



The People Bedroom Tax Poll

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 2,059 British adults online between 3rd and 5th April 2013. Data were weighted to be demographically representative of all British adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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Unweighted base	2059	1013	1046	210	355	328	369	331	466	598	616	333	512	290	770
Weighted base	2059	1009	1050	245	347	347	367	306	448	550	571	449	489	320	833
<u>I agree with George Osborne that the welfare system in Britain is broken</u>															
Agree	1368 66%	667 66%	701 67%	178 73%	236 68%	218 63%	242 66%	199 65%	296 66%	371 67%	395 69%	293 65%	308 63%	212 66%	582 70%
Disagree	411 20%	227 22%	184 18%	25 10%	66 19%	67 19%	82 22%	75 25%	95 21%	115 21%	91 16%	88 20%	117 24%	67 21%	146 18%
Don't know	280 14%	115 11%	165 16%	42 17%	44 13%	62 18%	44 12%	32 10%	57 13%	64 12%	84 15%	67 15%	64 13%	41 13%	106 13%
<u>Under the previous Labour Government, too many people were able to claim benefits who should not have been entitled to do so</u>															
Agree	1489 72%	736 73%	754 72%	155 63%	234 68%	244 70%	269 73%	226 74%	362 81%	423 77%	423 74%	319 71%	324 66%	229 72%	609 73%
Disagree	321 16%	169 17%	153 15%	47 19%	53 15%	59 17%	60 16%	51 17%	52 12%	78 14%	80 14%	69 15%	94 19%	47 15%	122 15%
Don't know	248 12%	105 10%	143 14%	42 17%	60 17%	44 13%	38 10%	29 10%	34 8%	49 9%	68 12%	61 14%	70 14%	43 14%	102 12%
<u>David Cameron should abandon the 'Bedroom Tax' entirely and think of other ways to save money</u>															
Agree	1046 51%	507 50%	539 51%	112 46%	161 46%	192 55%	201 55%	166 54%	214 48%	250 45%	257 45%	224 50%	315 64%	146 46%	414 50%
Disagree	682 33%	344 34%	339 32%	62 25%	123 36%	104 30%	122 33%	104 34%	167 37%	224 41%	198 35%	141 31%	118 24%	116 36%	284 34%
Don't know	330 16%	158 16%	172 16%	71 29%	63 18%	50 14%	45 12%	36 12%	66 15%	76 14%	115 20%	83 19%	56 11%	57 18%	135 16%

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Disagree	454 22%	235 23%	219 21%	50 20%	70 20%	70 20%	90 25%	70 23%	104 23%	118 21%	116 20%	108 24%	111 23%	67 21%	186 22%
Don't know	327 16%	130 13%	196 19%	62 25%	56 16%	60 17%	36 10%	45 15%	68 15%	85 15%	90 16%	67 15%	85 17%	40 12%	143 17%
<u>It's only fair that people who have spare bedrooms in council or housing association homes should receive less housing benefit</u>															
Agree	871 42%	450 45%	421 40%	94 38%	170 49%	142 41%	148 40%	110 36%	207 46%	296 54%	263 46%	162 36%	151 31%	159 50%	369 44%
Disagree	855 42%	429 43%	426 41%	88 36%	107 31%	150 43%	185 50%	149 49%	176 39%	194 35%	210 37%	189 42%	262 54%	128 40%	321 38%
Don't know	333 16%	130 13%	203 19%	62 25%	70 20%	55 16%	34 9%	47 15%	66 15%	61 11%	98 17%	98 22%	77 16%	32 10%	144 17%
<u>The Government should give more money to social housing providers to help those worst hit by the 'Bedroom Tax'</u>															
Agree	890 43%	471 47%	419 40%	84 35%	145 42%	156 45%	160 44%	145 47%	200 45%	238 43%	220 39%	182 41%	249 51%	138 43%	342 41%
Disagree	703 34%	362 36%	342 33%	71 29%	112 32%	108 31%	136 37%	111 36%	166 37%	212 39%	204 36%	159 35%	128 26%	112 35%	302 36%
Don't know	466 23%	176 17%	289 28%	90 37%	90 26%	83 24%	70 19%	50 16%	83 18%	100 18%	146 26%	107 24%	112 23%	70 22%	190 23%

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Disagree	692 34%	359 36%	333 32%	56 23%	130 37%	110 32%	125 34%	103 34%	168 38%	228 41%	210 37%	141 31%	114 23%	110 34%	298 36%
Don't know	237 11%	107 11%	130 12%	46 19%	44 13%	43 12%	26 7%	31 10%	46 10%	60 11%	85 15%	52 12%	40 8%	31 10%	101 12%
<u>Tenants in social housing who need a spare bedroom for sick or disabled family members should be exempt from the 'Bedroom Tax'</u>															
Agree	1797 87%	863 85%	934 89%	181 74%	290 84%	293 85%	334 91%	283 93%	416 93%	484 88%	483 85%	397 88%	433 88%	289 91%	697 84%
Disagree	119 6%	76 7%	44 4%	23 9%	25 7%	26 8%	19 5%	11 4%	15 3%	30 5%	50 9%	14 3%	26 5%	12 4%	65 8%
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