



# ANGLIAN WATER, SEVERN TRENT, SOUTH WEST WATER AND UNITED UTILITIES – NATIONALISATION AND WATER SURVEY

Methodology: ComRes interviewed 2,053 British adults online on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018. 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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## Public Spending Survey

### ONLINE Fieldwork: 10th April 2018

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1  
**Q.1 Which, if any, of the following issues do you think the UK Government should prioritise with regards to spending public money?**  
**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age									Social Grade				Employment Sector	
		Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Private (q)
Unweighted base	2053	1004	1049	245	341	292	354	324	497	586	646	821	467	601	438	547	257	807
Weighted base	2053	1002	1051	230	353	330	365	302	473	583	696	775	550	572	422	509	302	881
The NHS	1840 90%	860 86%	980 93%A	204 89%	303 86%	280 85%	321 88%	280 93%DEF	451 95%CDEF	508 87%	602 86%	731 94%IJ	492 89%	524 92%n	370 88%	454 89%	282 93%Q	738 84%
Police services	1245 61%	583 58%	662 63%A	114 50%	167 47%	177 54%	221 61%CD	209 69%CDEF	357 76%CDEFg	281 48%	398 57%l	566 73%IJ	328 60%	377 66%INo	235 56%	306 60%	184 61%Q	455 52%
Schools (Primary and secondary)	1084 53%	499 50%	585 56%A	134 58%fH	202 57%H	182 55%h	183 50%	160 53%	224 47%	335 58%K	365 52%	383 49%	293 53%	310 54%	220 52%	260 51%	182 60%Q	440 50%
Public infrastructure (e.g. roads, trains, street lights)	1082 53%	525 52%	556 53%	100 43%	161 46%	134 41%	203 55%CDE	185 61%CDE	299 63%CDEF	261 45%	337 48%	484 62%IJ	297 54%	301 53%	218 52%	266 52%	156 52%	428 49%
State pensions	879 43%	415 41%	463 44%	75 33%	109 31%	119 36%	158 43%CD	159 53%CDEF	258 55%CDEF	184 32%	278 40%l	417 54%IJ	197 36%	261 46%L	191 45%L	230 45%L	124 41%	341 39%
National defence (e.g. the Armed Forces)	802 39%	388 39%	414 39%	47 21%	95 27%	89 27%	157 43%CDE	144 48%CDE	269 57%CDEFG24	142	246 35%l	414 53%IJ	197 36%	231 40%	181 43%l	194 38%	119 40%Q	276 31%
Welfare and benefits payments	584 28%	283 28%	301 29%	58 25%	99 28%	91 27%	122 33%cH	104 34%CeH	111 24%	156 27%	212 31%	215 28%	133 24%	151 26%	106 25%	194 38%LMN	88 29%	209 24%
Nationalising private companies in certain sectors (e.g. utilities, transport)	381 19%	215 21%B	165 16%	36 16%	54 15%	46 14%	65 18%	80 26%CDEF	100 21%dE	90 15%	111 16%	179 23%IJ	97 18%	108 19%	77 18%	99 19%	68 22%Q	136 15%
University education subsidies	362 18%	161 16%	201 19%a	85 37%DEFGH20%gH	70 14%	48 14%	66 18%H	43 14%	50 11%	155 27%JK	114 16%K	93 12%	128 23%NO	113 20%NO	54 13%	67 13%	78 26%Q	135 15%
Aid to developing countries overseas	92 4%	53 5%	39 4%	23 10%EFGH	21 6%h	10 3%	12 3%	12 4%	14 3%	44 8%JK	22 3%	26 3%	25 5%	27 5%	18 4%	21 4%	17 6%	32 4%
None of the above	56 3%	37 4%B	19 2%	4 2%	20 6%CFGH	22 7%CFGH	6 2%h	3 1%	2 *	23 4%K	28 4%K	5 1%	13 2%	10 2%	15 4%m	18 4%m	1 *	50 6%P

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q

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Table 2

**Q.1 Which, if any, of the following issues do you think the UK Government should prioritise with regards to spending public money?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Region											
		Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)	North West (f)	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East (l)	South West (m)
Unweighted base	2053	200	109	1744	83	213	177	140	164	220	261	311	175
Weighted base	2053	181	103*	1770	86*	236	172	185	154	197	273	285	181
The NHS	1840 90%	161 89%	97 95% <sup>f</sup> Hik	1582 89%	80 93%	208 88%	158 91%	157 85%	134 87%	178 90%	238 87%	258 90%	172 95% <sup>a</sup> FHIK
Police services	1245 61%	98 54%	58 57%	1089 62% <sup>a</sup>	55 63% <sup>h</sup>	136 58%	106 62% <sup>H</sup>	91 49%	105 68% <sup>Ab</sup> FH	126 64% <sup>a</sup> H	166 61% <sup>H</sup>	194 68% <sup>Ab</sup> FH	110 61% <sup>h</sup>
Schools (Primary and secondary)	1084 53%	102 56% <sup>H</sup>	58 56% <sup>h</sup>	924 52%	59 68% <sup>FGHIJKM</sup>	115 49%	92 53%	81 44%	77 50%	95 48%	147 54% <sup>h</sup>	167 59% <sup>FH</sup> J	92 51%
Public infrastructure (e.g. roads, trains, street lights)	1082 53%	94 52% <sup>HK</sup>	55 53% <sup>HK</sup>	933 53%	50 58% <sup>HK</sup>	135 57% <sup>HK</sup>	105 61% <sup>HK</sup>	71 38%	89 58% <sup>HK</sup>	107 54% <sup>HK</sup>	108 40%	154 54% <sup>HK</sup>	114 63% <sup>a</sup> HKI
State pensions	879 43%	81 45%	42 41%	756 43%	35 41%	112 47% <sup>h</sup>	85 49% <sup>Hjk</sup>	66 36%	64 41%	79 40%	107 39%	125 44%	84 46% <sup>h</sup>
National defence (e.g. the Armed Forces)	802 39%	52 29%	45 43% <sup>AK</sup>	705 40% <sup>A</sup>	34 40%	83 35%	82 48% <sup>AFK</sup>	70 38%	63 41% <sup>A</sup>	85 43% <sup>AK</sup>	90 33%	120 42% <sup>Ak</sup>	77 43% <sup>Ak</sup>
Welfare and benefits payments	584 28%	56 31% <sup>bi</sup>	22 21%	506 29%	33 38% <sup>BII</sup>	73 31% <sup>bi</sup>	49 28%	48 26%	34 22%	56 29%	86 31% <sup>bi</sup>	74 26%	52 29%
Nationalising private companies in certain sectors (e.g. utilities, transport)	381 19%	36 20% <sup>H</sup>	19 19% <sup>h</sup>	326 18%	21 24% <sup>H</sup>	49 21% <sup>H</sup>	27 16%	17 9%	29 19% <sup>H</sup>	31 16%	67 25% <sup>gH</sup> Jl	49 17% <sup>H</sup>	35 20% <sup>H</sup>
University education subsidies	362 18%	26 14%	11 11%	325 18% <sup>b</sup>	26 30% <sup>ABFGHIJIM</sup>	45 19% <sup>b</sup>	27 15%	32 17%	22 14%	26 13%	61 22% <sup>a</sup> BiJ	56 20% <sup>bj</sup>	31 17%
Aid to developing countries overseas	92 4%	5 3%	8 7% <sup>F</sup>	79 4%	4 4% <sup>f</sup>	2 1%	11 6% <sup>F</sup>	7 4%	4 3%	8 4% <sup>f</sup>	16 6% <sup>F</sup>	11 4% <sup>f</sup>	15 8% <sup>AF</sup> II
None of the above	56 3%	7 4% <sup>lm</sup>	* *	49 3%	- -	6 3%	3 2%	10 6% <sup>beg</sup> LM	7 4% <sup>be</sup> Lm	6 3%	13 5% <sup>be</sup> LM	3 1%	1 1%

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 3

**Q.2 If the UK Government were to nationalise services that are currently provided by private companies, which of the following should they prioritise?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age									Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Private (q)
Unweighted base	2053	1004	1049	245	341	292	354	324	497	586	646	821	467	601	438	547	257	807
Weighted base	2053	1002	1051	230	353	330	365	302	473	583	696	775	550	572	422	509	302	881
Public services such as some NHS services/some prison services - which have been outsourced to private companies	1080 53%	520 52%	560 53%	132 57%E	186 53%e	146 44%	194 53%E	163 54%E	258 54%E	318 55%j	341 49%	421 54%j	288 52%	286 50%	234 55%	271 53%	182 60%Q	426 48%
National Rail services	920 45%	509 51%B	411 39%	102 44%E	160 45%E	110 33%	165 45%E	149 49%E	234 50%E	262 45%j	275 40%	383 49%J	274 50%mo	250 44%	199 47%O	198 39%	139 46%	386 44%
Energy companies	836 41%	472 47%B	364 35%	57 25%	131 37%C	134 41%C	153 42%C	139 46%CD	222 47%CD	188 32%	287 41%l	361 47%lj	228 42%	219 38%	181 43%	208 41%	116 39%	344 39%
Water and sewage services	646 31%	361 36%B	285 27%	49 21%	95 27%	111 33%C	105 29%c	113 38%CDF	173 37%CDF	144 25%	215 31%l	287 37%lJ	174 32%	178 31%	134 32%	160 31%	98 32%	256 29%
Mail and postal services	516 25%	277 28%B	239 23%	36 16%	94 27%C	74 22%c	98 27%C	86 29%C	127 27%C	131 22%	172 25%	213 28%i	128 23%	143 25%	112 27%	132 26%	70 23%	208 24%
I do not think the UK should nationalise any of these industries	259 13%	119 12%	141 13%	19 8%	29 8%	36 11%	53 15%CD	43 14%CD	80 17%CDE	47 8%	89 13%l	124 16%l	57 10%	104 18%LNO	34 8%	64 13%N	37 12%	104 12%
Don't know	199 10%	61 6%	137 13%A	22 10%H	49 14%GH	45 14%GH	38 10%H	23 8%h	21 4%	71 12%K	83 12%K	44 6%	39 7%	49 9%	44 10%	66 13%LM	24 8%	101 11%

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### ONLINE Fieldwork: 10th April 2018

Absolutes/col percents

Table 4

**Q.2 If the UK Government were to nationalise services that are currently provided by private companies, which of the following should they prioritise?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Region											
		Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)	North West (f)	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East (l)	South West (m)
Unweighted base	2053	200	109	1744	83	213	177	140	164	220	261	311	175
Weighted base	2053	181	103*	1770	86*	236	172	185	154	197	273	285	181
Public services such as some NHS services/some prison services - which have been outsourced to private companies	1080 53%	97 53%	49 47%	935 53%	57 66%aBhIJKL	129 55%	94 55%	96 52%	79 51%	96 49%	141 52%	139 49%	103 57%
National Rail services	920 45%	85 47%H	44 43%	791 45%	52 60%aBFgHIJIM	98 42%	80 46%h	64 34%	66 43%	76 39%	144 53%FHiJ	132 46%H	80 44%
Energy companies	836 41%	75 42%	45 44%	716 40%	39 46%	99 42%	73 42%	61 33%	73 48%Hj	75 38%	108 40%	114 40%	74 41%
Water and sewage services	646 31%	52 29%	29 28%	565 32%	36 41%abHjl	79 33%h	54 31%	44 24%	48 31%	56 28%	93 34%h	82 29%	73 41%AbHJL
Mail and postal services	516 25%	52 29%fHI	22 22%	442 25%	34 39%BFHiJLm	50 21%	50 29%fHI	34 18%	41 27%	46 23%	78 29%fHI	59 21%	48 27%
I do not think the UK should nationalise any of these industries	259 13%	21 12%	15 15%	223 13%	5 6%	21 9%	19 11%	27 15%	20 13%	30 15%ef	37 13%	35 12%	29 16%ef
Don't know	199 10%	22 12%	13 13%	164 9%	6 7%	17 7%	15 9%	14 7%	10 7%	25 13%fi	21 8%	37 13%fik	19 11%

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### ONLINE Fieldwork: 10th April 2018

Absolutes/col percents

Table 5

**Q.3a A recent report from an independent think tank says that nationalising the water industry would cost taxpayers £90bn.**

**Another report says that under private companies in the last decade, £18.1bn out of £18.8bn of profits from water companies have been paid out to shareholders.**

**Q.3b A recent report says that under private companies in the last decade, £18.1bn out of £18.8bn of profits from water companies have been paid out to shareholders.**

**Another report from an independent think tank says that nationalising the water industry would cost taxpayers £90bn.**

**With this information in mind, to what extent do you support or oppose the nationalisation of water and sewage services in the UK?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age									Social Grade				Employment Sector	
		Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Private (q)
Unweighted base	2053	1004	1049	245	341	292	354	324	497	586	646	821	467	601	438	547	257	807
Weighted base	2053	1002	1051	230	353	330	365	302	473	583	696	775	550	572	422	509	302	881
NET: Support	855 42%	518 52%B	337 32%	86 37%	142 40%	127 38%	158 43%	130 43%	213 45%ce	227 39%	284 41%	343 44%i	257 47%MO	210 37%	185 44%M	203 40%	126 42%	376 43%
Strongly support	(2) 406 20%	258 26%B	148 14%	34 15%	58 16%	53 16%	73 20%	77 25%CDE	111 24%CDE	92 16%	127 18%	188 24%IJ	124 23%	105 18%	81 19%	96 19%	58 19%	170 19%
Support somewhat	(1) 449 22%	260 26%B	189 18%	52 23%	84 24%g	73 22%	84 23%	53 18%	102 22%	136 23%	157 23%	156 20%	133 24%M	105 18%	104 25%M	106 21%	68 22%	206 23%
Neither support nor oppose	(0) 421 21%	185 18%	237 23%A	53 23%h	80 23%h	85 26%FH	63 17%	60 20%	81 17%	133 23%k	147 21%	141 18%	101 18%	127 22%	80 19%	113 22%	56 19%	197 22%
Oppose somewhat	(-1) 328 16%	128 13%	200 19%A	31 14%	52 15%	41 12%	64 17%	44 14%	97 20%CdEG	83 14%	105 15%	140 18%i	89 16%	98 17%	63 15%	79 15%	45 15%	127 14%
Oppose strongly	(-2) 212 10%	107 11%	105 10%	23 10%	34 10%	26 8%	38 10%	33 11%	58 12%e	57 10%	64 9%	91 12%	54 10%	73 13%n	37 9%	48 9%	29 10%	80 9%
NET: Oppose	541 26%	235 23%	306 29%A	55 24%	86 24%	67 20%	102 28%E	77 25%	154 33%CDEG	141 24%	169 24%	231 30%IJ	143 26%	171 30%No	99 24%	127 25%	74 25%	207 24%
Don't know	236 11%	64 6%	172 16%A	36 16%H	45 13%H	52 16%H	43 12%H	34 11%H	24 5%	81 14%K	96 8%	59 8%	48 9%	63 11%	58 14%L	66 13%I	46 15%	101 11%
Mean	0.28	0.46B	0.08	0.21	0.26	0.32	0.28	0.36	0.25	0.24	0.30	0.29	0.37M	0.14	0.36M	0.28	0.32	0.33
Standard deviation	1.31	1.33	1.26	1.25	1.26	1.21	1.33	1.37	1.37	1.25	1.27	1.37	1.32	1.34	1.27	1.28	1.31	1.26
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.09	0.05

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### ONLINE Fieldwork: 10th April 2018

Absolutes/col percents

Table 6

**Q.3a A recent report from an independent think tank says that nationalising the water industry would cost taxpayers £90bn.**

**Another report says that under private companies in the last decade, £18.1bn out of £18.8bn of profits from water companies have been paid out to shareholders.**

**Q.3b A recent report says that under private companies in the last decade, £18.1bn out of £18.8bn of profits from water companies have been paid out to shareholders.**

**Another report from an independent think tank says that nationalising the water industry would cost taxpayers £90bn.**

**With this information in mind, to what extent do you support or oppose the nationalisation of water and sewage services in the UK?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Region											
		Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)	North West (f)	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (i)	London (k)	South East (l)	South West (m)
Unweighted base	2053	200	109	1744	83	213	177	140	164	220	261	311	175
Weighted base	2053	181	103*	1770	86*	236	172	185	154	197	273	285	181
NET: Support	855 42%	73 40%	46 45%j	737 42%	47 54%aghJL	107 45%JL	70 41%	72 39%	71 46%JL	64 33%	120 44%JI	101 35%	85 47%JL
Strongly support	(2) 406 20%	35 20%	19 19%	351 20%	24 28%JL	44 18%	38 22%j	43 23%j	33 21%	29 15%	57 21%	48 17%	37 20%
Support somewhat	(1) 449 22%	37 21%	26 26%h	385 22%	23 26%h	63 27%HJI	33 19%	28 15%	39 25%h	35 18%	63 23%	53 19%	48 27%Hjl
Neither support nor oppose	(0) 421 21%	34 19%	23 23%	364 21%	12 14%	45 19%	43 25%eM	47 25%eM	36 24%m	39 20%	49 18%	67 23%M	26 15%
Oppose somewhat	(-1) 328 16%	30 17%b	8 8%	290 16%B	11 13%	35 15%	34 19%B	27 15%	20 13%	38 19%B	42 15%b	53 18%B	31 17%b
Oppose strongly	(-2) 212 10%	16 9%	15 14%g	181 10%	6 7%	26 11%	12 7%	15 8%	14 9%	26 13%g	34 13%g	26 9%	20 11%
NET: Oppose	541 26%	46 26%	23 23%	471 27%	18 20%	61 26%	46 26%	43 23%	35 23%	64 32%behi	76 28%	79 28%	51 28%
Don't know	236 11%	28 15%GI	10 10%	198 11%	10 11%	24 10%	13 8%	24 13%	11 7%	31 15%GI	29 10%	38 13%gi	18 10%
Mean	0.28	0.30j	0.29	0.28	0.61JL	0.30j	0.32j	0.35j	0.39J	0.02	0.27j	0.18	0.31j
Standard deviation	1.31	1.31	1.34	1.31	1.30	1.30	1.26	1.30	1.27	1.33	1.36	1.27	1.34
Standard error	0.03	0.10	0.13	0.03	0.15	0.09	0.10	0.12	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.11

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 7

**Q.3a A recent report from an independent think tank says that nationalising the water industry would cost taxpayers £90bn. Another report says that under private companies in the last decade, £18.1bn out of £18.8bn of profits from water companies have been paid out to shareholders.**

**With this information in mind, to what extent do you support or oppose the nationalisation of water and sewage services in the UK?**

**Base: All "Sample A" respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age									Social Grade				Employment Sector	
		Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Pri- vate (q)
Unweighted base	1026	490	536	130	164	155	171	143	263	294	326	406	238	290	223	275	119	404
Weighted base	1037	499	539	125*	172	183	172	135	249	297	355	385	289	279	213	257	144*	448
NET: Support	468 45%	275 55%B	193 36%	50 40%	73 43%	70 38%	80 46%	66 49%e	129 52%cE	123 41%	150 42%	195 51%IJ	134 46%	117 42%	97 46%	120 47%	66 46%	197 44%
Strongly support	(2) 22%	225 28%B	83 15%	20 16%	29 17%	31 17%	40 23%	36 27%cde	69 28%CDE	49 17%	71 20%	105 27%IJ	70 24%	53 19%	48 22%	55 21%	31 22%	94 21%
Support somewhat	(1) 23%	243 27%B	133 20%	30 24%	44 26%	39 21%	39 23%	31 23%	60 24%	74 25%	79 22%	90 24%	64 22%	64 23%	49 23%	66 26%	35 25%	103 23%
Neither support nor oppose	(0) 22%	231 20%	132 25%a	30 24%	41 24%	51 28%fh	33 19%	26 20%	49 19%	71 24%	84 24%	75 19%	60 21%	67 24%	40 19%	64 25%	24 17%	108 24%
Oppose somewhat	(-1) 13%	140 11%	87 16%A	13 11%	23 14%	16 9%	27 16%e	14 10%	46 18%cEg	37 12%	43 12%	60 16%	50 17%nO	40 15%	24 11%	26 10%	17 12%	58 13%
Oppose strongly	(-2) 8%	82 10%b	34 6%	10 8%	14 8%	15 8%	9 5%	15 11%f	19 8%	24 8%	24 7%	34 9%	28 10%	21 8%	14 6%	19 7%	9 7%	37 8%
NET: Oppose	222 21%	101 20%	120 22%	23 19%	38 22%	31 17%	36 21%	29 21%	65 26%E	61 21%	67 19%	94 24%	78 27%NO	62 22%	37 17%	45 17%	26 18%	95 21%
Don't know	117 11%	24 5%	93 17%A	22 18%H	20 11%H	31 17%H	23 14%H	14 10%H	7 3%	42 14%K	54 15%K	21 5%	17 6%	33 12%L	39 18%LmO	28 11%l	28 19%Q	49 11%
Mean	0.42	0.56B	0.27	0.35	0.33	0.36	0.51	0.49	0.47	0.34	0.43	0.47	0.36	0.35	0.54	0.49	0.53	0.40
Standard deviation	1.25	1.30	1.19	1.21	1.22	1.20	1.23	1.35	1.30	1.21	1.22	1.31	1.32	1.23	1.24	1.21	1.25	1.25
Standard error	0.04	0.06	0.06	0.12	0.10	0.11	0.10	0.12	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.13	0.07

**Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q**

**\* small base**



## Public Spending Survey

### ONLINE Fieldwork: 10th April 2018

Absolutes/col percents

Table 8

**Q.3a A recent report from an independent think tank says that nationalising the water industry would cost taxpayers £90bn. Another report says that under private companies in the last decade, £18.1bn out of £18.8bn of profits from water companies have been paid out to shareholders.**

**With this information in mind, to what extent do you support or oppose the nationalisation of water and sewage services in the UK?**

**Base: All "Sample A" respondents**

	Total	Region											
		Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)	North West (f)	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East (l)	South West (m)
Unweighted base	1026	100	65	861	32	109	95	60	82	96	131	171	85
Weighted base	1037	99*	63*	876	35**	114*	90*	80*	79*	90*	141*	157	89*
NET: Support	468 45%	43 44%J	32 50%J	393 45%	28 78%	55 48%J	38 42%j	42 53%Jl	38 49%J	25 28%	58 41%j	59 38%	50 56%gJKL
Strongly support	(2) 225 22%	23 24%J	13 20%	189 22%	17 47%	22 19%	22 24%J	27 34%fJKL	11 14%	10 11%	26 18%	28 18%	27 30%lJKl
Support somewhat	(1) 243 23%	20 20%	19 30%gj	204 23%	11 31%	33 29%j	16 18%	15 19%	27 35%AGhJKL	16 17%	32 23%	31 20%	23 26%
Neither support nor oppose	(0) 231 22%	18 18%	17 27%	196 22%	4 11%	22 19%	23 25%	18 22%	17 22%	24 26%	27 19%	45 28%a	17 19%
Oppose somewhat	(-1) 140 13%	17 17%b	4 7%	119 14%	- -	11 9%	15 16%	9 11%	13 17%	18 20%Bf	19 14%	23 15%	11 13%
Oppose strongly	(-2) 82 8%	5 5%	6 9%	71 8%	1 3%	11 10%	5 6%	4 5%	7 8%	9 10%	17 12%	10 6%	7 7%
NET: Oppose	222 21%	23 23%	10 16%	190 22%	1 3%	22 19%	20 22%	13 16%	20 25%	27 30%bfh	36 26%	33 21%	18 20%
Don't know	117 11%	15 15%IM	5 7%	97 11%	3 8%	16 14%im	10 11%	7 8%	4 5%	14 16%IM	20 14%im	20 13%im	4 5%
Mean	0.42	0.46J	0.49J	0.41	1.29	0.45J	0.43J	0.72lJKl	0.31	-0.02	0.25	0.33j	0.61JK
Standard deviation	1.25	1.27	1.20	1.26	0.94	1.26	1.25	1.25	1.18	1.20	1.34	1.19	1.27
Standard error	0.04	0.14	0.15	0.05	0.18	0.13	0.14	0.17	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.10	0.14

**Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/d - b/d - c/d - a/b/c/e/f/g/h/i/j/k/l/m**

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## Public Spending Survey

### ONLINE Fieldwork: 10th April 2018

Absolutes/col percents

Table 9

**Q.3b A recent report says that under private companies in the last decade, £18.1bn out of £18.8bn of profits from water companies have been paid out to shareholders. Another report from an independent think tank says that nationalising the water industry would cost taxpayers £90bn.**

**With this information in mind, to what extent do you support or oppose the nationalisation of water and sewage services in the UK?**

**Base: All "Sample B" respondents**

	Total	Gender		Age									Social Grade				Employment Sector	
		Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Pri- vate (q)
Unweighted base	1027	514	513	115	177	137	183	181	234	292	320	415	229	311	215	272	138	403
Weighted base	1016	503	512	105*	181	147	193	166	224	285	340	390	261	293	209	252	158	432
NET: Support	387 38%	243 48%B	144 28%	36 34%	69 38%	57 39%	78 40%	64 38%	85 38%	104 37%	134 40%	148 38%	123 47%MO	94 32%	88 42%Mo	82 33%	59 38%	180 42%
Strongly support	(2) 181 18%	117 23%B	65 13%	14 13%	29 16%	23 15%	33 17%	41 25%Cde	42 19%	43 15%	56 16%	83 21%i	54 21%	53 18%	33 16%	42 16%	27 17%	76 18%
Support somewhat	(1) 206 20%	127 25%B	79 15%	22 21%	40 22%g	34 23%g	45 23%G	23 14%	42 19%	62 22%	79 23%k	65 17%	69 26%MO	41 14%	55 26%MO	41 16%	32 20%	104 24%
Neither support nor oppose	(0) 191 19%	86 17%	105 20%	23 22%	38 21%	33 23%h	30 15%	34 20%	32 14%	62 22%	63 18%	66 17%	41 16%	60 20%	40 19%	50 20%	32 21%	89 21%
Oppose somewhat	(-1) 188 19%	75 15%	114 22%A	18 17%	29 16%	25 17%	36 19%	30 18%	51 23%	47 16%	61 18%	81 21%	38 15%	58 20%	39 19%	53 21%l	29 18%	70 16%
Oppose strongly	(-2) 130 13%	59 12%	72 14%	13 13%	20 11%	11 7%	30 15%e	19 11%	38 17%E	33 12%	40 12%	57 15%	26 10%	52 18%Lno	23 11%	29 12%	19 12%	43 10%
NET: Oppose	319 31%	134 27%	185 36%A	31 30%	48 27%	36 24%	66 34%e	48 29%	89 40%DEG	80 28%	101 30%	138 35%i	65 25%	110 37%L	62 30%	82 33%l	48 30%	112 26%
Don't know	119 12%	40 8%	79 15%A	14 13%	25 14%h	21 15%h	20 10%	21 12%	17 8%	40 14%	42 12%	38 10%	32 12%	30 10%	20 9%	38 15%	18 12%	52 12%
Mean	0.13	0.36B	-0.11	0.05	0.19	0.26	0.09	0.26	*	0.14	0.16	0.10	0.38MO	-0.06	0.19m	0.06	0.14	0.27
Standard deviation	1.35	1.35	1.30	1.29	1.29	1.21	1.38	1.39	1.42	1.29	1.32	1.41	1.32	1.40	1.28	1.33	1.33	1.28
Standard error	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.13	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.12	0.07

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q

\* small base

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### ONLINE Fieldwork: 10th April 2018

Absolutes/col percents

Table 10

**Q.3b A recent report says that under private companies in the last decade, £18.1bn out of £18.8bn of profits from water companies have been paid out to shareholders. Another report from an independent think tank says that nationalising the water industry would cost taxpayers £90bn.**

**With this information in mind, to what extent do you support or oppose the nationalisation of water and sewage services in the UK?**

**Base: All "Sample B" respondents**

	Total	Region											
		Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)	North West (f)	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East (l)	South West (m)
Unweighted base	1027	100	44	883	51	104	82	80	82	124	130	140	90
Weighted base	1016	82*	40*	894	51*	122*	82*	105*	75*	107	132*	128	92*
NET: Support	387 38%	29 36%	14 36%	344 38%	19 37%	52 42%h	33 40%	29 28%	33 44%h	39 36%	62 47%HL	42 33%	35 38%
Strongly support	(2) 181 18%	12 15%	7 17%	162 18%	7 14%	22 18%	16 20%	16 15%	22 29%AehLM	19 18%	31 23%M	20 15%	10 11%
Support somewhat	(1) 206 20%	17 21%	7 18%	181 20%	12 23%	30 25%h	16 20%	13 13%	11 15%	20 18%	31 24%h	23 18%	25 28%Hi
Neither support nor oppose	(0) 191 19%	16 19%	7 17%	168 19%	8 16%	23 19%	20 25%jM	29 28%JKM	19 25%jM	15 14%	22 16%	22 17%	9 10%
Oppose somewhat	(-1) 188 19%	13 16%	4 10%	171 19%	11 22%i	24 20%	19 23%l	19 18%	7 10%	20 18%	23 17%	29 23%bl	19 21%i
Oppose strongly	(-2) 130 13%	11 13%	9 23%dGhi	110 12%	5 10%	15 12%	7 8%	11 11%	8 11%	17 16%	17 13%	17 13%	14 15%
NET: Oppose	319 31%	24 29%	13 33%	282 32%	17 33%	39 32%	26 31%	30 28%	15 20%	37 34%i	40 30%	46 36%l	33 36%l
Don't know	119 12%	13 16%FGK	6 14%g	100 11%	7 14%g	8 6%	4 4%	17 16%fGk	8 10%	16 15%fGk	9 7%	18 14%fGk	14 15%fGk
Mean	0.13	0.10	-0.04	0.14	0.10	0.17	0.21	0.05	0.47hjLm	0.06	0.29	-0.01	-0.02
Standard deviation	1.35	1.33	1.51	1.34	1.30	1.32	1.26	1.27	1.36	1.43	1.39	1.34	1.35
Standard error	0.05	0.15	0.24	0.05	0.20	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.14	0.13	0.12	0.16

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