

YouGov Survey Results

The Budget

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Turning to domestic politics, do you think that Gordon Brown is doing a good job or a bad job as Chancellor of the Exchequer?

Very good	14
Reasonably Good	38
Neither good no bad	26
Reasonably bad	15
Very bad	4
Don't know	3

Here are some of the things the Chancellor announced in his Budget. Please indicate for each of them whether you approve or disapprove of it.

Establish a "trust fund" of at least £250 for each new-born baby, to be invested until they are 18

Approve	49
Neither approve nor disapprove	22
Disapprove	28
Don't know	2

Scrap the present system under which the state pension is reduced for retired people who spend more than four weeks in hospital, and allow them to receive their full pension for hospital stays of up to 12 months...

Approve	84
Neither approve nor disapprove	10
Disapprove	5
Don't know	2

Increase the winter fuel allowance for pensioners aged 80 and over from £200 to £300 a year...

Approve	85
Neither approve nor disapprove	8
Disapprove	6
Don't know	0

Increased the tax on beer, wine and cigarettes...

Approve	48
Neither approve nor disapprove	25
Disapprove	27
Don't know	0

Thinking first of the country as a whole, do you think the Budget will leave the country:

A lot better off	2
A little better off	22
A little worse off	35
A lot worse off	10
Not make much difference	27
Don't know	5

Thinking now of you and your family, do you think the Budget will leave you and your family:

A lot better off	0
A little better off	7
A little worse off	49
A lot worse off	14
Not make much difference	28
Don't know	3

Do you think the Budget is a fair one or not?

A fair Budget	52
Not a fair Budget	29
Don't know	19

In his Budget speech, the Chancellor said that Britain's economy will grow more slowly than he previously expected, and that the Government will have to borrow more money. How much do you blame each of the following for this? The war in Iraq...

Blame a great deal	18
Blame a fair amount	26
Blame a little	35
Do not blame at all	20
Don't know	2

In his Budget speech, the Chancellor said that Britain's economy will grow more slowly than he previously expected, and that the Government will have to borrow more money. How much do you blame each of the following for this? Conditions in the world economy as a whole...

Blame a great deal	19
Blame a fair amount	43
Blame a little	31
Do not blame at all	5
Don't know	3

The policies of the present Government...

Blame a great deal	24
Blame a fair amount	25
Blame a little	29
Do not blame at all	19
Don't know	4

Apart from the Budget, a lot of people are finding that their total tax bill, including council tax and NI contributions, is going up at the moment. In your case, is your total tax bill going up...

A great deal	28
Somewhat	44
Not very much	15
Not at all	7
Don't know	7

The government says taxes are going up to maintain and improve the quality of services such as the NHS and education. Do you believe these tax increases are...

Wholly justified	10
Pretty much justified	26
Only partially justified	42
Not at all justified	20
Don't know	2

As a result of these tax increases, how much do you think services such as the NHS and education will actually be improved...

A great deal	4
Somewhat	20
Only a little	32
Scarcely at all	42
Don't know	2

How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months?

Get a lot better	2
Get a little better	17
Stay the same	34
Get a little worse	37
Get a lot worse	9
Don't know	3

When the current crisis is over, do you think Tony Blair should or should not continue as Prime Minister?

Should	57
Should not	34
Don't know	9