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Sample Size: 1905 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 23rd - 24th September 2010

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Headline Voting Intention

[Excluding Don't Know and Wouldn't Vote]

Con	39	100	0	0	37	41	30	38	37	45	42	34	42	52	38	28	17
Lab	38	0	100	0	39	36	34	38	45	31	35	42	36	23	42	49	51
Lib Dem	15	0	0	100	14	15	19	15	11	17	15	14	14	18	10	15	12
Other	9	0	0	0	10	8	17	10	7	8	8	11	8	6	10	7	21

Other Parties Voting Intention

UKIP	3	0	0	0	3	3	2	2	3	4	2	4	3	3	4	3	0
SNP / PCY	2	0	0	0	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	3	0	0	2	0	20
Green	2	0	0	0	2	1	4	4	1	0	2	1	2	3	1	1	0
BNP	1	0	0	0	2	0	8	1	0	1	2	1	3	1	2	1	0
Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1

Non Voters

Would Not Vote	7	0	0	0	6	7	13	9	6	3	5	9	6	6	8	9	1
Don't know	13	0	0	0	10	16	16	15	11	12	12	14	11	14	13	11	17

Do you approve or disapprove of the Government's record to date?

		22-23 Sep																
Approve	40	39	85	8	56	43	35	33	35	37	47	43	33	40	49	38	30	24
Disapprove	41	41	5	84	17	42	40	38	39	47	38	37	47	39	30	42	51	60
Don't know	19	20	10	8	27	15	25	30	26	16	16	20	20	21	22	20	19	16

Do you think that David Cameron is doing well or badly as Prime Minister?

		16-17 Sep																
Very well	14	12	36	0	5	12	13	7	8	11	20	14	9	14	17	12	8	6
Fairly well	38	42	62	17	73	45	40	48	43	39	44	45	39	45	48	43	38	32
TOTAL WELL	52	54	98	17	78	57	53	55	51	50	64	59	48	59	65	55	46	38
Fairly badly	22	21	1	44	14	20	23	20	21	23	20	20	24	15	15	22	28	35
Very badly	15	14	0	34	0	16	11	8	13	18	11	11	17	18	9	13	16	19
TOTAL BADLY	37	35	1	78	14	36	34	28	34	41	31	31	41	33	24	35	44	54
Don't know	10	10	1	4	7	7	14	17	14	8	6	10	11	9	11	10	10	8

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Do you think that Nick Clegg is doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?

Very well	8	9	21	0	21	10	9	5	7	8	16	12	6	10	13	8	7	4
Fairly well	36	39	66	14	63	40	38	34	39	38	42	40	37	41	46	40	32	29
TOTAL WELL	44	48	87	14	84	50	47	39	46	46	58	52	43	51	59	48	39	33
Fairly badly	21	21	7	35	10	19	22	24	19	20	21	19	23	15	17	23	24	26
Very badly	22	20	2	48	1	23	17	15	18	26	17	19	21	24	13	17	27	32
TOTAL BADLY	43	41	9	83	11	42	39	39	37	46	38	38	44	39	30	40	51	58
Don't know	13	11	5	3	4	8	14	21	16	9	4	10	12	11	11	12	10	9

Do you think the Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition partners are working together well or badly?

Very well	10	10	24	2	12	11	10	5	8	10	15	12	8	11	13	9	8	7
Fairly well	43	46	68	19	76	48	44	41	43	44	53	48	42	51	52	46	39	34
TOTAL WELL	53	56	92	21	88	59	54	46	51	54	68	60	50	62	65	55	47	41
Fairly badly	22	21	4	41	6	22	20	27	21	23	16	20	23	13	17	23	25	30
Very badly	15	13	0	34	0	14	13	8	12	18	10	11	16	16	7	12	17	22
TOTAL BADLY	37	34	4	75	6	36	33	35	33	41	26	31	39	29	24	35	42	52
Don't know	10	10	3	4	5	6	14	19	15	6	5	9	10	9	10	10	10	7

Do you think this coalition government will be good or bad for people like you?

Very good	5	5	14	0	7	6	5	3	3	5	10	7	3	7	7	4	4	6
Fairly good	24	25	54	4	43	28	23	18	24	24	31	28	22	24	33	23	22	12
TOTAL GOOD	29	30	68	4	50	34	28	21	27	29	41	35	25	31	40	27	26	18
Fairly bad	22	22	9	34	15	21	24	24	21	23	22	22	23	21	21	23	23	25
Very bad	25	22	1	52	3	23	21	11	21	28	20	19	26	19	13	22	29	39
TOTAL BAD	47	44	10	86	18	44	45	35	42	51	42	41	49	40	34	45	52	64
Won't make much difference either way	16	16	16	9	20	17	16	23	20	15	12	15	18	22	15	17	14	15
Don't know	8	9	7	1	11	5	12	21	12	6	5	9	8	7	10	11	9	4

Do you think the coalition government is managing the economy well or badly?

Very well	7	7	17	0	9	8	5	4	5	8	9	9	5	7	9	6	5	4
Fairly well	36	36	68	11	56	39	33	34	37	31	42	37	34	35	43	38	29	24
TOTAL WELL	43	43	85	11	65	47	38	38	42	39	51	46	39	42	52	44	34	28
Fairly badly	23	24	4	44	15	23	25	25	22	26	23	22	27	20	18	27	27	35
Very badly	20	16	0	39	2	18	15	10	17	20	14	15	18	17	11	15	22	25
TOTAL BADLY	43	40	4	83	17	41	40	35	39	46	37	37	45	37	29	42	49	60
Don't know	15	17	11	6	19	12	21	27	19	15	12	17	16	21	19	14	16	12

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In your opinion how good or bad is the state of Britain's economy at the moment?

Very good	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Quite good	4	4	5	4	6	4	9	4	3	2	5	3	5	5	4	2	2
TOTAL GOOD	4	4	5	4	6	4	10	4	3	2	5	3	6	5	4	2	3
Neither good nor bad	18	18	18	17	24	19	26	20	15	16	18	18	20	20	17	18	10
Quite bad	49	51	51	56	48	52	43	48	53	54	51	50	51	49	52	49	59
Very bad	24	24	24	22	18	23	8	21	28	27	22	25	19	22	24	26	27
TOTAL BAD	73	69	69	73	72	71	69	68	68	70	69	68	71	69	69	67	69
Don't know	4	4	1	1	3	3	13	6	1	1	4	4	6	4	3	4	1

How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months?

Get a lot better	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	0	1	1	0
Get a little better	9	10	13	5	20	10	25	14	5	7	11	8	10	11	10	9	9
TOTAL BAD	11	11	14	6	22	11	27	15	6	8	12	9	13	11	11	10	9
Stay the same	30	28	33	24	33	28	32	32	25	25	28	27	37	30	26	25	18
Get a little worse	35	39	41	40	33	39	27	31	43	47	40	38	31	40	42	36	50
Get a lot worse	20	18	9	28	10	18	4	17	23	18	15	21	15	15	18	23	20
TOTAL BAD	55	57	50	68	43	57	31	48	66	65	55	59	46	55	60	59	70
Don't know	4	5	3	2	3	3	9	6	4	3	5	5	5	5	4	7	3

Thinking about Ed Miliband, do you think he would make a good or bad leader of the Labour party?

A good leader	28	17	56	23	31	25	25	26	32	26	29	27	30	26	24	32	33
A bad leader	17	27	6	19	22	11	14	13	14	23	17	15	16	16	19	16	15
Don't know	55	56	38	58	47	63	61	60	53	51	54	57	54	58	57	52	52

If Ed Miliband were leader of the Labour party, would it make you more or less likely to vote Labour at the next election?

More likely	8	2	16	11	9	7	7	9	9	7	7	10	9	8	6	10	8
Less likely	9	12	6	9	12	5	10	8	7	10	9	8	9	8	10	9	6
No difference - I will vote Labour anyway	21	2	63	2	22	20	20	19	24	19	21	20	21	14	22	25	35
No difference - I would not vote Labour anyway	40	75	3	58	38	41	30	34	40	49	43	35	39	50	38	31	31
Don't know	23	9	12	21	19	27	33	30	20	15	20	27	23	21	24	26	21

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Many people think of political parties as being on a scale of left to right. If Ed Miliband becomes leader of the Labour party do you expect him to move the Labour party to the left, to the right, or would he keep the party's position pretty much the same?

Would move the party to the left	24	31	26	20	29	18	17	16	26	30	27	19	31	22	22	22	26
Would move the party to the right	5	5	7	6	7	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	6	2	6	9
Would keep the party's position pretty much the same	27	22	39	28	30	25	19	25	29	31	27	28	23	28	28	29	27
Don't know	44	42	29	47	33	53	59	54	40	33	41	48	42	43	48	43	38

If Ed Miliband becomes the leader of the Labour party do you expect him to give more or less power to the trade unions?

He would give more power to the trade unions	20	32	19	12	26	15	15	17	18	27	22	17	18	20	22	19	19
He would give less power to the trade unions	7	6	10	7	7	7	4	8	7	7	6	8	3	8	7	7	10
He would keep things the same	29	22	41	34	35	23	14	22	34	35	30	28	33	24	25	32	38
Don't know	44	41	30	47	33	55	67	53	42	31	42	48	46	48	46	42	33

And finally, do you think Labour will or will not win the next general election if Ed Miliband becomes their next leader?

Labour will probably win the next election if Ed Miliband is their leader	17	2	43	10	20	14	14	16	19	15	14	20	17	13	18	18	25
Labour will probably not win the next election if Ed Miliband is their leader	40	67	22	50	47	34	34	35	39	50	43	37	41	45	36	40	34
Don't know	43	31	35	40	33	52	52	49	42	34	43	43	41	42	47	42	41

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A good leader	34	19	69	20	38	29	37	32	37	30	35	32	36	29	34	36	38
A bad leader	16	25	5	21	20	11	10	13	14	22	16	15	19	15	15	15	13
Don't know	51	56	27	59	42	60	52	55	50	48	49	53	45	56	51	48	48

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If David Miliband were leader of the Labour party, would it make you more or less likely to vote Labour at the next election?

More likely	10	4	21	6	13	7	17	10	9	9	9	12	10	8	12	11	10
Less likely	8	10	4	16	11	5	7	9	7	8	8	9	8	7	7	10	
No difference - I will vote Labour anyway	21	2	65	1	21	22	15	20	27	18	22	21	22	14	21	27	32
No difference - I would not vote Labour anyway	39	72	2	59	39	40	27	34	39	49	41	35	37	49	38	32	29
Don't know	22	11	9	19	17	26	34	27	19	15	20	24	21	21	22	22	20

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Would move the party to the left	10	13	10	5	11	8	8	8	9	12	9	10	10	10	10	8	10
Would move the party to the right	11	13	13	12	13	9	9	10	10	14	12	11	15	10	8	12	13
Would keep the party's position pretty much the same	37	35	52	36	45	30	27	34	40	42	40	34	35	34	38	40	41
Don't know	42	40	24	47	30	53	56	49	41	31	39	46	39	45	44	39	36

If David Miliband becomes the leader of the Labour party do you expect him to give more or less power to the trade unions?

He would give more power to the trade unions	11	17	10	9	14	8	13	11	10	11	9	13	13	11	14	8	7
He would give less power to the trade unions	12	11	14	11	13	11	10	12	12	12	13	9	10	13	11	10	13
He would keep things the same	35	33	48	34	44	26	17	26	40	44	37	31	35	31	29	40	46
Don't know	43	39	28	46	30	55	60	52	39	33	40	47	42	44	46	42	34

And finally, do you think Labour will or will not win the next general election if David Miliband becomes their next leader?

Labour will probably win the next election if David Miliband is their leader	21	4	54	7	24	18	20	19	23	21	20	23	25	15	21	25	28
Labour will probably not win the next election if David Miliband is their leader	37	63	16	53	44	31	29	32	37	46	38	36	37	43	36	33	32
Don't know	42	33	30	40	32	51	52	49	40	33	42	41	38	42	43	42	40

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Secretary of State for Business Vince Cable has said that UK businesses are guilty of "murky behaviour". Do you agree or disagree with his criticisms?

Agree, British businesses are guilty of murky behaviour	61	53	68	69	67	56	54	57	65	65	61	62	61	58	59	66	67
Disagree, on the whole British businesses are well behaved	19	30	14	14	21	16	12	16	19	23	20	16	21	20	18	17	18
Don't know	20	16	18	17	11	28	34	28	16	12	18	22	19	22	23	17	15

Would you support or oppose tighter controls on the size of bonuses banks are allowed to pay their employees?

Support	84	80	86	92	84	83	73	80	87	88	83	86	78	84	86	84	83
Oppose	10	16	9	6	12	8	14	13	8	9	11	9	15	10	9	9	10
Don't know	6	4	5	2	4	8	13	7	6	3	6	6	7	6	5	7	7

How long do you expect the coalition between the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats to last?

Less than a year	9	3	19	2	9	10	3	10	12	8	8	11	7	8	9	11	13
One or two years	39	27	55	34	39	38	43	40	39	35	39	38	42	35	39	44	35
Three or four years	15	22	11	23	17	14	13	14	17	16	18	13	17	18	16	11	13
The full five year Parliament or beyond	25	43	9	36	27	23	16	21	24	35	26	24	24	29	22	24	24
Don't know	12	6	5	6	8	15	26	15	8	6	10	14	10	10	14	10	15

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On a different subject, a review of Britain's defence spending is currently underway and is expected to recommend large cuts as part of the government's attempt to reduce the deficit

Britain is currently building two new aircraft carriers at a cost of £5 billion pounds. It has been suggested that the defence review may recommend cancelling one or both of the new carriers. Which of the following best reflects your view.

The aircraft carriers should be retained - they are essential to allow Britain to project our armed forces overseas and carry out military operations without relying on the support of the USA

The aircraft carriers should be cancelled - they are an expensive luxury that are no longer relevant in a world where we will normally be acting alongside NATO allies

Neither

Don't know

52	63	53	39	60	45	44	44	55	60	50	55	45	52	58	50	58
28	23	30	34	26	30	31	31	27	25	30	25	30	30	23	30	24
7	6	6	13	7	8	6	9	8	6	7	7	10	6	6	8	10
12	9	11	14	7	17	19	16	10	8	12	12	15	12	13	13	8

Which of the three branches of Britain's armed forces do you think is MOST important in protecting Britain's interests and security in today's world?

The army	44	48	48	40	42	46	52	43	42	44	44	46	44	45	48	43	38
The RAF	16	18	16	19	19	14	13	15	15	21	17	15	17	13	18	18	18
The navy	12	13	11	13	17	7	10	14	11	11	13	11	12	13	8	12	16
Don't know	28	21	25	28	22	33	26	28	31	24	27	29	27	29	27	27	29

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More generally, some people have suggested that Britain spends too much on defence, saying that we should accept that we are no longer a world power and do not need such large armed forces. Other people say that it is good for Britain to be able to play a major role on the world stage and our armed forces are an important part of that. Which of the following best reflects your view?

Britain is no longer a major world power and does not need such large armed forces, we should accept this and spend much less on defence	27	21	28	40	31	24	23	26	25	32	31	23	33	28	25	26	25
Britain is still an important international power and we need maintain Britain's armed forces so we can continue to play an active role on the world stage	61	71	63	50	62	60	60	59	64	61	58	66	57	60	66	58	67
Don't know	12	7	9	10	7	16	17	15	11	7	11	12	10	12	9	15	8

Which of the following policies would you favour most regarding the replacement of Britain's Trident nuclear missile system when it reaches the end of its useful life?

Britain should replace Trident with an equally powerful nuclear missile system	22	34	22	5	28	16	24	21	20	23	21	23	21	23	23	20	21
Britain should retain a minimum nuclear system, but it should be less powerful and cost less than replacing Trident	46	45	48	58	45	46	29	40	51	52	48	42	42	46	45	47	48
Britain should give up nuclear weapons completely	17	10	19	26	20	15	16	17	20	15	19	16	23	17	16	16	19
Don't know	15	11	11	12	7	23	31	21	10	9	13	19	15	14	16	17	12

Thinking about Britain's military action in Afghanistan, which of the following best reflects your view?

On balance the war in Afghanistan has been a good thing, removing the Taliban from power and preventing the country being used as a base for international terrorism	26	25	35	21	33	19	39	25	28	18	28	24	25	25	26	27	29
On balance the war in Afghanistan has been a mistake; it has not reduced the threat of terrorism or made the lives of ordinary Afghans better	56	59	46	66	51	61	38	52	55	69	54	58	54	57	60	53	53
Neither	9	11	10	7	9	10	10	12	10	7	10	9	11	10	5	11	11
Don't know	9	5	9	5	7	11	14	11	7	6	9	9	10	9	8	9	7

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Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample 1905	595	578	222	929	976	228	486	652	540	1074	811	243	623	406	467	166	
Unweighted Sample	1905	585	567	236	899	1006	134	482	794	495	1250	635	273	625	371	436	200
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

The Commonwealth Games are due to start in India next month. Several countries have expressed concern about the safety of the accommodation for athletes, which is in a poor condition and has seen a bridge and a section of ceiling collapse this week. Do you think the British teams should participate in the games or withdraw our athletes?

Should withdraw our athletes	49	55	50	30	46	53	42	46	50	55	45	56	47	48	54	48	50
Should participate in the games	35	33	35	53	41	30	39	38	35	30	40	29	37	36	30	37	34
Don't know	16	12	15	17	13	18	20	16	15	15	16	15	15	16	15	16	15

This week newspapers have reported the case of a man in Sunderland, Keith MacDonald, who has been criticised for fathering at least 10 children by different women while living on benefits.

Who do you think is mainly to blame, Mr MacDonald, the women who had children with him, or both equally?

Mr McDonald	18	16	19	24	19	17	24	19	14	19	18	18	15	16	20	20	22
The mothers of his children	4	3	5	7	6	3	7	4	4	3	4	5	6	2	3	6	6
Both equally	74	80	72	65	72	76	60	71	79	76	75	73	73	79	73	70	68
Don't know	4	1	3	5	4	4	10	5	3	2	4	4	5	3	4	5	3

Would you support or oppose men who repeatedly father children without having the means to support them having their state benefits reduced?

Support	52	57	52	52	56	49	51	57	52	50	56	48	60	54	46	50	58
Oppose	41	40	42	40	36	45	37	37	40	47	37	45	33	40	45	44	33
Don't know	7	3	6	8	8	6	13	7	8	3	7	7	7	6	8	7	9