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Sample Size: 2332

Fieldwork: 3rd - 5th September 2008

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People sometimes talk about "stealth taxes". Which, if any, of the following most accurately meet your own definition of a stealth tax? [Please tick all that apply]

A tax or tax rise that goes largely unnoticed by the public (unlike income tax or council tax)	64
A tax or tax rise when the Chancellor was not fully open in his budget speech about the impact of his proposal	34
An invented term used by the Conservative party to criticise Labour	7
None of these	2
Don't know	16

Many taxes and charges have been described as "stealth taxes" by various groups.

Which, if any, of these do you consider to be a "stealth tax"? [Please tick all that apply]

Hospital car park charges	51
Home information packs (HIPs)	48
Road Fuel duty	45
Insurance premium tax	44
Inheritance tax	36
Speeding fines	36
Parking fines	34
Stamp duty	32
Taxes on alcohol and tobacco	27
Vehicle Excise Duty (road tax)	20
VAT (Value Added Tax)	16
Council tax	12
Abolition of Advanced Corporation tax	10
National Insurance	9
Income tax	6
None of these	5
Don't know	15

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Of those you considered to be a "stealth tax" which do you dislike the most?

[Excluding those who did not select a described stealth tax]

Road Fuel duty	22
Hospital car park charges	21
Inheritance tax	11
Home information packs (HIPs)	9
Council tax	5
VAT (Value Added Tax)	5
Insurance premium tax	5
Speeding fines	4
Stamp duty	3
Vehicle Excise Duty (road tax)	2
Taxes on alcohol and tobacco	2
Parking fines	2
Income tax	2
National Insurance	2
Abolition of Advanced Corporation tax	1
None of these	2
Don't know	3

Do you think that the Labour government has introduced new "stealth taxes" since coming to power in 1997?

Yes, a lot	41
Yes, a few	36
No, none at all	3
Don't know	20

Regardless of whether you think they have introduced "stealth taxes", do you think the Labour government has introduced more or less stealth taxes than previous governments?

More stealth taxes than previous governments	45
Less stealth taxes than previous governments	7
About the same	26
Don't know	22

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Labour has been dishonest about the way it has raised "stealth taxes" over the last 11 years and I am less likely to vote Labour than I would have been if they had been more honest

Agree strongly	32
Tend to agree	23
Neither agree nor disagree	19
Tend to disagree	9
Disagree strongly	5
Don't know	13

If the Conservatives won the next General Election, they would be just as likely as Labour to introduce or raise "stealth taxes"

Agree strongly	24
Tend to agree	33
Neither agree nor disagree	17
Tend to disagree	11
Disagree strongly	3
Don't know	13