

Budget Poll Survey

CATI Fieldwork : April 22nd-23rd 2009

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

Q.1 Irrespective of which party you yourself support, which team do you think is better able to manage the economy properly, Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling or David Cameron and George Osborne?

Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Region				
	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
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Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling	196 38%	88 35%	109 40%	32 52%	31 38%	40 39%	32 36%	24 31%	37 34%	50 37%	70 46%	37 34%	39 32%	56 41%	47 35%	45 36%	24 32%	24 53%
David Cameron and George Osborne	183 35%	87 35%	96 36%	9 14%	33 40%	34 33%	29 33%	31 41%	47 43%	58 43%	47 31%	35 32%	43 34%	53 39%	50 37%	42 33%	28 39%	9 20%
Refused	11 2%	5 2%	7 2%	- -	- -	2 2%	3 3%	2 3%	4 4%	4 3%	1 *	5 4%	2 2%	1 *	2 2%	3 2%	5 7%	* 1%
Don't know	128 25%	69 28%	58 22%	21 34%	18 22%	26 25%	24 28%	19 25%	20 19%	23 17%	33 22%	32 29%	40 32%	26 19%	37 27%	37 29%	16 22%	12 26%

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Table 2

Q.2 Turning now to the economy, over the course of the next 3-6 months do you expect that things generally will improve or get worse?

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Net: Improve	169 33%	69 28%	100 37%	13 21%	20 24%	44 43%	26 30%	29 38%	37 34%	42 31%	68 45%	26 24%	33 27%	39 29%	57 42%	34 27%	23 31%	17 36%
Improve a lot	9 2%	4 2%	5 2%	- -	1 2%	1 1%	2 2%	2 2%	2 2%	4 3%	1 1%	1 1%	2 2%	2 1%	4 3%	1 *	1 1%	2 4%
Improve a little	161 31%	66 26%	95 35%	13 21%	18 22%	43 42%	25 28%	28 36%	34 32%	38 28%	67 44%	26 23%	31 25%	37 28%	53 39%	33 26%	22 30%	15 33%
Get a little worse	164 32%	77 31%	87 32%	16 26%	30 36%	28 28%	27 30%	21 27%	43 40%	51 38%	32 21%	36 33%	45 36%	52 39%	36 27%	45 35%	21 29%	10 22%
Get a lot worse	167 32%	91 37%	75 28%	33 53%	30 37%	23 22%	31 35%	27 35%	23 21%	37 28%	45 30%	44 40%	41 33%	44 33%	38 28%	42 33%	25 35%	17 37%
Net: Worse	331 64%	169 68%	162 60%	49 79%	60 73%	51 50%	57 65%	48 62%	66 62%	89 66%	77 51%	80 73%	86 69%	97 71%	74 54%	87 68%	47 64%	27 59%
Don't know	18 3%	10 4%	8 3%	- -	2 3%	7 7%	4 4%	- -	5 4%	4 3%	5 4%	3 2%	5 4%	- -	5 4%	7 5%	4 5%	2 5%

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Summary Table**Base: All respondents**

		A one year scheme offering a £2,000 discount on new car purchases when the owner scraps another car that is more than 10 years old	An increase from next year in the top rate of tax from 45% to 50% for those earning over £150,000	An increase of £3,000 in the limit for ISAs, which provide tax free savings	A 2% increase in tax on alcohol and tobacco	Tax on petrol and diesel to rise by 2% in September	Extension to the end of this year of the temporary scrapping of stamp duty on the purchase of houses up to £175,000	A guaranteed job, training or work placement for all 18-24 year-olds who have been unemployed for 12 months
Unweighted base		518	518	518	518	518	518	518
Weighted base		518	518	518	518	518	518	518
Net: Positive		245 47%	294 57%	339 65%	235 45%	102 20%	300 58%	359 69%
Very positive	(+2)	85 16%	153 30%	127 25%	102 20%	33 6%	115 22%	190 37%
Fairly positive	(+1)	160 31%	141 27%	211 41%	133 26%	69 13%	184 36%	169 33%
No real effect either way	(0)	125 24%	100 19%	102 20%	128 25%	55 11%	107 21%	76 15%
Fairly negative	(-1)	70 14%	60 12%	42 8%	87 17%	121 23%	52 10%	39 7%
Very negative	(-2)	67 13%	56 11%	17 3%	63 12%	233 45%	32 6%	43 8%
Net: Negative		137 27%	116 22%	59 11%	150 29%	355 68%	84 16%	82 16%
Don't know		11 2%	8 2%	18 3%	5 1%	6 1%	28 5%	1 *
Mean		0.25	0.54	0.78	0.24	-0.88	0.61	0.82
Standard deviation		1.26	1.32	1.03	1.29	1.29	1.14	1.24
Standard error		0.06	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.05

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Net: Positive	245	116	130	43	34	59	39	27	43	61	77	59	49	62	64	65	31	24
	47%	46%	48%	70%	41%	58%	45%	35%	40%	45%	51%	54%	39%	45%	47%	51%	43%	53%
Very positive	(+2) 85	43	43	26	9	19	12	10	9	18	29	24	14	25	25	16	11	8
	16%	17%	16%	43%	10%	19%	14%	13%	9%	13%	19%	23%	11%	19%	18%	13%	15%	17%
Fairly positive	(+1) 160	73	87	17	25	40	27	17	33	43	48	34	35	36	39	49	20	16
	31%	29%	32%	27%	31%	39%	31%	22%	31%	32%	32%	32%	28%	27%	29%	38%	28%	36%
No real effect either way	(0) 125	63	62	5	22	21	27	26	25	35	39	20	31	39	33	25	21	7
	24%	25%	23%	8%	27%	21%	31%	34%	23%	26%	26%	19%	25%	29%	24%	19%	29%	16%
Fairly negative	(-1) 70	31	39	9	11	13	10	9	18	17	19	12	22	15	16	21	8	10
	14%	13%	14%	14%	14%	13%	11%	12%	17%	12%	13%	11%	18%	11%	12%	17%	11%	22%
Very negative	(-2) 67	33	34	5	14	4	10	12	21	19	13	15	20	19	21	11	12	4
	13%	13%	13%	8%	17%	4%	12%	16%	20%	14%	9%	14%	16%	14%	15%	9%	17%	10%
Net: Negative	137	64	73	14	26	18	20	22	39	36	33	27	42	33	37	32	20	14
	27%	26%	27%	22%	31%	17%	23%	28%	36%	27%	22%	25%	33%	24%	27%	25%	28%	32%
Don't know	11	6	5	-	1	5	1	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	6	-	-
	2%	2%	2%	-	1%	5%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	5%	-	-
Mean	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.82	0.03	0.58	0.25	0.04	-0.07	0.18	0.40	0.38	0.02	0.26	0.23	0.31	0.14	0.28
Standard deviation	1.26	1.27	1.26	1.35	1.26	1.09	1.20	1.25	1.28	1.25	1.20	1.34	1.26	1.28	1.32	1.18	1.30	1.26
Standard error	0.06	0.09	0.07	0.26	0.17	0.12	0.11	0.13	0.11	0.09	0.11	0.16	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.15	0.19

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An increase from next year in the top rate of tax from 45% to 50% for those earning over £150,000

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Very positive (+2)	153 30%	90 36%	63 23%	16 26%	26 32%	29 29%	21 24%	22 29%	39 36%	38 28%	52 35%	23 21%	41 33%	36 26%	40 29%	40 31%	22 30%	15 34%
Fairly positive (+1)	141 27%	60 24%	80 30%	9 15%	20 25%	27 27%	24 28%	25 33%	35 32%	35 26%	41 27%	24 22%	40 32%	39 29%	37 28%	29 22%	24 33%	12 25%
No real effect either way (0)	100 19%	42 17%	57 21%	15 24%	13 16%	30 29%	19 22%	12 15%	11 10%	27 20%	27 18%	24 22%	21 17%	20 14%	24 18%	30 23%	19 26%	7 15%
Fairly negative (-1)	60 12%	31 13%	29 11%	2 3%	17 20%	8 8%	10 12%	10 12%	13 12%	21 16%	16 10%	14 13%	9 7%	23 17%	14 10%	14 11%	5 6%	5 11%
Very negative (-2)	56 11%	22 9%	34 13%	20 33%	4 5%	6 6%	11 13%	8 11%	6 6%	14 10%	13 8%	22 20%	8 7%	16 12%	17 12%	15 11%	3 5%	6 12%
Net: Negative	116 22%	53 21%	63 23%	22 35%	21 25%	15 14%	22 25%	18 24%	20 18%	35 26%	28 19%	36 33%	17 14%	39 28%	31 23%	28 22%	8 11%	10 23%
Don't know	8 2%	3 1%	5 2%	- -	2 2%	2 2%	1 1%	- -	3 3%	- -	2 1%	1 1%	5 4%	2 2%	3 2%	1 1%	- -	1 3%
Mean	0.54	0.68	0.41	-0.01	0.60	0.64	0.39	0.55	0.83	0.46	0.70	0.11	0.81	0.42	0.52	0.51	0.78	0.60
Standard deviation	1.32	1.32	1.31	1.60	1.27	1.17	1.33	1.32	1.23	1.32	1.28	1.42	1.19	1.36	1.36	1.34	1.10	1.40
Standard error	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.31	0.17	0.12	0.12	0.14	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.17	0.10	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.21

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An increase of £3,000 in the limit for ISAs, which provide tax free savings

Base: All respondents

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Net: Positive	339	150	189	38	57	64	59	52	69	80	106	72	81	88	89	79	53	29
	65%	60%	70%	61%	70%	62%	67%	68%	64%	60%	70%	66%	65%	65%	66%	62%	72%	63%
Very positive	(+2) 127	62	65	13	23	21	23	20	28	29	42	26	30	27	32	42	20	6
	25%	25%	24%	21%	28%	20%	27%	26%	26%	22%	28%	24%	24%	20%	23%	33%	27%	13%
Fairly positive	(+1) 211	88	124	25	35	43	35	33	41	51	64	46	51	61	57	37	33	23
	41%	35%	46%	40%	42%	42%	41%	42%	38%	38%	42%	42%	41%	45%	42%	29%	45%	49%
No real effect either way	(0) 102	53	49	15	17	24	11	15	20	32	30	20	21	31	28	25	13	6
	20%	21%	18%	24%	21%	24%	13%	20%	18%	23%	20%	18%	17%	23%	20%	20%	18%	13%
Fairly negative	(-1) 42	24	17	5	5	9	10	7	7	10	7	10	15	10	10	16	4	2
	8%	10%	6%	7%	6%	8%	11%	9%	7%	7%	5%	9%	12%	8%	7%	12%	5%	5%
Very negative	(-2) 17	11	6	3	-	3	5	2	4	7	5	2	3	2	4	4	-	7
	3%	4%	2%	5%	-	3%	6%	3%	4%	5%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	-	14%
Net: Negative	59	36	23	8	5	11	14	9	12	17	12	12	17	12	14	20	4	9
	11%	14%	9%	12%	6%	11%	17%	11%	11%	13%	8%	11%	14%	9%	10%	15%	5%	19%
Don't know	18	10	8	1	2	3	3	*	8	5	3	5	5	4	5	4	3	3
	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	1%	7%	4%	2%	5%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	6%
Mean	0.78	0.69	0.86	0.66	0.94	0.71	0.74	0.80	0.81	0.66	0.89	0.80	0.76	0.77	0.78	0.79	0.98	0.45
Standard deviation	1.03	1.11	0.94	1.07	0.87	0.99	1.16	1.02	1.06	1.09	0.99	0.99	1.04	0.92	1.01	1.14	0.84	1.26
Standard error	0.05	0.08	0.05	0.21	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.12	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.19

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A 2% increase in tax on alcohol and tobacco

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Net: Positive	235 45%	111 44%	125 46%	32 52%	48 59%	40 39%	34 39%	29 37%	52 49%	60 45%	73 48%	45 41%	58 47%	68 50%	53 39%	73 57%	19 26%	21 46%
Very positive (+2)	102 20%	40 16%	62 23%	15 24%	20 24%	19 19%	16 19%	10 13%	21 19%	26 20%	32 21%	14 13%	30 24%	21 16%	22 16%	36 28%	8 11%	15 32%
Fairly positive (+1)	133 26%	71 28%	63 23%	17 28%	28 34%	21 20%	17 20%	19 24%	31 29%	34 25%	40 27%	31 28%	28 23%	47 35%	31 23%	37 29%	11 16%	7 14%
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Fairly negative (-1)	87 17%	39 16%	48 18%	19 30%	5 6%	18 18%	16 18%	11 14%	19 18%	20 15%	26 17%	18 16%	24 19%	20 15%	26 20%	20 16%	18 24%	3 6%
Very negative (-2)	63 12%	39 16%	23 9%	4 6%	6 8%	10 9%	16 19%	19 25%	8 8%	14 10%	14 10%	19 18%	15 12%	14 10%	17 13%	10 8%	7 10%	14 32%
Net: Negative	150 29%	78 32%	72 27%	22 36%	11 13%	28 27%	32 37%	30 38%	28 26%	34 25%	40 27%	37 34%	39 31%	34 25%	44 32%	30 24%	25 34%	17 38%
Don't know	5 1%	3 1%	2 1%	- -	- -	1 1%	- -	- -	4 4%	1 *	2 1%	2 2%	1 1%	- -	1 1%	1 1%	3 4%	- -
Mean	0.24	0.13	0.34	0.34	0.62	0.22	0.02	-0.12	0.37	0.29	0.34	0.02	0.27	0.31	0.10	0.54	-0.07	0.09
Standard deviation	1.29	1.32	1.25	1.30	1.14	1.22	1.38	1.38	1.22	1.24	1.26	1.31	1.35	1.20	1.27	1.28	1.14	1.67
Standard error	0.06	0.09	0.07	0.26	0.15	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.11	0.09	0.11	0.16	0.12	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.13	0.25

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Tax on petrol and diesel to rise by 2% in September

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Very positive (+2)	33 6%	18 7%	15 6%	6 9%	9 11%	- -	5 6%	7 9%	7 7%	4 3%	10 7%	8 7%	11 9%	13 10%	7 5%	8 6%	3 5%	2 4%
Fairly positive (+1)	69 13%	41 16%	28 10%	16 27%	5 6%	11 11%	8 9%	13 17%	15 14%	17 13%	22 15%	9 9%	20 16%	18 13%	15 11%	24 18%	8 11%	4 10%
No real effect either way (0)	55 11%	32 13%	23 9%	5 8%	7 9%	16 15%	8 10%	6 8%	13 12%	13 10%	18 12%	9 9%	14 11%	15 11%	19 14%	12 10%	5 7%	3 6%
Fairly negative (-1)	121 23%	45 18%	77 28%	15 25%	17 21%	20 20%	22 25%	17 23%	30 28%	36 27%	41 27%	21 19%	24 19%	38 28%	35 26%	21 17%	22 30%	5 11%
Very negative (-2)	233 45%	109 44%	124 46%	20 32%	42 52%	53 52%	44 50%	34 44%	40 37%	64 47%	56 37%	61 56%	52 42%	48 35%	59 43%	60 47%	35 48%	31 69%
Net: Negative	355 68%	154 62%	201 75%	35 57%	59 72%	74 72%	65 75%	51 67%	70 65%	100 74%	97 64%	82 75%	76 61%	86 63%	94 69%	81 63%	57 78%	37 80%
Don't know	6 1%	4 2%	2 1%	- -	2 2%	2 2%	1 1%	- -	2 2%	- -	3 2%	- -	4 3%	3 2%	1 1%	2 2%	- -	- -
Mean	-0.88	-0.76	-1.00	-0.44	-0.98	-1.15	-1.06	-0.77	-0.76	-1.02	-0.75	-1.08	-0.72	-0.68	-0.93	-0.81	-1.05	-1.31
Standard deviation	1.29	1.36	1.22	1.41	1.37	1.06	1.22	1.39	1.29	1.17	1.29	1.29	1.40	1.35	1.21	1.38	1.19	1.20
Standard error	0.06	0.09	0.07	0.28	0.18	0.11	0.11	0.15	0.11	0.09	0.11	0.15	0.12	0.12	0.10	0.12	0.14	0.18

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Table 9

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Extension to the end of this year of the temporary scrapping of stamp duty on the purchase of houses up to £175,000

Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Region				
	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	518	211	307	26	56	90	121	91	134	180	131	71	136	135	138	127	73	45
Weighted base	518	249	269	61	82	103	87	77	108	135	150	109	124	136	136	128	73	46
Net: Positive	300	134	166	19	45	69	56	44	67	84	94	52	69	80	80	69	44	26
	58%	54%	62%	32%	55%	67%	64%	57%	63%	63%	63%	48%	56%	59%	59%	54%	60%	58%
Very positive	(+2) 115	51	64	8	16	22	19	18	32	35	32	21	28	32	33	22	22	7
	22%	21%	24%	13%	20%	22%	22%	23%	30%	26%	21%	19%	22%	23%	24%	17%	30%	16%
Fairly positive	(+1) 184	82	102	11	29	46	37	26	35	50	62	31	41	49	48	48	22	19
	36%	33%	38%	19%	35%	45%	42%	33%	33%	37%	41%	29%	33%	36%	35%	37%	30%	41%
No real effect either way	(0) 107	52	55	11	20	19	18	20	19	31	26	28	22	30	30	21	19	7
	21%	21%	20%	18%	24%	19%	21%	26%	17%	23%	17%	25%	18%	22%	22%	17%	26%	15%
Fairly negative	(-1) 52	32	20	12	15	3	5	6	11	8	17	15	13	14	11	19	6	3
	10%	13%	7%	20%	18%	2%	6%	8%	10%	6%	11%	14%	10%	10%	8%	15%	8%	6%
Very negative	(-2) 32	14	17	12	-	7	4	5	3	7	10	9	6	6	8	7	3	7
	6%	6%	6%	20%	-	7%	5%	7%	2%	5%	7%	9%	5%	5%	6%	6%	4%	15%
Net: Negative	84	47	37	25	15	10	9	12	14	14	27	24	18	20	19	26	9	10
	16%	19%	14%	40%	18%	10%	10%	15%	13%	11%	18%	22%	15%	15%	14%	20%	12%	21%
Don't know	28	16	12	6	2	5	4	2	8	5	3	5	15	5	7	11	2	3
	5%	7%	4%	11%	3%	5%	5%	3%	7%	4%	2%	5%	12%	4%	5%	9%	3%	6%
Mean	0.61	0.53	0.69	-0.17	0.59	0.76	0.74	0.59	0.83	0.76	0.61	0.38	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.49	0.76	0.40
Standard deviation	1.14	1.16	1.13	1.38	1.02	1.07	1.03	1.16	1.08	1.07	1.15	1.21	1.14	1.11	1.14	1.15	1.10	1.31
Standard error	0.05	0.08	0.07	0.29	0.14	0.12	0.10	0.12	0.10	0.08	0.10	0.15	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.13	0.20

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Table 10

Q.3 I am going to read out some measures that were announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in this afternoon's Budget statement. Please say in each case if you think it is a positive measure or a negative measure, or if you think it is a measure that won't have much effect either way, please say so.

A guaranteed job, training or work placement for all 18-24 year-olds who have been unemployed for 12 months

Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Region				
	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	518	211	307	26	56	90	121	91	134	180	131	71	136	135	138	127	73	45
Weighted base	518	249	269	61	82	103	87	77	108	135	150	109	124	136	136	128	73	46
Net: Positive	359	158	201	43	57	81	57	48	72	87	124	69	79	101	93	81	54	30
	69%	63%	75%	70%	70%	79%	66%	62%	67%	65%	83%	63%	63%	74%	68%	64%	74%	66%
Very positive	(+2) 190	81	108	30	34	34	26	26	40	45	66	40	39	52	47	47	27	17
	37%	33%	40%	49%	42%	33%	29%	33%	37%	33%	44%	36%	31%	38%	35%	37%	37%	37%
Fairly positive	(+1) 169	77	92	13	23	47	32	22	33	42	58	29	40	49	45	35	27	13
	33%	31%	34%	22%	28%	46%	36%	28%	30%	31%	38%	27%	32%	36%	33%	27%	37%	29%
No real effect either way	(0) 76	46	30	5	8	15	14	16	18	26	15	18	17	21	19	20	12	4
	15%	19%	11%	9%	10%	15%	16%	20%	16%	19%	10%	17%	14%	15%	14%	16%	16%	8%
Fairly negative	(-1) 39	24	15	3	11	1	4	9	11	9	5	13	11	5	14	10	5	4
	7%	10%	6%	5%	13%	1%	4%	12%	10%	7%	3%	12%	9%	4%	10%	8%	7%	9%
Very negative	(-2) 43	19	24	10	6	3	13	5	7	13	6	9	16	9	10	15	2	8
	8%	8%	9%	16%	7%	3%	14%	6%	7%	9%	4%	8%	13%	7%	7%	11%	3%	17%
Net: Negative	82	43	39	13	17	4	16	14	18	22	11	22	27	14	24	25	7	12
	16%	17%	14%	21%	20%	4%	19%	18%	17%	16%	7%	20%	22%	10%	18%	19%	10%	26%
Don't know	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
	*	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	-
Mean	0.82	0.71	0.92	0.82	0.84	1.07	0.62	0.72	0.81	0.73	1.16	0.71	0.61	0.95	0.78	0.71	0.97	0.60
Standard deviation	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.49	1.29	0.91	1.34	1.22	1.23	1.26	1.01	1.29	1.36	1.14	1.24	1.35	1.04	1.48
Standard error	0.05	0.09	0.07	0.29	0.17	0.10	0.12	0.13	0.11	0.09	0.09	0.15	0.12	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.22

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Table 11

Q.4 There were a number of measures announced in the Budget, whose combined effect is quite big increases in tax on high income earners. Please say if you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Summary Table**Base: All respondents**

	This is a fair way to manage the burden of repaying the government debt that has been built up	This marks the end of New Labour	This will discourage entrepreneurship & wealth creation and damage the City of London	This will reduce inequality in Britain
Unweighted base	518	518	518	518
Weighted base	518	518	518	518
Net: Agree	254 49%	274 53%	195 38%	210 41%
Strongly agree	79 15%	175 34%	84 16%	75 14%
Slightly agree	175 34%	100 19%	111 21%	135 26%
Slightly disagree	112 22%	121 23%	178 34%	148 29%
Strongly disagree	126 24%	77 15%	100 19%	131 25%
Net: Disagree	238 46%	198 38%	278 54%	279 54%
Don't know	26 5%	46 9%	45 9%	28 5%

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Table 12

Q.4 There were a number of measures announced in the Budget, whose combined effect is quite big increases in tax on high income earners.

Please say if you agree or disagree with the following statements.

This is a fair way to manage the burden of repaying the government debt that has been built up

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age						Social Grade				Region					
	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	518	211	307	26	56	90	121	91	134	180	131	71	136	135	138	127	73	45
Weighted base	518	249	269	61	82	103	87	77	108	135	150	109	124	136	136	128	73	46
Net: Agree	254 49%	127 51%	127 47%	19 31%	53 64%	54 52%	36 42%	40 52%	52 49%	63 47%	82 55%	48 44%	61 49%	67 50%	65 48%	64 50%	38 53%	19 42%
Strongly agree	79 15%	39 16%	40 15%	7 11%	15 18%	11 11%	11 13%	15 20%	20 18%	22 16%	24 16%	17 15%	16 13%	21 15%	24 18%	20 16%	12 17%	2 4%
Slightly agree	175 34%	88 35%	87 32%	12 20%	38 46%	42 41%	25 29%	25 32%	33 30%	41 31%	58 39%	31 29%	45 36%	47 34%	41 30%	44 35%	26 36%	17 37%
Slightly disagree	112 22%	47 19%	65 24%	19 30%	19 24%	20 20%	20 23%	17 22%	17 16%	26 19%	32 21%	32 29%	23 18%	25 19%	32 23%	29 22%	14 20%	12 26%
Strongly disagree	126 24%	63 26%	62 23%	20 32%	9 11%	21 21%	24 27%	19 24%	33 30%	43 32%	31 21%	23 21%	28 23%	39 29%	31 23%	27 21%	17 23%	11 25%
Net: Disagree	238 46%	110 44%	127 47%	39 63%	29 35%	41 40%	44 51%	35 46%	50 46%	69 51%	63 42%	55 50%	51 41%	64 48%	63 46%	56 44%	31 43%	23 51%
Don't know	26 5%	11 4%	15 6%	4 6%	* 1%	7 7%	7 8%	2 3%	6 5%	2 2%	5 3%	6 6%	12 10%	4 3%	8 6%	8 6%	3 4%	3 7%

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Table 13

Q.4 There were a number of measures announced in the Budget, whose combined effect is quite big increases in tax on high income earners.

Please say if you agree or disagree with the following statements.

This marks the end of New Labour

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age						Social Grade				Region					
	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	518	211	307	26	56	90	121	91	134	180	131	71	136	135	138	127	73	45
Weighted base	518	249	269	61	82	103	87	77	108	135	150	109	124	136	136	128	73	46
Net: Agree	274 53%	133 54%	141 52%	26 43%	35 43%	54 52%	49 56%	42 55%	69 64%	73 54%	75 50%	56 52%	71 57%	70 52%	73 54%	66 52%	40 54%	25 55%
Strongly agree	175 34%	95 38%	80 30%	19 32%	19 23%	25 24%	28 32%	33 42%	52 48%	48 36%	43 28%	35 33%	49 39%	47 35%	48 36%	44 34%	25 34%	11 23%
Slightly agree	100 19%	38 15%	61 23%	7 11%	16 20%	29 28%	21 24%	10 12%	17 16%	24 18%	32 21%	21 19%	22 18%	23 17%	25 18%	22 17%	15 20%	15 32%
Slightly disagree	121 23%	59 24%	62 23%	16 27%	25 31%	29 29%	16 18%	21 27%	13 12%	28 21%	39 26%	33 30%	21 17%	40 29%	24 17%	33 26%	17 24%	7 15%
Strongly disagree	77 15%	41 17%	35 13%	14 23%	15 18%	10 10%	11 12%	8 11%	19 18%	19 14%	26 17%	14 12%	18 15%	15 11%	25 18%	17 13%	10 13%	10 22%
Net: Disagree	198 38%	100 40%	98 36%	30 50%	40 49%	40 39%	27 31%	29 38%	32 30%	47 35%	65 43%	46 43%	39 32%	55 41%	48 36%	50 39%	27 37%	17 38%
Don't know	46 9%	15 6%	30 11%	5 8%	7 9%	9 9%	12 14%	5 7%	7 6%	15 11%	10 7%	6 6%	14 11%	10 7%	14 10%	11 9%	6 9%	3 7%

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Table 14

Q.4 There were a number of measures announced in the Budget, whose combined effect is quite big increases in tax on high income earners.

Please say if you agree or disagree with the following statements.

This will discourage entrepreneurship & wealth creation and damage the City of London

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Grade				Region						
	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	518	211	307	26	56	90	121	91	134	180	131	71	136	135	138	127	73	45
Weighted base	518	249	269	61	82	103	87	77	108	135	150	109	124	136	136	128	73	46
Net: Agree	195 38%	96 38%	99 37%	22 36%	30 36%	37 36%	37 43%	30 39%	38 35%	52 39%	52 35%	45 41%	46 37%	62 46%	41 30%	44 34%	28 39%	19 41%
Strongly agree	84 16%	44 18%	40 15%	13 20%	10 12%	13 13%	17 19%	16 21%	16 14%	26 19%	24 16%	12 11%	21 17%	32 24%	20 15%	16 13%	11 15%	4 9%
Slightly agree	111 21%	52 21%	59 22%	10 16%	20 24%	24 24%	21 24%	14 18%	22 21%	26 19%	28 19%	32 30%	25 20%	30 22%	21 16%	28 22%	17 24%	15 32%
Slightly disagree	178 34%	73 29%	105 39%	24 38%	27 33%	41 40%	28 32%	27 35%	32 30%	43 32%	40 26%	45 42%	50 41%	45 33%	54 40%	45 35%	22 31%	12 26%
Strongly disagree	100 19%	57 23%	43 16%	11 18%	20 25%	17 17%	12 14%	18 23%	22 21%	30 22%	43 28%	14 12%	14 11%	24 18%	27 20%	24 18%	15 21%	11 24%
Net: Disagree	278 54%	130 52%	148 55%	35 56%	47 58%	58 56%	40 46%	44 57%	54 51%	73 54%	82 55%	59 54%	64 52%	68 50%	81 60%	69 54%	37 51%	23 49%
Don't know	45 9%	23 9%	22 8%	5 8%	5 6%	7 7%	10 12%	3 4%	15 14%	10 7%	16 11%	5 5%	14 11%	5 4%	13 10%	15 12%	7 10%	4 9%

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Table 15

Q.4 There were a number of measures announced in the Budget, whose combined effect is quite big increases in tax on high income earners.

Please say if you agree or disagree with the following statements.

This will reduce inequality in Britain

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age					Social Grade				Region						
	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	518	211	307	26	56	90	121	91	134	180	131	71	136	135	138	127	73	45
Weighted base	518	249	269	61	82	103	87	77	108	135	150	109	124	136	136	128	73	46
Net: Agree	210 41%	98 39%	112 42%	40 64%	30 37%	34 33%	30 34%	34 44%	43 40%	46 34%	68 45%	48 44%	48 39%	60 45%	46 34%	58 45%	28 39%	18 39%
Strongly agree	75 14%	37 15%	38 14%	13 21%	11 14%	9 9%	14 15%	14 18%	14 13%	13 10%	27 18%	19 17%	16 13%	19 14%	20 15%	22 17%	6 8%	7 16%
Slightly agree	135 26%	61 25%	74 28%	27 43%	19 23%	24 24%	16 19%	20 26%	29 27%	33 25%	41 28%	29 26%	32 26%	42 31%	25 19%	36 28%	22 31%	11 23%
Slightly disagree	148 29%	72 29%	76 28%	16 26%	27 33%	36 35%	25 28%	20 26%	25 23%	35 26%	41 27%	36 33%	37 30%	34 25%	45 33%	40 31%	19 26%	11 24%
Strongly disagree	131 25%	70 28%	61 23%	3 5%	24 29%	26 25%	26 30%	20 26%	32 30%	50 37%	34 23%	20 18%	27 22%	37 27%	37 27%	21 16%	22 30%	15 33%
Net: Disagree	279 54%	142 57%	137 51%	19 31%	51 62%	62 60%	51 58%	40 52%	57 53%	85 63%	75 50%	56 51%	64 51%	70 52%	81 60%	61 48%	41 56%	26 57%
Don't know	28 5%	9 4%	20 7%	3 4%	1 1%	7 7%	7 8%	3 4%	8 7%	4 3%	7 5%	5 5%	12 10%	5 4%	9 7%	9 7%	4 5%	2 4%

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Table 16
Q.5 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
Summary Table
Base: All respondents

	The economy will start growing again towards the end of the year	The bad state of Britain's public finances is significantly the fault of Gordon Brown and the Labour government	The government is doing a reasonable job of trying to deal with the effects of a global recession that is hitting all major economies hard	All Labour governments end up ruining Britain's public finances by spending too much and not managing the economy prudently
Unweighted base	518	518	518	518
Weighted base	518	518	518	518
Net: Agree	262 51%	251 48%	297 57%	303 58%
Strongly agree	63 12%	166 32%	121 23%	207 40%
Slightly agree	200 39%	85 16%	176 34%	96 18%
Slightly disagree	108 21%	117 23%	69 13%	111 21%
Strongly disagree	134 26%	137 27%	140 27%	91 18%
Net: Disagree	241 47%	255 49%	209 40%	202 39%
Don't know	14 3%	12 2%	12 2%	13 3%