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	Feb 7-8	Oct 24-25																				
Now, thinking about how Britain provides for its FUTURE energy needs...																						
Do you think the government is right or wrong to pay energy companies more to help develop the following forms of energy generation?																						
Nuclear power																						
The government is right to spend money encouraging this form of energy	40	48	72	42	48	54	68	41	41	61	35	40	45	44	57	51	43	49	52	48	42	43
The government is wrong to spend money encouraging this form of energy	35	30	13	35	32	28	19	33	34	25	34	30	28	34	27	28	32	28	28	31	31	32
Don't know	26	22	14	23	20	17	14	26	24	14	31	30	27	22	16	21	25	23	20	20	27	25
Wind power																						
The government is right to spend money encouraging this form of energy	56	51	42	62	72	31	38	59	63	49	53	56	60	55	37	54	47	55	46	55	48	61
The government is wrong to spend money encouraging this form of energy	26	32	45	24	18	56	48	25	23	38	25	19	22	29	49	31	32	28	38	30	30	26
Don't know	18	17	13	14	10	13	14	16	14	13	21	25	18	17	14	14	21	17	16	15	22	13
Solar power																						
The government is right to spend money encouraging this form of energy	65	60	59	64	76	52	56	60	70	60	60	59	59	63	58	63	56	61	59	61	57	69
The government is wrong to spend money encouraging this form of energy	17	21	26	19	11	32	29	20	14	26	17	16	20	20	27	20	22	24	23	21	19	17
Don't know	18	19	15	17	12	15	15	20	16	14	22	25	20	17	16	16	21	14	18	17	24	14
Tidal power																						
The government is right to spend money encouraging this form of energy	66	62	65	64	77	58	63	59	74	65	60	62	60	63	64	66	57	57	63	67	58	67
The government is wrong to spend money encouraging this form of energy	13	15	14	16	9	23	17	16	9	18	13	11	14	17	17	14	17	20	16	15	13	11
Don't know	21	22	20	20	14	18	20	25	17	17	27	27	26	21	19	20	25	23	21	18	28	22

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This week the government has signed a deal with French energy company EDF and a Chinese energy firm to build a new nuclear power station in Somerset, the first new nuclear power station in Britain since 1995.

Do you support or oppose the decision to build a new nuclear power station?

Support	49	77	41	51	58	71	43	43	64	36	38	50	46	58	52	46	49	55	48	45	46
Oppose	30	10	40	32	27	16	36	35	24	36	31	27	33	28	29	31	26	25	34	33	36
Don't know	20	13	19	16	16	12	21	22	13	28	31	23	20	14	19	23	25	20	18	21	18

Do you think it is acceptable or unacceptable for French and Chinese companies to be involved in the running and construction of the new power station?

Acceptable	28	46	19	45	14	39	18	29	36	20	37	40	22	21	34	20	30	31	23	29	23
Unacceptable	55	39	66	37	78	50	61	55	52	58	39	40	61	69	50	62	48	52	62	55	59
Don't know	17	14	16	18	8	11	21	16	12	21	24	20	17	11	16	18	22	16	15	16	18

As part of the deal the government has promised to pay a minimum price for the electricity generated that is above the current wholesale price of energy. This will ensure the companies make back the money they are investing in building the power station. Do you think this is acceptable or unacceptable?

Acceptable	26	47	16	35	19	37	19	24	31	21	29	26	25	24	29	22	27	28	23	26	22
Unacceptable	49	33	62	43	65	42	53	55	51	47	39	41	53	55	49	48	44	47	56	45	53
Don't know	26	20	22	21	16	20	28	20	18	32	32	32	22	21	22	30	29	25	21	29	24

Thinking about the last FIVE years, do you think standards of care in the NHS have got better, got worse or stayed the same?

Got better	8	15	6	8	3	12	6	7	11	6	10	8	8	8	9	8	7	9	7	9	10
Got worse	48	39	56	42	65	47	50	51	44	51	35	36	52	59	47	50	39	47	55	48	47
Stayed the same	29	35	26	32	22	31	31	27	28	30	31	34	27	26	31	27	38	30	28	25	27
Don't know	14	11	12	18	9	11	13	15	16	13	24	21	12	7	13	16	17	14	10	17	16

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Generally speaking, do you think NHS doctors do or do not treat patients with respect?

Do treat patients with respect	65	69	68	61	66	66	69	71	66	63	65	57	66	69	67	61	61	68	62	65	63
Do not treat patients with respect	23	21	23	20	24	23	22	16	22	24	19	25	24	21	21	26	26	20	29	21	21
Don't know	13	11	8	19	10	11	10	13	12	13	16	17	11	9	12	13	14	12	9	14	16

Generally speaking, do you think NHS nurses do or do not treat patients with respect?

Do treat patients with respect	66	68	72	66	60	64	71	71	70	61	66	64	69	62	65	66	59	64	70	66	70
Do not treat patients with respect	22	21	20	14	28	25	20	15	18	26	15	19	21	27	22	21	26	22	23	21	14
Don't know	13	11	8	20	12	11	8	14	12	13	19	17	9	11	12	13	14	14	7	14	15

In the last few years have you or another member of your household had to seek care at an NHS hospital during the weekend?

June 27-28

Oct 24-25

Yes, I have	18	21	23	23	23	27	22	23	18	23	19	16	24	23	19	21	22	22	18	24	23	23
Yes, another member of my household has	23	22	22	24	22	19	22	21	22	21	24	29	23	22	20	24	20	21	22	22	23	25
No, neither	57	52	53	50	49	54	54	52	57	51	53	41	47	53	59	53	51	51	56	50	51	46
Don't know	5	4	2	3	6	0	2	3	2	5	4	14	7	2	2	3	6	5	4	4	3	7

And in the last few years have you or another member of your household had to seek out-of-hours care from your GP during the weekend?

Yes, I have	12	13	13	15	13	10	12	14	11	13	12	12	13	13	12	13	13	9	12	14	13	13
Yes, another member of my household has	18	18	19	20	23	15	17	19	18	17	19	17	21	16	19	18	19	16	20	19	15	22
No, neither	66	65	65	63	59	74	69	64	67	65	65	59	59	69	68	66	63	68	65	63	67	57
Don't know	5	4	3	2	5	0	2	3	4	5	4	12	7	2	2	3	6	7	3	4	4	8

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June 27-28
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Thinking about when you/a member of your household have used NHS hospital services at the weekend

How would you rate the service you received?

[Asked to those who either they or another member of their household had to seek care at an NHS hospital during the weekend in the last few years; n=822]

Very good	29	31	25	31	41	34	25	31	38	32	31	27	30	31	35	30	33	26	33	31	32	31
Fairly good	38	38	46	40	26	25	42	44	27	42	35	45	43	35	35	42	33	38	36	43	35	44
TOTAL GOOD	67	69	71	71	67	59	67	75	65	74	66	72	73	66	70	72	66	64	69	74	67	75
Fairly poor	26	21	18	23	25	21	23	16	22	19	23	22	19	23	19	19	24	25	20	20	22	20
Very poor	6	8	10	4	7	18	10	6	11	8	8	4	7	10	8	7	9	8	10	5	9	5
TOTAL POOR	32	29	28	27	32	39	33	22	33	27	31	26	26	33	27	26	33	33	30	25	31	25
Don't know	1	2	0	2	1	2	1	3	2	0	3	2	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	1	2	0

Thinking about when you/a member of your household have used out-of-hours GP services at the weekend

How would you rate the service you received?

[Asked to those who either they or another member of their household had to seek out-of-hours care from your GP during the weekend in the last few years; n=561]

Very good	26	27	22	24	43	34	23	30	30	23	31	19	28	27	29	26	28	27	31	26	25	21
Fairly good	42	38	39	41	25	29	40	37	35	43	35	52	36	40	33	43	33	27	37	45	37	47
TOTAL GOOD	68	65	61	65	68	63	63	67	65	66	66	71	64	67	62	69	61	54	68	71	62	68
Fairly poor	22	21	27	24	18	10	22	22	19	20	23	16	20	20	27	19	25	22	20	16	25	30
Very poor	8	11	11	10	15	26	14	10	14	13	10	13	13	11	9	11	11	17	11	13	12	2
TOTAL POOR	30	32	38	34	33	36	36	32	33	33	33	29	33	31	36	30	36	39	31	29	37	32
Don't know	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	2	2	0	3	2	1	1	3	8	2	1	1	0

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Which of the following best reflects your view?																						
NHS hospitals should operate all the same services for both emergency and routine operations and tests, seven days a week	66	65	73	62	67	71	71	63	67	65	65	57	58	68	71	66	63	64	67	67	63	59
NHS hospitals should only provide emergency care and treatment for inpatients at weekends, routine operations and tests should only be provided during the week	24	23	21	27	22	22	22	24	23	22	23	21	27	23	20	23	22	23	21	23	23	28
Not sure	9	12	7	10	10	7	7	13	10	12	12	22	15	10	9	10	15	13	12	10	14	13
Which of the following best reflects your view?																						
We should expect hospitals to maintain the same standards throughout the whole week, and standards at weekends to be the same as during the week	79	79	84	77	81	84	84	77	84	77	80	71	71	85	81	79	78	73	82	77	79	74
Hospitals should try to maintain decent standards all the time, but it is inevitable that there will be better provision during weekdays when more staff are in work	15	16	13	19	13	15	13	19	14	17	15	18	19	13	17	17	15	18	13	18	16	21
Not sure	6	5	2	4	6	1	3	4	2	5	5	10	10	3	2	4	7	9	4	4	5	5
Do you think NHS consultants (senior doctors) should be required by their contracts to work a certain number of weekends each year?																						
Should	84	81	87	81	86	91	87	79	85	80	82	64	77	83	89	83	78	81	81	84	77	82
Should not	5	6	4	8	4	4	4	7	2	7	5	12	8	6	2	5	7	6	6	6	8	4
Don't know	10	13	9	11	11	6	8	14	13	13	13	24	15	11	8	12	14	12	12	10	15	14
Do you think NHS consultants should or should not be paid extra to work at weekends?																						
Should be paid extra to work at weekends	36	34	34	40	40	31	31	38	36	35	33	36	33	36	32	34	35	37	34	34	35	27
Should not be paid any extra to work at weekends	55	55	59	50	53	64	62	52	54	55	55	47	50	56	61	56	53	48	56	56	52	63
Don't know	10	11	7	10	7	5	6	10	10	10	12	17	17	8	7	10	12	15	10	10	12	10

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In 2004 doctors contracts for GPs changed so that GPs no longer had the responsibility to provide out-of-hours services, and could instead opt-out and allow out-of-hours services for their surgery to be provided by external companies, contracted to the NHS.

Do you think it is right or wrong to allow GPs to opt-out of providing out-of-hours services?

Right - many individual doctors surgeries don't have the resources to provide a round the clock service and it is better provided by specialist companies

Wrong - there would be better out-of-hours services if they were the responsibility of GPs themselves, who know their patients and their needs

Don't know

19	21	21	28	8	16	21	20	21	18	34	27	17	9	21	16	24	18	18	19	20
69	72	68	66	87	78	68	71	69	69	48	58	73	84	69	69	59	71	75	68	67
12	7	11	7	5	7	12	9	10	13	18	16	11	6	9	14	17	11	7	13	13

And do you think GPs should or should not be paid extra to work at weekends?

Should be paid extra to work at weekends

Should not be paid any extra to work at weekends

Don't know

38	38	43	44	34	35	42	40	39	37	37	37	41	37	38	38	42	38	38	40	28
51	56	47	49	62	59	48	49	51	52	44	50	50	57	52	50	44	54	52	48	60
11	6	10	7	4	6	10	10	10	11	19	14	9	6	9	12	15	8	9	12	12

Which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

There is not really a serious 'drugs problem' in this country

There is a serious drugs problem, but it is largely confined to certain neighbourhoods and certain kinds of people

There is a serious problem and it affects practically the whole country

Don't know

11	9	13	17	7	9	10	12	13	9	22	16	9	4	12	9	15	12	11	10	4
44	56	42	45	40	51	39	45	48	41	48	49	43	41	48	39	43	47	45	41	44
36	29	38	29	49	35	43	35	32	40	15	26	40	49	32	42	31	33	38	39	43
8	6	7	9	4	6	8	8	7	10	15	9	7	6	8	9	11	8	6	9	9

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With regard to "hard" drugs such as heroin and crack cocaine, which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

The sale and possession of hard drugs should remain a criminal offence as now	83	71	81	68	60	77	82	70	64	68	74	56	64	74	80	72	69	65	74	74	70	63
The sale and possession of hard drugs should remain illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence, such as parking in the wrong place, rather than a CRIMINAL offence (a policy sometimes called 'decriminalisation')	7	10	6	13	21	4	6	11	14	11	9	21	15	7	5	11	9	16	9	11	9	10
The sale and possession of hard drugs should no longer be illegal (sometimes called 'legalisation')	6	11	9	12	11	12	8	12	12	13	8	14	10	12	8	10	11	10	11	8	10	14
Don't know	4	8	4	7	7	6	4	8	10	8	8	10	10	7	7	6	11	9	6	7	11	12

With regard to "soft" drugs such as cannabis, which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

The sale and possession of soft drugs should remain a criminal offence as now	43	45	59	37	34	50	59	39	36	45	44	31	39	46	54	46	43	42	45	51	44	35
The sale and possession of soft drugs should remain illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence, such as parking in the wrong place, rather than a CRIMINAL offence (a policy sometimes called 'decriminalisation')	30	25	22	32	34	20	22	30	29	23	28	27	28	23	24	26	24	22	27	25	27	21
The sale and possession of soft drugs should no longer be illegal (sometimes called 'legalisation')	19	22	15	23	26	26	15	22	27	25	18	31	23	23	14	22	21	27	22	16	20	30
Don't know	8	8	4	7	6	4	5	9	8	7	10	11	9	8	7	6	12	9	6	8	10	14