

Table 1

Q.1 Given the current state of the economy, who do you think is more open and honest about the need to cut public spending in order to reduce the level of national debt?

Base: All respondents

	<u>Gender</u>			<u>Age</u>						<u>Social Grade</u>				<u>Region</u>				
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>18-24</u>	<u>25-34</u>	<u>35-44</u>	<u>45-54</u>	<u>55-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>C1</u>	<u>C2</u>	<u>DE</u>	<u>South East</u>	<u>Mid-lands</u>	<u>North Eng-land</u>	<u>Wales & South West</u>	<u>Scot-land</u>
Unweighted base	1009	449	560	75	103	177	181	215	258	278	250	169	312	244	270	259	143	93
Weighted base	1009	484	525	120	160	200	170	150	210	262	293	212	242	264	264	249	142	89
David Cameron	389	207	181	45	55	81	65	52	91	116	114	74	85	108	106	82	67	27
	39%	43%	35%	38%	35%	40%	38%	35%	43%	44%	39%	35%	35%	41%	40%	33%	47%	30%
Gordon Brown	255	108	147	33	45	55	45	37	40	65	58	60	72	64	60	63	36	31
	25%	22%	28%	27%	28%	27%	27%	25%	19%	25%	20%	28%	30%	24%	23%	25%	26%	35%
Neither	250	120	130	9	33	49	51	44	65	58	83	56	53	63	64	73	24	26
	25%	25%	25%	7%	20%	24%	30%	30%	31%	22%	28%	27%	22%	24%	24%	29%	17%	30%
Don't know	115	49	66	33	27	15	9	16	15	23	38	22	33	30	35	31	15	5
	11%	10%	13%	28%	17%	8%	5%	11%	7%	9%	13%	10%	14%	11%	13%	12%	11%	6%

Table 2

Q.2 If the Conservatives win the next election, do you think they would be better, worse or the same as Labour at managing public finances?

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Better	287 28%	154 32%	133 25%	32 27%	42 27%	43 21%	38 23%	44 30%	87 41%	74 28%	93 32%	66 31%	54 22%	88 33%	77 29%	66 27%	39 27%	18 20%
Worse	148 15%	72 15%	76 14%	13 11%	16 10%	35 17%	29 17%	23 16%	32 15%	37 14%	32 11%	32 15%	47 19%	34 13%	35 13%	43 17%	19 14%	17 19%
Same	486 48%	222 46%	264 50%	59 49%	85 53%	105 53%	92 54%	71 47%	74 35%	133 51%	144 49%	89 42%	119 49%	122 46%	134 51%	112 45%	72 50%	47 53%
Don't know	88 9%	36 7%	51 10%	15 12%	17 10%	17 8%	11 6%	11 8%	17 8%	18 7%	23 8%	25 12%	22 9%	21 8%	19 7%	28 11%	13 9%	7 8%

Table 3
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<u>I would support cuts in public spending on things like schools and hospitals to reduce the level of national debt</u>																		
Agree	329 33%	153 32%	176 34%	49 41%	59 37%	47 23%	47 28%	41 27%	87 41%	76 29%	84 29%	86 40%	83 34%	97 37%	92 35%	80 32%	38 26%	23 25%
Disagree	658 65%	319 66%	339 65%	66 55%	97 61%	152 76%	118 70%	107 71%	118 56%	186 71%	205 70%	121 57%	146 60%	160 60%	166 63%	166 66%	103 72%	64 72%
Don't know	22 2%	13 3%	10 2%	5 4%	3 2%	1 1%	4 3%	2 2%	5 3%	* *	3 1%	5 3%	13 5%	8 3%	6 2%	4 2%	2 1%	2 2%
<u>Given the current state of the nation's finances public sector workers including nurses, doctors and policemen should accept a pay freeze</u>																		
Agree	398 39%	225 46%	173 33%	43 36%	54 34%	78 39%	66 39%	63 42%	95 45%	102 39%	109 37%	83 39%	104 43%	110 41%	99 37%	86 35%	66 46%	38 42%
Disagree	582 58%	246 51%	336 64%	74 61%	102 64%	116 58%	98 58%	83 55%	110 52%	156 59%	173 59%	123 58%	130 54%	147 55%	159 60%	156 63%	73 52%	48 54%
Don't know	29 3%	14 3%	15 3%	3 3%	4 3%	6 3%	6 3%	4 3%	5 2%	4 2%	11 4%	5 3%	8 3%	8 3%	7 3%	7 3%	3 2%	4 4%

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Weighted base	1009	484	525	120	160	200	170	150	210	262	293	212	242	264	264	249	142	89
<u>In the current economic climate I would be prepared to pay higher taxes in order to reduce the level of national debt</u>																		
Agree	306 30%	179 37%	127 24%	19 16%	50 31%	61 31%	45 27%	57 38%	74 35%	100 38%	85 29%	53 25%	68 28%	77 29%	67 25%	81 32%	51 36%	30 34%
Disagree	676 67%	296 61%	380 72%	99 83%	110 69%	136 68%	121 71%	87 58%	124 59%	159 61%	199 68%	158 74%	160 66%	181 68%	192 73%	156 63%	89 62%	59 66%
Don't know	27 3%	9 2%	18 3%	2 1%	- -	2 1%	4 2%	6 4%	13 6%	4 1%	8 3%	1 *	14 6%	6 2%	5 2%	13 5%	3 2%	- -
<u>If the economy starts to grow again before the next election it will be due mainly to the rescue package put in place by the Government</u>																		
Agree	425 42%	206 43%	219 42%	58 48%	74 47%	79 39%	63 37%	65 43%	87 41%	98 37%	114 39%	102 48%	111 46%	106 40%	117 44%	109 44%	51 36%	42 48%
Disagree	513 51%	242 50%	271 52%	50 42%	70 44%	109 55%	99 58%	80 53%	104 49%	148 56%	153 52%	100 47%	111 46%	136 51%	131 50%	120 48%	79 56%	46 51%
Don't know	71 7%	36 7%	35 7%	12 10%	15 9%	12 6%	8 5%	5 3%	20 9%	16 6%	26 9%	9 4%	20 8%	22 8%	16 6%	20 8%	12 9%	1 1%