

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1695 GB Adults

Fieldwork: 25th - 26th November 2015

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	March 18-19	Nov 25-26																	
Do you think George Osborne is doing a good job or a bad job as Chancellor of the Exchequer?																			
He is doing a good job	40	33	70	8	28	25	39	27	18	27	32	46	36	29	31	37	33	31	27
He is doing a bad job	36	44	8	76	37	52	45	43	46	47	46	36	40	48	43	38	43	47	57
Don't know	24	24	22	17	35	23	16	30	36	26	22	18	24	23	26	25	24	22	16
Which of these would make the better Chancellor of the Exchequer?																			
George Osborne, the Chancellor of the Exchequer	40	38	76	9	37	40	46	31	23	31	36	54	42	34	36	44	39	35	29
John McDonnell, Labour's shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer*	20	20	3	43	11	9	20	19	35	20	20	13	19	21	22	19	19	21	17
Don't know	40	42	21	48	52	50	33	50	42	49	44	33	40	45	43	37	42	43	53

*Asked about Ed Balls in March 2015

Asked about Lu Bails in March 2019

	Jul 30-31	Nov 25-26																	
Do you think the government is managing the economy well or badly?																			
Very well	11	8	19	1	9	3	10	6	3	6	6	13	9	6	10	8	7	7	7
Fairly well	40	38	64	17	39	37	40	35	30	34	38	45	40	35	37	45	36	33	27
TOTAL WELL	51	46	83	18	48	40	50	41	33	40	44	58	49	41	47	53	43	40	34
Fairly badly	23	28	10	41	34	31	26	30	39	29	27	23	27	28	25	25	29	30	33
Very badly	15	19	1	35	10	23	20	19	14	20	23	15	17	22	21	17	16	22	26
TOTAL BADLY	38	47	11	76	44	54	46	49	53	49	50	38	44	50	46	42	45	52	59
Don't know	10	8	6	7	8	6	5	10	14	11	6	4	7	8	7	6	11	7	7

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Thinking about the current state of the economy, which of the following best reflects your view?

	March 18-19	Nov 25-26																	
The economy is still getting worse	15	23	3	38	19	26	23	23	16	21	29	20	20	27	21	20	20	27	32
The economy has stopped getting worse, but there are no signs of any recovery yet	33	31	24	35	41	39	27	35	35	32	32	28	30	32	34	31	32	29	33
The economy is in a bad way, but is starting to show signs of recovery	29	24	38	18	21	19	25	24	23	26	21	27	27	21	24	27	26	21	23
The economy is improving and on the way to full recovery	16	15	31	4	14	10	19	10	10	11	13	22	16	13	16	16	14	16	7
Don't know	7	7	4	6	6	6	6	8	16	9	5	4	6	8	6	7	8	8	5

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

	Jul 30-31	Nov 25-26																	
Very good	3	1	2	2	2	0	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Quite good	30	22	43	7	21	16	27	16	19	21	17	29	24	18	28	23	21	21	14
TOTAL GOOD	33	23	45	9	23	16	29	17	22	22	18	30	26	19	29	24	22	22	15
Neither good nor bad	32	33	39	29	41	31	31	35	31	30	34	35	32	34	34	33	38	28	33
Quite bad	22	30	13	44	29	32	27	34	32	32	33	25	30	30	26	29	27	35	33
Very bad	7	10	1	16	4	17	11	10	7	10	13	8	8	12	8	10	8	11	17
TOTAL BAD	29	40	14	60	33	49	38	44	39	42	46	33	38	42	34	39	35	46	50
Don't know	5	4	2	3	2	3	2	5	9	6	2	2	3	4	4	3	5	3	2

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

	Jul 30-31	Nov 25-26																	
Get a lot better	2	1	2	2	2	0	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	3	3
Get a little better	18	17	28	9	19	7	21	12	24	23	13	12	20	12	18	17	18	15	13
TOTAL BETTER	20	18	30	11	21	7	23	13	26	25	14	13	22	13	18	18	19	18	16
Stay about the same	43	44	50	38	54	43	42	47	37	38	43	56	47	41	41	45	45	41	54
Get a little worse	22	22	13	29	17	27	20	23	18	18	25	21	19	24	23	21	22	23	16
Get a lot worse	10	10	3	17	6	17	11	10	7	11	13	8	7	15	12	11	9	11	9
TOTAL WORSE	32	32	16	46	23	44	31	33	25	29	38	29	26	39	35	32	31	34	25
Don't know	5	6	4	5	2	5	4	7	12	8	4	2	5	6	5	6	4	7	4

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Who would you most trust to make the right decisions about dealing with the government's deficit?

The Conservative party*	35	39	82	8	34	37	44	34	21	32	37	54	42	34	36	46	38	35	29
The Labour party	21	21	3	51	16	4	22	21	35	25	18	15	21	21	24	18	21	26	18
Neither	32	30	11	26	41	55	28	31	29	26	36	26	27	33	28	27	30	29	43
Don't know	12	11	5	14	9	5	7	14	15	16	9	6	9	12	12	10	11	11	10

*Asked about the Conservative/Liberal Democrat coalition in 2013

Who would you most trust to make the right decisions about improving the state of the economy?

		March 20-21 2014	Nov 25-26 2015																
The Conservative party*	35	40	83	7	39	38	45	34	23	35	37	53	44	34	36	46	40	35	31
The Labour party	22	23	3	56	17	6	24	23	39	27	20	17	23	24	28	21	22	27	16
Neither	31	27	9	24	34	49	25	29	22	23	33	24	23	31	25	23	27	25	46
Don't know	13	10	5	13	10	6	7	14	17	15	9	6	10	12	12	10	10	12	7

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Who would you most trust to make the right decisions about keeping down living costs?

		March 13-14 2014	Nov 25-26 2015																
The Conservative party*	27	32	70	5	25	25	36	27	13	25	31	46	34	28	26	36	33	30	23
The Labour party	32	30	5	66	26	13	30	31	53	36	26	20	32	27	37	25	28	36	26
Neither	30	27	14	20	37	54	27	27	17	24	34	26	23	33	25	25	30	23	43
Don't know	12	11	10	9	13	9	8	15	16	15	9	8	11	11	12	13	9	11	8

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This week the Chancellor, George Osborne, delivered his autumn statement and spending review. From what you have seen or heard do you think you personally will be better or worse off from the measures announced in the Autumn statement and spending review, or will they not make much difference to you?

I will be better off	5	6	11	3	6	2	7	4	5	9	2	8	7	4	7	6	4	7	5
I will be worse off	31	23	10	34	19	29	27	19	24	23	26	17	19	28	22	22	24	24	17
The changes don't make much difference to me personally	46	53	61	46	61	55	55	52	42	43	54	67	57	49	53	51	53	51	67
Don't know	18	18	18	17	14	14	12	25	28	25	18	8	18	19	18	21	18	18	10

*Asked about the autumn statement in 2013

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When governments change their policies they are often accused of conducting "U-turns". Thinking about government "U-turns" in general, which of the following statements best reflects your view?

Government U-turns are normally a bad sign - showing they are incompetent, weak, or have not thought their policies through properly in advance	32	31	13	46	34	37	33	28	37	27	33	28	28	34	30	27	33	32	34
Government U-turns are normally a good sign - showing they are willing to listen and change their minds when people complain or situations change	42	43	62	29	42	40	45	41	26	41	42	54	46	39	49	45	45	38	36
Neither	15	13	12	13	14	13	13	14	11	17	14	10	13	14	10	12	12	16	21
Not sure	12	13	13	12	9	10	9	16	26	16	11	7	12	14	11	16	11	14	9

George Osborne has announced that the government will drop its planned cuts and changes to the current system of tax credits. From what you have seen or heard, do you think the government are right or wrong to drop these plans?

Right to drop the plans	60	50	74	62	55	61	58	54	55	61	64	58	62	57	59	60	62	60
Wrong to drop the plans	19	27	12	15	30	23	16	9	21	21	20	21	17	19	19	21	19	22
Don't know	21	23	14	22	15	16	26	37	24	17	16	21	21	24	22	20	20	18

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Overall, do you think this week's autumn statement/spending review is a fair one or not?*

Yes, it is fair	43	30	56	14	26	23	33	27	21	26	26	42	32	27	31	32	30	28	23
No, it isn't	33	26	7	44	21	37	32	21	28	27	28	23	24	29	27	25	23	28	32
Don't know	24	44	36	43	52	40	34	53	52	47	47	35	44	44	41	43	46	44	45

*Asked about the emergency budget in July 2015

Do you think that by the time of next general election in 2020, the following will or will not have happened...

Government finances will be in balance

Will have happened	21	39	11	18	9	25	17	23	22	16	24	21	20	22	21	24	19	11
Will not have happened	59	39	73	66	71	60	59	53	61	64	55	60	59	60	60	55	60	65
Don't know	20	22	16	17	20	16	24	24	17	20	21	19	21	18	19	21	21	24

The British economy will be stronger

Will have happened	42	71	23	45	32	48	35	36	43	38	47	46	36	42	45	42	40	33
Will not have happened	37	12	54	33	48	34	40	38	35	42	33	34	42	37	35	33	40	48
Don't know	21	17	24	21	20	17	25	26	22	19	21	20	22	21	20	25	20	20

People with low paid jobs will be better off

Will have happened	28	53	13	20	23	32	25	18	26	27	35	31	25	28	31	27	27	23
Will not have happened	54	26	74	60	59	53	54	59	54	55	49	52	57	54	50	55	54	63
Don't know	18	21	13	20	17	15	21	23	20	18	16	18	19	18	18	19	19	14

The NHS will be stronger

Will have happened	17	35	5	8	13	21	13	10	18	15	21	17	18	21	18	17	17	10
Will not have happened	64	43	82	75	69	64	65	67	62	68	61	65	63	67	63	63	63	74
Don't know	19	22	13	17	18	15	22	23	20	17	18	18	19	12	20	20	20	16

Quality of education in state schools will be better

Will have happened	17	31	9	13	10	19	14	13	22	14	18	18	15	21	18	14	18	13
Will not have happened	58	39	72	68	69	57	59	53	56	62	58	58	58	60	56	60	57	64
Don't know	25	31	20	19	21	23	27	34	22	24	24	24	26	19	26	26	26	24

Crime rates will be lower

Will have happened	16	25	11	16	9	21	10	27	20	12	12	18	12	16	17	14	16	13
Will not have happened	58	43	69	51	74	55	60	49	54	63	60	55	61	58	55	60	58	62
Don't know	26	32	21	33	18	23	29	24	26	26	29	27	26	25	28	26	25	26

YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and Vote May 2015.

		Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Age and Gender			
	Male 18 to 24	51	102
	Male 25 to 39	110	214
	Male 40 to 59	324	286
	Male 60 +	275	220
	Female 18 to 24	94	100
	Female 25 to 39	194	215
	Female 40 to 59	371	293
	Female 60 +	276	264
Region			
	North England	429	417
	Midlands	276	278
	East	167	163
	London	196	217
	South England	376	388
	Wales	96	85
	Scotland	155	147
Social Grade			
	AB	632	475
	C1	423	492
	C2	296	356
	DE	344	373
Newspaper Type			
	Express / Mail	264	241
	Sun / Star	283	341
	Mirror / Record	136	149
	Guardian / Independent	147	75
	FT / Times / Telegraph	93	136
	Other Paper	190	195
	No Paper	582	559
Vote Share May 2015			
	Conservative	512	576
	Labour	485	475
	Liberal Democrat	126	119
	UKIP	220	203
	Green	67	59
	Other	106	93
	Didn't vote / Don't know	179	170

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