

YouGov / The Sun Survey Results

Sample Size: 733 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 8th - 8th January 2013

	Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
Total	Male	Female	18-24*	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample	733	356	377	89	187	251	207	418	315	94	238	157	180	64
Unweighted Sample	733	354	379	34	189	270	240	473	260	92	244	150	185	62
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Thinking about the cuts the government are making to public spending, which of the following areas do you think the government should make the biggest cuts in? Please tick up to three

International aid	71	73	70	51	63	74	85	70	73	59	70	79	71	79
Welfare benefits	40	46	33	35	49	34	41	42	36	53	41	37	29	50
Defence	26	32	21	19	33	27	22	29	22	26	25	21	33	25
Local government	17	19	15	17	12	18	20	17	17	12	24	15	13	15
Transport	6	4	8	2	4	10	6	5	8	9	5	11	4	1
Pensions	5	8	1	14	7	2	1	4	5	11	5	1	5	0
Policing and law and order	4	4	5	7	4	3	4	3	5	5	2	8	3	5
Education and schools	3	3	3	3	2	6	0	2	4	8	3	3	2	0
NHS	3	5	1	0	5	4	1	3	3	8	2	2	3	0
None of these	7	6	7	17	7	4	5	6	7	9	5	5	9	7
Don't know	4	2	6	10	4	4	1	3	5	8	5	3	2	1

The government have said they will limit the annual increase in welfare benefits and tax credits to 1% a year for the next three years, less than the current rate of inflation. Do you support or oppose limiting benefit increases to 1%?

Support	46	46	47	33	46	47	52	54	37	54	51	46	34	51
Oppose	32	36	29	28	31	37	30	29	37	17	31	35	42	28
Not sure	21	18	24	39	24	16	18	18	26	29	18	19	24	21

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Thinking about the government's plans to limit increases in benefits to 1% for the next three years, which of the following arguments do you have the most sympathy with?

It would be unfair for benefits to rise by more than 1% when many people in work are seeing their wages rise by less than inflation

Increasing benefits by less than the rate of inflation is unfair on the many low paid families in work who receive benefits or tax credits

Neither

Don't know

51	52	50	52	51	47	56	58	42	59	53	45	46	63
32	32	33	23	30	38	31	30	35	15	34	36	37	27
7	9	6	14	7	5	7	6	8	4	6	11	9	3
10	8	12	12	11	10	7	6	15	22	8	9	8	7

**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.*