

YouGov / Times Radio Survey Results

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Thinking about the money the government has borrowed during the coronavirus outbreak, once the outbreak is over do you think...

It is more important that the government reduces borrowing and balances the budget, even if that means less money is available to support the economy or public services

17	23	12	16	13	23	19	15	14	20	17	15	18	17	15	17	21	16	15
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It is more important that the government maintains spending to support the economy and public services, even if that means the amount of borrowing and the national debt grow larger

49	45	66	57	62	45	52	47	37	47	56	53	54	43	50	49	48	49	56
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Neither
Not sure

9	9	6	7	6	9	10	8	10	9	9	9	8	11	7	9	10	10	7
24	23	17	20	19	23	18	30	40	24	18	23	20	30	28	25	21	26	21

3-4 Dec 2009

If measures are needed to be put in place to reduce the deficit, which of the following best fits your view?*

The deficit should mainly be reduced by putting up taxes, not reducing public spending

30	47	46	62	62	61	45	53	41	34	40	55	58	52	41	46	49	46	47	43
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52	27	32	20	19	18	31	27	27	30	30	26	21	27	27	25	24	27	29	30
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Don't know

18	26	22	19	19	21	24	20	32	36	30	20	20	22	32	28	27	27	23	27
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* Previously asked "Alistair Darling, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will deliver his pre-budget report next week and will outline measures to reduce Britain's £175 billion budget deficit over the next few years. Which of the following best fits your view?"

21-22 April 2014

Would you support or oppose increasing the basic rate of employees national insurance from 12% to 13% and using the money raised to increase spending on the NHS?

Support
Oppose
Don't know

48	63	67	71	69	70	64	63	63	53	55	64	79	65	59	58	66	62	62	63
37	18	21	16	14	15	21	20	16	11	23	21	9	19	17	18	17	21	16	20
15	19	13	14	17	15	15	17	21	36	22	14	11	16	23	23	17	18	22	18

Would you support or oppose increasing the basic rate of income tax from 20% to 21% and using the money raised to increase spending on the NHS?

Support
Oppose
Don't know

34	54	55	63	63	62	53	54	53	47	45	56	70	54	52	53	54	53	54	49
51	28	33	23	21	22	32	31	25	19	35	28	18	30	25	26	27	29	26	33
15	19	12	14	15	16	15	16	21	34	20	16	12	16	22	22	18	18	19	18

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Thinking about the increasing public spending under the last Labour government (between 1997 and 2010), which of the following best reflects your view?

26-27
Aug
2010

Increased public spending improved services without much waste	10	12	2	29	17	21	4	13	12	11	14	13	9	15	8	14	11	8	15	16
Increased public spending improved services a bit, but a lot of it was wasted	37	23	21	23	37	29	21	27	19	17	25	26	20	25	19	23	26	21	21	20
Increased public spending did not improve services much and was mostly wasted	40	29	57	10	18	17	49	33	25	6	21	35	48	29	29	20	32	31	30	20
None of these	3	4	2	4	3	4	3	4	4	3	5	4	3	3	5	4	4	3	5	3
Don't know	10	32	17	34	25	28	23	23	41	63	36	23	21	28	38	38	27	37	30	41

And who do you think is most to blame for the spending cuts that took place under the Coalition government between 2010 and 2015?

13-14
June
2010

3-4
May
2015

The Coalition government at the time	17	32	32	11	65	42	51	18	34	29	32	34	33	26	34	28	40	28	26	35	40
The previous Labour government	48	38	25	55	3	19	15	42	30	19	4	21	31	35	26	22	19	31	25	22	12
Both	19	16	20	23	13	22	17	23	19	20	18	18	20	23	19	20	16	21	21	19	22
Neither	9	5	3	2	2	4	2	2	2	3	3	4	2	1	3	3	2	4	2	2	2
Don't know	6	9	21	9	17	12	15	14	14	28	43	24	14	15	17	27	24	17	26	22	23

Thinking about the way the government cut spending to reduce the government's deficit between 2010 and 2015, do you think this it... Was good or bad for the economy?

Good for the economy	49	48	29	55	14	29	22	43	34	24	17	24	35	39	32	26	26	35	31	25	20
Bad for the economy	31	34	34	20	53	47	48	27	38	30	23	35	38	34	37	30	33	34	30	35	40
Don't know	21	18	37	25	33	23	30	30	27	46	60	41	28	28	31	44	41	30	39	40	40

Was done fairly or unfairly?

Fairly	37	33	21	43	6	15	13	33	26	16	5	19	25	26	22	18	18	25	25	15	12
Unfairly	33	50	44	26	64	61	59	35	47	41	38	43	48	42	46	40	43	41	39	49	49
Don't know	30	17	36	31	30	24	28	32	27	44	57	37	26	32	31	42	39	34	35	35	39

Was necessary or unnecessary?

Feb
6-7
2011

3-4
May
2015

Necessary	55	58	38	66	18	37	30	53	45	31	19	34	44	47	41	34	29	47	39	32	24
Unnecessary	34	28	30	14	49	38	42	22	32	27	22	32	31	26	31	27	32	27	28	32	35
Don't know	11	14	33	20	32	24	28	25	23	42	59	34	24	27	28	39	39	25	33	37	42

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	13-14 June 2010	3-4 May 2015																			
Had an impact on your own life, or did not have an impact on your own life?																					
Had an impact on my life	45	48	35	34	43	38	43	36	39	31	21	35	45	32	36	33	35	35	37	34	34
Did not have an impact on my life	40	26	37	48	32	43	38	42	39	36	25	35	35	50	41	33	30	41	36	38	36
Don't know	15	26	28	18	25	19	19	22	22	34	54	30	21	18	23	34	35	25	27	28	30