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

Very well	12	15	30	1	22	15	14	7	11	14	22	16	12	15	18	17	11	7
Fairly well	50	42	61	14	68	42	43	48	44	40	42	44	40	46	48	43	37	29
TOTAL WELL	62	57	91	15	90	57	57	55	55	54	64	60	52	61	66	60	48	36
Fairly badly	13	14	3	31	3	14	15	14	16	17	10	15	14	16	13	12	16	18
Very badly	9	16	2	42	0	19	14	15	14	19	16	15	19	14	11	13	23	30
TOTAL BADLY	22	30	5	73	3	33	29	29	30	36	26	30	33	30	24	25	39	48
Don't know	16	12	4	12	7	10	14	15	16	11	10	10	16	9	11	15	13	17

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

Very well	14	18	39	3	20	18	18	11	12	17	29	20	16	19	21	21	16	8
Fairly well	54	45	55	27	69	46	44	48	46	46	42	47	41	47	52	45	37	40
TOTAL WELL	68	63	94	30	89	64	62	59	58	63	71	67	57	66	73	66	53	48
Fairly badly	13	16	1	35	6	16	15	18	17	16	13	16	15	16	13	12	19	25
Very badly	7	10	1	27	0	11	9	8	10	13	8	8	13	8	7	9	15	15
TOTAL BADLY	20	26	2	62	6	27	24	26	27	29	21	24	28	24	20	21	34	40
Don't know	12	11	3	8	5	8	13	15	15	8	8	8	14	9	7	14	13	12

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

Very good	7	9	20	1	8	9	8	3	6	7	15	10	7	10	10	11	6	2
Fairly good	30	32	54	8	51	32	31	34	30	29	35	34	27	34	38	30	27	20
TOTALGOOD	37	41	74	9	59	41	39	37	36	36	50	44	34	44	48	41	33	22
Fairly bad	20	19	5	36	14	19	20	22	22	20	15	18	22	21	17	16	23	24
Very bad	15	17	1	43	3	18	16	15	17	22	13	16	20	13	13	16	24	25
TOTAL BAD	35	36	6	79	17	37	36	37	39	42	28	34	42	34	30	32	47	49
Won't make much difference either way	17	15	14	9	16	15	14	13	16	14	15	15	14	13	15	15	14	17
Don't know	11	8	6	3	7	6	10	13	9	8	6	7	10	9	7	12	6	12

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

Very well	8	13	31	1	9	14	12	7	8	12	21	15	10	14	16	14	10	6
Fairly well	39	37	58	12	58	36	38	42	40	34	36	38	35	47	43	38	30	22
TOTAL WELL	47	50	89	13	67	50	50	49	48	46	57	53	45	61	59	52	40	28
Fairly badly	16	18	1	40	10	17	19	21	20	19	15	18	19	16	16	16	22	28
Very badly	9	12	1	32	2	15	10	9	12	16	10	11	14	9	8	9	18	22
TOTAL BADLY	25	30	2	72	12	32	29	30	32	35	25	29	33	25	24	25	40	50
Don't know	27	19	9	15	21	18	20	21	20	19	18	17	22	15	17	22	20	23

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Do you think this week's budget was good or bad for the country?																	
Good	41	78	7	49	43	39	31	38	37	52	46	33	42	49	43	33	22
Bad	32	4	70	15	33	30	34	33	34	26	30	34	28	26	26	42	43
Neither	16	8	16	22	15	17	18	16	18	13	14	19	16	14	17	17	19
Don't know	12	9	7	14	9	14	16	13	11	9	10	13	14	11	13	8	15
And was it good or bad for you and your family?																	
Good	11	19	4	12	11	10	16	11	8	12	12	9	11	12	11	9	10
Bad	42	21	69	33	42	42	43	46	48	30	42	42	44	37	37	48	51
Neither	37	51	19	43	37	36	24	31	34	51	36	36	33	42	37	34	27
Don't know	11	9	8	11	9	12	17	12	10	8	10	12	12	9	15	8	13
Do you think it was a fair or unfair budget?																	
Fair	49	85	14	63	48	49	43	47	45	57	53	41	54	57	50	40	29
Unfair	36	6	75	20	38	35	37	36	42	30	33	41	30	30	32	46	54
Don't know	15	9	11	17	14	16	20	17	13	13	14	17	16	13	18	15	17
Who do you think will be the biggest losers as a result of the cuts and tax increases in this budget?																	
People on middle incomes	33	36	33	30	32	33	28	31	36	33	37	27	36	38	29	30	27
Those on low incomes	29	8	53	26	30	29	28	24	34	29	27	33	24	23	27	38	44
All groups will lose equally	18	28	8	20	18	19	18	22	15	18	18	19	16	21	21	14	14
The highest paid	11	18	5	14	12	10	14	13	8	11	12	10	13	11	13	10	6
Don't know	9	10	3	10	8	9	12	11	7	8	7	11	10	7	10	9	8
Does the budget make you more or less confident about the future?																	
More confident	29	59	4	35	30	29	26	27	24	39	33	25	35	33	33	24	14
Less confident	39	8	78	22	38	40	39	42	44	30	37	41	34	32	34	50	52
No difference	26	28	13	38	27	25	20	23	29	28	25	27	24	29	27	22	26
Don't know	6	5	4	4	5	7	15	8	3	3	5	7	7	5	6	5	8
Do you think unemployment will rise or fall as a result of the budget?																	
Rise	60	45	80	55	66	55	50	52	66	66	62	58	56	59	60	64	65
Fall	7	10	5	6	6	8	11	8	6	6	8	6	7	8	7	6	6
Make no difference	21	33	9	26	20	23	22	26	18	20	21	22	24	23	21	20	16
Don't know	11	12	6	12	8	15	17	14	10	9	10	14	13	10	13	10	13

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Do you fear that you or a close member of your family will lose their job as a result of this budget?																	
Yes, I do fear this	27	13	46	21	28	26	18	27	31	25	28	26	23	22	27	35	31
No, I don't	37	56	20	41	38	36	41	42	32	35	41	30	45	41	34	31	29
Not sure	29	25	28	28	28	30	32	26	30	29	27	32	25	30	30	28	31
Not applicable - neither I nor any close member of my family are currently in work	7	6	6	9	6	9	9	5	6	11	4	12	7	7	8	7	9
Do you agree or disagree with the following budget decisions?																	
Increasing VAT to 20% from 17.5% from next January																	
Agree	38	65	14	43	42	35	27	33	38	47	43	31	41	46	43	27	26
Disagree	52	25	80	48	50	54	55	55	54	45	49	55	48	46	47	63	61
Don't know	10	10	5	9	8	12	18	12	8	8	7	14	11	8	11	10	12
Introducing a new £2.5 billion levy on the banks																	
Agree	82	88	80	84	86	78	61	78	85	89	85	76	82	81	85	79	81
Disagree	4	3	8	4	5	4	9	5	5	2	5	4	7	5	2	6	2
Don't know	14	9	12	12	9	19	31	17	10	9	10	20	11	15	13	15	17
Increasing capital gains tax for higher-rate taxpayers from 18% to 28%																	
Agree	76	77	78	86	78	73	55	69	80	85	76	75	70	76	75	79	74
Disagree	11	10	13	7	12	10	21	14	10	6	14	7	18	11	8	10	12
Don't know	13	13	9	7	9	17	24	18	10	10	11	18	12	13	17	11	14
Freezing child benefit for three years																	
Agree	52	76	28	63	55	50	48	49	51	60	56	46	56	57	54	46	43
Disagree	38	17	64	32	36	39	34	39	42	32	35	41	34	36	34	41	48
Don't know	10	8	8	6	9	11	18	12	7	9	8	12	10	7	12	12	10
Increasing the personal allowance - the point at which people begin to pay income tax - by £1,000.																	
Agree	87	93	82	95	89	85	75	80	91	93	89	84	86	90	88	83	81
Disagree	5	3	9	1	5	5	6	8	4	3	6	4	7	5	4	6	7
Don't know	8	5	9	4	6	10	19	11	5	4	5	12	7	5	8	11	12

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Cutting corporation tax, which companies pay, from 28% to 24% over the next four years

Agree	52	72	38	51	56	48	41	49	51	61	55	48	54	57	50	49	44
Disagree	26	11	42	28	30	23	30	28	28	22	27	25	28	22	27	27	37
Don't know	22	17	20	20	14	29	29	23	21	18	18	27	18	21	23	24	19

Cutting welfare payments such as housing benefit and disability living allowance by a total of £11 billion

Agree	56	80	32	64	58	53	51	59	53	58	62	46	62	63	55	49	39
Disagree	32	13	58	26	32	32	31	26	37	32	27	39	26	28	31	36	48
Don't know	12	8	10	10	10	15	18	15	10	10	10	15	12	9	14	15	14

Freezing most public sector pay for two years

Agree	55	81	31	59	60	51	48	51	54	64	55	55	55	60	56	52	44
Disagree	33	11	60	29	31	34	30	34	38	26	35	30	34	29	31	35	43
Don't know	12	8	9	12	10	15	22	15	8	10	10	16	11	11	13	13	12

Before the election the Conservatives said they had 'no plans' to increase VAT, but in the budget increased it from 17.5% to 20%. Which of the following best reflects your view of this?

The Conservatives always planned to raise VAT if elected, but didn't want to admit it in the election campaign	53	19	92	51	57	50	57	56	56	46	52	56	50	46	50	61	68
The Conservatives did not intend to raise VAT at the time, but were forced to do so because the government's finances were worse than they thought	34	69	2	36	30	37	23	27	32	46	36	29	34	42	33	28	17
Neither	4	4	2	4	5	4	6	5	4	3	4	5	7	4	3	3	6
Don't know	9	7	4	9	8	10	14	12	9	6	8	11	10	8	14	8	9

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Before the election, the Liberal Democrats predicted that a Conservative government would raise VAT and attacked this policy for hurting poorer families more than richer families. Some say the Liberal Democrats have abandoned their principles by supporting the rise in VAT, which of the following best reflects your view?

They have abandoned their principles by supporting the VAT rise

43	13	84	22	45	42	44	43	48	38	40	48	41	37	40	51	59
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They haven't abandoned their principles - supporting the VAT was a necessary compromise to secure other measures that have helped poorer people

43	75	9	64	42	43	32	40	40	53	49	33	43	50	44	37	27
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Neither
Don't know

5	5	2	5	5	4	4	7	5	4	5	5	5	6	4	4	3
9	7	5	9	8	10	21	11	7	5	6	14	11	8	12	8	11

If you had to choose between raising VAT from 17.5% to 20%, or raising the standard rate of income tax from 20% to 22.5%, which would you prefer?

Raising VAT
Raising income tax
Don't know

52	74	30	59	52	52	47	56	52	50	60	40	55	59	53	43	43
31	17	50	32	35	27	30	22	32	38	27	37	27	27	29	38	38
17	10	19	9	13	21	23	22	16	12	13	23	18	14	18	19	19

Thinking about the cuts in public spending that the government have said they will implement, which of the following best fits your view?

The Conservatives would have cut the size of the state anyway, regardless of the size of the deficit
The Conservatives would not have cut the size of state if it had not been for the size of the deficit

Neither
Don't know

64	53	83	61	72	56	49	59	69	69	67	60	65	61	57	70	71
18	33	4	20	14	21	15	18	17	19	18	17	19	22	20	12	12
3	2	3	3	4	3	7	4	3	1	3	4	2	4	2	4	1
15	12	10	16	10	20	28	19	12	11	12	20	14	13	21	15	17

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The government has said the public spending round in the autumn will be tough, with real cuts of up to 25% for departments. Which of the following areas do you think should be targeted for cuts? Please select up to three.

Welfare benefits for people of working age	46	64	31	44	46	45	37	44	43	55	54	34	46	51	43	42	41
Pensions for public-sector workers	32	49	21	27	35	29	17	25	35	41	33	30	28	35	32	32	27
The environment	29	36	26	22	31	27	28	24	31	31	29	29	28	28	26	31	34
Business support	24	17	29	30	21	27	19	25	25	23	23	24	26	23	25	22	26
Defence and the armed forces	20	10	26	32	24	16	21	22	21	18	22	18	25	19	17	20	26
Housing	17	23	10	20	16	17	18	22	14	14	19	13	19	18	21	11	10
College and university education	13	13	11	17	14	11	11	13	13	13	13	13	9	14	13	13	14
Transport	13	15	14	14	13	14	13	13	13	15	13	14	12	16	13	12	12
The NHS	5	6	4	4	7	3	4	4	5	5	6	3	4	6	5	4	3
Employment and training	5	4	5	8	6	5	4	6	6	4	5	5	6	4	4	6	9
Crime and policing	3	1	4	3	3	2	3	2	3	4	3	2	3	3	2	3	3
The state pension	2	2	3	4	3	2	7	4	1	0	2	3	3	2	2	2	1
Schools	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	4	1
None of them	9	4	17	4	8	9	4	7	11	8	7	12	7	7	9	12	7
Don't know	10	6	8	8	7	12	21	11	7	7	7	13	9	10	11	9	9

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And which, if any, do you think should NOT be cut?

The NHS	69	64	77	69	63	74	59	70	71	68	67	70	67	65	69	72	71
The state pension	62	63	65	61	60	64	32	45	68	83	63	61	57	62	63	65	60
Schools	51	49	58	51	50	52	50	54	53	47	53	49	55	49	52	53	47
Crime and policing	51	52	50	44	48	53	37	49	53	55	50	51	49	47	54	52	57
Defence and the armed forces	35	45	33	21	35	36	25	30	37	43	35	36	31	33	38	38	35
College and university education	25	22	30	24	24	26	35	20	27	23	24	27	29	21	27	29	20
Employment and training	23	17	31	22	22	24	19	20	24	25	23	23	22	20	24	24	26
Housing	19	11	28	17	17	20	20	15	21	18	15	23	24	16	18	19	20
Pensions for public-sector workers	16	8	25	16	16	17	12	17	19	14	19	12	17	13	17	19	23
Transport	16	12	20	14	17	14	17	13	19	14	16	15	23	12	16	16	17
The environment	16	11	18	25	15	17	15	17	17	15	16	16	16	15	17	16	20
Welfare benefits for people of working age	14	7	23	15	14	14	7	12	21	12	11	19	14	12	14	17	18
Business support	11	13	10	8	11	10	8	7	12	14	12	10	7	10	11	12	14
None of them	3	3	4	2	4	2	5	2	4	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	2
Don't know	6	4	5	5	5	7	14	8	4	4	5	8	5	7	7	6	4

The budget announced £11 billion of cuts in welfare spending. Taking this into account the bill for welfare payments will still rise from £192 billion to £213 billion over this parliament. Do you think:

The £11 billion of cuts were too much, and money should have been saved elsewhere instead	20	4	43	16	21	20	16	16	26	20	18	24	16	19	18	25	26
The £11 billion of welfare cuts is about the right balance	24	34	17	32	24	25	16	26	23	29	25	23	29	27	24	21	18
There should be more than £11 billion in cuts in order to stop the amount spent on welfare from rising	19	27	11	23	22	17	22	16	18	23	22	16	13	20	18	22	19
There should be much more than £11 billion in cuts in order to reduce the overall amount spent on welfare	14	20	6	11	17	11	12	15	14	12	17	10	15	16	16	9	13
Don't know	22	15	23	18	16	27	33	27	19	16	19	26	26	18	24	22	24

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Weighted Sample
Unweighted Sample

The last government planned to increase the state pension age to 67 by 2036 and to 68 by 2046. The new government has said that it will look again at these plans, and consider whether to bring the dates forward or extend them, possibly increasing the state pension age to 70 by the middle of the century. Would you support or oppose the state pension age increasing to 70 by 2050?

Support	35	51	22	46	44	27	32	34	29	46	39	30	42	36	40	28	29
Oppose	51	37	67	46	46	56	50	49	60	42	49	54	45	51	44	57	57
Don't know	14	13	11	8	10	17	19	17	11	13	12	16	13	13	15	14	15

Last week the International Whaling Commission maintained its ban on commercial whaling. However, under the ban Japan, Iceland and Norway have continued to kill thousands of whales annually, claiming that this is for scientific research. Do you think there should be a complete ban on whaling?

Yes, there should be a complete ban	81	81	85	86	80	82	69	81	83	86	82	80	79	85	83	81	70
No, there should not be a complete ban	9	11	8	10	12	7	17	6	10	7	10	9	10	9	7	9	17
Don't know	9	8	8	4	8	11	14	13	7	7	8	11	11	6	10	10	12

Which of the following best reflects your view on genetically modified (GM) food?

It is potentially dangerous and should not be allowed in food products	36	39	32	34	32	41	28	32	40	40	37	36	38	37	35	37	36
As long as they have been approved by the authorities they should be allowed in food products	39	37	47	47	49	31	48	40	36	40	41	37	37	40	42	39	38
Neither	10	11	9	6	9	11	10	10	11	10	11	9	9	12	8	10	10
Don't know	14	14	12	12	10	17	15	17	13	11	11	18	16	12	15	13	16

	Voting intention			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
	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	2038	729	607	267	991	1047	241	526	699	572	1138	858	263	666	435	496	177
Unweighted Sample	2038	690	596	266	975	1063	165	552	815	506	1309	687	319	678	397	442	202
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

From what you know, are GM products currently included in food products in the UK?

Yes, but only if they are clearly labelled	23	22	26	27	26	21	23	24	24	21	23	23	22	25	25	22	20
Yes, and sometimes without clear labelling	35	35	33	43	34	37	28	35	34	40	37	34	36	38	33	31	41
No, GM ingredients are not currently included in food products in the UK	9	11	9	7	11	8	6	8	11	11	11	7	11	8	10	9	11
Don't know	32	32	31	24	30	35	43	34	31	28	29	36	31	30	32	38	27

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Last week brought news of the death of the 300th British soldier in Afghanistan.

Do you think it is clear WHY British troops are fighting a war in Afghanistan?

Yes, it is very clear why British troops are in Afghanistan	11	12	11	17	9	17	8	8	9	16	12	13	12	11	10	13	15	14
Yes, it is fairly clear why British troops are in Afghanistan	29	29	31	33	24	30	27	22	30	30	29	31	25	31	30	26	30	20
TOTAL CLEAR	40	41	42	50	33	47	35	30	39	46	41	44	37	42	40	39	45	34
No, it is not very clear why British troops are in Afghanistan	44	32	36	28	35	29	34	28	34	31	32	33	29	30	31	33	31	32
No, it is not clear at all why British troops are in Afghanistan	14	24	20	20	30	20	28	35	20	21	27	21	28	25	26	24	21	28
TOTAL NOT CLEAR	58	56	56	48	65	49	62	63	54	52	59	54	57	55	57	57	52	60
Don't know	3	4	2	3	2	3	4	7	7	3	1	2	5	3	3	4	4	5

When do you think British troops should be brought home from Afghanistan?

They should be withdrawn immediately	29	27	28	28	28	30	32	26	30	29	24	36	29	27	30	32	25
There should be withdrawn within the next year or so	46	53	40	51	42	50	39	43	45	53	51	40	46	50	44	44	43
They should remain for as long as the Afghan government require them	19	17	27	17	25	13	19	20	20	15	20	17	19	18	19	19	19
Don't know	6	3	5	4	5	7	10	10	4	3	5	7	5	5	7	5	13