

YouGov / The Times Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 3rd - 4th June 2025

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The Government has announced plans to significantly increase defence spending over the next five years. Do you think this is the right or wrong thing to do?

The right thing to do	54	73	54	56	63	55	65	60	47	35	45	59	71	57	50	54	52	47	54	57	44	57
The wrong thing to do	18	8	17	14	19	17	13	20	17	31	21	14	13	18	18	17	16	30	20	11	25	16
Not sure	28	18	29	29	19	28	22	20	36	34	34	27	16	25	32	28	32	23	26	31	31	28

How do you think the increased spending on defence should be paid for?

By increasing taxes	19	16	28	27	12	25	16	24	14	22	13	23	23	20	16	19	17	18	17	21	11	22
By reducing spending on public services	14	26	8	10	27	8	22	19	9	8	13	12	18	15	12	14	13	9	15	13	17	13
By increasing the amount the Government borrows	18	17	20	22	16	21	18	17	18	13	17	21	18	18	18	18	14	19	17	21	14	18
None of these - the Government should not be increasing spending on defence	24	14	22	18	22	23	18	21	27	39	27	19	17	23	26	23	25	31	27	17	32	20
Don't know	26	26	23	23	23	23	27	19	32	19	30	25	23	24	29	26	31	23	23	29	26	26

Now thinking about spending on public services and the taxes that fund them, which of the following best reflects your view?

The Government should increase taxes and spend more on public services	30	16	51	41	14	45	20	35	26	38	28	30	31	33	27	30	28	38	31	28	27	30
The Government should decrease taxes and spend less on public services	17	23	8	11	34	10	21	22	12	20	17	15	16	18	16	18	12	12	19	9	30	16
The Government should keep the level of taxes and spending on public services about the same	33	46	24	31	36	27	39	30	36	24	31	37	35	32	33	33	28	33	33	39	24	33
Don't know	20	15	18	17	16	18	20	13	27	18	23	18	18	17	24	20	32	17	16	24	19	21

Next week the Government will be announcing its spending plans for the next three years. For each of the following areas, please say whether you think the Government should be looking to increase spending, looking to save money, or looking to keep spending about the same?

Building new social housing

The Government should be looking to spend more here	35	20	50	36	23	41	27	37	32	44	34	38	28	34	36	34	29	42	37	31	44	30
The Government should be looking to keep spending here about the same	34	44	31	32	39	36	36	36	32	29	31	34	42	35	33	34	38	35	31	34	33	36
The Government should be looking to save money here	23	31	13	22	32	18	30	21	24	13	24	23	25	24	21	24	19	17	25	25	13	25
Don't know	9	5	6	10	6	6	7	6	11	13	11	5	5	7	10	8	14	6	6	10	10	9

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Policing																						
The Government should be looking to spend more here	47	62	47	43	58	46	57	45	49	27	44	53	54	47	47	47	41	49	49	47	47	46
The Government should be looking to keep spending here about the same	41	32	43	47	36	44	35	44	38	48	41	40	39	42	40	41	45	40	41	41	38	41
The Government should be looking to save money here	5	2	5	3	4	5	3	6	5	13	6	3	4	5	6	5	5	9	5	4	8	5
Don't know	7	5	4	7	2	5	5	5	9	12	9	3	4	6	8	7	9	2	5	8	8	8
Healthcare and the NHS																						
The Government should be looking to spend more here	72	60	85	70	54	79	62	66	77	84	73	71	65	71	73	71	80	80	72	68	77	69
The Government should be looking to keep spending here about the same	19	29	11	22	28	15	26	23	15	7	16	21	25	20	17	20	10	13	17	22	15	22
The Government should be looking to save money here	5	8	2	3	15	3	8	7	3	3	4	6	8	6	4	5	3	5	7	3	6	5
Don't know	4	4	3	4	2	3	3	3	5	6	7	2	2	3	6	4	7	2	4	7	2	4
Reducing Britain's carbon emissions																						
The Government should be looking to spend more here	20	10	27	27	2	26	8	18	22	39	24	16	10	22	18	20	19	18	19	19	28	20
The Government should be looking to keep spending here about the same	30	26	39	38	13	40	23	30	30	29	29	32	30	31	28	30	25	35	31	27	27	31
The Government should be looking to save money here	40	55	27	25	81	27	61	45	34	17	34	46	53	38	41	39	47	40	40	44	30	39
Don't know	10	8	7	9	4	8	8	6	14	15	13	7	7	8	13	11	9	6	10	10	15	10
International aid																						
The Government should be looking to spend more here	6	1	9	9	1	9	1	7	5	13	7	4	3	7	5	6	4	8	5	4	12	5
The Government should be looking to keep spending here about the same	21	9	32	29	2	33	6	19	23	34	23	19	15	23	18	20	28	25	21	15	28	20
The Government should be looking to save money here	65	85	53	58	95	52	88	69	61	37	59	73	80	63	68	66	58	61	66	72	54	67
Don't know	8	4	6	3	2	5	4	5	11	15	11	4	2	7	9	8	10	6	7	8	7	8
Education																						
The Government should be looking to spend more here	45	36	51	48	28	52	37	40	49	51	49	42	38	46	43	45	45	44	45	36	57	45
The Government should be looking to keep spending here about the same	44	53	42	41	56	41	51	50	39	39	39	50	50	44	44	44	40	50	44	50	36	43
The Government should be looking to save money here	5	5	2	4	11	2	7	5	4	4	3	5	8	4	5	5	6	3	6	5	3	4
Don't know	6	6	5	7	5	5	5	4	8	7	9	4	4	6	8	7	9	2	5	9	4	8
Welfare benefits																						
The Government should be looking to spend more here	18	7	22	16	11	19	13	19	17	31	19	15	14	16	21	18	16	24	20	16	20	16
The Government should be looking to keep spending here about the same	33	32	40	35	28	41	30	32	34	29	32	32	38	33	33	33	31	31	31	32	36	35
The Government should be looking to save money here	41	56	31	43	57	35	51	44	38	25	40	47	43	45	35	41	42	38	42	42	34	42
Don't know	8	5	6	5	4	5	6	5	10	15	10	5	4	6	10	8	11	7	6	10	11	7
Social care																						
The Government should be looking to spend more here	48	40	62	51	34	56	46	46	50	42	47	55	46	48	48	48	49	50	53	46	52	44
The Government should be looking to keep spending here about the same	34	41	27	29	50	32	37	35	34	37	34	32	37	34	35	34	38	33	31	34	30	38
The Government should be looking to save money here	9	14	5	11	11	6	11	13	5	8	8	9	12	10	8	9	4	12	9	9	10	9
Don't know	8	6	5	8	5	6	6	6	11	13	11	4	5	7	9	9	9	5	7	10	8	9

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	10 - 11 Mar '21	3 - 4 Jun '25																					
On the subject of climate change do you think:																							
The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	75	68	58	86	84	30	81	50	66	69	90	71	64	56	72	62	68	68	69	65	70	73	66
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	11	16	22	6	7	46	9	29	19	14	6	13	20	24	15	19	17	16	13	18	16	13	18
The world's climate is NOT changing	3	4	4	1	1	14	1	7	5	4	1	3	5	7	3	5	4	8	8	5	4	2	3
Not sure	11	12	15	7	8	11	9	14	10	13	4	13	11	13	9	14	12	9	10	12	11	13	12
Do you think concerns about climate change have or have not been exaggerated?																							
Have been exaggerated - the threat is not as real as many scientists have said	16	25	34	12	11	67	11	42	31	20	15	20	31	33	23	28	25	32	22	29	25	21	24
Have not been exaggerated - the threat is every bit as real as scientists have said	68	61	48	78	81	22	77	42	58	63	82	63	57	51	65	54	61	53	64	57	60	67	62
Don't know	16	14	18	10	9	11	12	16	11	18	3	17	13	16	12	17	14	15	14	14	15	11	15
Would you support or oppose the following policies?																							
Banning the instillation of gas boilers in new homes																							
Strongly support	11	8	5	11	9	3	9	7	9	7	10	9	7	6	9	6	9	3	6	6	10	15	8
Tend to support	24	23	13	32	34	13	31	14	24	21	30	24	24	17	23	22	23	13	22	23	19	30	23
TOTAL SUPPORT	35	31	18	43	43	16	40	21	33	28	40	33	31	23	32	28	32	16	28	29	29	45	31
Tend to oppose	23	23	31	25	24	18	28	24	25	22	12	24	25	26	25	21	24	20	23	24	27	18	24
Strongly oppose	17	24	35	11	12	57	13	38	27	21	13	18	26	37	22	26	24	28	25	27	26	15	23
TOTAL OPPOSE	40	47	66	36	36	75	41	62	52	43	25	42	51	63	47	47	48	48	48	51	53	33	47
Don't know	25	22	16	21	22	10	19	17	15	28	35	25	19	14	20	24	21	36	24	19	19	22	22
Banning the sale of new petrol and diesel cars from 2030																							
Strongly support	22	10	2	14	11	3	14	4	11	9	16	13	6	4	10	10	10	7	8	7	7	17	10
Tend to support	29	20	12	27	31	8	27	10	21	20	32	22	19	13	23	17	20	18	21	21	20	23	19
TOTAL SUPPORT	51	30	14	41	42	11	41	14	32	29	48	35	25	17	33	27	30	25	29	28	27	40	29
Tend to oppose	19	24	29	29	27	14	27	25	23	25	17	23	27	26	26	21	24	20	24	21	23	20	27
Strongly oppose	16	34	48	16	20	71	22	50	36	31	20	28	37	46	31	36	33	38	34	36	37	24	33
TOTAL OPPOSE	35	58	77	45	47	85	49	75	59	56	37	51	64	72	57	57	57	58	58	57	60	44	60
Don't know	14	13	10	14	11	4	11	11	9	16	15	14	11	10	10	16	12	17	13	14	12	15	10

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Introducing new taxes on gas bills to encourage people to switch to electricity																								
	Strongly support	6	3	1	5	4	1	4	2	4	3	5	4	2	2	4	2	4	1	2	3	3	6	3
	Tend to support	18	13	7	19	13	5	17	7	16	11	24	16	11	7	16	10	13	12	15	13	10	20	13
	TOTAL SUPPORT	24	16	8	24	17	6	21	9	20	14	29	20	13	9	20	12	17	13	17	16	13	26	16
	Tend to oppose	29	26	25	31	37	16	32	21	25	27	29	26	28	24	28	24	27	23	22	26	26	28	27
	Strongly oppose	30	42	54	29	32	70	32	59	44	40	19	37	46	57	39	45	41	46	48	44	46	34	39
	TOTAL OPPOSE	59	68	79	60	69	86	64	80	69	67	48	63	74	81	67	69	68	69	70	70	72	62	66
	Don't know	18	15	12	17	13	8	14	12	11	20	24	18	12	11	13	18	15	18	13	15	16	12	17
Building more nuclear reactors																								
	Strongly support	11	20	25	19	22	34	17	24	33	8	27	18	18	25	22	18	20	19	21	20	21	23	19
	Tend to support	24	27	35	27	30	29	29	30	34	21	21	24	29	33	30	23	27	23	26	24	28	26	30
	TOTAL SUPPORT	35	47	60	46	52	63	46	54	67	29	48	42	47	58	52	41	47	42	47	44	49	49	49
	Tend to oppose	19	15	11	19	15	10	16	13	10	19	16	15	16	12	15	14	15	18	12	14	16	14	15
	Strongly oppose	19	11	9	10	6	6	12	11	7	15	6	12	13	10	10	12	10	14	17	13	7	12	10
	TOTAL OPPOSE	38	26	20	29	21	16	28	24	17	34	22	27	29	22	25	26	25	32	29	27	23	26	25
	Don't know	26	27	21	25	26	21	26	23	15	37	30	31	24	20	23	32	27	27	23	29	28	25	26
Banning gas power stations																								
	Strongly support	12	8	4	10	10	2	11	5	10	6	10	10	6	5	9	6	8	11	6	5	9	11	9
	Tend to support	29	20	13	27	36	10	27	13	23	17	27	20	21	16	22	18	21	15	16	20	20	19	23
	TOTAL SUPPORT	41	28	17	37	46	12	38	18	33	23	37	30	27	21	31	24	29	26	22	25	29	30	32
	Tend to oppose	22	23	28	27	15	28	24	25	25	21	16	22	27	25	25	21	23	18	24	22	24	28	23
	Strongly oppose	10	18	28	8	8	45	10	28	22	15	16	14	18	29	17	21	18	20	22	23	17	13	17
	TOTAL OPPOSE	32	41	56	35	23	73	34	53	47	36	32	36	45	54	42	42	41	38	46	45	41	41	40
	Don't know	28	30	28	28	31	16	29	28	19	41	31	34	28	25	27	34	30	36	31	30	31	29	29
New taxes on meat, like beef, that produces a lot of carbon emissions																								
	Strongly support	12	7	2	9	11	2	11	4	6	8	9	10	6	5	9	5	8	5	4	6	7	10	8
	Tend to support	21	16	10	24	22	5	25	8	16	17	17	17	18	12	18	14	16	11	17	14	15	18	18
	TOTAL SUPPORT	33	23	12	33	33	7	36	12	22	25	26	27	24	17	27	19	24	16	21	20	22	28	26
	Tend to oppose	27	27	28	33	35	18	30	25	25	28	31	26	25	28	29	24	26	27	28	25	26	28	27
	Strongly oppose	29	38	50	23	24	69	26	53	44	32	26	34	41	46	35	41	37	41	40	41	41	29	36
	TOTAL OPPOSE	56	65	78	56	59	87	56	78	69	60	57	60	66	74	64	65	63	68	68	66	67	57	63
	Don't know	12	12	9	11	9	6	9	11	9	15	17	13	11	9	9	16	12	16	10	13	10	15	12

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Making air travellers pay more in taxes the further they fly

Strongly support	22	16	9	18	23	13	21	13	19	13	11	15	18	17	16	16	16	14	14	14	18	18	16
Tend to support	34	31	36	35	39	23	36	31	30	31	25	27	34	37	32	29	31	26	30	30	37	19	33
TOTAL SUPPORT	56	47	45	53	62	36	57	44	49	44	36	42	52	54	48	45	47	40	44	44	55	37	49
Tend to oppose	19	20	24	22	20	19	20	21	20	21	20	22	21	18	22	18	21	16	21	18	21	26	21
Strongly oppose	14	20	22	13	11	37	14	23	21	18	22	20	19	18	20	20	19	26	25	23	15	22	17
TOTAL OPPOSE	33	40	46	35	31	56	34	44	41	39	42	42	40	36	42	38	40	42	46	41	36	48	38
Don't know	11	13	10	12	7	9	9	12	9	16	21	16	8	9	10	17	13	18	10	16	9	14	13

*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.