

# YouGov / Fabian Society Survey Results

Sample Size: 2044

Fieldwork: 28th November - 1st December 2008

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All GB Adults  
Unweighted Sample

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Thinking about how much people earn in Britain today, do you think each of the following groups of people are generally underpaid, overpaid or paid about right?

## People in full-time employment earning around £13,000 per year

Underpaid	<b>85</b>	84	87	87	83	87	78	87	89	86	84	84	85	86	85	86	85
Overpaid	<b>1</b>	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
Paid about right	<b>7</b>	9	5	5	8	5	9	6	6	6	7	8	7	7	6	7	7
Don't know	<b>8</b>	7	8	8	8	7	13	7	5	8	8	7	8	7	9	7	7

## People in full-time employment earning around £24,000 per year

Underpaid	<b>18</b>	19	17	14	15	20	17	20	16	20	16	28	18	15	15	20	20
Overpaid	<b>2</b>	2	2	2	3	1	1	3	3	1	4	2	3	2	2	3	5
Paid about right	<b>70</b>	70	72	75	72	68	68	68	74	69	71	59	69	73	74	70	66
Don't know	<b>10</b>	9	10	10	10	10	14	10	7	10	10	12	10	11	10	7	9

## People in full-time employment earning around £45,000 per year

Underpaid	<b>1</b>	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Overpaid	<b>30</b>	23	33	29	30	30	22	29	38	25	37	20	31	33	33	29	38
Paid about right	<b>56</b>	64	53	56	56	55	61	55	52	61	49	68	56	53	51	57	45
Don't know	<b>14</b>	13	14	14	14	14	17	16	9	13	14	11	13	14	15	14	17

## People in full-time employment earning around £100,000 per year

Underpaid	<b>1</b>	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Overpaid	<b>75</b>	68	77	81	72	79	68	76	81	72	79	65	73	78	79	83	80
Paid about right	<b>12</b>	21	9	8	16	9	16	11	10	15	8	21	13	10	9	8	7
Don't know	<b>12</b>	12	13	11	12	12	15	13	9	13	11	13	13	11	12	9	12

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Still thinking about how much people earn in Britain today, do you think the following groups of people are generally underpaid, overpaid or paid about right? [Please tick one answer on each horizontal row]

Office Cleaners

Underpaid	<b>72</b>	66	76	74	69	74	55	78	79	70	74	73	69	72	73	76	79
Overpaid	<b>1</b>	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
Paid about right	<b>22</b>	29	19	20	25	20	35	18	16	25	19	21	24	22	21	21	15
Don't know	<b>6</b>	5	5	6	5	6	10	3	4	5	7	6	6	6	6	3	5

Nurses

Underpaid	<b>77</b>	75	76	79	75	78	80	79	71	75	79	77	76	74	76	83	75
Overpaid	<b>2</b>	3	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	3	3
Paid about right	<b>19</b>	21	20	18	20	18	14	17	25	22	15	19	20	19	19	12	19
Don't know	<b>3</b>	1	3	2	3	3	5	2	1	2	4	3	2	4	4	2	3

Social workers

Underpaid	<b>38</b>	34	43	46	37	40	50	36	31	42	35	48	42	31	38	33	38
Overpaid	<b>17</b>	21	12	13	18	16	9	17	24	14	21	13	16	20	16	20	20
Paid about right	<b>34</b>	37	35	31	36	31	26	36	38	36	31	29	33	37	33	37	30
Don't know	<b>11</b>	8	11	10	9	13	16	11	8	9	13	10	9	12	13	11	13

Estate agents

Underpaid	<b>2</b>	1	1	2	2	2	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	3	3	1	2
Overpaid	<b>55</b>	55	52	55	60	50	46	57	60	54	56	61	52	54	54	61	60
Paid about right	<b>25</b>	30	27	22	24	26	28	23	25	28	22	24	29	21	25	24	21
Don't know	<b>18</b>	14	19	21	14	22	22	19	14	17	20	14	17	22	19	15	17

Doctors

Underpaid	<b>13</b>	12	13	12	11	14	16	14	10	11	15	16	11	12	15	11	20
Overpaid	<b>34</b>	39	33	32	36	33	25	35	42	37	32	29	39	30	36	31	30
Paid about right	<b>47</b>	46	50	50	48	46	51	45	46	48	46	49	45	50	45	54	44
Don't know	<b>5</b>	3	5	6	4	7	9	5	3	4	7	6	4	8	5	4	6

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Lawyers

Underpaid	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1
Overpaid	77	77	78	80	79	76	64	80	86	77	78	66	81	75	80	82	80
Paid about right	17	19	16	16	16	18	26	15	12	19	15	26	16	19	13	14	14
Don't know	5	3	6	5	4	6	9	4	2	4	7	7	3	6	6	4	5

Bankers working in the City of London

Underpaid	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
Overpaid	87	87	86	90	89	86	80	89	91	88	86	80	88	87	89	88	88
Paid about right	7	9	8	4	7	7	12	5	5	8	6	13	8	6	5	4	6
Don't know	6	4	7	6	4	7	9	5	4	3	8	6	3	7	6	8	5

MPs

Underpaid	2	3	4	3	4	1	2	3	2	4	1	4	3	2	2	2	1
Overpaid	71	74	61	70	65	77	70	72	73	67	76	56	74	73	74	74	78
Paid about right	22	22	30	23	27	16	19	22	23	26	16	34	20	18	20	21	16
Don't know	5	2	5	5	4	5	9	3	3	3	7	6	3	7	4	4	5

Premier League Footballers

Underpaid	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overpaid	96	97	95	98	95	97	92	97	98	97	95	93	97	96	96	98	96
Paid about right	2	2	3	1	3	1	5	1	1	2	2	5	2	1	3	0	2
Don't know	2	1	2	0	2	2	3	1	1	1	3	2	1	3	2	2	2

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There has been a lot of coverage in recent months of the amount that city financiers and corporate executives get paid, in their salary, bonuses and share options. How strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Remuneration committees, which decide how much executives get paid, should be required to have representatives of the staff

Agree Strongly	35	35	40	38	40	30	25	35	44	37	33	30	37	35	34	39	33
Tend to Agree	35	37	35	39	30	39	36	32	36	38	31	34	35	35	34	37	28
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>61</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	11	11	9	10	12	11	12	12	10	10	13	14	11	10	13	9	16
Tend to Disagree	4	7	3	3	5	3	4	5	4	6	2	4	4	5	3	5	2
Disagree Strongly	2	2	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	2	3
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>
Don't know	13	8	11	9	11	16	22	14	5	9	19	17	11	14	15	9	17

Bonuses are necessary to encourage better performance

Agree Strongly	6	8	6	3	7	5	10	6	4	7	6	8	6	6	6	7	3
Tend to Agree	39	46	36	35	38	39	44	39	35	43	33	43	42	34	37	37	32
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>35</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	16	14	16	18	15	16	14	17	15	15	16	18	15	15	14	18	18
Tend to Disagree	24	21	26	29	24	25	18	25	29	23	26	18	25	24	27	25	29
Disagree Strongly	11	9	12	13	12	10	5	10	16	10	12	9	9	15	12	11	13
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>42</b>
Don't know	4	2	5	3	4	5	9	4	1	3	6	4	4	5	5	3	5

Bonuses should be more heavily taxed than they are now

Agree Strongly	24	18	27	30	27	21	13	23	34	24	25	17	21	28	27	25	25
Tend to Agree	24	25	24	28	24	24	16	24	29	24	23	23	25	23	24	20	26
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>50</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	19	20	20	16	18	20	16	24	16	18	20	22	20	17	18	16	20
Tend to Disagree	19	23	17	18	17	21	27	17	14	20	17	20	21	16	18	22	15
Disagree Strongly	8	10	6	4	8	7	15	5	4	8	7	10	8	7	6	13	9
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>24</b>
Don't know	7	3	7	5	6	7	13	6	3	5	8	8	5	8	8	5	6

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It is far better if bonuses reward long-term success rather than short-term performance

Agree Strongly	40	42	39	44	48	34	33	39	47	42	38	36	42	40	41	40	39
Tend to Agree	40	43	37	38	34	45	39	40	41	41	39	42	42	38	37	43	40
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>78</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	10	7	12	9	8	12	10	11	8	8	11	12	9	8	12	8	12
Tend to Disagree	5	6	5	6	5	4	7	5	2	4	5	4	4	6	4	5	3
Disagree Strongly	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>
Don't know	5	2	6	3	5	5	10	5	1	3	7	5	3	7	5	4	6

Companies themselves should design their own pay systems including bonuses; the government should not interfere in this process

Agree Strongly	15	22	9	14	17	14	15	14	17	18	12	17	20	11	15	9	9
Tend to Agree	34	39	32	30	33	34	35	33	33	36	30	28	35	36	32	37	26
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>35</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	20	17	21	23	18	22	17	24	18	18	22	22	19	22	20	14	27
Tend to Disagree	16	13	20	18	16	16	15	15	18	16	16	16	15	12	17	24	19
Disagree Strongly	8	5	11	7	10	6	6	8	10	7	9	9	5	10	8	10	10
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>
Don't know	8	4	9	7	6	9	13	7	4	5	10	9	6	10	8	7	8

Awarding bonuses on the basis of annual profits stimulates business productivity

Agree Strongly	9	10	10	7	10	9	12	10	7	10	9	11	11	9	9	6	10
Tend to Agree	43	52	38	36	43	42	47	42	39	45	40	43	43	38	43	49	31
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>42</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	22	20	22	26	20	23	18	23	22	19	25	24	22	21	22	17	31
Tend to Disagree	13	10	15	14	13	12	7	12	17	14	11	8	13	14	14	11	13
Disagree Strongly	7	4	8	10	8	5	3	6	10	6	7	5	6	8	5	10	8
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>
Don't know	8	5	8	7	6	9	13	7	4	6	10	10	7	9	7	7	7

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When companies fail executives should have to pay back their bonuses from the last two years

Agree Strongly	36	35	34	42	42	30	21	33	50	34	37	27	37	38	35	39	40
Tend to Agree	21	21	23	14	19	22	16	22	23	22	18	25	20	17	20	24	20
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>60</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	17	19	16	18	16	18	23	16	13	18	17	18	19	17	16	15	15
Tend to Disagree	14	14	16	15	11	18	19	17	8	15	13	18	13	14	14	11	15
Disagree Strongly	6	8	4	6	5	6	9	5	4	6	5	5	6	5	7	3	3
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>
Don't know	7	4	7	6	7	7	13	7	2	5	10	8	6	8	7	7	7

Those at the top are failing to pay their fair share towards investment in public services

Agree Strongly	38	28	43	47	42	34	28	40	45	38	38	33	37	41	36	46	42
Tend to Agree	32	35	32	35	28	35	28	33	34	31	32	29	33	32	31	28	29
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>71</b>
Neither Agree nor Disagree	14	15	13	8	14	14	18	13	10	13	14	19	14	12	14	9	15
Tend to Disagree	7	12	5	5	8	6	12	6	5	8	6	6	7	6	9	7	6
Strongly Disagree	2	6	0	0	3	2	3	2	3	3	1	4	3	2	2	3	1
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>
Don't know	7	5	7	5	5	9	12	7	4	6	9	10	6	7	8	7	7

It's worth keeping taxes on high earners relatively low because this helps British companies attract the talent they need to succeed

Agree Strongly	4	8	2	1	5	3	3	3	5	5	3	6	4	3	4	2	2
Tend to Agree	15	27	10	9	19	12	13	14	19	17	13	18	17	15	12	15	13
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>
Neither Agree nor Disagree	18	21	17	12	18	19	24	18	14	17	20	17	20	19	19	13	18
Tend to Disagree	35	30	39	44	33	37	33	36	36	37	33	31	36	32	37	39	33
Strongly Disagree	22	12	27	31	22	22	18	23	24	20	25	20	19	26	23	25	25
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>57</b>
Don't know	5	3	5	4	3	7	9	5	2	4	7	8	4	6	6	6	10

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	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
2044	677	545	234	981	1063	606	712	726	1104	940	257	659	440	505	183	235
2044	708	539	223	958	1086	509	709	826	1250	794	318	618	433	512	163	242
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Government has said that it will introduce a new higher top rate of tax of 45% for people earning over £150,000. How strongly do you support or oppose this proposal?

Support Strongly	45	32	58	58	48	43	31	48	55	47	44	42	45	44	48	47	49
Tend to Support	31	31	30	27	27	34	36	31	25	30	31	28	29	33	31	33	30
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>79</b>
Neither support nor Oppose	9	11	5	9	9	9	11	9	8	7	11	12	10	9	8	7	11
Tend to Oppose	9	16	4	5	9	9	12	7	8	10	8	9	10	8	9	7	4
Oppose Strongly	4	9	1	1	5	3	5	4	4	5	3	7	4	4	3	3	2
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>
Don't know	2	0	2	1	2	2	5	2	1	1	3	2	2	2	3	4	4

Some people have argued that the government should have gone further. How strongly do you support or oppose each of the following proposals:

Introducing a new top rate of 45% for people earning over £100,000

Support Strongly	27	20	31	34	30	24	16	29	34	26	29	22	28	26	29	27	34
Tend to Support	32	26	36	34	28	35	31	32	32	32	32	26	27	35	35	41	35
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>68</b>
Neither support nor Oppose	14	13	14	13	13	15	16	15	12	13	15	13	15	14	14	12	16
Tend to Oppose	16	23	13	13	16	16	21	12	15	18	13	21	18	14	15	11	6
Oppose Strongly	8	16	3	3	9	6	9	8	6	9	6	12	10	6	5	7	4
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>
Don't know	4	2	4	4	3	5	7	4	1	2	6	5	3	5	3	3	5

Introducing a new top rate of 50% for people earning over £150,000

Support Strongly	26	19	30	31	30	23	16	29	34	25	28	20	26	28	29	27	28
Tend to Support	26	19	32	24	25	27	26	28	25	24	28	26	23	27	27	31	32
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>59</b>
Neither support nor Oppose	16	15	14	17	14	18	18	16	14	16	16	16	17	16	15	14	15
Tend to Oppose	19	26	16	19	18	19	22	16	18	21	16	20	20	16	19	19	14
Oppose Strongly	9	18	5	5	11	8	12	8	9	12	7	13	11	8	7	7	6
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>
Don't know	4	2	4	5	3	5	7	4	1	2	6	5	3	4	4	4	5

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%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

**Introducing a new top rate of 50% for people earning over £250,000**

Support Strongly	42	32	46	48	44	39	28	46	48	40	43	33	41	44	45	41	48
Tend to Support	28	26	30	29	24	31	30	27	26	30	25	28	26	26	28	34	24
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>72</b>
Neither support nor Oppose	10	9	12	7	10	9	13	9	8	9	11	12	10	10	9	7	10
Tend to Oppose	10	16	7	8	10	11	13	8	10	11	10	13	12	10	8	7	8
Oppose Strongly	7	14	3	4	9	6	9	7	7	9	5	9	9	7	6	7	5
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>
Don't know	4	2	3	4	3	5	8	4	1	2	6	5	3	4	4	4	5

**In your opinion, which if any of the following justify raising the top rate of tax, for those with high incomes, to make the system of taxation fairer? [Please tick all that apply]**

Investing more in public services	55	45	64	68	53	56	58	56	51	58	51	55	55	54	55	57	60
Provide more financial support to low- and middle-income households	50	40	59	54	51	50	43	54	54	48	53	45	48	53	53	55	54
Paying off public debt in future	48	47	50	56	52	45	41	46	55	51	45	44	49	48	47	53	45
None of these justifies raising the top rate of tax	11	21	4	5	12	10	11	10	11	12	9	13	12	11	10	7	6
Don't know	7	4	5	6	5	8	10	6	4	5	9	11	5	7	7	5	10

**Thinking about the recent economic downturn and 'credit crunch' which ONE of the following groups would you say is MOST to blame?**

The banks in Britain and America for giving people money they couldn't possibly pay back	55	48	70	53	55	56	49	56	60	59	51	52	56	55	54	62	46
The government for letting it happen and allowing banks to lend out too much money	24	34	10	21	24	24	21	24	26	21	27	26	21	25	26	18	28
All of us for not too exercising enough self restraint	17	16	15	23	18	16	21	17	13	18	15	16	19	14	17	16	19
Don't know	4	2	5	4	4	4	9	3	1	2	7	7	4	5	3	3	6

## YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and political party identification:

	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
<b>Age and Gender</b>		
Male 18 to 24	52	112
Male 25 to 39	234	286
Male 40 to 54	274	253
Male 55 +	398	329
Female 18 to 24	100	112
Female 25 to 39	315	298
Female 40 to 54	243	256
Female 55 +	428	397
<b>Region</b>		
London	458	413
Rest of South	431	450
Midlands and Wales	434	443
North	547	545
Scotland	174	193
<b>Social Grade</b>		
ABC1	1250	1104
C2DE	794	940
<b>Newspaper Type</b>		
Express / Mail	552	327
Sun / Star	264	450
Mirror / Record	177	327
Guardian / Independent	124	82
FT / Times / Telegraph	209	194
Other Paper	270	256
No Paper	448	409
<b>Political Party Identification</b>		
Lab	687	675
Con	530	511
Lib Dem	191	225
Others	88	61
None	485	521
Don't know	63	51