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METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 2,050 British adults online from 5th to 7th April 2013. Data were weighted to be demographically 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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Weighted base	2050	1005	1045	244	345	345	365	304	446	548	568	447	487	284	864
Support	849 41%	467 47%	381 36%	75 31%	124 36%	119 34%	150 41%	142 47%	240 54%	282 51%	265 47%	168 38%	133 27%	119 42%	361 42%
Oppose	732 36%	362 36%	370 35%	84 35%	114 33%	135 39%	141 39%	111 36%	147 33%	139 25%	169 30%	180 40%	244 50%	98 34%	264 31%
Neither support nor oppose	470 23%	175 17%	294 28%	84 35%	108 31%	92 27%	75 20%	52 17%	60 13%	127 23%	134 24%	98 22%	110 23%	67 24%	239 28%

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Neither support nor oppose	470 23%	412 23%	29 16%	13 16%	50 22%	32 17%	44 24%	42 29%	28 28%	42 21%	76 28%	68 24%	45 24%	306 27%	243 27%	63 25%	164 18%	22 21%	20 18%	17 16%	53 13%	51 30%

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Agree	854 42%	427 42%	428 41%	105 43%	142 41%	153 44%	165 45%	123 41%	166 37%	198 36%	207 36%	195 44%	255 52%	128 45%	317 37%
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Don't know	378 18%	142 14%	236 23%	65 27%	84 24%	75 22%	66 18%	39 13%	49 11%	97 18%	111 19%	81 18%	89 18%	62 22%	174 20%
<u>I trust David Cameron and George Osborne to make the right decisions on welfare</u>															
Agree	578 28%	316 31%	262 25%	50 20%	80 23%	80 23%	100 27%	93 30%	175 39%	189 35%	173 31%	123 27%	92 19%	71 25%	243 28%
Disagree	1101 54%	552 55%	549 53%	138 57%	191 55%	189 55%	205 56%	168 55%	210 47%	265 48%	279 49%	247 55%	310 64%	154 54%	450 52%
Don't know	372 18%	137 14%	234 22%	56 23%	74 21%	76 22%	60 16%	44 14%	61 14%	94 17%	116 20%	77 17%	85 17%	60 21%	171 20%
<u>I trust Ed Miliband and Ed Balls to make the right decisions on welfare</u>															
Agree	458 22%	235 23%	223 21%	76 31%	91 26%	92 27%	79 22%	47 15%	73 16%	117 21%	131 23%	102 23%	108 22%	83 29%	186 22%
Disagree	1090 53%	575 57%	515 49%	92 38%	156 45%	158 46%	204 56%	185 61%	295 66%	313 57%	305 54%	221 50%	251 51%	117 41%	462 54%
Don't know	502 24%	195 19%	307 29%	76 31%	98 28%	95 28%	82 22%	72 24%	79 18%	118 21%	133 23%	123 28%	128 26%	84 30%	215 25%

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Agree	988 48%	505 50%	483 46%	97 40%	140 40%	138 40%	174 47%	166 55%	274 61%	309 56%	292 51%	193 43%	195 40%	114 40%	395 46%
Disagree	673 33%	351 35%	322 31%	79 32%	116 34%	121 35%	129 35%	99 32%	129 29%	157 29%	180 32%	157 35%	179 37%	102 36%	277 32%
Don't know	389 19%	148 15%	241 23%	67 28%	90 26%	87 25%	63 17%	40 13%	43 10%	82 15%	97 17%	96 22%	114 23%	67 24%	192 22%
<u>Cuts to welfare spending are the fault of the Coalition Government because its economic plan has failed</u>															
Agree	825 40%	426 42%	399 38%	99 41%	149 43%	149 43%	151 41%	124 41%	154 35%	196 36%	201 35%	198 44%	230 47%	122 43%	328 38%
Disagree	815 40%	442 44%	372 36%	67 28%	105 30%	111 32%	162 44%	135 44%	234 52%	246 45%	258 45%	171 38%	139 29%	96 34%	347 40%
Don't know	410 20%	136 14%	274 26%	78 32%	91 26%	86 25%	52 14%	45 15%	58 13%	106 19%	109 19%	77 17%	118 24%	67 24%	188 22%
<u>The Government's welfare changes are necessary to help 'make work pay'</u>															
Agree	1046 51%	535 53%	510 49%	98 40%	160 46%	154 45%	184 50%	170 56%	279 63%	327 60%	327 58%	209 47%	182 37%	155 54%	435 50%
Disagree	669 33%	333 33%	336 32%	75 31%	104 30%	127 37%	136 37%	95 31%	132 30%	146 27%	154 27%	153 34%	216 44%	87 31%	255 30%
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Agree	1086 53%	572 57%	515 49%	117 48%	176 51%	164 48%	189 52%	163 54%	277 62%	344 63%	344 61%	211 47%	187 38%	145 51%	477 55%
Disagree	683 33%	324 32%	358 34%	74 30%	107 31%	123 36%	136 37%	111 36%	132 30%	134 24%	163 29%	166 37%	220 45%	91 32%	254 29%
Don't know	281 14%	109 11%	172 16%	52 21%	62 18%	58 17%	41 11%	31 10%	37 8%	70 13%	61 11%	69 16%	80 16%	47 17%	133 15%
<u>Overall, I fully understand the changes being made to welfare spending</u>															
Agree	1023 50%	518 52%	505 48%	71 29%	150 44%	152 44%	197 54%	186 61%	267 60%	299 55%	322 57%	206 46%	196 40%	147 52%	422 49%
Disagree	683 33%	323 32%	360 34%	121 50%	124 36%	133 39%	112 31%	82 27%	110 25%	148 27%	158 28%	175 39%	202 41%	92 32%	279 32%
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<u>The Government is cutting public spending too much and too quickly</u>															
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<u>Things in this country are generally heading in the right direction</u>															
Agree	599 29%	326 32%	273 26%	60 25%	84 24%	74 21%	99 27%	104 34%	178 40%	201 37%	187 33%	117 26%	94 19%	62 22%	250 29%
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Agree	705 34%	624 35%	54 29%	22 27%	74 33%	70 38%	72 39%	48 34%	27 26%	81 40%	81 31%	108 38%	67 36%	388 34%	307 34%	81 33%	317 35%	22 21%	33 29%	32 29%	195 48%	34 20%
Disagree	1004 49%	830 47%	116 63%	50 61%	113 50%	82 45%	85 46%	71 50%	58 57%	84 41%	138 52%	126 44%	79 43%	539 47%	427 47%	112 45%	465 52%	65 61%	66 58%	66 61%	168 42%	100 59%
Don't know	341 17%	309 18%	15 8%	9 11%	38 17%	33 18%	27 15%	24 17%	17 17%	39 19%	47 18%	53 18%	39 21%	221 19%	168 19%	53 22%	121 13%	18 17%	15 13%	10 10%	41 10%	36 21%
<u>The Government is cutting public spending too much and too quickly</u>																						
Agree	1054 51%	874 50%	119 64%	44 54%	110 49%	97 53%	94 51%	77 54%	61 59%	80 39%	152 57%	135 47%	84 45%	568 49%	454 50%	114 46%	485 54%	71 67%	73 64%	64 59%	165 41%	113 66%
Disagree	688 34%	624 35%	40 22%	27 33%	77 34%	64 35%	72 39%	46 32%	24 23%	88 43%	73 27%	107 37%	70 38%	378 33%	287 32%	91 37%	310 34%	17 16%	31 27%	30 28%	205 51%	27 16%
Don't know	309 15%	265 15%	25 14%	11 13%	38 17%	23 13%	19 10%	21 14%	18 18%	37 18%	41 15%	45 16%	30 17%	202 18%	161 18%	41 16%	107 12%	18 17%	9 8%	15 13%	34 9%	31 18%
<u>Things in this country are generally heading in the right direction</u>																						
Agree	599 29%	535 30%	44 24%	22 26%	64 28%	56 30%	63 34%	48 33%	20 19%	59 29%	79 29%	97 34%	49 26%	312 27%	243 27%	69 28%	286 32%	18 17%	30 26%	32 29%	171 42%	36 21%
Disagree	1070 52%	886 50%	122 66%	46 57%	124 55%	97 53%	84 46%	75 52%	61 60%	100 49%	137 51%	131 46%	91 49%	621 54%	490 54%	130 53%	449 50%	71 67%	64 57%	59 55%	159 39%	96 56%
Don't know	381 19%	342 19%	18 10%	14 17%	37 17%	31 17%	38 21%	21 14%	22 21%	46 22%	51 19%	58 20%	45 24%	215 19%	169 19%	46 19%	166 18%	17 16%	20 17%	17 16%	74 18%	38 23%

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Table 3

Q.3 Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**Base: All respondents**

	Region													Which of the following best describes your current working status?								
	Total	England	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West	NET: Working	Working full time	Working part time	NET: Not working	Not working seeking work	Not working and not seeking work	Retired on a state pension only	Retired with a private pension	House person
Weighted base	2050	1763	185	82	226	185	185	144	103	205	267	287	185	1148	902	246	902	106	114	109	404	170
<u>The UK is on course for another wave of recession</u>																						
Agree	1045 51%	885 50%	106 57%	51 62%	113 50%	102 56%	86 47%	68 48%	54 53%	99 48%	147 55%	136 47%	83 45%	588 51%	465 52%	124 50%	457 51%	73 69%	67 59%	61 56%	154 38%	101 59%
Disagree	436 21%	381 22%	38 20%	12 14%	40 18%	33 18%	48 26%	34 23%	18 17%	40 20%	58 22%	67 23%	49 26%	234 20%	182 20%	52 21%	202 22%	9 8%	20 18%	16 14%	137 34%	20 12%
Don't know	569 28%	497 28%	41 22%	19 23%	73 32%	49 26%	50 27%	42 29%	30 30%	65 32%	62 23%	84 29%	53 29%	325 28%	255 28%	70 28%	244 27%	23 22%	27 24%	32 29%	112 28%	49 29%

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Table 4

Q.4 Do you think the Coalition Government understands the concerns of each of the following groups?**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	2050	995	1055	156	362	369	384	320	459	591	607	350	502	285	818
Weighted base	2050	1005	1045	244	345	345	365	304	446	548	568	447	487	284	864
People on low incomes															
Yes	437 21%	233 23%	204 20%	36 15%	78 23%	62 18%	74 20%	67 22%	120 27%	158 29%	134 24%	79 18%	66 14%	59 21%	187 22%
No	1425 70%	692 69%	733 70%	170 70%	226 66%	254 74%	264 72%	225 74%	286 64%	339 62%	384 68%	317 71%	385 79%	202 71%	579 67%
Don't know	188 9%	81 8%	107 10%	37 15%	41 12%	29 8%	27 7%	13 4%	40 9%	51 9%	50 9%	51 11%	36 7%	23 8%	98 11%
People on middle incomes															
Yes	751 37%	389 39%	362 35%	77 32%	108 31%	100 29%	132 36%	127 42%	207 47%	221 40%	225 40%	143 32%	162 33%	82 29%	293 34%
No	1051 51%	514 51%	537 51%	128 53%	177 51%	197 57%	198 54%	155 51%	196 44%	267 49%	283 50%	243 54%	258 53%	166 58%	461 53%
Don't know	248 12%	101 10%	147 14%	39 16%	60 17%	48 14%	36 10%	23 8%	43 10%	61 11%	60 11%	61 14%	67 14%	37 13%	110 13%
People on high incomes															
Yes	1571 77%	798 79%	773 74%	153 63%	232 67%	238 69%	307 84%	263 86%	378 85%	433 79%	429 75%	342 77%	367 75%	226 79%	627 73%
No	258 13%	124 12%	134 13%	57 23%	54 16%	61 18%	30 8%	22 7%	34 8%	66 12%	80 14%	50 11%	62 13%	32 11%	129 15%
Don't know	221 11%	83 8%	138 13%	34 14%	59 17%	45 13%	29 8%	20 6%	34 8%	49 9%	60 11%	55 12%	57 12%	26 9%	108 12%

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Q.4 Do you think the Coalition Government understands the concerns of each of the following groups?**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Weighted base	2050	1005	1045	244	345	345	365	304	446	548	568	447	487	284	864
<u>The banks and big business</u>															
Yes	1327	686	641	130	201	214	251	217	315	383	369	278	297	182	550
	65%	68%	61%	53%	58%	62%	69%	71%	71%	70%	65%	62%	61%	64%	64%
No	445	219	226	65	74	85	82	56	83	99	127	91	128	60	195
	22%	22%	22%	27%	21%	25%	23%	18%	19%	18%	22%	20%	26%	21%	23%
Don't know	278	100	179	48	71	46	33	32	49	66	73	77	62	42	119
	14%	10%	17%	20%	20%	13%	9%	10%	11%	12%	13%	17%	13%	15%	14%
<u>Small business owners and entrepreneurs</u>															
Yes	546	295	251	46	87	72	106	91	144	168	156	114	108	72	228
	27%	29%	24%	19%	25%	21%	29%	30%	32%	31%	28%	25%	22%	25%	26%
No	1238	607	631	146	189	221	224	195	264	305	339	267	326	173	509
	60%	60%	60%	60%	55%	64%	61%	64%	59%	56%	60%	60%	67%	61%	59%
Don't know	266	103	163	51	70	53	35	19	38	75	72	66	53	40	128
	13%	10%	16%	21%	20%	15%	10%	6%	9%	14%	13%	15%	11%	14%	15%
<u>Families</u>															
Yes	521	277	243	48	85	72	89	85	141	186	159	95	81	68	206
	25%	28%	23%	20%	25%	21%	24%	28%	32%	34%	28%	21%	17%	24%	24%
No	1334	643	691	159	212	238	247	206	272	307	352	306	369	184	558
	65%	64%	66%	65%	61%	69%	68%	68%	61%	56%	62%	69%	76%	65%	65%
Don't know	195	84	111	37	48	35	29	13	33	55	57	46	38	32	99
	10%	8%	11%	15%	14%	10%	8%	4%	7%	10%	10%	10%	8%	11%	12%

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Q.4 Do you think the Coalition Government understands the concerns of each of the following groups?**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Weighted base	2050	1005	1045	244	345	345	365	304	446	548	568	447	487	284	864
<u>The elderly</u>															
Yes	500 24%	273 27%	227 22%	54 22%	91 26%	74 22%	88 24%	74 24%	120 27%	172 31%	145 26%	100 22%	84 17%	60 21%	224 26%
No	1342 65%	648 65%	694 66%	152 63%	199 58%	232 67%	247 67%	215 71%	297 67%	318 58%	368 65%	294 66%	361 74%	195 69%	517 60%
Don't know	208 10%	83 8%	124 12%	37 15%	56 16%	39 11%	31 9%	16 5%	29 7%	58 11%	54 10%	53 12%	42 9%	29 10%	122 14%
<u>The disabled</u>															
Yes	447 22%	239 24%	208 20%	50 21%	77 22%	57 17%	85 23%	60 20%	118 26%	144 26%	132 23%	89 20%	82 17%	54 19%	193 22%
No	1344 66%	655 65%	689 66%	153 63%	204 59%	243 70%	248 68%	219 72%	277 62%	328 60%	366 64%	293 66%	356 73%	190 67%	537 62%
Don't know	259 13%	111 11%	148 14%	40 17%	64 19%	45 13%	33 9%	25 8%	51 11%	76 14%	70 12%	64 14%	49 10%	40 14%	134 16%

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	Region													Which of the following best describes your current working status?								
	Total	England	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of London	London	South East	South West	NET: Working	Working full time	Working part time	NET: Not working	Not working seeking work	Not working and not seeking work	Retired on a state pension only	Retired with a private pension	House person
Unweighted base	2050	1765	174	80	235	160	182	154	111	193	275	304	182	1103	787	316	947	119	107	102	436	183
Weighted base	2050	1763	185	82	226	185	185	144	103	205	267	287	185	1148	902	246	902	106	114	109	404	170
People on low incomes																						
Yes	437 21%	401 23%	22 12%	12 15%	44 20%	50 27%	41 22%	32 23%	14 14%	49 24%	64 24%	66 23%	41 22%	246 21%	191 21%	55 22%	191 21%	12 11%	22 19%	24 22%	112 28%	21 13%
No	1425 70%	1195 68%	155 84%	59 72%	167 74%	126 68%	126 68%	98 68%	75 73%	129 63%	182 68%	189 66%	119 64%	781 68%	612 68%	169 69%	644 71%	87 83%	86 76%	78 72%	256 63%	137 80%
Don't know	188 9%	167 9%	8 4%	11 13%	14 6%	8 5%	17 9%	13 9%	13 13%	26 13%	21 8%	32 11%	24 13%	121 11%	99 11%	22 9%	67 7%	6 6%	5 5%	7 6%	36 9%	12 7%
People on middle incomes																						
Yes	751 37%	653 37%	60 32%	25 31%	76 34%	67 36%	67 37%	61 43%	38 37%	81 40%	98 37%	111 39%	67 36%	375 33%	277 31%	98 40%	376 42%	31 30%	46 40%	51 47%	191 47%	57 33%
No	1051 51%	886 50%	113 61%	46 56%	125 55%	97 53%	99 54%	68 47%	53 51%	85 42%	133 50%	139 48%	93 50%	627 55%	503 56%	124 50%	424 47%	58 55%	57 50%	49 45%	176 44%	85 50%
Don't know	248 12%	224 13%	12 7%	11 13%	25 11%	21 11%	18 10%	14 10%	12 11%	38 19%	36 14%	37 13%	25 14%	146 13%	121 13%	25 10%	102 11%	16 15%	11 10%	9 8%	37 9%	28 17%
People on high incomes																						
Yes	1571 77%	1333 76%	156 85%	71 86%	165 73%	141 77%	142 77%	104 73%	82 80%	148 72%	199 75%	218 76%	145 79%	853 74%	655 73%	198 80%	719 80%	84 80%	81 71%	86 79%	345 85%	123 72%
No	258 13%	233 13%	18 9%	5 6%	36 16%	30 16%	27 15%	20 14%	7 7%	20 10%	37 14%	38 13%	21 11%	161 14%	137 15%	24 10%	97 11%	11 10%	21 19%	10 9%	31 8%	23 14%
Don't know	221 11%	197 11%	11 6%	6 8%	25 11%	13 7%	16 8%	20 14%	13 13%	38 18%	30 11%	31 11%	19 10%	134 12%	111 12%	24 10%	87 10%	11 10%	11 10%	13 12%	28 7%	25 14%

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Q.4 Do you think the Coalition Government understands the concerns of each of the following groups?**Base: All respondents**

	Region													Which of the following best describes your current working status?								
	Total	England	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West	NET: Work-ing	Work-ing full time	Work-ing part time	NET: Not work-ing	Not working seeking work	Not working and not seeking work	Retired on a state pension only	Retired with a private pension	House person
Weighted base	2050	1763	185	82	226	185	185	144	103	205	267	287	185	1148	902	246	902	106	114	109	404	170
<u>The banks and big business</u>																						
Yes	1327 65%	1128 64%	133 72%	52 63%	140 62%	109 59%	121 66%	95 66%	66 64%	138 67%	174 65%	176 61%	124 67%	733 64%	563 62%	170 69%	594 66%	71 67%	66 58%	64 59%	296 73%	97 57%
No	445 22%	392 22%	32 17%	18 22%	59 26%	53 29%	44 24%	28 20%	21 20%	23 11%	56 21%	73 26%	38 20%	255 22%	209 23%	46 19%	190 21%	24 22%	30 27%	30 28%	67 17%	39 23%
Don't know	278 14%	243 14%	20 11%	12 14%	27 12%	23 12%	20 11%	21 14%	16 15%	44 22%	36 14%	38 13%	23 13%	160 14%	130 14%	30 12%	118 13%	11 11%	17 15%	15 13%	40 10%	34 20%
<u>Small business owners and entrepreneurs</u>																						
Yes	546 27%	485 28%	34 18%	19 24%	58 26%	55 30%	55 30%	44 30%	26 26%	62 30%	64 24%	79 28%	49 27%	300 26%	233 26%	67 27%	246 27%	23 22%	27 24%	24 22%	144 36%	28 16%
No	1238 60%	1050 60%	127 69%	53 65%	141 63%	111 60%	111 60%	82 57%	62 61%	104 51%	173 65%	160 56%	115 63%	681 59%	530 59%	152 62%	557 62%	71 67%	69 61%	75 70%	223 55%	119 70%
Don't know	266 13%	228 13%	24 13%	10 12%	27 12%	19 10%	19 10%	17 12%	14 14%	39 19%	29 11%	48 17%	20 11%	167 15%	140 15%	28 11%	99 11%	12 11%	18 16%	9 8%	36 9%	24 14%
<u>Families</u>																						
Yes	521 25%	473 27%	29 16%	21 25%	53 24%	53 28%	51 28%	41 29%	18 18%	56 27%	69 26%	77 27%	53 29%	274 24%	217 24%	58 23%	246 27%	17 16%	25 22%	30 28%	142 35%	33 19%
No	1334 65%	1119 63%	142 77%	54 66%	156 69%	122 66%	117 64%	88 61%	73 72%	118 58%	171 64%	181 63%	113 61%	742 65%	575 64%	167 68%	592 66%	82 77%	80 70%	72 66%	233 58%	125 73%
Don't know	195 10%	171 10%	14 7%	7 9%	17 7%	10 5%	16 9%	14 10%	11 11%	31 15%	26 10%	30 10%	19 10%	131 11%	110 12%	21 9%	64 7%	7 7%	9 8%	6 6%	29 7%	12 7%

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Q.4 Do you think the Coalition Government understands the concerns of each of the following groups?**Base: All respondents**

	Region													Which of the following best describes your current working status?								
	Total	England	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West	NET: Work-ing	Work-ing full time	Work-ing part time	NET: Not work-ing	Not working seeking work	Not working and not seeking work	Retired on a state pension only	Retired with a private pension	House person
Weighted base	2050	1763	185	82	226	185	185	144	103	205	267	287	185	1148	902	246	902	106	114	109	404	170
<u>The elderly</u>																						
Yes	500	453	33	15	48	52	50	45	15	51	75	70	48	285	218	67	216	18	22	17	125	34
	24%	26%	18%	18%	21%	28%	27%	31%	15%	25%	28%	25%	26%	25%	24%	27%	24%	17%	20%	15%	31%	20%
No	1342	1127	140	60	161	120	120	82	76	118	166	178	121	713	560	152	629	81	85	85	257	121
	65%	64%	76%	73%	71%	65%	65%	57%	74%	58%	62%	62%	66%	62%	62%	62%	70%	77%	74%	78%	64%	71%
Don't know	208	184	12	7	17	13	14	17	12	36	25	38	15	151	124	27	57	7	7	7	21	15
	10%	10%	7%	9%	8%	7%	8%	12%	11%	17%	10%	13%	8%	13%	14%	11%	6%	6%	6%	5%	9%	
<u>The disabled</u>																						
Yes	447	409	23	17	50	46	44	35	15	50	56	66	46	247	189	58	200	13	25	19	112	32
	22%	23%	13%	20%	22%	25%	24%	24%	15%	25%	21%	23%	25%	22%	21%	24%	22%	12%	22%	17%	28%	19%
No	1344	1119	149	56	152	117	122	87	76	116	172	183	114	727	572	154	617	85	81	82	246	122
	66%	63%	81%	69%	67%	63%	66%	60%	74%	57%	65%	64%	62%	63%	63%	63%	68%	81%	71%	76%	61%	72%
Don't know	259	235	12	9	24	22	19	22	12	39	38	39	25	175	141	34	84	7	7	8	46	16
	13%	13%	7%	11%	10%	12%	10%	15%	12%	19%	14%	13%	13%	15%	16%	14%	9%	7%	6%	7%	11%	10%