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**Thinking about the level of taxes in the UK and whether this encourages tax avoidance, which of the following best reflects your view?**

- High tax rates in the UK on business and the rich encourage tax avoidance and should be reduced
- High tax rates in the UK on business and the rich encourage tax avoidance, but the government should crack down on avoidance rather than cut taxes
- Tax rates in the UK on business and the rich are not too high and don't encourage tax avoidance
- Don't know

<b>19</b>	31	12	5	30	15	11	19	19	19	22	17	19	19	19	24	19	18	17	19
<b>52</b>	52	57	65	53	52	62	54	51	42	50	53	59	57	47	52	52	55	51	52
<b>13</b>	8	18	25	8	20	15	15	11	10	11	14	15	14	12	11	12	12	16	14
<b>16</b>	10	12	6	10	13	12	11	20	30	17	16	8	11	22	14	17	16	15	15

**Do you currently boycott the products or services of any companies in response to them not paying their fair share of tax?**

- Yes - there are companies I actively boycott because they don't pay enough tax
- No - while I care whether companies pay tax I don't really know enough about the subject or which companies don't pay tax to boycott them
- No - when buying things price, quality and other considerations are more important to me than whether a company pays tax
- Not sure

<b>15</b>	12	20	9	13	19	17	19	11	12	11	17	16	17	11	16	13	17	13	18
<b>35</b>	35	34	53	34	32	44	30	39	29	33	33	42	38	30	29	33	35	39	33
<b>37</b>	45	32	34	42	33	33	39	35	39	41	37	32	34	40	43	38	35	34	36
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In recent years some retired politicians, senior civil servants or senior military officers have gone on to work for private sector companies in lobbying roles - that is, using their knowledge and contacts in government to help promote the interests of clients to government ministers and civil servants

Thinking about former civil servants and military officers taking up jobs for lobbying companies, which of the following best reflects your view?

There is nothing wrong with former military officers or civil servants who have left their jobs using their knowledge of and contacts in government to earn a living

It is wrong that former military officers or civil servants should be able to use their contacts in and knowledge of government to make money and it risks conflicts of interest or corruption

Neither

Don't know

<b>26</b>	39	20	32	36	23	24	25	27	28	32	26	20	30	21	27	28	27	26	19
<b>50</b>	44	58	54	47	56	54	53	47	35	39	50	66	51	48	50	47	50	54	53
<b>7</b>	9	6	8	8	4	7	7	7	6	6	8	7	8	7	3	7	10	7	7
<b>17</b>	8	16	6	9	16	15	14	19	31	23	15	7	11	24	20	19	14	13	21

Would you support or oppose laws banning former civil servants and military officers from working for lobbying companies for a period after leaving their public sector role?

Support	<b>47</b>	46	52	44	49	52	48	51	44	27	31	51	67	48	47	51	47	46	46	50
Oppose	<b>19</b>	26	17	33	24	16	20	20	18	23	22	19	14	23	14	16	18	22	22	11
Don't know	<b>34</b>	27	31	23	27	32	32	28	39	50	47	30	20	29	39	33	35	32	32	39

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In the previous question you said you would support a ban on former civil servants and military officers working for lobbying companies after leaving their public sector role. How long do you think this ban should be for?

[Only asked to those who said they would support a ban on former civil servants and military officers from working for lobbying companies for a period after leaving their role n=896]

A year	<b>6</b>	8	6	6	7	9	4	5	8	4	14	5	5	7	5	14	6	6	2	9
Two years	<b>18</b>	24	15	19	26	12	20	18	18	16	23	16	17	18	17	27	16	20	16	12
Five years	<b>37</b>	40	37	38	41	35	35	37	38	41	27	38	39	39	34	36	40	37	36	30
Ten years	<b>12</b>	10	13	24	7	13	18	14	10	15	12	11	13	13	11	8	13	12	13	16
A permanent ban	<b>23</b>	16	25	11	17	26	20	24	22	14	19	26	24	20	28	13	20	25	30	29
Don't know	<b>3</b>	2	4	2	2	4	3	2	5	10	5	4	1	3	4	3	6	0	3	4

Currently former civil servants, military officers and politicians have to consult with an independent body - ACOBA - before they take jobs in the private sector after leaving or retiring from public service. This body can advise they do not take a job because of potential conflicts or interest, or suggest restrictions, such as barring them from lobbying government and officials that worked for them. Currently ACOBA is only advisory, and doesn't have any legal powers to enforce its recommendations.

Would you support or oppose giving ACOBA powers to enforce tougher punishments against former civil servants and officers who ignore their recommendations, such as removing their honours?

Support	<b>60</b>	64	67	59	65	63	62	64	57	37	49	65	75	65	54	57	57	60	64	65
Oppose	<b>9</b>	13	8	15	12	10	9	11	7	18	12	8	5	10	9	10	9	11	10	6
Don't know	<b>30</b>	23	25	26	23	27	29	25	36	45	40	27	20	25	37	33	34	29	26	29

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**And would you support or oppose giving ACOBA legal powers to enforce their recommendations?**

Support	<b>57</b>	63	62	58	64	58	59	63	51	32	44	63	72	62	51	51	54	60	60	61
Oppose	<b>10</b>	10	10	14	10	11	11	11	9	22	11	8	7	11	9	18	9	9	10	7
Don't know	<b>33</b>	27	28	28	26	30	30	26	40	46	45	30	21	28	40	31	37	31	30	32

**Thinking about the standards of people in public life these days and also people and scandals in years gone past, do you think standards of behaviour of figures in public life have improved, worsened or are about the same as they were ten years ago?**

Improved	<b>4</b>	6	4	8	4	4	3	4	4	6	5	4	1	5	1	7	2	3	5	3
Worsened	<b>50</b>	46	57	33	48	54	48	51	49	39	42	51	60	48	52	44	51	56	48	47
Stayed the same	<b>38</b>	45	34	56	43	37	44	37	40	31	42	39	38	43	33	43	37	33	41	43
Don't know	<b>8</b>	3	6	3	4	5	5	9	8	24	12	6	1	4	14	7	11	8	6	8

**What do you think is MAINLY responsible for the rising cost in energy bills?**

Energy companies taking bigger profits	<b>58</b>	56	67	47	55	67	57	53	62	37	54	64	63	59	55	57	58	56	57	62
The rising price of oil and gas	<b>17</b>	18	17	31	16	15	25	18	16	25	24	13	13	18	16	20	16	17	18	15
The cost of meeting government targets for reducing carbon emissions	<b>11</b>	13	5	13	17	9	7	15	8	9	6	11	17	10	13	10	10	13	13	8
The cost of building new infrastructure and power plants	<b>4</b>	5	4	4	4	2	5	4	3	3	4	3	3	4	3	2	4	5	3	4
Something else	<b>2</b>	2	2	3	3	1	3	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2
Don't know	<b>8</b>	6	6	2	6	6	4	8	8	23	11	6	2	6	11	8	10	7	7	9

**Currently energy companies are obliged to meet the costs of meeting the government's energy targets for reducing carbon emissions, including things like offering subsidised insulation or boilers to customers to help them reduce their energy usage. The cost of all these measures is passed onto customers through higher bills.**

**Do you think this is justified or unjustified?**

Justified	<b>14</b>	18	14	29	14	12	24	16	13	16	16	13	14	19	8	15	16	14	13	13
Unjustified	<b>71</b>	75	74	60	76	76	66	72	71	55	66	77	77	68	76	69	67	72	77	72
Don't know	<b>14</b>	7	12	11	10	12	10	12	17	29	19	10	9	13	16	16	17	14	10	15



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Thinking about the country's future energy provision, do you think the government should be looking to use more or less of the following?

**Solar power**

More than present	74	72	70	75	78	71	72	80	70	74	60	71	75	74	74	69	68	72	70	74	77
Less than present	6	5	6	4	3	6	4	2	7	3	5	5	4	6	6	4	5	6	7	2	4
Maintain current levels	12	12	18	12	13	16	14	9	14	10	15	10	11	14	12	12	16	10	12	14	6
Not sure	9	11	6	9	6	6	11	9	10	12	20	14	10	6	9	14	11	12	11	10	13

**Wind farms**

More than present	56	55	49	64	67	45	60	67	52	57	65	63	53	45	59	49	57	56	50	55	59
Less than present	19	21	28	14	18	34	17	11	25	17	9	12	19	36	19	22	19	20	24	21	18
Maintain current levels	15	14	16	13	10	16	13	14	14	14	10	12	17	14	13	15	13	14	15	14	13
Not sure	9	11	6	10	5	6	10	8	9	12	16	13	11	5	9	13	10	11	11	11	10

**Nuclear power stations**

More than present	35	40	57	36	33	58	34	34	54	26	26	35	38	52	42	37	38	40	44	41	30
Less than present	27	20	13	21	29	13	20	27	14	25	18	23	21	16	21	19	19	18	17	22	30
Maintain current levels	23	21	21	23	28	19	24	24	18	23	26	18	22	20	22	20	23	21	19	20	23
Not sure	15	19	10	20	10	10	22	15	14	25	29	24	18	12	16	24	20	21	20	17	17

**Oil power stations**

More than present	10	11	11	11	6	14	10	8	11	11	2	9	11	17	9	13	10	10	13	12	8
Less than present	47	45	48	49	57	42	52	49	53	37	63	47	43	38	49	40	52	44	45	44	43
Maintain current levels	27	23	28	22	23	29	20	25	23	24	9	18	27	29	24	22	19	26	21	23	23
Not sure	17	21	13	18	14	15	19	18	14	28	26	26	19	17	18	25	19	20	21	21	26

**Gas power stations**

More than present	17	20	16	12	22	16	14	18	16	8	13	17	23	15	19	24	17	16	15	13
Less than present	36	33	42	49	30	43	42	41	32	51	41	34	29	39	33	36	33	39	38	38
Maintain current levels	27	35	24	26	33	23	28	28	26	12	21	30	35	29	25	21	30	27	27	24
Not sure	20	11	17	13	15	18	16	13	27	29	24	19	14	17	24	20	20	19	20	25

**Coal power stations**

More than present	16	17	15	18	11	21	15	14	16	17	4	12	17	26	14	20	15	14	21	17	16
Less than present	43	43	47	46	54	41	47	49	49	38	59	49	41	34	48	37	45	44	39	44	47
Maintain current levels	25	19	25	18	19	23	20	20	21	18	9	15	23	23	21	17	22	21	19	19	14
Not sure	17	21	13	18	16	16	18	18	14	27	28	24	19	16	17	25	19	21	21	20	23

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Shale gas is natural gas trapped under sedimentary rock, which is extracted using a method known as hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking". There are large reserves of shale gas in Lancashire.

Some people think that using shale gas could be a solution to Britain's energy needs. Other people think that fracking is a dangerous technique that risks contaminating ground water and causing minor earthquakes.

From what you have seen or heard about the issue, do you think the government should or should not support the use of fracking in the UK?

Should	<b>32</b>	42	31	37	39	33	30	43	21	27	32	28	37	32	31	39	29	31	31	36
Should not	<b>30</b>	25	33	31	28	28	36	27	32	26	29	35	26	32	28	22	32	33	29	27
Don't know	<b>38</b>	33	36	32	33	39	34	30	46	46	39	37	37	36	41	39	39	36	40	38

Do you think it is acceptable or unacceptable for Prince Charles to write to government ministers to express his views?

Acceptable	<b>73</b>	79	70	70	78	72	75	71	74	61	71	76	76	74	71	70	76	75	68	74
Unacceptable	<b>17</b>	15	22	26	14	20	19	18	16	19	16	15	20	19	16	19	14	17	21	16
Don't know	<b>10</b>	6	8	4	8	8	6	10	10	20	13	9	4	8	13	11	10	9	11	9

Details of Princes Charles's letters to government ministers have not be released, but he has in the past expressed views about subjects like architecture, farming, climate change and alternative medicine. From what you have seen or read about his views, do you think his views would have a positive or negative impact on government policy?

Positive	<b>33</b>	40	33	43	36	32	37	33	33	26	34	37	32	35	31	32	31	36	35	34
Negative	<b>18</b>	16	20	21	17	20	16	21	14	17	15	16	23	19	16	18	18	18	16	21
Don't know	<b>49</b>	44	47	36	48	48	47	45	53	57	51	48	45	46	53	50	51	46	50	45

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Do you think the contents of Prince Charles letters to government ministers should or should not be published?

Should be published	<b>42</b>	38	52	36	37	47	43	45	38	38	39	39	49	43	39	48	42	38	41	42
Should not be published	<b>44</b>	53	38	46	54	41	43	41	48	34	44	48	44	45	43	38	44	48	45	46
Don't know	<b>14</b>	9	10	18	9	12	13	14	14	28	17	13	7	11	18	14	15	13	15	13

Bovine tuberculosis (TB) is an infectious disease of cattle. It can be spread from cow to cow, but is also thought to be spread by infected badgers. The government are supporting a cull of badgers in order to reduce badger numbers and reduce the risk of them spreading TB to cattle.

Do you think the proposed cull of badgers should or should not go ahead?

Should go ahead	<b>31</b>	46	29	27	40	30	21	34	29	29	34	30	31	35	27	35	30	32	30	33
Should not go ahead	<b>44</b>	35	48	45	39	45	58	41	46	28	37	51	47	43	44	39	47	43	43	41
Don't know	<b>25</b>	18	23	28	21	25	21	25	25	42	29	19	22	22	30	26	24	25	27	25

And from what you have seen or heard about it, do you think the government are handling the issue of badgers and TB in cattle well or badly?

Very well	<b>1</b>	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	1
Fairly well	<b>12</b>	25	7	17	20	9	11	14	11	12	13	12	13	14	10	13	11	19	9	11
<b>TOTAL WELL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>
Fairly badly	<b>33</b>	34	32	37	34	31	38	32	33	21	27	34	42	35	30	29	33	34	31	34
Very badly	<b>19</b>	9	25	20	14	25	21	20	18	13	12	23	22	19	18	13	20	19	22	13
<b>TOTAL BADLY</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>47</b>
Don't know	<b>36</b>	31	35	26	31	35	29	34	37	53	47	32	22	31	42	43	35	28	37	41