

YouGov / Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 629 GB Adults

Fieldwork: 15th - 15th January 2014

	Voting intention					2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem *	UKIP		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	629	155	180	58	53	194	156	116	305	324	75	159	215	180	359	270	81	204	135	155	55	
Unweighted Sample	629	161	171	47	65	215	149	111	300	329	33	142	231	223	384	245	72	210	133	129	85	
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The bank Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) is reported to want to pay senior staff bonuses worth twice their basic salary. This is the maximum allowed under European Union rules. As the Government owns most of the shares in RBS, it must decide whether to agree to these bonuses.

Do you think the Government should...?

Agree to bonuses worth twice basic salary, so that RBS can keep senior staff to ensure that the bank can compete to attract and keep the best senior staff

Limit bonuses to the amount of each staff member's basic salary

Block all bonuses to senior RBS staff

Don't know

11	17	7	18	4	13	9	6	16	6	23	14	8	6	15	6	23	11	9	10	1
35	39	36	42	31	37	32	38	33	37	35	40	36	29	37	31	37	38	28	36	32
46	41	55	34	63	47	56	53	42	50	12	34	52	64	43	50	35	43	53	48	52
8	3	3	5	2	3	3	2	9	7	29	12	4	1	4	13	5	8	10	6	14

Some people say that we have too few high street bank groups, and that there should be more banks and more competition. Which would you prefer?

The same number of major bank groups as now, each with large numbers of branches throughout the country

More bank groups than now, but each with fewer branches and customers - which could mean that your own account and local branch are transferred to one of the new banks

Not sure

44	41	44	45	64	50	40	39	48	40	62	37	39	49	47	39	48	43	42	53	19
19	21	22	21	13	20	24	20	25	13	0	20	26	18	20	17	20	23	15	18	19
37	38	34	34	23	30	36	40	26	47	38	43	35	33	32	43	32	34	43	29	62

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In 2008 the Royal Bank of Scotland had to be bailed out by the government, meaning that the government now owns the vast majority of the shares of the RBS. Thinking about how the Royal Bank of Scotland is run while in government ownership, which of the following best reflects your view?

- 35** RBS should be run to make it as successful and profitable as possible, so that in due course it can be sold and the government will get back as much as possible of the money spent bailing it out, even if this means the RBS behaving just like other big banks
- 40** RBS should be run in a way that tries to improve competition between banks and sets a better example of ethical behaviour for the City in the way it pays bonuses and lends money, even if this means the bank is less profitable and the government gets less money when it is sold
- 9** Neither
- 16** Don't know

35	52	25	26	38	48	28	29	42	29	31	31	34	42	37	33	51	31	32	39	25
40	35	48	56	40	38	47	53	37	43	32	35	46	41	46	32	33	43	44	38	37
9	7	8	7	6	7	9	8	9	8	3	11	9	8	6	12	5	10	7	8	15
16	5	18	11	15	7	16	11	12	20	34	23	11	9	11	22	11	15	18	15	24

**Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 50 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures will be italicised.*