

Budget Week Survey

ONLINE Fieldwork : 23rd - 24th March 2011

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Table 1

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	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	2005	990	1015	206	339	424	362	320	354	739	516	280	470	540	507	500	283	175
Weighted base	2005	982	1023	241	321	381	341	301	422	541	581	421	461	510	529	503	289	174
<u>I am optimistic that the government has put in place measures that will be effective in growing the economy</u>																		
Agree	657	381	276	65	89	108	95	104	195	192	197	141	128	169	184	161	97	46
	33%	39%	27%	27%	28%	28%	28%	35%	46%	35%	34%	33%	28%	33%	35%	32%	34%	27%
Disagree	868	413	455	108	145	187	159	137	132	237	245	173	212	216	214	230	124	83
	43%	42%	44%	45%	45%	49%	47%	45%	31%	44%	42%	41%	46%	42%	40%	46%	43%	48%
Don't know	480	189	292	67	87	86	86	60	95	113	139	107	121	125	131	112	68	45
	24%	19%	29%	28%	27%	23%	25%	20%	22%	21%	24%	25%	26%	24%	25%	22%	24%	26%
<u>The government is cutting public spending too much and too quickly</u>																		
Agree	1161	511	650	145	205	231	219	177	184	294	331	246	289	287	283	314	167	110
	58%	52%	64%	60%	64%	61%	64%	59%	44%	54%	57%	59%	63%	56%	54%	62%	58%	63%
Disagree	586	369	218	55	72	101	82	93	184	179	182	125	100	151	168	140	83	44
	29%	38%	21%	23%	22%	26%	24%	31%	44%	33%	31%	30%	22%	30%	32%	28%	29%	25%
Don't know	258	103	155	41	44	49	39	31	53	68	68	49	72	71	78	49	39	20
	13%	10%	15%	17%	14%	13%	12%	10%	13%	13%	12%	12%	16%	14%	15%	10%	14%	11%

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Weighted base	2005	982	1023	241	321	381	341	301	422	541	581	421	461	510	529	503	289	174
'The Chancellor, George Osborne, should have done more to help tackle rising fuel prices'																		
Agree	1419 71%	670 68%	749 73%	151 63%	239 75%	296 78%	253 74%	224 74%	255 61%	364 67%	399 69%	323 77%	333 72%	326 64%	377 71%	377 75%	214 74%	124 71%
Disagree	330 16%	203 21%	127 12%	31 13%	35 11%	46 12%	48 14%	53 18%	117 28%	122 23%	88 15%	64 15%	56 12%	101 20%	100 19%	66 13%	35 12%	27 16%
Don't know	256 13%	110 11%	146 14%	59 24%	46 14%	39 10%	40 12%	24 8%	49 12%	56 10%	94 16%	34 8%	73 16%	83 16%	52 10%	59 12%	40 14%	22 13%
'If the British economy doesn't pick up very soon, the Government should reconsider its planned programme of spending cuts'																		
Agree	1283 64%	602 61%	682 67%	145 60%	213 66%	249 65%	236 69%	189 63%	251 60%	337 62%	347 60%	283 67%	316 69%	306 60%	341 64%	326 65%	185 64%	125 72%
Disagree	407 20%	262 27%	145 14%	44 18%	46 14%	68 18%	58 17%	74 25%	117 28%	135 25%	134 23%	69 16%	68 15%	124 24%	110 21%	86 17%	60 21%	27 15%
Don't know	315 16%	119 12%	196 19%	51 21%	62 19%	64 17%	46 14%	39 13%	53 13%	70 13%	100 17%	69 16%	77 17%	80 16%	78 15%	91 18%	44 15%	22 13%

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Table 2

Q.2 In light of the budget announcements today/yesterday, do you think each of the following will get better or worse over the next six months?

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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
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<u>The state of the UK economy</u>																		
Better	442	257	185	50	77	74	62	62	117	145	144	78	75	103	133	110	64	32
	22%	26%	18%	21%	24%	20%	18%	21%	28%	27%	25%	19%	16%	20%	25%	22%	22%	18%
Worse	890	396	494	109	141	162	175	153	150	223	247	181	239	228	220	238	126	77
	44%	40%	48%	45%	44%	43%	51%	51%	36%	41%	42%	43%	52%	45%	42%	47%	44%	44%
No change	673	329	343	81	103	144	104	86	155	173	191	162	147	178	176	154	99	65
	34%	34%	34%	34%	32%	38%	31%	28%	37%	32%	33%	38%	32%	35%	33%	31%	34%	37%
<u>Your personal financial situation</u>																		
Better	251	137	114	51	59	51	30	29	31	83	87	42	39	67	64	67	33	19
	13%	14%	11%	21%	19%	13%	9%	10%	7%	15%	15%	10%	8%	13%	12%	13%	11%	11%
Worse	1031	471	560	100	165	219	209	161	178	264	268	227	272	259	263	252	169	88
	51%	48%	55%	42%	51%	57%	61%	54%	42%	49%	46%	54%	59%	51%	50%	50%	58%	51%
No change	723	374	349	90	96	111	102	111	213	195	226	152	150	184	202	184	87	67
	36%	38%	34%	37%	30%	29%	30%	37%	51%	36%	39%	36%	33%	36%	38%	37%	30%	38%

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Table 3

Q.3 In your view, is the Chancellor George Osborne right to describe today's/yesterday's Budget as a 'Budget for growth' or not?

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Yes	512 26%	305 31%	207 20%	47 20%	69 21%	84 22%	76 22%	80 27%	157 37%	181 33%	150 26%	90 21%	91 20%	142 28%	138 26%	107 21%	84 29%	41 24%
No	875 44%	443 45%	431 42%	99 41%	135 42%	194 51%	166 49%	138 46%	143 34%	231 43%	242 42%	178 42%	224 48%	220 43%	224 42%	218 43%	121 42%	92 53%
Don't know	618 31%	234 24%	384 38%	95 39%	117 36%	104 27%	99 29%	83 27%	121 29%	129 24%	189 32%	153 36%	147 32%	148 29%	167 32%	178 35%	84 29%	40 23%

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<u>It is right for the UK to take military action against Colonel Gaddafi's forces in Libya</u>																		
Agree	707 35%	441 45%	265 26%	75 31%	118 37%	132 35%	107 31%	109 36%	167 40%	224 41%	215 37%	150 36%	117 25%	191 38%	179 34%	169 34%	103 35%	64 37%
Disagree	896 45%	396 40%	500 49%	106 44%	131 41%	168 44%	172 50%	143 47%	177 42%	221 41%	238 41%	191 45%	246 53%	212 42%	247 47%	230 46%	125 43%	82 47%
Don't know	402 20%	145 15%	257 25%	60 25%	72 22%	81 21%	62 18%	50 16%	78 18%	96 18%	128 22%	80 19%	98 21%	106 21%	103 19%	104 21%	62 21%	28 16%
<u>Military action in Libya is an unnecessary risk for Britain to take</u>																		
Agree	1060 53%	468 48%	592 58%	136 56%	164 51%	195 51%	194 57%	167 55%	204 48%	258 48%	294 51%	229 55%	279 61%	250 49%	295 56%	268 53%	154 53%	93 54%
Disagree	647 32%	405 41%	241 24%	62 26%	110 34%	119 31%	105 31%	96 32%	154 37%	217 40%	191 33%	129 31%	110 24%	188 37%	158 30%	145 29%	102 35%	54 31%
Don't know	298 15%	109 11%	189 19%	43 18%	46 14%	66 17%	42 12%	38 13%	63 15%	66 12%	97 17%	63 15%	72 16%	71 14%	76 14%	91 18%	33 11%	27 15%

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<u>The international action being taken on Libya reflects well on David Cameron's leadership</u>																		
Agree	678 34%	401 41%	278 27%	93 38%	96 30%	113 30%	100 29%	95 32%	182 43%	210 39%	195 34%	152 36%	122 26%	201 39%	175 33%	163 32%	94 33%	46 26%
Disagree	787 39%	379 39%	408 40%	89 37%	124 39%	145 38%	148 43%	132 44%	149 35%	210 39%	210 36%	168 40%	199 43%	194 38%	196 37%	197 39%	120 41%	81 46%
Don't know	539 27%	203 21%	337 33%	59 25%	101 32%	123 32%	93 27%	73 24%	90 21%	121 22%	176 30%	101 24%	141 30%	115 23%	159 30%	143 28%	75 26%	48 27%
<u>It would be unacceptable for British armed forces personnel to risk death or injury while trying to protect Libyan opposition forces against Colonel Gaddafi's forces</u>																		
Agree	1194 60%	549 56%	645 63%	122 51%	166 52%	228 60%	215 63%	193 64%	270 64%	300 55%	339 58%	251 60%	304 66%	288 57%	327 62%	287 57%	180 62%	113 65%
Disagree	465 23%	294 30%	171 17%	61 25%	93 29%	84 22%	72 21%	62 21%	94 22%	162 30%	129 22%	102 24%	72 16%	130 26%	115 22%	120 24%	64 22%	35 20%
Don't know	346 17%	139 14%	207 20%	58 24%	62 19%	69 18%	53 16%	46 15%	58 14%	80 15%	113 19%	68 16%	85 18%	91 18%	87 16%	96 19%	45 16%	26 15%