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Sample Size: 1877
Fieldwork: 23rd - 25th July 2007

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Which of the following do you regard as the biggest cause of the recent floods in different parts of the country?

They were largely the government's fault	10	16	3	6	9	10	7	9	11	9	11	10	11	10	10	3
They were a result of climate change	24	17	28	36	21	28	31	24	19	23	26	22	22	26	25	31
Neither – they were simply freak events, and nobody's fault	60	64	64	54	64	56	53	60	66	64	55	63	62	57	60	57
Don't know	6	3	5	4	6	7	9	7	4	4	8	4	6	8	5	9

Which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

No one could have prevented the recent flooding and the Government has coped reasonably well under very difficult circumstances	30	21	45	28	32	27	27	33	29	32	27	27	30	30	29	34
No one could have prevented the recent flooding but the Government should have been better prepared to reduce the amount of hardship and damage caused	39	40	37	44	36	43	45	36	37	39	39	43	38	41	40	33
Flooding on this scale could have been prevented and the Government long before now should have done more to reduce the risks of such flooding and to protect the most vulnerable regions of the country	25	35	13	26	27	23	18	25	31	24	26	25	27	23	25	21
Don't know	6	4	5	3	5	7	11	6	3	5	8	5	5	6	6	13

Once the recent flooding had occurred, how would you rate the performance of the Government and other agencies in dealing with the floods and the hardship and damage they have caused?

Excellent	5	3	9	4	6	5	4	5	6	6	4	4	5	4	6	8
Good	28	25	40	28	29	28	25	31	29	30	26	29	26	30	29	29
Fair	36	34	35	41	37	35	36	35	37	37	35	33	42	35	32	34
Poor	16	21	8	18	15	17	17	15	17	14	18	18	14	18	18	10
Very poor	6	13	1	6	7	6	5	7	7	6	6	8	7	6	7	2
Don't know	8	6	7	3	6	11	13	8	5	7	10	7	6	9	9	17

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The Government says that many more houses and flats need to be built in the next ten years or so, mainly in southern England. Which of these statements comes closest to your view?

Few new homes should be built in Southern England. Much more should be done to persuade people to live in other parts of the country	49	61	42	51	53	45	41	48	56	51	45	43	57	44	49	42
Southern England does need more new homes. If necessary some of these should be built in areas the might occasionally be flooded rather than on Green Belt land or in the countryside	11	9	13	17	14	9	13	11	10	13	10	17	9	14	11	10
Southern England does need more new homes. If necessary they should be built in countryside areas rather than on land that might occasionally be flooded	21	15	27	23	20	22	20	20	23	21	22	28	23	23	15	19
Don't know	19	14	18	9	13	24	25	20	12	15	23	13	12	20	26	29

Would you personally be willing to pay higher taxes in order to finance a major programme to minimize the threat of floods in the future?

Yes, I would	15	16	21	22	16	15	11	13	21	15	16	22	16	13	16	7
No, I would not	67	70	64	61	70	65	68	70	64	71	63	63	65	68	72	69
Don't know	18	14	16	18	14	21	21	17	15	14	21	15	19	20	13	24