

National Housing Federation – ‘Bedroom Tax’

METHODOLOGY NOTE

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Bedroom Tax Survey

ONLINE Fieldwork : 11th-12th September 2013

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

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Summary**Base: All respondents**

	Statements					
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Unweighted base	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018
Weighted base	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018
NET: Agree	1761 87%	1381 68%	1222 61%	1195 59%	1294 64%	911 45%
Strongly agree (4)	1237 61%	620 31%	819 41%	828 41%	833 41%	329 16%
Tend to agree (3)	524 26%	761 38%	403 20%	367 18%	460 23%	582 29%
Tend to disagree (2)	89 4%	259 13%	343 17%	333 17%	309 15%	483 24%
Strongly disagree (1)	47 2%	159 8%	289 14%	292 14%	240 12%	405 20%
NET: Disagree	136 7%	418 21%	632 31%	625 31%	549 27%	888 44%
Don't know	122 6%	219 11%	164 8%	197 10%	176 9%	219 11%
Mean	3.56	3.02	2.95	2.95	3.02	2.46
Standard deviation	0.70	0.92	1.12	1.13	1.07	1.03
Standard error	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02

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Tend to agree	(3) 524 26%	264 27%	260 25%	70 29%	93 27%	91 27%	80 22%	79 26%	111 25%	153 28%	152 27%	109 25%	109 23%	72 28%	238 27%
Tend to disagree	(2) 89 4%	51 5%	38 4%	22 9%	28 8%	17 5%	11 3%	3 1%	7 2%	27 5%	28 5%	17 4%	17 4%	17 7%	50 6%
Strongly disagree	(1) 47 2%	24 2%	23 2%	8 3%	10 3%	7 2%	8 2%	6 2%	8 2%	9 2%	15 3%	9 2%	14 3%	5 2%	24 3%
NET: Disagree	136 7%	74 8%	61 6%	30 13%	38 11%	24 7%	19 5%	9 3%	15 3%	36 7%	43 8%	26 6%	31 6%	22 9%	74 9%
Don't know	122 6%	58 6%	64 6%	42 17%	31 9%	13 4%	14 4%	12 4%	9 2%	26 5%	36 6%	24 6%	36 7%	16 6%	72 8%
Mean	3.56	3.53	3.58	3.30	3.42	3.55	3.64	3.64	3.65	3.55	3.52	3.59	3.58	3.50	3.48
Standard deviation	0.70	0.72	0.68	0.82	0.79	0.69	0.66	0.61	0.61	0.68	0.73	0.67	0.71	0.72	0.75
Standard error	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.03

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	87%	93%	88%	89%	92%	87%	83%	91%	87%	87%	85%	82%	86%	91%	90%	85%	90%	88%	85%	82%	82%	71%	
Strongly agree	(4)	1237	137	60	144	118	113	77	64	128	152	156	86	216	401	76	143	253	686	184	89	21	4
		61%	76%	75%	65%	65%	62%	54%	63%	63%	58%	55%	48%	50%	70%	67%	59%	63%	61%	61%	62%	67%	47%
Tend to agree	(3)	524	32	10	52	49	45	40	28	47	75	84	62	160	116	26	62	107	306	73	28	5	2
		26%	18%	13%	24%	27%	25%	28%	27%	23%	28%	30%	34%	37%	20%	23%	26%	27%	27%	24%	20%	15%	24%
Tend to disagree	(2)	89	3	3	8	8	10	8	5	8	19	8	10	24	27	5	11	15	48	12	7	4	2
		4%	2%	4%	4%	4%	5%	6%	5%	4%	7%	3%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	14%	19%
Strongly disagree	(1)	47	3	2	1	3	4	3	3	6	4	10	8	10	7	-	13	8	27	4	6	1	1
		2%	2%	3%	*	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	4%	5%	2%	1%	-	5%	2%	2%	1%	4%	4%	10%
NET: Disagree	136	6	5	9	10	14	11	7	13	22	18	18	33	34	5	24	23	75	16	13	6	2	
	7%	3%	6%	4%	6%	8%	8%	7%	7%	8%	6%	10%	8%	6%	4%	10%	6%	7%	5%	9%	18%	29%	
Don't know	122	6	5	16	5	10	13	2	13	13	24	15	26	18	7	13	19	62	29	12	-	-	
	6%	3%	6%	7%	3%	5%	9%	2%	7%	5%	8%	8%	6%	3%	6%	6%	5%	6%	10%	8%	-	-	
Mean	3.56	3.73	3.71	3.65	3.59	3.55	3.49	3.54	3.58	3.51	3.49	3.36	3.42	3.65	3.66	3.47	3.58	3.55	3.60	3.53	3.46	3.08	
Standard deviation	0.70	0.58	0.67	0.58	0.65	0.71	0.73	0.72	0.71	0.70	0.74	0.81	0.71	0.63	0.56	0.83	0.67	0.70	0.64	0.81	0.88	1.10	
Standard error	0.02	0.04	0.08	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.08	0.18	0.41	

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Tend to agree	(3) 38%	761 41%	354 34%	84 35%	117 34%	132 39%	132 37%	114 38%	182 42%	224 42%	218 39%	156 35%	162 34%	94 36%	324 37%
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Strongly disagree	(1) 8%	159 7%	87 8%	7 3%	30 9%	31 9%	28 8%	22 7%	41 9%	44 8%	46 8%	32 7%	36 8%	15 6%	75 9%
NET: Disagree	418 21%	202 20%	216 21%	42 18%	75 22%	75 22%	76 21%	52 17%	98 22%	135 25%	116 21%	76 17%	91 19%	58 22%	176 20%
Don't know	219 11%	98 10%	121 12%	53 22%	49 14%	27 8%	26 7%	30 10%	35 8%	44 8%	66 12%	51 12%	58 12%	31 12%	97 11%
Mean	3.02	3.01	3.04	3.06	2.98	3.00	3.06	3.11	2.96	2.91	2.99	3.13	3.10	3.02	3.03
Standard deviation	0.92	0.89	0.95	0.81	0.95	0.94	0.93	0.90	0.92	0.90	0.92	0.91	0.93	0.89	0.94
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	68%	70%	63%	69%	69%	69%	66%	67%	72%	70%	68%	66%	71%	68%	72%	69%	70%	67%	70%	67%	90%	56%	
Strongly agree	(4)	620	64	28	68	62	49	46	27	68	85	81	44	90	219	33	86	130	340	88	49	12	2
	31%	35%	34%	31%	34%	27%	32%	27%	34%	32%	29%	24%	21%	39%	29%	36%	32%	30%	29%	35%	38%	19%	
Tend to agree	(3)	761	63	23	85	63	76	47	41	77	98	111	76	220	169	50	81	152	420	124	46	16	3
	38%	35%	29%	38%	35%	42%	33%	41%	38%	37%	39%	42%	50%	30%	43%	33%	38%	37%	41%	32%	52%	38%	
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Strongly disagree	(1)	159	17	9	11	10	11	9	12	18	18	27	17	39	45	7	20	24	109	17	6	2	-
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	21%	21%	30%	20%	21%	18%	23%	25%	21%	17%	19%	24%	22%	21%	19%	23%	18%	23%	16%	19%	10%	44%	
Don't know	219	16	6	24	19	24	16	8	15	35	38	19	31	64	10	19	49	107	43	20	-	-	
	11%	9%	7%	11%	10%	13%	11%	8%	7%	13%	13%	10%	7%	11%	9%	8%	12%	9%	14%	14%	-	-	
Mean	3.02	3.05	2.93	3.07	3.09	3.03	3.03	2.89	3.05	3.09	3.00	2.90	2.89	3.11	3.04	3.05	3.10	2.97	3.09	3.13	3.20	2.75	
Standard deviation	0.92	0.96	1.03	0.85	0.89	0.86	0.92	0.97	0.93	0.90	0.94	0.92	0.86	0.96	0.85	0.95	0.88	0.95	0.84	0.87	0.83	0.80	
Standard error	0.02	0.07	0.12	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.07	0.04	0.04	0.08	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.09	0.17	0.30	

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Mean	2.95	2.85	3.04	2.95	2.86	2.98	3.11	3.05	2.77	2.68	2.86	3.03	3.27	2.96	2.84
Standard deviation	1.12	1.15	1.07	1.07	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.16	1.16	1.10	1.10	1.00	1.06	1.14
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Strongly agree	(4)	819	102	51	100	85	70	48	43	80	92	96	50	31	367	35	89	168	442	129	67	11	1
	41%	56%	64%	45%	47%	39%	34%	43%	40%	35%	34%	28%	7%	64%	31%	37%	42%	39%	43%	47%	36%	10%	
Tend to agree	(3)	403	36	9	46	29	37	27	25	34	69	58	33	83	103	38	46	74	222	71	20	13	3
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Don't know	164	7	4	22	14	12	17	4	15	22	27	20	40	23	13	14	31	87	31	14	1	-	
	8%	4%	4%	10%	8%	6%	12%	4%	8%	8%	10%	11%	9%	4%	11%	6%	8%	8%	10%	10%	5%	-	
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Standard deviation	1.12	1.01	0.95	1.08	1.08	1.14	1.14	1.10	1.16	1.04	1.16	1.16	0.93	0.83	1.03	1.18	1.11	1.13	1.07	1.14	0.86	1.11	
Standard error	0.03	0.08	0.11	0.07	0.09	0.08	0.10	0.11	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.05	0.04	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.03	0.07	0.11	0.18	0.42	

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NET: Agree	1195 59%	569 58%	626 61%	131 54%	165 49%	203 60%	243 68%	208 69%	246 56%	277 51%	301 54%	280 64%	337 70%	141 54%	490 56%	
Strongly agree	(4) 41%	828 40%	395 42%	433 31%	75 31%	106 31%	138 41%	182 51%	158 53%	169 39%	181 34%	196 35%	202 46%	249 52%	102 39%	316 36%
Tend to agree	(3) 18%	367 18%	174 18%	193 19%	56 23%	59 17%	65 19%	62 17%	50 17%	76 17%	96 18%	105 19%	78 18%	88 18%	39 15%	174 20%
Tend to disagree	(2) 17%	333 17%	180 18%	153 15%	35 14%	69 20%	66 19%	49 14%	36 12%	78 18%	103 19%	114 20%	66 15%	50 10%	55 21%	143 16%
Strongly disagree	(1) 14%	292 14%	147 15%	146 14%	25 10%	59 17%	45 13%	42 12%	38 13%	83 19%	108 20%	82 15%	56 13%	45 9%	34 13%	144 17%
NET: Disagree	625 31%	326 33%	299 29%	60 25%	128 38%	111 33%	91 25%	74 25%	162 37%	212 39%	196 35%	123 28%	95 20%	89 34%	287 33%	
Don't know	197 10%	94 9%	104 10%	49 21%	47 14%	26 8%	25 7%	18 6%	32 7%	51 9%	62 11%	37 8%	47 10%	31 12%	92 11%	
Mean	2.95	2.91	2.99	2.95	2.72	2.94	3.14	3.16	2.81	2.71	2.83	3.06	3.25	2.91	2.85	
Standard deviation	1.13	1.14	1.12	1.05	1.16	1.10	1.08	1.10	1.18	1.18	1.12	1.11	1.03	1.13	1.14	
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.08	0.04	

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Table 5

Q.1 From April this year/2013, social housing tenants who are considered to have spare bedrooms became subject to a reduction in housing benefit or a "Bedroom Tax". To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

David Cameron should abandon the "Bedroom Tax" entirely and think of other ways to save money

Base: All respondents

	Total	Region											Voting Intention				How many people aged 18 and over live in your household?						
		Scot-land	North East	North West	York-shire & Hum-ber-side	West Mid-lands	East Mid-lands	Wales	East-ern	Lon-don	South East	South West	Con	Lab	LibDem	UKIP	1	2	3	4	5	6+	
Unweighted base	2018	184	79	231	165	199	148	101	187	198	332	194	445	544	117	251	438	1158	275	114	24	7	
Weighted base	2018	182	81	222	182	182	141	101	202	262	283	182	436	569	114	242	402	1130	303	142	32	8	
NET: Agree	1195	131	61	137	116	111	82	60	108	154	158	78	150	451	74	117	240	645	193	96	20	2	
	59%	72%	75%	62%	64%	61%	58%	60%	54%	59%	56%	43%	34%	79%	65%	49%	60%	57%	64%	68%	62%	26%	
Strongly agree	(4)	828	93	49	92	87	78	51	36	76	109	109	49	58	356	42	83	172	438	129	70	16	2
	41%	51%	61%	41%	48%	43%	36%	36%	37%	41%	38%	27%	13%	63%	36%	34%	43%	39%	43%	49%	50%	26%	
Tend to agree	(3)	367	38	12	45	29	33	31	24	33	46	49	28	92	95	33	34	67	206	64	26	4	-
	18%	21%	14%	20%	16%	18%	22%	24%	16%	17%	17%	16%	21%	17%	28%	14%	17%	18%	21%	18%	12%	-	
Tend to disagree	(2)	333	18	5	34	25	28	23	18	39	61	43	38	115	62	19	44	74	198	37	13	9	2
	17%	10%	6%	16%	14%	15%	16%	18%	19%	23%	15%	21%	26%	11%	17%	18%	18%	18%	12%	9%	28%	29%	
Strongly disagree	(1)	292	23	9	25	27	25	19	12	30	24	57	43	123	23	12	56	60	172	32	22	2	3
	14%	13%	11%	11%	15%	14%	13%	11%	15%	9%	20%	24%	28%	4%	10%	23%	15%	15%	11%	16%	5%	38%	
NET: Disagree	625	41	14	59	52	53	42	30	68	85	100	81	238	85	31	100	133	370	69	35	11	5	
	31%	23%	17%	27%	29%	29%	30%	30%	34%	32%	35%	45%	54%	15%	28%	41%	33%	33%	23%	25%	33%	67%	
Don't know	197	9	6	26	13	19	17	11	25	23	25	23	48	32	9	25	28	115	41	11	1	1	
	10%	5%	8%	12%	7%	10%	12%	10%	12%	9%	9%	12%	11%	6%	8%	10%	7%	10%	13%	8%	5%	7%	
Mean	2.95	3.17	3.36	3.04	3.04	3.00	2.92	2.94	2.87	3.00	2.81	2.53	2.22	3.46	2.98	2.67	2.94	2.90	3.11	3.10	3.12	2.16	
Standard deviation	1.13	1.07	1.04	1.07	1.15	1.12	1.10	1.06	1.14	1.05	1.20	1.19	1.05	0.86	1.02	1.23	1.14	1.14	1.06	1.14	1.03	1.32	
Standard error	0.03	0.08	0.12	0.07	0.09	0.08	0.10	0.11	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.05	0.04	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.04	0.07	0.11	0.22	0.54	

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Table 6

Q.1 From April this year/2013, social housing tenants who are considered to have spare bedrooms became subject to a reduction in housing benefit or a "Bedroom Tax". To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

The "Bedroom Tax" shows that the current Government is placing the burden of public spending cuts too heavily on poorer households

Base: All respondents

	Total	Gender		Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector		
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private	
Unweighted base	2018	999	1019	205	315	348	401	333	416	603	571	325	519	247	819	
Weighted base	2018	989	1029	240	340	340	360	300	439	539	560	440	479	261	869	
NET: Agree	1294 64%	613 62%	681 66%	142 59%	205 60%	228 67%	258 72%	206 69%	255 58%	296 55%	336 60%	299 68%	363 76%	166 63%	535 62%	
Strongly agree	(4) 41%	833 40%	393 43%	440 31%	74 35%	118 45%	151 51%	184 48%	142 37%	163 34%	184 38%	214 44%	193 51%	243 41%	108 36%	316
Tend to agree	(3) 23%	460 22%	220 23%	240 28%	68 25%	86 22%	76 21%	74 21%	64 21%	92 21%	112 21%	122 22%	106 24%	120 25%	58 22%	219
Tend to disagree	(2) 15%	309 17%	166 14%	142 14%	33 14%	47 14%	41 12%	46 13%	48 16%	94 21%	112 21%	103 18%	56 13%	38 8%	44 17%	120
Strongly disagree	(1) 12%	240 14%	136 10%	104 6%	14 6%	44 13%	44 13%	40 11%	34 11%	64 15%	88 16%	68 12%	48 11%	37 8%	25 9%	129
NET: Disagree	549 27%	302 31%	247 24%	47 20%	90 27%	85 25%	86 24%	82 27%	158 36%	200 37%	170 30%	104 24%	75 16%	69 26%	249 29%	
Don't know	176 9%	74 7%	102 10%	51 21%	45 13%	27 8%	16 4%	11 4%	26 6%	44 8%	53 10%	36 8%	42 9%	27 10%	85 10%	
Mean	3.02	2.95	3.10	3.07	2.95	3.07	3.17	3.09	2.86	2.79	2.95	3.10	3.30	3.06	2.92	
Standard deviation	1.07	1.10	1.03	0.93	1.07	1.09	1.05	1.06	1.11	1.12	1.08	1.04	0.94	1.03	1.10	
Standard error	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.07	0.04	

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The "Bedroom Tax" shows that the current Government is placing the burden of public spending cuts too heavily on poorer households

Base: All respondents

	Total	Region											Voting Intention				How many people aged 18 and over live in your household?						
		Scot-land	North East	North West	York-shire & Hum-ber-side	West Mid-lands	East Mid-lands	Wales	East-ern	Lon-don	South East	South West	Con	Lab	LibDem	UKIP	1	2	3	4	5	6+	
Unweighted base	2018	184	79	231	165	199	148	101	187	198	332	194	445	544	117	251	438	1158	275	114	24	7	
Weighted base	2018	182	81	222	182	182	141	101	202	262	283	182	436	569	114	242	402	1130	303	142	32	8	
NET: Agree	1294	135	63	143	120	113	85	72	120	182	172	87	136	484	81	144	264	707	198	92	27	5	
	64%	74%	78%	64%	66%	62%	60%	72%	60%	70%	61%	48%	31%	85%	71%	60%	66%	63%	66%	65%	84%	64%	
Strongly agree	(4)	833	97	51	95	75	79	51	54	82	109	93	47	37	372	36	86	173	462	122	64	11	1
	41%	53%	64%	43%	42%	44%	36%	54%	40%	41%	33%	26%	8%	65%	31%	36%	43%	41%	40%	45%	36%	17%	
Tend to agree	(3)	460	38	12	47	45	34	34	18	39	74	79	40	99	112	46	58	90	245	77	28	15	4
	23%	21%	14%	21%	25%	19%	24%	18%	19%	28%	28%	22%	23%	20%	40%	24%	23%	22%	25%	20%	48%	47%	
Tend to disagree	(2)	309	16	7	39	27	29	18	15	35	39	45	40	142	31	18	36	63	182	44	14	3	2
	15%	9%	9%	18%	15%	16%	13%	15%	17%	15%	16%	22%	33%	6%	16%	15%	16%	16%	15%	10%	10%	19%	
Strongly disagree	(1)	240	19	7	16	19	28	18	9	29	21	39	34	111	23	8	50	42	151	27	16	2	1
	12%	11%	9%	7%	10%	15%	13%	9%	14%	8%	14%	19%	26%	4%	7%	21%	11%	13%	9%	11%	5%	10%	
NET: Disagree	549	35	14	55	46	57	36	24	64	60	84	74	254	54	26	86	105	333	71	30	5	2	
	27%	19%	17%	25%	25%	31%	26%	24%	32%	23%	30%	41%	58%	10%	23%	36%	26%	29%	23%	21%	16%	29%	
Don't know	176	11	4	24	15	11	20	5	18	20	26	21	47	31	7	11	32	90	33	19	-	1	
	9%	6%	4%	11%	9%	6%	14%	4%	9%	8%	9%	11%	11%	5%	6%	5%	8%	8%	11%	14%	-	7%	
Mean	3.02	3.25	3.40	3.12	3.07	2.96	2.97	3.21	2.94	3.11	2.88	2.62	2.16	3.55	3.02	2.78	3.07	2.98	3.09	3.14	3.15	2.77	
Standard deviation	1.07	1.03	0.99	1.00	1.03	1.14	1.08	1.04	1.13	0.97	1.07	1.12	0.95	0.79	0.90	1.17	1.05	1.10	1.00	1.07	0.82	0.94	
Standard error	0.02	0.08	0.11	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.10	0.11	0.09	0.07	0.06	0.09	0.05	0.03	0.09	0.08	0.05	0.03	0.06	0.11	0.17	0.38	

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Table 7

Q.1 From April this year/2013, social housing tenants who are considered to have spare bedrooms became subject to a reduction in housing benefit or a "Bedroom Tax". To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

It's only fair that people who have spare bedrooms in council or housing association homes should receive less housing benefit

Base: All respondents

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NET: Agree	911 45%	458 46%	454 44%	103 43%	156 46%	160 47%	139 39%	122 41%	230 52%	281 52%	268 48%	189 43%	172 36%	119 46%	422 49%
Strongly agree	(4) 16%	329 17%	164 16%	27 11%	64 19%	68 20%	61 17%	49 16%	60 14%	110 20%	88 16%	75 17%	57 12%	39 15%	182 21%
Tend to agree	(3) 29%	582 30%	290 28%	76 32%	91 27%	92 27%	78 22%	74 25%	170 39%	172 32%	180 32%	114 26%	116 24%	80 31%	240 28%
Tend to disagree	(2) 24%	483 23%	252 24%	60 25%	68 20%	83 25%	96 27%	72 24%	104 24%	126 23%	133 24%	105 24%	119 25%	68 26%	195 22%
Strongly disagree	(1) 20%	405 21%	201 20%	23 10%	60 18%	71 21%	93 26%	83 28%	76 17%	82 15%	94 17%	99 22%	130 27%	38 14%	148 17%
NET: Disagree	888 44%	435 44%	453 44%	83 35%	127 38%	154 45%	189 53%	155 52%	180 41%	208 39%	227 41%	204 46%	249 52%	105 40%	343 39%
Don't know	219 11%	96 10%	123 12%	53 22%	57 17%	26 8%	32 9%	23 8%	29 7%	50 9%	64 11%	47 11%	58 12%	37 14%	104 12%
Mean	2.46	2.47	2.46	2.58	2.57	2.50	2.33	2.32	2.52	2.63	2.53	2.42	2.24	2.54	2.60
Standard deviation	1.03	1.04	1.03	0.89	1.06	1.07	1.08	1.08	0.96	1.01	0.99	1.06	1.03	0.97	1.05
Standard error	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.04

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Weighted base	2018	182	81	222	182	182	141	101	202	262	283	182	436	569	114	242	402	1130	303	142	32	8	
NET: Agree	911	66	25	101	77	63	58	39	106	128	143	104	305	161	46	141	183	534	115	56	16	4	
	45%	37%	31%	46%	43%	35%	41%	39%	53%	49%	51%	57%	70%	28%	40%	58%	46%	47%	38%	40%	51%	55%	
Strongly agree	(4)	329	15	11	42	26	20	23	15	38	50	51	38	119	51	15	58	55	204	43	25	2	-
	16%	8%	13%	19%	14%	11%	16%	15%	19%	19%	18%	21%	27%	9%	13%	24%	14%	18%	14%	18%	5%	-	
Tend to agree	(3)	582	52	14	59	52	42	36	24	68	78	92	66	185	110	31	83	128	330	72	31	14	4
	29%	29%	18%	27%	28%	23%	25%	24%	34%	30%	32%	36%	42%	19%	27%	34%	32%	29%	24%	22%	46%	55%	
Tend to disagree	(2)	483	41	24	52	50	54	42	23	39	57	62	40	73	169	42	44	90	271	78	35	6	3
	24%	22%	30%	23%	27%	30%	30%	23%	19%	22%	22%	22%	17%	30%	37%	18%	22%	24%	26%	25%	19%	35%	
Strongly disagree	(1)	405	56	26	44	37	38	24	29	41	42	47	21	19	185	15	39	88	212	69	26	9	1
	20%	31%	32%	20%	21%	21%	17%	28%	20%	16%	17%	12%	4%	33%	13%	16%	22%	19%	23%	18%	30%	10%	
NET: Disagree	888	97	50	95	87	92	66	52	80	98	109	61	91	355	57	83	178	482	147	62	15	4	
	44%	53%	62%	43%	48%	51%	47%	51%	39%	37%	39%	34%	21%	62%	50%	34%	44%	43%	49%	43%	49%	45%	
Don't know	219	18	5	25	17	27	17	10	16	36	31	16	40	54	11	18	40	114	41	24	-	-	
	11%	10%	6%	11%	9%	15%	12%	10%	8%	14%	11%	9%	9%	9%	10%	8%	10%	10%	13%	17%	-	-	
Mean	2.46	2.15	2.13	2.51	2.40	2.29	2.45	2.28	2.56	2.60	2.58	2.73	3.02	2.05	2.45	2.72	2.42	2.52	2.34	2.47	2.27	2.44	
Standard deviation	1.03	1.00	1.05	1.06	1.01	0.98	1.01	1.08	1.05	1.03	1.02	0.96	0.82	0.98	0.92	1.03	1.02	1.03	1.04	1.06	0.97	0.72	
Standard error	0.02	0.08	0.12	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.11	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.07	0.05	0.03	0.07	0.11	0.20	0.27	