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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	1003	479	524	91	142	188	191	171	220	348	200	171	284	260	257	250	141	95
Weighted base	1003	492	511	120	161	191	171	150	210	271	291	211	231	255	265	252	145	87
<b><u>The cuts announced by the Chancellor are unfair because they will hit the poorest people</u></b>																		
Agree	589	281	308	79	87	110	104	96	114	134	164	134	157	132	151	154	93	60
	59%	57%	60%	65%	54%	58%	61%	64%	54%	50%	56%	64%	68%	52%	57%	61%	64%	69%
Disagree	357	195	162	36	70	58	60	49	83	124	102	65	66	104	100	88	44	21
	36%	40%	32%	30%	44%	30%	35%	33%	40%	46%	35%	31%	29%	41%	38%	35%	31%	24%
Don't know	57	15	42	6	3	22	7	6	13	13	25	11	8	18	14	10	8	7
	6%	3%	8%	5%	2%	12%	4%	4%	6%	5%	9%	5%	3%	7%	5%	4%	5%	8%
<b><u>The better off will bear most of the burden of the cuts</u></b>																		
Agree	301	154	148	35	50	54	34	39	88	79	77	61	84	80	88	67	36	30
	30%	31%	29%	29%	31%	29%	20%	26%	42%	29%	27%	29%	37%	31%	33%	27%	25%	34%
Disagree	642	321	321	77	102	119	130	107	107	177	195	135	134	159	160	171	99	54
	64%	65%	63%	64%	64%	62%	76%	71%	51%	65%	67%	64%	58%	62%	60%	68%	68%	61%
Don't know	60	17	43	8	8	17	6	5	16	15	18	15	12	16	17	14	10	4
	6%	3%	8%	7%	5%	9%	4%	3%	8%	6%	6%	7%	5%	6%	7%	5%	7%	5%
<b><u>The Liberal Democrats should not stay within the Coalition given the scale of the spending cuts</u></b>																		
Agree	357	203	153	51	65	60	60	49	72	84	108	82	82	82	87	97	49	41
	36%	41%	30%	42%	40%	32%	35%	33%	34%	31%	37%	39%	36%	32%	33%	39%	34%	47%
Disagree	507	249	259	56	73	101	85	86	106	159	134	104	111	133	150	120	71	33
	51%	51%	51%	47%	46%	53%	50%	57%	50%	59%	46%	49%	48%	52%	57%	48%	49%	38%
Don't know	139	40	100	13	23	29	26	16	33	28	49	25	37	40	28	34	24	13
	14%	8%	19%	11%	14%	15%	15%	10%	16%	10%	17%	12%	16%	16%	10%	14%	17%	15%

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Agree	591	309	282	69	91	108	102	87	133	161	173	124	133	156	170	139	79	47
	59%	63%	55%	58%	57%	57%	60%	58%	63%	59%	59%	59%	58%	61%	64%	55%	55%	54%
Disagree	366	174	191	45	57	69	63	58	73	104	101	78	82	84	87	99	59	37
	36%	35%	37%	38%	36%	36%	37%	38%	35%	38%	35%	37%	36%	33%	33%	39%	41%	43%
Don't know	47	8	38	6	12	13	5	6	5	6	17	9	15	15	8	14	6	3
	5%	2%	7%	5%	7%	7%	3%	4%	2%	2%	6%	4%	6%	6%	3%	6%	4%	3%

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Unweighted base	1003	259	222	164	50
Weighted base	1003	250	215	169	48
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Agree	589 59%	84 34%	172 80%	99 59%	31 65%
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