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Headline Voting Intention

[Excluding Don't knows and Would not votes]

Con	35	100	0	0	36	34	29	37	48	30
Lab	28	0	100	0	25	32	35	25	19	32
Lib Dem	3	0	0	0	4	3	4	3	7	2
UKIP	26	0	0	100	27	25	19	28	20	29
Other	8	0	0	0	8	7	13	6	6	8

Other Parties Voting Intention

SNP/ PCY	5	0	0	0	6	4	10	4	3	6
Green	2	0	0	0	2	1	3	1	3	1
BNP	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0

Non Voters

Would Not Vote	9	0	0	0	6	12	16	6	7	9
Don't know	14	0	0	0	10	19	22	10	13	14

Which of the following do you think are the most important issues facing the country at this time? Please tick up to three.

Immigration & Asylum	70	79	59	89	68	73	47	79	68	71
The economy	39	52	43	28	44	31	35	40	49	34
Health	36	33	41	35	33	41	31	38	33	38
Welfare benefits	30	35	33	28	27	34	24	32	30	30
Europe	20	21	9	38	25	12	13	22	20	20
Crime	15	12	14	17	12	19	14	15	12	16
Housing	13	10	18	13	12	15	16	12	11	14
Pensions	12	12	14	12	15	8	4	15	12	12
Tax	6	2	8	5	7	5	10	5	5	7
Education	6	5	8	6	5	7	9	5	6	6
Family life & childcare	6	3	8	3	3	10	12	3	5	6
The environment	3	2	3	2	2	3	4	3	2	3
Transport	2	2	4	1	3	1	2	3	4	2
None of these	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Don't know	5	3	3	0	5	6	15	2	5	6

Which party would you most trust to handle the following issues?

Immigration

Conservatives	21	67	5	2	25	16	18	22	30	17
Labour	11	1	47	0	11	11	10	12	7	13
Liberal Democrats	1	0	0	2	2	0	3	1	2	1
UKIP	34	15	23	85	35	32	25	38	32	35
None of them	18	11	17	7	16	20	16	18	16	19
Don't know	14	7	9	4	10	21	28	9	13	15

The economy in general

Conservatives	40	91	11	32	46	33	30	44	53	35
Labour	15	1	62	3	16	14	14	16	10	18
Liberal Democrats	2	1	0	2	3	2	4	2	2	2
UKIP	6	0	1	23	6	6	7	5	3	7
None of them	19	1	13	25	16	22	17	19	14	20
Don't know	18	5	12	15	13	24	29	13	17	18

The NHS

Conservatives	22	63	1	13	25	18	14	25	29	19
Labour	27	8	82	16	29	23	23	28	22	29
Liberal Democrats	3	3	0	1	3	3	5	2	4	3
UKIP	8	0	1	30	8	7	9	7	4	9
None of them	21	12	9	26	19	24	18	22	20	22
Don't know	19	15	7	13	15	26	31	15	20	19

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Welfare benefits

Conservatives	27	76	3	13	31	21	20	30	37	23
Labour	22	4	74	12	23	20	17	23	16	24
Liberal Democrats	3	2	1	3	4	1	5	2	3	3
UKIP	10	1	2	38	10	10	10	10	9	11
None of them	19	6	9	21	17	23	18	20	15	22
Don't know	19	11	11	13	15	25	29	15	20	18

Who do you think has the most responsibility for...

The state of the British economy over the last few years?

The current Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition government	31	38	47	23	35	24	22	34	32	30
The last Labour government	32	48	10	42	32	31	24	35	39	28
Both equally	21	7	29	24	20	24	21	22	16	24
Neither	4	1	4	6	4	4	5	3	2	5
Don't know	13	5	10	4	9	17	27	7	11	13

The level of immigration into Britain over the last few years?

The current Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition government	25	18	49	23	25	24	17	28	21	27
The last Labour government	34	58	12	40	37	29	24	38	41	31
Both equally	24	16	24	28	23	26	23	25	22	25
Neither	4	3	3	3	5	4	7	3	5	4
Don't know	13	6	11	5	10	17	29	6	11	13

Standards in the NHS in the last few years?

The current Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition government	35	25	63	34	35	34	26	38	29	37
The last Labour government	19	33	9	25	21	17	15	21	22	18
Both equally	28	28	15	33	29	27	20	31	32	26
Neither	4	4	3	4	4	4	8	3	4	4
Don't know	14	11	9	6	11	19	30	8	14	14

The state of Britain's welfare system over the last few years?

The current Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition government	32	24	57	32	34	29	23	36	28	34
The last Labour government	30	53	10	31	33	25	22	32	38	26
Both equally	22	13	20	28	20	24	18	23	20	22
Neither	4	1	3	4	4	3	7	2	1	5
Don't know	13	8	10	5	10	18	30	7	13	13

Have you, a close friend or family member, had trouble getting your or their child into their first choice of school over the last few years? Please tick all that apply

Yes, I have had trouble getting my child into my first choice of school	3	1	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3
Yes, a friend or family member had trouble getting their child into their first choice of school	11	11	15	11	10	12	14	10	9	12
TOTAL YES	14	12	19	15	13	15	17	13	12	15
No, neither me nor any friends or family have had any trouble getting their children into their first choice of school	64	71	63	56	64	64	51	69	64	63
Not sure	23	17	19	30	24	21	32	19	24	22

What do you think is the MAIN reason for the current shortage of school places in some parts of the country?

Immigration into Britain	59	66	52	80	57	62	39	67	58	60
Not enough government spending on school places	11	7	18	6	13	10	14	11	11	12
People having more children	8	7	11	5	7	11	14	6	7	9
Poor organisation and preparation by local councils	8	10	6	5	9	6	9	7	10	7
Another reason	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1
Don't know	12	9	12	3	12	11	22	8	12	12

Thinking about the NHS, which of the following best reflects your view?

The way the NHS is organised is fine, any problems are just down to not having enough money and investment	25	18	42	22	25	25	25	25	23	26
Just throwing more money at the NHS will never solve its problems, the way it is run and organised needs to be changed	59	74	44	67	60	56	46	64	64	56
Neither	5	3	8	6	5	6	5	6	3	6
Don't know	11	5	7	4	10	13	24	6	10	12

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Would you be willing to pay more money in income tax or VAT if the extra money raised was spent on improving NHS services?

Would be willing to pay more	30	25	45	30	30	30	29	30	34	28
Would not be willing to pay more	48	53	36	56	52	42	40	50	49	47
Don't know	22	23	20	14	18	29	31	19	17	25

Would you be willing to pay more money in NHS charges (such as higher prescription charges or charges to visit your GP) if the extra money raised was spent on improving NHS services?

Would be willing to pay more	20	20	25	21	23	17	22	20	25	18
Would not be willing to pay more	63	64	60	69	63	64	54	67	60	64
Don't know	17	15	15	10	15	19	25	14	15	18

Treatment on the NHS is currently free at the point of use for patients, but can be provided by the NHS itself or by private companies who are paid by the NHS. Which of the following best reflects your view?

NHS treatment and services should ONLY be provided by the NHS itself	39	34	54	40	41	37	29	43	37	40
NHS treatment and services should ONLY be provided by private sector companies, paid by the NHS	5	4	7	7	5	5	7	5	7	4
NHS treatment and services should be provided by a mixture of private companies and the NHS's own services	35	49	22	42	38	31	30	37	39	33
Don't know	20	13	18	12	16	27	34	15	17	22

Generally speaking, do you think immigration has been good or bad for Britain over the last ten years?

Good for Britain	10	9	16	1	13	5	18	7	15	8
Bad for Britain	71	72	65	91	68	76	52	79	65	74
Neither	12	14	13	7	12	12	12	12	14	11
Don't know	7	4	6	1	7	7	18	3	6	7

Thinking about different types of people who want to come and live in the UK, to what extent should the following groups of people be allowed to come and live in Britain?

People with low levels of education and skills, looking for low paid work

We should allow more of this group	2	0	5	2	2	2	4	1	3	1
We should allow the present numbers of this group	9	10	8	7	9	8	14	7	9	9
We should allow less of this group	28	34	33	16	26	31	27	28	32	26
We should not allow this group at all	49	46	41	73	51	45	28	56	47	49
Don't know	13	10	13	3	12	13	26	8	10	14

People with high levels of education and skills, looking for high paid jobs

We should allow more of this group	17	20	17	18	19	14	19	16	19	16
We should allow the present numbers of this group	41	46	44	37	41	40	35	43	44	39
We should allow less of this group	20	21	19	23	19	22	11	24	22	20
We should not allow this group at all	10	5	7	19	10	10	7	11	7	11
Don't know	13	8	13	3	12	14	28	7	9	15

People paying to study in British universities

We should allow more of this group	17	19	20	13	19	13	17	17	18	16
We should allow the present numbers of this group	41	45	41	38	40	43	37	43	46	39
We should allow less of this group	20	21	19	30	18	23	15	22	18	21
We should not allow this group at all	9	7	6	16	10	7	5	11	8	9
Don't know	13	8	14	4	13	13	26	8	9	14

People fleeing persecution or war in other countries

We should allow more of this group	6	4	12	3	7	5	10	4	5	6
We should allow the present numbers of this group	24	25	29	18	22	27	27	23	28	22
We should allow less of this group	31	41	21	31	29	34	17	37	37	29
We should not allow this group at all	23	19	18	43	26	19	15	26	17	26
Don't know	16	12	19	4	16	16	31	10	13	17

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People with family already in the UK, coming to live with their relatives

We should allow more of this group	3	2	5	1	2	3	4	2	3	3
We should allow the present numbers of this group	17	15	19	12	17	18	24	14	18	16
We should allow less of this group	35	46	32	32	34	38	25	39	38	34
We should not allow this group at all	31	29	30	52	33	29	17	37	30	32
Don't know	13	9	15	4	14	12	29	7	11	15

Wealthy people looking to invest in Britain

We should allow more of this group	25	31	25	23	28	20	22	26	28	23
We should allow the present numbers of this group	41	47	40	41	40	42	38	42	43	40
We should allow less of this group	11	9	11	16	11	12	7	13	11	12
We should not allow this group at all	9	3	11	15	9	9	6	10	9	9
Don't know	15	10	13	6	13	17	28	10	10	17

People coming to work in the British health service

We should allow more of this group	14	18	16	11	17	9	18	12	16	12
We should allow the present numbers of this group	39	45	40	33	40	37	31	42	41	38
We should allow less of this group	22	20	19	30	18	27	16	24	19	23
We should not allow this group at all	10	7	8	19	12	9	6	12	10	11
Don't know	15	10	17	6	13	18	30	10	13	16

Currently British citizens have the right to live and work in other EU countries and EU citizens have the right to come and live and work in Britain. Which of the following best reflects your view?

EU citizens coming to live and work in Britain is bad for our country and the government should limit it, even if it means breaking European Union laws	47	45	50	69	47	47	28	54	43	49
EU citizens coming to live and work in Britain is bad for our country, but as members of the EU the government has no choice but to obey the rules	23	27	23	20	23	24	20	25	27	22
EU citizens coming to live and work in Britain is good for the country, and there is no reason for the government to try and limit it	10	11	12	2	13	7	17	8	13	9
None of these	7	9	8	3	6	9	11	6	6	8
Don't know	12	8	7	6	11	13	24	7	11	12

If it proved impossible for Britain to limit immigration from the European Union while remaining a member of the European Union, which of the following would best reflect your view?

EU citizens coming to live and work in Britain is bad for our country and the government should limit it, even if it means Britain having to leave the European Union	59	63	56	84	58	59	36	68	56	60
EU citizens coming to live and work in Britain is bad for our country, but if the alternative was leaving the EU then its better to accept the immigration	10	11	15	3	12	9	10	10	14	9
EU citizens coming to live and work in Britain is good for the country, and there is no reason for the government to try and limit it	9	9	10	1	11	5	13	7	10	8
None of these	7	8	7	6	7	8	9	6	5	8
Don't know	15	9	12	5	12	19	32	8	15	15

In recent years 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")

From what you have seen or heard about these changes, do you support or oppose the changes to the benefit system?

Support	53	78	35	52	54	50	47	55	65	47
Oppose	30	11	48	37	30	30	25	32	17	36
Don't know	17	11	17	11	16	19	28	13	18	17

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Generally speaking, do you think the changes in benefits...

Have been too harsh, and have left people in genuine need without any money	32	11	59	36	33	32	27	34	18	39
Have not been harsh enough, too much money is still going to people who don't need it	42	61	23	50	42	42	30	47	55	36
Have got the balance about right	13	20	9	10	14	12	16	12	16	12
Don't know	12	8	9	5	12	13	27	7	11	13

Would you support or oppose the following changes to the benefit system?

Putting a cap on the number of children that a household can claim child benefit for, so a household can only claim it for TWO children?

Support	71	79	62	85	73	68	52	78	76	68
Oppose	18	12	26	9	16	20	28	13	14	19
Don't know	12	8	13	5	11	13	20	9	9	13

Means-testing old age benefits like the Winter Fuel Allowance and Free television licence so they are no longer paid to well-off pensioners?

Support	57	54	62	58	59	52	54	58	56	57
Oppose	30	34	28	35	28	33	23	33	31	30
Don't know	13	12	10	7	12	14	24	9	13	13

Cancelling the "bedroom tax" (a charge for people in social housing who have more bedrooms than the government thinks they need)?

Support	49	35	67	51	50	49	37	54	42	53
Oppose	35	51	23	39	35	34	35	35	42	31
Don't know	16	14	10	10	15	17	27	11	16	16

Stopping housing and jobseekers allowance for people under the age of 25 unless they are in education, work or training?

Support	58	72	49	65	57	59	47	62	65	54
Oppose	23	13	34	23	25	20	26	22	17	26
Don't know	20	14	17	12	19	21	27	17	19	20

Limiting the amount of money that a single household can receive in benefits to £26,000 a year?

Support	67	69	64	75	69	65	55	72	69	66
Oppose	18	19	24	17	19	17	17	19	18	18
Don't know	15	12	12	9	12	18	28	10	13	15

Limiting the amount of money that a single household can receive in benefits to £23,000 a year?

Support	61	65	57	71	64	56	46	67	64	59
Oppose	21	21	28	19	21	21	22	21	20	22
Don't know	18	14	15	10	15	22	33	12	16	19

Limiting the amount of money that a single household can receive in benefits to £20,000 a year?

Support	61	68	51	74	63	58	43	68	71	57
Oppose	21	17	33	15	20	22	27	18	15	24
Don't know	18	15	15	11	16	20	29	13	15	19

Which of the following best applies to you?

[This question was only asked to respondents who do not own their own home, n=459]

I would like to own a home, but couldn't currently afford to pay for a mortgage	28	30	23	29	28	27	35	23	32	27
I would like to own a home, but cannot get a mortgage	13	15	15	6	10	16	14	12	16	12
I would like to own a home in the future, but it's not currently right for my circumstances	17	15	16	16	17	18	22	14	15	18
I don't really have any interest in owning a home	26	21	30	39	29	21	10	36	17	28
None of these	9	18	10	7	5	14	7	11	12	9
Don't know	7	1	6	3	10	3	12	4	8	7

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Thinking about the need for housing in Britain and people's desire to protect green spaces, do you think...

More houses need to be built to provide more homes and stop property prices becoming ever more unaffordable, even if this means building on green belt land	32	33	37	30	34	29	33	32	31	33
Green belt land around our cities needs to be protected to save open spaces and countryside, even if it means there is a lack of homes and property prices keep on rising	40	43	36	51	40	40	26	45	45	38
Neither	14	16	14	11	13	14	12	14	12	14
Don't know	14	8	14	8	12	17	29	8	12	15

Do you personally feel financially better or worse off than you did five years ago?

Better off	17	25	10	14	18	15	27	13	23	14
Worse off	45	32	57	53	45	46	31	51	36	50
About the same	33	42	30	32	33	34	27	35	37	31
Don't know	5	1	4	1	5	5	14	1	4	5

And do you think you will get financially better or worse off in the year ahead?

Better off	13	20	10	6	16	9	19	11	20	10
Worse off	32	15	44	41	31	34	25	35	25	36
About the same	46	59	38	52	44	49	38	50	48	45
Don't know	8	7	8	1	9	8	18	5	7	9

Thinking about the amount of money the government spends on public services, do you think they should...

Spend more on our public services, by increasing the amount of taxes we have to pay	13	9	25	13	13	12	9	14	12	13
Spend more on our public services, by increasing the amount of money the government borrows	10	4	17	12	10	10	10	10	9	11
Spend about the same on our public services	35	41	31	37	37	31	29	37	40	32
Cut spending on our public services and use the money to reduce the amount of tax we pay	6	7	2	9	7	5	5	7	8	6
Cut spending on our public services and use the money to reduce government borrowing	11	24	3	12	13	8	8	12	11	11
Don't know	25	15	22	17	19	33	40	19	19	27

Thinking about the current level of taxes paid by people like you, do you think the government should...

Reduce the taxes I have to pay, by cutting the money spent on our public services	10	16	5	11	13	6	9	10	13	9
Reduce the taxes I have to pay, by increasing the amount of money the government borrows	7	5	8	8	8	5	7	7	8	7
Keep the taxes I have to pay about the same	51	56	51	56	50	51	40	55	55	49
Increase the taxes I have to pay and spend the money raised on our public services	7	7	13	8	9	5	5	8	6	8
Increase the taxes I have to pay and spend the money on reducing government borrowing	2	2	2	2	3	1	1	2	2	2
Don't know	23	14	22	15	17	31	37	17	16	26

And thinking about the amount of money the government borrows, do you think they should...

Reduce the amount of money they borrow, mainly through cutting spending on our public services	21	37	9	22	26	14	17	23	25	19
Reduce the amount of money they borrow, mainly through increasing the amount of tax we have to pay	13	13	22	12	15	10	8	15	15	12
Reduce the amount of money they borrow by cutting spending AND increasing the amount of tax we have to pay	11	16	14	11	12	11	11	12	13	11
Not make reducing borrowing a priority at all, keeping tax and spending the same	18	13	19	24	17	20	13	21	19	18
Don't know	36	22	36	31	30	45	52	30	28	40

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The government still has a deficit of £91bn. The three main parties, Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrats, all support eliminating the deficit during the next Parliament. Whether or not you agree with their plans, how clear do you think the parties have been about how they would get rid of the deficit?

Conservatives

Very clear	18	43	9	12	23	10	13	20	23	15
Fairly clear	20	33	15	18	22	18	18	22	25	18
TOTAL CLEAR	38	76	24	30	45	28	31	42	48	33
Not very clear	23	11	33	28	20	26	20	24	20	24
Not clear at all	20	3	25	32	20	20	15	22	14	23
TOTAL UNCLEAR	43	14	58	60	40	46	35	46	34	47
Don't know	19	9	19	10	14	26	34	13	17	20

Labour

Very clear	3	0	12	1	4	2	2	3	2	3
Fairly clear	10	6	29	5	10	11	12	10	9	11
TOTAL CLEAR	13	6	41	6	14	13	14	13	11	14
Not very clear	30	34	29	29	30	30	26	31	31	29
Not clear at all	37	47	12	55	42	31	24	42	40	36
TOTAL UNCLEAR	67	81	41	84	72	61	50	73	71	65
Don't know	20	12	18	11	15	27	35	14	19	20

Liberal Democrats

Very clear	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Fairly clear	6	9	8	1	6	6	6	6	8	5
TOTAL CLEAR	7	10	10	1	6	7	6	7	8	6
Not very clear	28	31	31	26	25	32	23	30	29	27
Not clear at all	43	43	37	58	50	32	31	47	41	43
TOTAL UNCLEAR	71	74	68	84	75	64	54	77	70	70
Don't know	23	16	21	15	18	29	40	16	22	23

And who do you think is most to blame for the government's current deficit?

The current coalition government	12	1	36	12	12	12	8	14	9	13
The last Labour government	44	83	10	50	48	39	34	48	55	39
Both equally	31	10	40	31	29	32	28	32	24	34
Neither	4	4	3	5	4	4	6	3	5	3
Don't know	10	2	10	2	7	14	25	4	8	10