

YouGov / The Sun Survey Results

Sample Size: 1967 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 24th - 25th October 2010

	Voting intention			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region				
Total	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 1967	623	617	176	958	1008	236	504	674	552	1099	829	253	640	419	481	173
Unweighted Sample 1967	598	584	191	938	1028	134	527	786	520	1264	664	282	643	367	473	201
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The government have said that the measures they have taken in the budget and the spending review have been progressive (meaning the most well off people have ended up losing out more than the least well off). Other people have accused the government of making changes that are regressive (meaning the least well off people have ended up losing out more than the better off).

From what you have heard, do you think the government's measures to reduce the deficit are progressive or regressive?

Progressive - the biggest burden is falling upon the better off	25	57	3	33	26	24	21	24	22	31	30	18	27	30	24	21	17
Regressive - the biggest burden is falling upon the less well off	57	21	91	52	59	55	49	52	64	56	52	64	58	47	61	62	70
Don't know	18	22	6	15	15	21	29	24	14	14	18	18	16	23	15	18	14

To what extent, if at all, do you think it is possible to make large scale cuts to public spending without the least well off in society suffering the most?

It is definitely possible to make large scale cuts to spending without the least well off suffering the most	27	26	32	23	28	26	22	22	28	32	26	28	26	28	26	29	20
It may be possible to make large scale cuts to spending without the least well off suffering the most	35	42	32	42	35	35	37	34	35	36	38	32	33	34	38	32	43
TOTAL IT IS/ MAY BE POSSIBLE	62	68	64	65	63	61	59	56	63	68	64	60	59	62	64	61	63
It is probably not possible to make large scale cuts to spending without the least well off suffering the most	19	23	16	23	19	20	19	21	20	17	20	17	22	19	20	18	19
It is definitely not possible to make large scale cuts to spending without the last well off suffering the most	9	3	14	8	10	8	4	10	9	10	8	10	8	8	10	10	10
TOTAL DEFINITELY/ PROBABLY NOT POSSIBLE	28	26	30	31	29	28	23	31	29	27	28	27	30	27	30	28	29
Don't know	10	5	5	3	8	11	19	12	8	6	7	13	11	11	6	11	9

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Thinking about how the government should balance reducing the deficit and protecting the least well off, which of the following best reflects your view?

It is more important that the government cuts the deficit, even if it means the least well off end up losing out	16	35	2	15	19	14	16	21	14	14	20	10	20	16	18	15	9
It is more important that the government protects the least well off, even if it means the country's deficit is not addressed so effectively	24	15	37	29	25	23	30	26	24	19	23	25	22	21	26	26	26
There is no conflict between cutting the deficit and protecting the poor - if the government makes the right decisions they can cut spending effectively without hurting the least well off	49	46	54	49	47	50	33	37	52	62	48	50	45	51	47	46	55
None of these	3	0	4	2	3	3	4	3	3	2	2	3	5	2	3	3	1
Don't know	8	4	3	5	6	10	16	13	6	3	6	11	8	10	5	9	9