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Defence

Conservative	28	76	9	19	26	62	10	17	32	25	24	26	30	31	31	25	30	31	29	26	21
Labour	23	1	58	10	6	4	55	22	24	21	18	26	24	20	23	22	24	18	19	26	35
Liberal Democrat	7	0	4	45	1	2	2	22	8	5	5	7	7	6	7	6	9	7	4	7	6
Other	9	3	4	2	51	9	5	8	12	7	7	8	9	11	8	11	6	10	12	6	12
None	11	6	12	5	6	10	11	11	9	13	5	9	13	12	11	10	11	10	11	14	7
Don't know	22	14	14	19	10	13	17	20	15	30	40	23	18	19	20	25	21	23	25	21	19

Thinking about your local area and your local council, which political party do you think has the best policies for running LOCAL government in your area?

Conservative	21	62	3	3	22	51	5	10	21	20	15	17	20	28	22	19	21	25	22	17	13
Labour	26	3	68	3	4	5	64	17	28	23	25	27	29	21	26	25	30	17	25	34	32
Liberal Democrat	13	8	7	68	10	8	6	38	14	13	5	12	16	15	14	12	13	19	9	12	6
Other	9	5	3	6	33	10	4	9	11	7	5	10	8	12	9	10	8	8	10	6	22
None	8	4	6	4	13	8	6	10	8	9	3	6	9	11	8	8	8	8	7	10	7
Don't know	23	17	14	16	18	18	14	16	18	27	46	28	18	14	21	25	20	23	27	21	20

Feb 28 - Mar 1 April 25-26

Do you think George Osborne should remain as Chancellor of the Exchequer, or do you think David Cameron should replace him with a new Chancellor?

George Osborne should remain Chancellor	20	23	57	7	25	28	46	8	19	27	20	21	23	22	27	26	20	23	26	22	22	20
George Osborne should be replaced	53	52	24	74	59	60	35	72	60	58	47	38	50	56	56	51	54	52	49	53	55	56
Don't know	27	24	19	19	16	12	19	20	21	15	33	41	28	22	17	23	26	25	24	25	22	24

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		Mar 7-8	April 25-26																				
Do you think each of the following would make a better or worse Chancellor of the Exchequer than George Osborne?																							
William Hague																							
	Would make a better Chancellor	27	20	26	17	21	30	30	15	20	22	18	14	19	21	23	22	17	24	22	19	19	14
	Would make a worse Chancellor	16	24	23	30	25	28	21	31	29	30	18	19	18	25	29	24	24	25	23	22	22	30
	Neither	28	30	30	32	30	30	30	33	28	31	29	20	28	32	33	30	29	28	26	31	32	36
	Don't know, or don't know enough about this person to say	30	26	22	20	23	12	20	21	23	17	35	47	35	22	15	24	29	22	29	27	27	20
Theresa May																							
	Would make a better Chancellor	14	11	11	12	11	17	12	11	10	11	10	11	10	10	12	11	10	18	10	9	11	6
	Would make a worse Chancellor	22	32	35	35	42	39	34	34	39	39	25	22	28	35	36	34	30	32	34	29	30	34
	Neither	29	28	29	31	24	32	30	31	25	30	26	21	25	29	34	29	28	25	26	32	29	34
	Don't know, or don't know enough about this person to say	35	29	25	23	23	12	24	24	26	20	38	46	37	26	18	27	32	25	30	30	30	26
Vince Cable																							
	Would make a better Chancellor	29	29	12	44	53	22	14	36	56	37	22	23	27	32	30	33	24	31	27	26	31	36
	Would make a worse Chancellor	23	23	44	13	7	43	44	16	9	27	19	17	16	22	33	24	22	26	24	27	18	19
	Neither	20	20	23	20	20	19	22	22	12	19	21	14	20	22	20	19	22	19	19	18	23	22
	Don't know, or don't know enough about this person to say	28	28	21	23	21	15	20	26	23	17	38	46	37	24	17	25	32	23	30	29	29	23
Ken Clarke																							
	Would make a better Chancellor	18	18	14	25	22	14	13	22	27	24	12	12	16	22	18	21	14	25	15	16	20	17
	Would make a worse Chancellor	30	30	38	27	34	48	42	26	28	35	25	22	22	29	40	29	31	28	31	30	28	28
	Neither	24	24	24	25	21	24	24	26	20	24	24	17	22	25	27	24	24	22	24	24	24	27
	Don't know, or don't know enough about this person to say	29	29	24	23	24	14	21	25	25	17	39	50	40	24	16	27	31	25	30	30	28	28

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Abu Qatada was given asylum in Britain 1993 after fleeing religious persecution in Jordan. Since then he has been convicted in his absence of terrorist offences in Jordan and British intelligence services suspect he has continued to be involved in terrorist activity, though he has not been convicted of terrorism in the UK.

In 2005 a British court ruled that he should be deported to Jordan. Abu Qatada won an appeal against his deportation, claiming that he would not receive a fair trial in Jordan as evidence obtained from torture would be used against him. The government has now signed a treaty with Jordan saying that evidence from torture will not be used against him.

Which of the following best reflects your view?

Britain should ignore the court ruling and deport Abu Qatada anyway, regardless of what happens to him in Jordan	61	74	53	40	90	77	57	51	62	60	37	54	64	73	56	67	55	64	63	62	53
Britain should abide by the ruling and only deport Abu Qatada if they are satisfied that the new treaty means evidence gained from torture will not be used against him	25	19	32	44	10	16	30	37	25	25	29	28	25	22	29	20	25	24	24	26	31
Britain should abide by the ruling and not deport Abu Qatada	4	1	7	8	1	1	6	6	5	4	5	5	4	2	4	4	11	3	3	3	4
None of these	2	1	1	3	0	1	2	1	2	2	6	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	0
Don't know	8	5	7	5	0	5	5	5	6	10	23	11	6	2	8	8	6	7	8	8	12

Leaving aside the assurances given by Jordan, do you think it would or would not be acceptable for evidence obtained under torture to be used against Abu Qatada?

It would be acceptable for evidence obtained by torturing someone to be used against Abu Qatada	28	35	25	20	46	35	27	21	35	21	25	30	30	25	26	30	26	28	30	28	26
It would not be acceptable for evidence obtained by torturing someone to be used against Abu Qatada	51	44	59	70	41	45	56	66	50	53	42	51	51	56	55	47	57	52	47	51	53
Don't know	20	22	16	11	14	20	17	12	15	25	33	19	19	19	19	23	17	20	23	21	21

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It has been suggested that Britain should **TEMPORARILY** leave the convention on human rights so it could deport Abu Qatada.

Would you support or oppose Britain temporarily leaving the convention on human rights to deport Abu Qatada?

Support	52	71	44	27	82	72	47	38	56	49	37	47	51	65	49	56	53	55	50	54	42
Oppose	30	15	40	59	13	16	36	48	33	27	34	34	32	22	34	25	32	29	33	28	34
Don't know	18	14	16	13	6	12	17	14	11	24	29	19	16	13	17	19	15	17	18	18	24

In recent weeks the government have started to introduce a number of different changes to the welfare and benefit system, including introducing a cap on the total benefits a household can receive, limiting the annual rise in benefits to below the rate of inflation, reducing council tax benefit and reducing housing benefit for social housing tenants with what the government see as spare rooms (often referred to as the "bedroom tax").

On balance do you support or oppose these changes to the benefit system?

Support	56	87	34	62	74	82	35	51	59	53	45	63	54	58	62	48	53	60	58	56	44
Oppose	31	6	55	27	19	10	54	40	33	30	26	26	36	33	27	37	32	28	30	33	41
Don't know	12	7	11	11	7	8	11	9	8	17	29	12	10	9	10	15	15	12	12	11	14

Also starting in some areas this month are trials of a new system where benefits including jobseekers allowance, income support, working tax credits, child tax credits and housing benefit are all being replaced by a new single benefit called the Universal Credit.

In principle, do you think is it a good or bad idea to combine all these benefits into one single benefit?

A good idea	50	74	37	60	60	71	36	51	56	45	43	49	48	57	55	45	48	55	51	46	48
A bad idea	27	7	45	19	28	11	49	28	27	27	22	26	32	25	23	33	29	24	25	33	28
Don't know	22	19	18	21	12	18	15	21	17	28	34	25	20	18	22	23	23	21	24	21	24

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And in principle, do you think it is right or wrong to stop the benefits of unemployed people who do not actively look for work?

Right	77	92	65	75	89	90	67	77	75	78	63	76	76	84	79	73	77	78	77	79	64
Wrong	12	3	22	11	4	5	22	14	14	10	14	11	14	9	12	12	14	11	10	13	14
Don't know	11	5	13	14	7	5	11	9	11	12	23	12	10	7	9	15	9	11	13	8	22

Have you attended Accident and Emergency at your LOCAL hospital in the last three years, either for yourself or accompanying someone else?

Yes, I have	49	49	51	44	54	51	50	48	49	50	51	45	50	52	49	50	47	50	47	53	45
No, I haven't	47	49	46	54	46	47	48	51	47	47	35	50	49	48	48	46	49	48	48	44	51
Don't know	3	2	2	2	0	2	2	1	4	3	15	5	1	0	3	4	4	2	5	3	4

And in your experience, has the Accident and Emergency service at your LOCAL hospital got better or worse in recent years, or has it stayed the same?

[Asked to those who have attended Accident and Emergency at their local hospital in the last three years n=924]

Has got better	21	26	20	26	21	23	23	24	23	19	17	17	22	25	19	24	22	22	20	22	13
Has got worse	28	21	35	12	34	26	31	28	31	25	22	26	33	26	28	28	27	28	24	29	35
Stayed the same	40	44	36	41	35	41	37	36	36	44	41	45	36	41	43	37	40	40	40	41	40
Don't know	11	9	8	21	11	10	9	12	10	12	20	12	9	8	11	11	11	9	15	9	12

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More generally speaking, since the current coalition government came to power in 2010 do you think the quality of Accident and Emergency services in hospitals has got better, got worse, or stayed the same?

Has got better	5	9	3	6	5	9	3	7	7	4	5	3	6	6	5	6	6	6	4	4	9
Has got worse	29	12	45	25	39	20	45	31	31	28	15	23	35	34	28	31	34	27	29	31	28
Stayed the same	32	43	26	33	28	37	27	27	31	33	37	31	28	35	32	32	31	32	29	35	29
Don't know	33	35	26	36	28	33	25	36	32	35	43	42	30	25	35	31	29	34	38	31	35

And thinking back to the last Labour government under Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, do you think the quality of Accident and Emergency services in hospitals got better during their time in office, got worse during their time in office, or stayed the same?

Got better	21	8	42	18	15	8	41	27	26	16	14	21	23	21	22	20	26	22	17	20	21
Got worse	21	33	11	15	33	38	10	16	24	18	15	17	21	28	22	20	20	21	22	20	19
Stayed the same	28	31	25	33	32	27	26	28	26	30	26	25	29	32	26	31	28	28	24	32	31
Don't know	30	28	22	34	20	26	23	29	24	36	46	37	28	19	30	30	26	29	37	27	29

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	23	26	22	28	24	24	22	20	25	22	36	32	21	13	23	24	24	23	24	24	23
Wrong - there would be better out-of-hours services if they were the responsibility of GPs themselves, who know their patients and their needs	63	62	66	62	70	66	67	69	61	65	35	49	69	80	63	63	61	64	64	62	62
Don't know	13	11	12	10	6	10	11	10	14	13	28	19	10	6	14	13	14	13	13	14	15