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Table 1
Q3. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about each of the following?

Base:

	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	2030	998	1032	206	339	425	362	317	381	737	533	259	501	538	507	515	288	182
Weighted base	2030	995	1035	244	325	385	345	305	427	548	589	426	467	516	536	509	293	176
<u>The future state of the UK economy</u>																		
Optimistic	621	363	258	69	93	120	81	82	177	209	168	130	114	152	204	155	78	33
	31%	37%	25%	28%	29%	31%	23%	27%	41%	38%	29%	31%	24%	29%	38%	30%	27%	19%
Pessimistic	1149	528	621	122	178	221	229	190	208	281	338	256	274	298	266	298	168	119
	57%	53%	60%	50%	55%	57%	66%	62%	49%	51%	57%	60%	59%	58%	50%	59%	57%	67%
Don't know	260	103	156	52	54	45	35	33	42	58	82	40	79	66	67	56	47	24
	13%	10%	15%	21%	17%	12%	10%	11%	10%	11%	14%	9%	17%	13%	12%	11%	16%	14%
<u>Your personal financial situation</u>																		
Optimistic	909	497	412	129	143	157	135	120	226	301	267	191	149	231	255	228	120	74
	45%	50%	40%	53%	44%	41%	39%	39%	53%	55%	45%	45%	32%	45%	48%	45%	41%	42%
Pessimistic	847	382	465	80	125	168	166	151	157	184	237	177	248	214	204	215	131	83
	42%	38%	45%	33%	39%	43%	48%	50%	37%	34%	40%	42%	53%	42%	38%	42%	45%	47%
Don't know	274	116	158	35	57	61	45	34	44	62	85	58	70	70	77	66	42	19
	14%	12%	15%	14%	18%	16%	13%	11%	10%	11%	14%	14%	15%	14%	14%	13%	14%	11%
Base: All in market for work	1339	712	627	223	299	323	282	158	55	375	453	291	221	341	367	337	185	109
<u>Your job security in the future</u>																		
Optimistic	633	353	280	120	140	154	127	68	25	206	220	134	73	157	191	152	92	40
	47%	50%	45%	54%	47%	48%	45%	43%	45%	55%	49%	46%	33%	46%	52%	45%	50%	37%
Pessimistic	491	256	234	64	103	117	117	72	18	120	148	118	106	121	120	135	66	48
	37%	36%	37%	29%	34%	36%	41%	45%	33%	32%	33%	41%	48%	36%	33%	40%	36%	44%
Don't know	215	103	113	38	56	52	38	19	12	50	85	39	42	62	56	50	27	20
	16%	14%	18%	17%	19%	16%	14%	12%	22%	13%	19%	13%	19%	18%	15%	15%	14%	18%

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Table 2
Q6. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
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	2030	998	1032	206	339	425	362	317	381	737	533	259	501	538	507	515	288	182
Weighted base	2030	995	1035	244	325	385	345	305	427	548	589	426	467	516	536	509	293	176
<u>The way the government is going about cutting public spending is fair</u>																		
Agree	813	460	354	82	118	125	133	122	233	248	238	190	137	230	249	170	115	49
	40%	46%	34%	34%	36%	32%	39%	40%	55%	45%	40%	45%	29%	45%	46%	33%	39%	28%
Disagree	950	435	515	113	150	198	178	144	167	230	255	194	271	211	208	280	135	116
	47%	44%	50%	46%	46%	51%	52%	47%	39%	42%	43%	45%	58%	41%	39%	55%	46%	66%
Don't know	267	100	167	49	57	62	34	38	27	69	96	42	59	75	79	60	42	11
	13%	10%	16%	20%	18%	16%	10%	13%	6%	13%	16%	10%	13%	14%	15%	12%	14%	6%
<u>The government is cutting public spending too much and too quickly</u>																		
Agree	975	440	535	130	165	193	172	138	176	230	275	209	261	228	224	269	155	99
	48%	44%	52%	53%	51%	50%	50%	45%	41%	42%	47%	49%	56%	44%	42%	53%	53%	56%
Disagree	818	450	368	69	116	142	136	141	214	252	244	172	149	223	249	184	101	61
	40%	45%	36%	28%	36%	37%	39%	46%	50%	46%	42%	40%	32%	43%	46%	36%	34%	35%
Don't know	236	104	132	44	43	50	37	26	37	65	70	45	57	65	63	56	37	16
	12%	10%	13%	18%	13%	13%	11%	8%	9%	12%	12%	10%	12%	13%	12%	11%	13%	9%
<u>Things in this country are generally heading in the right direction</u>																		
Agree	751	414	337	84	106	123	113	112	214	242	214	160	135	209	224	176	101	40
	37%	42%	33%	34%	33%	32%	33%	37%	50%	44%	36%	38%	29%	41%	42%	35%	34%	23%
Disagree	822	384	438	92	148	174	155	125	129	190	236	175	221	207	178	218	120	99
	40%	39%	42%	38%	46%	45%	45%	41%	30%	35%	40%	41%	47%	40%	33%	43%	41%	56%
Don't know	457	197	260	68	71	89	78	68	84	116	139	90	112	100	134	115	72	37
	23%	20%	25%	28%	22%	23%	22%	22%	20%	21%	24%	21%	24%	19%	25%	23%	24%	21%
<u>The UK is on course for another wave of recession</u>																		
Agree	874	398	475	83	153	188	167	137	146	200	245	189	239	213	187	255	128	91
	43%	40%	46%	34%	47%	49%	48%	45%	34%	37%	42%	44%	51%	41%	35%	50%	44%	52%
Disagree	516	309	207	72	72	88	75	67	142	171	147	116	82	137	153	117	70	39
	25%	31%	20%	29%	22%	23%	22%	22%	33%	31%	25%	27%	18%	27%	29%	23%	24%	22%
Don't know	641	287	353	89	100	109	103	100	139	177	196	122	146	166	196	138	95	47
	32%	29%	34%	36%	31%	28%	30%	33%	33%	32%	33%	29%	31%	32%	37%	27%	32%	26%

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Table 3

Q7. Are you more or less worried about each of the following than you were three months ago, or is there no difference?

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	2030	998	1032	206	339	425	362	317	381	737	533	259	501	538	507	515	288	182
Weighted base	2030	995	1035	244	325	385	345	305	427	548	589	426	467	516	536	509	293	176
<u>My personal financial situation</u>																		
More worried	875	382	493	111	144	174	176	127	143	202	235	192	247	216	217	232	135	75
	43%	38%	48%	46%	44%	45%	51%	42%	33%	37%	40%	45%	53%	42%	40%	46%	46%	43%
No difference	808	421	387	67	101	147	126	137	229	233	248	152	176	207	217	189	131	64
	40%	42%	37%	27%	31%	38%	37%	45%	54%	43%	42%	36%	38%	40%	40%	37%	45%	37%
Less worried	347	192	155	65	79	64	42	41	55	113	106	83	44	93	102	88	26	37
	17%	19%	15%	27%	24%	17%	12%	13%	13%	21%	18%	20%	9%	18%	19%	17%	9%	21%
<u>My family's future</u>																		
More worried	774	338	436	86	135	152	153	105	142	181	212	154	227	172	207	200	127	68
	38%	34%	42%	35%	42%	40%	44%	34%	33%	33%	36%	36%	49%	33%	39%	39%	43%	39%
No difference	962	486	477	98	128	178	151	170	237	271	302	186	203	278	238	225	139	83
	47%	49%	46%	40%	39%	46%	44%	56%	56%	50%	51%	44%	43%	54%	44%	44%	47%	47%
Less worried	294	171	123	60	62	55	40	30	48	95	75	86	37	66	91	84	28	25
	14%	17%	12%	24%	19%	14%	12%	10%	11%	17%	13%	20%	8%	13%	17%	17%	9%	14%
<u>The state of the economy</u>																		
More worried	976	448	528	89	152	184	191	161	199	238	278	196	263	235	215	275	154	97
	48%	45%	51%	37%	47%	48%	55%	53%	47%	43%	47%	46%	56%	46%	40%	54%	53%	55%
No difference	652	294	358	99	116	137	100	98	101	171	200	123	157	176	196	146	87	46
	32%	30%	35%	41%	36%	36%	29%	32%	24%	31%	34%	29%	34%	34%	37%	29%	30%	26%
Less worried	403	253	150	55	56	64	55	46	126	138	111	107	47	105	125	88	52	33
	20%	25%	14%	23%	17%	17%	16%	15%	30%	25%	19%	25%	10%	20%	23%	17%	18%	18%

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Table 4

Q7. Are you more or less worried about each of the following than you were three months ago, or is there no difference?

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	2030	998	1032	206	339	425	362	317	381	737	533	259	501	538	507	515	288	182
Weighted base	2030	995	1035	244	325	385	345	305	427	548	589	426	467	516	536	509	293	176
<u>Anti-social behaviour in my neighbourhood</u>																		
More worried	506	279	227	63	79	97	93	70	104	109	157	108	132	118	161	125	63	39
	25%	28%	22%	26%	24%	25%	27%	23%	24%	20%	27%	25%	28%	23%	30%	25%	21%	22%
No difference	1285	604	681	128	191	250	222	213	281	381	370	251	283	338	314	326	186	120
	63%	61%	66%	52%	59%	65%	64%	70%	66%	70%	63%	59%	61%	66%	59%	64%	64%	68%
Less worried	239	112	127	53	55	38	30	22	42	58	62	67	52	60	61	58	44	17
	12%	11%	12%	22%	17%	10%	9%	7%	10%	11%	10%	16%	11%	12%	11%	11%	15%	10%
<u>Crime</u>																		
More worried	671	358	313	72	95	136	118	98	152	152	182	148	189	153	193	167	99	59
	33%	36%	30%	29%	29%	35%	34%	32%	36%	28%	31%	35%	41%	30%	36%	33%	34%	33%
No difference	1183	548	636	124	189	220	207	191	251	345	356	235	248	323	297	294	165	105
	58%	55%	61%	51%	58%	57%	60%	63%	59%	63%	60%	55%	53%	63%	55%	58%	56%	60%
Less worried	176	89	87	47	41	29	19	15	24	51	51	44	30	40	46	49	29	12
	9%	9%	8%	19%	13%	8%	6%	5%	6%	9%	9%	10%	6%	8%	9%	10%	10%	7%
<u>The threat of social disorder in some communities around the country</u>																		
More worried	851	452	399	74	102	143	156	141	236	226	245	171	208	204	221	214	130	82
	42%	45%	39%	30%	31%	37%	45%	46%	55%	41%	42%	40%	44%	40%	41%	42%	44%	47%
No difference	1042	468	574	137	188	218	171	149	180	281	312	215	234	272	277	262	145	87
	51%	47%	55%	56%	58%	57%	50%	49%	42%	51%	53%	51%	50%	53%	52%	51%	49%	49%
Less worried	137	75	62	32	35	24	18	15	12	41	31	40	25	40	37	34	18	7
	7%	8%	6%	13%	11%	6%	5%	5%	3%	7%	5%	9%	5%	8%	7%	7%	6%	4%

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Table 5

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

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	2030	998	1032	206	339	425	362	317	381	737	533	259	501	538	507	515	288	182
Weighted base	2030	995	1035	244	325	385	345	305	427	548	589	426	467	516	536	509	293	176
NET: Positively	240 12%	135 14%	105 10%	28 12%	40 12%	47 12%	34 10%	38 12%	52 12%	52 10%	67 11%	56 13%	65 14%	75 14%	63 12%	59 12%	27 9%	17 9%
Very positively (+2)	43 2%	23 2%	21 2%	5 2%	10 3%	15 4%	7 2%	4 1%	3 1%	8 2%	13 2%	7 2%	15 3%	15 3%	12 2%	10 2%	6 2%	1 *
Quite positively (+1)	197 10%	112 11%	85 8%	24 10%	30 9%	33 8%	27 8%	34 11%	49 12%	44 8%	54 9%	49 12%	50 11%	59 11%	51 9%	49 10%	22 7%	16 9%
I don't think they will affect me (0)	492 24%	251 25%	241 23%	77 32%	73 23%	61 16%	67 20%	70 23%	143 34%	148 27%	148 25%	102 24%	94 20%	132 26%	131 24%	118 23%	76 26%	36 20%
Quite negatively (-1)	694 34%	363 37%	331 32%	61 25%	117 36%	152 40%	142 41%	99 32%	123 29%	226 41%	208 35%	128 30%	132 28%	190 37%	177 33%	152 30%	112 38%	63 36%
Very negatively (-2)	254 12%	124 12%	130 13%	36 15%	30 9%	62 16%	59 17%	48 16%	19 4%	55 10%	66 11%	62 15%	71 15%	45 9%	53 10%	88 17%	35 12%	32 18%
NET: Negatively	948 47%	487 49%	461 44%	97 40%	146 45%	215 56%	201 58%	146 48%	142 33%	280 51%	274 47%	190 45%	203 44%	235 46%	230 43%	240 47%	148 50%	95 54%
Don't know	350 17%	121 12%	228 22%	41 17%	64 20%	62 16%	42 12%	50 17%	89 21%	67 12%	100 17%	78 18%	105 22%	74 14%	112 21%	93 18%	42 14%	29 16%
Mean	-0.55	-0.52	-0.58	-0.50	-0.48	-0.67	-0.72	-0.60	-0.31	-0.57	-0.53	-0.54	-0.54	-0.43	-0.49	-0.62	-0.60	-0.74
Standard deviation	0.97	0.97	0.96	0.99	0.97	1.04	0.95	0.99	0.82	0.87	0.95	1.00	1.08	0.96	0.96	1.02	0.91	0.93
Standard error	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.07	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.08