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METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 2,031 British adults online between 14th and 16th February 2014. Data were weighted to be representative of all GB adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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ONLINE Fieldwork: 14th-16th February 2014

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

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Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector		
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Weighted base	2031	995	1036	241	342	342	362	302	442	543	563	442	483	252	885
Better reputation	141 7%	78 8%	63 6%	14 6%	30 9%	15 4%	22 6%	19 6%	42 10%	57 10%	25 5%	30 7%	28 6%	20 8%	55 6%
No difference	533 26%	251 25%	282 27%	70 29%	85 25%	90 26%	81 22%	86 29%	121 27%	132 24%	152 27%	139 31%	111 23%	62 25%	235 27%
Worse reputation	1279 63%	635 64%	644 62%	139 58%	208 61%	216 63%	251 69%	192 64%	273 62%	335 62%	368 65%	257 58%	319 66%	161 64%	559 63%
Don't know	78 4%	31 3%	47 5%	18 7%	20 6%	20 6%	8 2%	5 2%	6 1%	20 4%	18 3%	16 4%	24 5%	9 4%	35 4%

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Better reputation	141 7%	133 8%	3 2%	6 8%	10 4%	7 4%	14 8%	9 6%	5 5%	18 9%	33 13%	19 7%	16 9%	75 7%	60 7%	15 6%	65 7%	3 3%	9 6%	9 8%	36 9%	8 6%
No difference	533 26%	450 26%	51 28%	11 13%	58 26%	60 33%	55 30%	32 23%	32 31%	53 26%	60 23%	72 25%	50 27%	297 26%	232 26%	65 27%	236 26%	19 19%	39 26%	37 31%	103 26%	37 28%
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Don't know	78 4%	66 4%	10 6%	6 7%	12 5%	4 2%	5 3%	5 4%	2 2%	1 1%	21 8%	9 3%	3 2%	44 4%	31 3%	14 6%	34 4%	7 7%	11 7%	1 1%	7 2%	8 6%

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Table 2

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<u>The Government and environmental agencies have responded well to the recent flooding across the country</u>															
Agree	438 22%	225 23%	213 21%	58 24%	74 22%	88 26%	60 17%	57 19%	101 23%	122 23%	123 22%	109 25%	84 17%	61 24%	195 22%
Disagree	1265 62%	620 62%	645 62%	112 46%	187 55%	193 57%	254 70%	214 71%	304 69%	345 64%	361 64%	255 58%	304 63%	158 63%	515 58%
Don't know	328 16%	150 15%	178 17%	72 30%	81 24%	60 18%	48 13%	31 10%	37 8%	76 14%	79 14%	79 18%	95 20%	34 13%	174 20%
<u>Britain is well equipped to deal with the weather it is likely to face over the next five years</u>															
Agree	172 8%	99 10%	74 7%	34 14%	50 15%	37 11%	17 5%	10 3%	24 5%	60 11%	43 8%	35 8%	35 7%	23 9%	96 11%
Disagree	1595 79%	773 78%	822 79%	152 63%	226 66%	252 74%	318 88%	267 88%	381 86%	430 79%	456 81%	334 75%	376 78%	206 82%	660 75%
Don't know	263 13%	124 12%	140 13%	55 23%	67 20%	53 15%	27 8%	25 8%	37 8%	53 10%	64 11%	74 17%	72 15%	23 9%	129 15%
<u>The recent storms and flooding in the UK are probably a result of climate change mainly caused by human activity</u>															
Agree	843 41%	406 41%	436 42%	109 45%	145 42%	158 46%	155 43%	116 38%	160 36%	242 45%	230 41%	162 37%	208 43%	120 48%	351 40%
Disagree	618 30%	347 35%	270 26%	51 21%	85 25%	96 28%	110 31%	118 39%	157 36%	160 29%	166 30%	161 36%	131 27%	72 28%	270 31%
Don't know	571 28%	242 24%	329 32%	81 34%	111 33%	88 26%	97 27%	68 22%	125 28%	141 26%	166 30%	120 27%	144 30%	60 24%	264 30%

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<u>There is little the Government can do to minimise the effect of something as powerful as the weather</u>															
Agree	778 38%	421 42%	357 34%	82 34%	120 35%	130 38%	125 35%	126 42%	195 44%	217 40%	207 37%	180 41%	174 36%	104 41%	330 37%
Disagree	989 49%	472 47%	516 50%	93 39%	156 46%	163 48%	202 56%	153 51%	221 50%	275 51%	275 49%	206 47%	233 48%	118 47%	419 47%
Don't know	264 13%	102 10%	162 16%	66 27%	65 19%	48 14%	35 10%	22 7%	27 6%	51 9%	81 14%	56 13%	76 16%	30 12%	137 15%
<u>The Government does not appear to be in control of the flooding situation in Britain</u>															
Agree	1458 72%	707 71%	751 73%	140 58%	241 70%	247 72%	271 75%	234 78%	325 74%	402 74%	402 71%	302 68%	352 73%	188 74%	616 70%
Disagree	317 16%	173 17%	144 14%	41 17%	41 12%	53 15%	62 17%	45 15%	76 17%	80 15%	94 17%	75 17%	69 14%	39 15%	145 16%
Don't know	255 13%	115 12%	140 14%	60 25%	60 18%	43 12%	29 8%	22 7%	41 9%	60 11%	67 12%	65 15%	63 13%	26 10%	124 14%
<u>The Government is doing enough to help those affected by the flooding and storms</u>															
Agree	400 20%	225 23%	175 17%	44 18%	75 22%	78 23%	64 18%	55 18%	85 19%	129 24%	112 20%	89 20%	70 14%	56 22%	195 22%
Disagree	1252 62%	599 60%	653 63%	129 53%	180 52%	203 59%	248 68%	199 66%	294 66%	319 59%	349 62%	259 58%	326 68%	161 64%	518 58%
Don't know	379 19%	172 17%	207 20%	69 28%	87 26%	61 18%	50 14%	48 16%	63 14%	95 18%	102 18%	95 21%	87 18%	36 14%	173 20%

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Disagree	1246 61%	614 62%	631 61%	119 49%	183 53%	197 58%	250 69%	204 68%	293 66%	329 61%	345 61%	258 58%	314 65%	155 62%	511 58%
Don't know	292 14%	127 13%	165 16%	61 25%	72 21%	53 15%	45 12%	31 10%	30 7%	70 13%	69 12%	68 15%	84 17%	32 13%	151 17%
<u>£5,000 is about the right amount of money to offer businesses and homeowners hit by floods to better protect their properties in the future</u>															
Agree	471 23%	254 26%	217 21%	68 28%	94 27%	80 23%	63 17%	70 23%	95 22%	135 25%	128 23%	104 23%	105 22%	71 28%	228 26%
Disagree	771 38%	386 39%	385 37%	82 34%	117 34%	127 37%	145 40%	116 39%	184 42%	212 39%	191 34%	173 39%	195 40%	97 38%	314 35%
Don't know	789 39%	355 36%	434 42%	91 38%	131 38%	135 39%	153 42%	116 38%	163 37%	197 36%	244 43%	166 37%	183 38%	85 34%	343 39%

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Disagree	1265 62%	1084 62%	113 62%	55 67%	140 62%	107 59%	110 60%	101 71%	68 67%	132 65%	155 59%	174 61%	112 61%	673 59%	525 59%	148 61%	592 66%	69 67%	83 55%	78 65%	278 71%	84 64%
Don't know	328 16%	287 16%	30 16%	14 18%	38 17%	38 21%	30 16%	18 12%	11 11%	37 18%	41 15%	41 14%	32 17%	208 18%	163 18%	45 18%	120 13%	20 20%	38 25%	12 10%	26 7%	24 18%
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Don't know	263 13%	224 13%	33 18%	10 13%	30 13%	28 15%	23 13%	16 11%	6 6%	21 11%	39 15%	41 14%	16 9%	152 13%	120 13%	32 13%	111 12%	15 14%	32 22%	16 14%	25 7%	23 17%
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	38%	38%	44%	28%	35%	37%	44%	39%	38%	38%	34%	42%	37%	38%	38%	39%	39%	37%	29%	42%	44%	33%
Disagree	989	858	79	44	108	85	88	77	52	101	132	130	93	537	420	118	451	51	70	57	203	70
	49%	49%	43%	54%	48%	46%	48%	54%	51%	50%	50%	46%	51%	47%	47%	48%	51%	50%	47%	47%	52%	53%
Don't know	264	230	23	14	37	31	15	9	11	26	43	34	22	167	136	31	97	14	36	13	16	19
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Disagree	317	279	20	12	25	27	38	18	19	36	53	48	23	184	133	51	134	7	20	26	60	21
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Don't know	255	220	28	11	24	36	16	20	8	20	33	39	20	150	121	28	106	11	37	8	33	18
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Disagree	1252	1080	104	55	141	110	112	92	67	139	148	164	119	678	544	134	574	71	83	83	255	81
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