54%	60%	65%	60%	59%	55%	52%	58%	62%	54%	56%	45%
Don't know	584	213	371	97	120	108	88	84	88	118	168	148	149	153	140	134	94	62
	29%	21%	36%	40%	37%	28%	26%	28%	21%	22%	29%	35%	32%	30%	26%	26%	32%	35%

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Yes	500 25%	25 14%	19 20%	61 26%	42 23%	43 23%	16 15%	48 25%	66 26%	75 29%	57 31%	47 30%
No	974 48%	100 57%	52 56%	123 52%	90 50%	86 46%	65 60%	93 49%	121 47%	108 41%	77 42%	59 38%
Don't know	557 27%	51 29%	21 23%	54 23%	47 26%	59 31%	26 25%	50 26%	68 27%	78 30%	50 27%	52 33%
<u>Prime Minister, David Cameron</u>												
Yes	745 37%	34 19%	33 36%	76 32%	66 37%	73 39%	28 26%	80 42%	91 36%	115 44%	79 43%	71 45%
No	978 48%	103 59%	51 56%	131 55%	92 51%	88 47%	63 59%	85 44%	124 49%	105 40%	77 42%	59 37%
Don't know	308 15%	39 22%	8 9%	32 14%	21 12%	27 15%	16 15%	26 14%	41 16%	41 16%	29 16%	27 17%
<u>Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg</u>												
Yes	494 24%	29 17%	20 22%	55 23%	42 24%	55 29%	18 17%	55 29%	52 20%	73 28%	50 27%	43 27%
No	1147 56%	109 62%	62 68%	143 60%	109 61%	86 46%	68 63%	111 58%	150 59%	135 52%	96 52%	78 49%
Don't know	390 19%	38 22%	10 11%	40 17%	28 16%	46 25%	21 20%	24 13%	53 21%	53 20%	39 21%	37 23%

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Yes	365 18%	40 22%	18 20%	61 26%	33 19%	32 17%	19 18%	23 12%	58 23%	30 11%	31 17%	21 13%
No	1162 57%	69 39%	56 61%	125 53%	103 57%	107 57%	61 56%	124 65%	132 52%	168 64%	110 60%	106 67%
Don't know	504 25%	67 38%	17 19%	52 22%	43 24%	49 26%	27 26%	43 23%	66 26%	63 24%	44 24%	31 20%
<u>Shadow Chancellor, Ed Balls</u>												
Yes	292 14%	34 19%	17 18%	49 21%	32 18%	28 15%	16 15%	19 10%	29 12%	32 12%	20 11%	15 10%
No	1154 57%	80 45%	48 52%	137 58%	92 51%	104 55%	60 55%	120 63%	131 51%	170 65%	103 56%	110 69%
Don't know	584 29%	62 35%	27 29%	52 22%	55 31%	56 30%	32 30%	52 27%	95 37%	58 22%	62 34%	33 21%

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Table 2

Q11. Which one of the following groups do you think is going to be worst affected by the expected cuts in public spending?

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	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	2031	1028	1003	209	340	422	361	318	381	783	488	278	482	539	521	512	283	176
Weighted base	2031	995	1036	244	325	386	345	305	426	548	589	427	467	516	536	510	293	176
Adults on low incomes	1018	523	495	144	169	178	207	146	173	224	290	228	276	257	237	268	156	101
	50%	53%	48%	59%	52%	46%	60%	48%	41%	41%	49%	53%	59%	50%	44%	52%	53%	57%
Adults on middle incomes	629	311	319	64	117	147	88	88	124	224	209	125	72	176	180	154	80	39
	31%	31%	31%	26%	36%	38%	25%	29%	29%	41%	35%	29%	15%	34%	34%	30%	27%	22%
The elderly	251	111	139	16	14	28	32	52	108	73	56	43	78	46	89	59	37	19
	12%	11%	13%	6%	4%	7%	9%	17%	25%	13%	10%	10%	17%	9%	17%	12%	13%	11%
Children	89	27	63	11	18	20	13	15	12	13	26	23	27	22	16	25	14	12
	4%	3%	6%	5%	6%	5%	4%	5%	3%	2%	4%	5%	6%	4%	3%	5%	5%	7%
Adults on high incomes	44	24	20	8	6	11	6	4	10	14	9	7	14	15	14	5	6	5
	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	3%	3%	1%	2%	3%

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Adults on middle incomes	629 31%	39 22%	31 34%	59 25%	64 36%	65 35%	32 29%	59 31%	87 34%	89 34%	49 26%	56 35%
The elderly	251 12%	19 11%	5 6%	33 14%	21 12%	25 13%	9 8%	37 20%	15 6%	32 12%	28 15%	27 17%
Children	89 4%	12 7%	1 1%	15 6%	9 5%	7 4%	7 6%	6 3%	11 4%	11 4%	7 4%	2 2%
Adults on high incomes	44 2%	5 3%	1 2%	3 1%	1 *	4 2%	2 2%	6 3%	10 4%	5 2%	4 2%	4 3%

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Table 3

Q10. How, if at all, do you think the public spending cuts to be announced in the Spending Review will affect you personally?

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NET: Positively	252 12%	139 14%	113 11%	19 8%	33 10%	36 9%	37 11%	44 14%	84 20%	57 10%	57 10%	52 12%	87 19%	65 13%	61 11%	54 11%	44 15%	28 16%
Very positively	(5) 66 3%	27 3%	39 4%	5 2%	3 1%	10 3%	12 4%	17 6%	19 4%	9 2%	8 1%	15 3%	34 7%	10 2%	18 3%	21 4%	8 3%	9 5%
Quite positively	(4) 186 9%	112 11%	75 7%	13 6%	30 9%	26 7%	24 7%	27 9%	66 15%	48 9%	49 8%	37 9%	53 11%	55 11%	43 8%	33 6%	36 12%	20 11%
I don't think they will affect me	(3) 252 12%	154 15%	98 9%	34 14%	41 13%	35 9%	23 7%	43 14%	76 18%	93 17%	63 11%	53 12%	43 9%	67 13%	64 12%	57 11%	47 16%	16 9%
Quite negatively	(2) 875 43%	446 45%	429 41%	110 45%	132 41%	181 47%	168 49%	122 40%	161 38%	280 51%	242 41%	190 45%	163 35%	228 44%	242 45%	222 44%	97 33%	86 49%
Very negatively	(1) 394 19%	177 18%	217 21%	38 16%	81 25%	89 23%	89 26%	50 16%	48 11%	71 13%	139 24%	81 19%	103 22%	87 17%	98 18%	113 22%	65 22%	32 18%
NET: Negatively	1269 62%	623 63%	646 62%	149 61%	213 65%	270 70%	256 74%	172 57%	209 49%	351 64%	381 65%	271 64%	266 57%	315 61%	339 63%	335 66%	162 55%	118 67%
Don't know	258 13%	79 8%	179 17%	42 17%	38 12%	45 12%	30 9%	45 15%	58 14%	49 9%	88 15%	51 12%	71 15%	68 13%	72 13%	64 13%	40 14%	14 8%
Mean	2.24	2.31	2.17	2.19	2.10	2.08	2.06	2.38	2.58	2.29	2.09	2.24	2.37	2.27	2.23	2.16	2.31	2.31
Standard deviation	1.03	1.01	1.05	0.91	0.96	0.96	1.01	1.11	1.08	0.89	0.97	1.02	1.24	0.99	1.01	1.04	1.10	1.08
Standard error	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.03	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.07	0.09

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NET: Positively	252 12%	28 16%	6 6%	27 11%	22 12%	23 12%	16 15%	24 13%	32 12%	34 13%	28 15%	13 9%
Very positively	(5) 66 3%	9 5%	2 2%	12 5%	7 4%	2 1%	- -	16 8%	7 3%	3 1%	8 4%	1 *
Quite positively	(4) 186 9%	20 11%	4 4%	14 6%	14 8%	21 11%	16 15%	8 4%	25 10%	31 12%	20 11%	13 8%
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Quite negatively	(2) 875 43%	86 49%	39 43%	100 42%	83 46%	85 45%	39 36%	93 49%	115 45%	113 43%	58 31%	63 40%
Very negatively	(1) 394 19%	32 18%	21 23%	56 24%	35 20%	35 19%	29 27%	31 17%	39 15%	48 18%	37 20%	31 20%
NET: Negatively	1269 62%	118 67%	60 65%	157 66%	118 66%	121 64%	67 62%	125 66%	155 60%	161 62%	95 51%	94 60%
Don't know	258 13%	14 8%	14 15%	29 12%	21 12%	28 15%	11 11%	18 10%	37 15%	31 12%	29 16%	26 16%
Mean	2.24	2.31	2.05	2.17	2.21	2.18	2.17	2.32	2.29	2.25	2.39	2.16
Standard deviation	1.03	1.08	0.91	1.08	1.04	0.96	1.04	1.11	0.99	0.98	1.13	0.91
Standard error	0.02	0.09	0.10	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.11	0.09	0.07	0.06	0.09	0.08

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Table 4

Q12. If interest rates were to increase later this year, would it have a positive or negative effect on your household's budget?

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NET: Positive	546 27%	294 29%	253 24%	46 19%	53 16%	66 17%	67 19%	103 34%	211 49%	193 35%	133 23%	120 28%	100 21%	138 27%	160 30%	125 25%	85 29%	37 21%
Very positive	(5) 170 8%	84 8%	87 8%	15 6%	11 4%	23 6%	25 7%	25 8%	71 17%	52 10%	42 7%	38 9%	38 8%	37 7%	56 10%	39 8%	29 10%	10 6%
Fairly positive	(4) 376 19%	210 21%	166 16%	32 13%	41 13%	43 11%	42 12%	78 26%	139 33%	141 26%	91 15%	82 19%	62 13%	101 20%	104 19%	87 17%	57 19%	27 15%
Neutral/none	(3) 566 28%	295 30%	271 26%	67 28%	82 25%	114 30%	94 27%	94 31%	115 27%	146 27%	166 28%	103 24%	151 32%	135 26%	148 28%	146 29%	82 28%	55 31%
Fairly negative	(2) 479 24%	239 24%	241 23%	69 28%	99 31%	91 24%	96 28%	64 21%	60 14%	117 21%	161 27%	113 27%	87 19%	134 26%	119 22%	124 24%	55 19%	47 27%
Very negative	(1) 309 15%	135 14%	174 17%	30 12%	61 19%	86 22%	73 21%	30 10%	28 7%	70 13%	93 16%	65 15%	81 17%	70 14%	77 14%	86 17%	48 16%	28 16%
NET: Negative	788 39%	374 38%	414 40%	99 41%	160 49%	177 46%	169 49%	95 31%	88 21%	187 34%	254 43%	179 42%	168 36%	204 40%	195 36%	210 41%	103 35%	75 43%
Don't know	131 6%	33 3%	98 9%	31 13%	31 9%	29 8%	15 4%	13 4%	13 3%	23 4%	36 6%	25 6%	47 10%	39 8%	33 6%	28 6%	22 8%	9 5%
Mean	2.80	2.86	2.73	2.68	2.47	2.51	2.55	3.01	3.40	2.98	2.69	2.78	2.74	2.79	2.89	2.72	2.86	2.67
Standard deviation	1.19	1.17	1.21	1.11	1.09	1.17	1.18	1.12	1.13	1.19	1.16	1.21	1.19	1.16	1.22	1.18	1.24	1.12
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.08	0.09

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NET: Positive	546 27%	37 21%	24 26%	59 25%	42 24%	44 23%	26 24%	58 30%	59 23%	80 31%	60 32%	59 37%
Very positive	(5) 170 8%	10 6%	3 3%	19 8%	16 9%	11 6%	8 7%	16 9%	16 6%	21 8%	21 11%	29 18%
Fairly positive	(4) 376 19%	27 15%	21 23%	39 17%	26 14%	33 17%	17 16%	41 22%	42 17%	59 23%	39 21%	30 19%
Neutral/none	(3) 566 28%	55 31%	27 30%	62 26%	56 31%	44 23%	32 30%	57 30%	66 26%	69 27%	49 27%	47 30%
Fairly negative	(2) 479 24%	47 27%	22 23%	59 25%	44 24%	56 30%	13 12%	36 19%	69 27%	65 25%	42 23%	26 17%
Very negative	(1) 309 15%	28 16%	15 17%	48 20%	23 13%	28 15%	25 23%	31 16%	40 16%	30 11%	23 12%	17 11%
NET: Negative	788 39%	75 43%	37 40%	106 45%	67 37%	84 45%	39 36%	67 35%	109 43%	95 36%	65 35%	44 28%
Don't know	131 6%	9 5%	3 4%	11 5%	14 8%	16 9%	11 11%	8 4%	22 9%	17 6%	11 6%	8 5%
Mean	2.80	2.67	2.72	2.67	2.81	2.67	2.69	2.86	2.68	2.90	2.96	3.17
Standard deviation	1.19	1.12	1.12	1.23	1.16	1.15	1.27	1.21	1.16	1.15	1.21	1.26
Standard error	0.03	0.09	0.12	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.13	0.10	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.10