

YouGov Survey Results

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Do you think defence spending should be increased, decreased, or remain at about its current level?

Should increase	56	78	53	56	76	30	51	74	62	50	31	47	64	76	57	60	59	57	47	54	57	60	49	57
Should decrease	6	1	7	6	2	16	7	2	6	6	16	7	4	2	7	5	4	6	11	6	7	7	7	5
Should remain about the same	23	13	28	27	14	28	29	15	22	23	30	26	21	15	24	20	22	22	28	26	21	22	24	23
Don't know	15	8	12	11	7	26	14	8	9	20	23	20	11	6	12	15	15	15	14	14	15	11	20	15

Would you support or not support doing each of the following in order to increase defence spending?

Raising the Basic rate of income tax (i.e on income above £12,571 a year)

Would support doing this in order to increase defence spending	20	23	23	17	26	18	22	21	22	18	12	18	23	25	23	19	20	21	21	16	23	22	16	20
Would not support doing this in order to increase defence spending	61	59	62	65	61	60	62	61	63	59	66	62	60	58	64	61	60	61	55	67	58	61	64	61
Don't know	19	18	15	18	14	22	15	18	15	23	21	20	17	17	13	21	21	19	24	17	19	17	20	20

Raising the Higher rate of income tax (i.e on income above £50,271 a year)

Would support doing this in order to increase defence spending	44	40	50	50	46	48	49	50	48	41	26	39	50	56	39	50	51	45	38	43	51	44	39	44
Would not support doing this in order to increase defence spending	37	43	37	37	45	32	36	35	39	35	51	40	35	28	48	32	28	37	35	39	31	40	41	39
Don't know	18	18	14	13	9	21	15	16	13	23	23	20	15	16	13	18	22	18	27	18	19	17	21	17

Raising Additional rate of income tax (i.e on income above £125,140 a year)

Would support doing this in order to increase defence spending	56	53	67	62	55	58	65	58	60	53	36	54	62	64	59	58	57	56	52	59	62	54	50	56
Would not support doing this in order to increase defence spending	26	28	22	20	34	26	20	27	27	25	44	26	23	21	28	25	21	26	27	25	21	30	29	26
Don't know	18	19	11	19	11	16	16	15	14	22	21	20	15	15	13	17	22	18	21	16	18	16	21	18

Freezing the level of the state pension

Would support doing this in order to increase defence spending	15	11	18	18	14	11	14	13	20	11	22	19	13	7	19	14	12	15	7	18	14	14	18	15
Would not support doing this in order to increase defence spending	68	76	69	66	78	68	71	77	67	70	52	58	75	87	69	73	70	68	75	69	67	73	65	67
Don't know	17	13	14	16	8	20	14	11	14	19	26	23	12	6	13	13	18	17	18	13	18	12	17	18

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Removing the "triple lock" on the state pension (i.e. the rule that the state pension goes up each year by whichever is highest of average earnings, inflation, or 2.5%)

Would support doing this in order to increase defence spending	21	16	25	26	20	17	24	17	26	16	22	26	19	14	27	19	16	21	21	26	18	22	24	20
Would not support doing this in order to increase defence spending	58	70	54	59	68	59	57	68	58	57	44	46	64	77	56	61	62	58	60	57	58	60	53	58
Don't know	21	14	20	15	12	25	19	15	16	26	33	28	17	9	17	20	22	22	19	17	24	18	23	22

Increasing government borrowing

Would support doing this in order to increase defence spending	23	27	29	28	21	14	27	23	23	24	15	19	28	29	27	25	21	23	20	31	23	19	24	24
Would not support doing this in order to increase defence spending	52	52	48	50	60	56	50	55	58	45	57	53	50	49	53	49	51	52	58	49	48	58	46	53
Don't know	25	22	24	22	19	30	23	22	19	31	28	27	22	22	19	26	28	26	22	19	29	23	30	23

Reducing welfare spending for people who have a disability

Would support doing this in order to increase defence spending	18	28	11	15	28	10	14	25	22	15	16	19	19	17	23	16	17	18	21	17	17	21	15	20
Would not support doing this in order to increase defence spending	66	52	79	70	59	78	74	61	63	68	68	63	69	67	63	68	64	65	64	72	65	63	71	65
Don't know	16	20	10	15	14	12	13	15	14	17	16	18	12	15	13	16	18	16	15	11	18	17	14	16

Reducing welfare spending for people in low-paid jobs

Would support doing this in order to increase defence spending	27	43	18	21	40	14	22	34	32	22	20	27	27	29	33	27	25	28	19	19	28	33	24	28
Would not support doing this in order to increase defence spending	54	37	68	61	42	71	63	46	52	56	62	52	56	53	54	52	55	53	57	67	53	49	60	52
Don't know	19	21	14	18	18	15	15	19	16	22	18	21	17	18	13	21	20	19	24	14	19	18	16	20

Reducing welfare spending for people who are out-of-work

Would support doing this in order to increase defence spending	45	65	32	37	69	27	34	60	50	39	30	42	46	54	49	45	48	45	36	41	47	47	40	46
Would not support doing this in order to increase defence spending	39	18	53	42	22	58	49	26	36	41	51	39	40	30	39	38	33	37	48	46	35	36	45	37
Don't know	17	17	14	20	10	15	16	14	14	20	19	19	14	16	12	18	19	17	16	13	18	17	15	18

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Reducing spending on the NHS																									
Would support doing this in order to increase defence spending	9	14	3	5	23	2	6	12	12	6	4	9	10	10	10	10	8	8	12	10	8	9	9	8	
Would not support doing this in order to increase defence spending	81	75	92	86	68	95	88	79	78	84	81	80	84	81	84	82	80	81	77	88	79	81	81	83	
Don't know	10	10	5	8	10	3	6	8	9	10	15	11	6	9	7	8	12	10	11	3	13	10	10	9	
Reducing spending on building renewable energy infrastructure																									
Would support doing this in order to increase defence spending	36	61	19	25	72	12	24	59	40	32	15	27	41	55	32	39	40	37	26	34	38	40	26	38	
Would not support doing this in order to increase defence spending	47	21	68	58	19	75	60	28	48	45	68	53	43	30	55	41	39	45	57	52	44	44	54	44	
Don't know	18	19	13	17	9	13	16	14	12	23	16	20	16	15	13	20	21	18	17	14	19	16	21	18	
Reducing spending on schools																									
Would support doing this in order to increase defence spending	11	16	4	8	22	10	7	17	12	10	4	10	13	14	10	8	14	11	9	14	12	10	12	9	
Would not support doing this in order to increase defence spending	75	68	87	81	65	83	83	70	77	74	82	76	74	73	81	75	70	75	78	78	72	76	74	76	
Don't know	14	16	9	10	13	7	10	14	11	16	14	15	13	13	8	17	16	15	14	7	16	13	14	15	

**Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.*