

YouGov / The Sun Survey Results

Sample Size: 1736 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 5th - 6th March 2012

	Voting intention			2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region				
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	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 1736	477	539	121	540	468	392	844	892	210	443	594	490	990	746	222	564	372	427	151
Unweighted Sample	458	511	124	517	444	412	838	898	161	423	687	465	1122	614	236	575	337	430	158
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In 2010 the government announced they would abolish child benefit for households with a higher rate taxpayer. Do you support or oppose this policy?

Support	58	72	48	72	66	52	62	64	53	46	56	62	62	57	60	45	59	61	61	65
Oppose	27	19	35	19	24	31	25	24	30	28	28	25	28	29	24	31	28	23	27	26
Don't know	15	8	17	9	10	17	13	12	18	26	15	14	10	14	16	25	14	16	12	9

Under the current plans a household with someone earning just over the limit for the higher rate of income tax (that is, earning around £43,000 a year) would lose all of their child benefit (around £1000 a year for a single child). This means in some cases someone receiving a pay rise that put them just into the higher tax band would end up worse off through losing child benefit.

Do you think the government should or should not seek to change the plans to address this?

Should - there should be changes to make the plans fairer to those people only just paying higher rate tax	49	48	55	44	48	55	49	48	49	51	53	44	49	54	41	51	49	44	49	53
Should not - there has to be a cut-off point somewhere, and people paying higher rate income tax can afford it	41	47	34	51	44	35	43	43	38	35	35	46	42	36	47	33	41	44	42	40
Don't know	11	5	11	5	8	10	8	8	13	13	12	11	8	10	12	15	10	12	9	7

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One suggestion that has been made is to change the maximum amount someone in a household can earn before losing child benefit. At what income do you think people should lose child benefit?

£20,000 or less	3	4	2	2	3	1	4	4	1	1	4	3	1	2	3	2	2	3	4	2
£26,000	3	2	3	7	3	2	4	5	2	5	4	3	2	3	4	3	3	3	5	4
£30,000	7	6	7	7	7	9	5	9	6	6	7	9	6	7	8	4	7	8	8	9
£40,000	24	30	21	32	25	22	25	24	23	24	23	24	24	22	26	16	25	23	26	25
£50,000	24	28	22	23	26	23	24	23	25	15	25	24	27	24	24	23	24	26	23	25
£60,000	10	10	12	6	11	11	8	10	9	8	10	9	10	11	8	15	9	10	8	8
£75,000	4	5	3	4	7	4	3	5	4	4	4	5	3	5	4	7	4	5	2	5
£100,000 or more	4	4	4	5	4	4	4	3	5	2	5	4	4	4	4	3	5	3	3	5
None of these - child benefit should be available to all	12	7	15	7	10	14	12	9	15	15	10	11	13	13	11	13	12	8	15	12
Don't know	10	4	12	7	5	11	11	8	11	18	7	8	10	9	10	14	9	12	7	6