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How well do you think the following Government ministers are performing?

Gordon Brown, the Prime Minister

Very well	29	30	26	26	26	32	27	31	26	31	31	30	31	31	25
Fairly well	48	48	49	43	51	50	50	46	50	47	46	50	49	52	42
TOTAL WELL	77	78	75	69	77	82	77	77	76	77	77	80	80	83	67
Fairly badly	16	15	17	19	17	14	16	15	17	15	18	16	16	14	20
Very badly	5	6	4	6	6	5	6	5	5	6	5	4	4	4	10
TOTAL BADLY	21	21	21	25	22	18	22	20	22	21	23	20	20	17	30
Don't know	2	1	3	5	1	1	1	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	3

Alistair Darling, the Chancellor of the Exchequer

Very well	19	20	18	17	18	21	19	20	20	19	27	21	22	20	11
Fairly well	54	54	53	51	55	55	57	50	53	54	54	60	59	56	44
TOTAL WELL	73	74	71	68	72	76	75	69	73	72	80	81	81	76	55
Fairly badly	17	17	18	17	18	17	16	18	18	17	12	14	14	17	26
Very badly	7	8	6	9	8	5	6	8	6	8	8	5	5	5	12
TOTAL BADLY	24	25	23	27	26	22	22	26	24	25	20	19	19	22	38
Don't know	4	2	6	6	2	3	3	5	4	3	0	0	0	2	7

David Miliband, the Foreign Secretary

Very well	21	22	19	22	20	21	23	18	21	21	24	23	23	23	13
Fairly well	53	53	52	53	53	53	52	54	54	52	50	57	55	56	49
TOTAL WELL	74	75	71	75	73	73	75	71	75	72	73	80	78	79	62
Fairly badly	15	15	14	10	15	17	14	16	15	14	21	12	14	13	18
Very badly	5	6	4	4	7	4	4	6	4	5	4	4	4	4	7
TOTAL BADLY	19	20	18	13	22	21	18	22	20	19	25	16	18	17	25
Don't know	7	5	11	12	5	6	7	7	6	8	2	5	4	4	13

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Jacqui Smith, the Home Secretary

Very well	14	14	13	14	13	13	13	14	14	13	20	14	16	14	9
Fairly well	42	41	45	42	45	41	42	43	41	43	33	44	41	49	39
TOTAL WELL	56	55	58	56	58	54	55	57	55	56	53	58	57	63	47
Fairly badly	26	26	26	24	23	29	28	24	28	24	30	26	27	25	28
Very badly	13	17	8	13	15	12	14	13	13	13	17	15	16	9	16
TOTAL BADLY	39	42	34	37	38	41	41	36	41	37	47	41	42	33	44
Don't know	5	3	8	8	4	4	4	7	4	6	0	2	1	4	9

Lord (Peter) Mandelson, the Business Secretary

Very well	20	21	18	23	22	17	23	16	23	17	26	20	21	23	15
Fairly well	42	43	42	39	43	44	44	40	44	41	36	45	43	49	37
TOTAL WELL	62	64	60	62	65	61	67	56	67	57	63	64	64	73	52
Fairly badly	19	19	19	18	21	19	16	23	17	21	22	19	20	15	26
Very badly	11	13	9	10	8	14	10	13	10	13	13	13	13	8	12
TOTAL BADLY	30	32	28	28	29	33	27	36	27	34	35	33	33	22	37
Don't know	7	4	12	10	6	7	7	8	6	9	3	4	3	6	11

Harriet Harman, deputy leader of the Labour Party

Very well	16	15	16	15	15	17	17	14	17	15	30	19	22	12	10
Fairly well	42	42	42	41	40	44	42	43	41	43	37	45	43	49	33
TOTAL WELL	58	57	59	56	55	61	59	57	58	58	67	64	65	61	43
Fairly badly	22	23	21	19	22	23	22	22	23	21	24	21	21	19	31
Very badly	10	13	7	11	12	9	10	11	11	10	6	9	9	11	14
TOTAL BADLY	32	35	28	30	34	32	31	33	33	31	30	30	30	30	45
Don't know	10	7	14	14	11	7	10	10	9	11	3	6	5	8	12

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In politics, people sometimes talk about parties and politicians as being on the left or right. Using the scale below, where would you place each of the following on that scale?

Where would you place yourself on this scale?

Very left-wing	11	11	11	16	8	9	11	10	12	9	100	0	23	0	0
Fairly left-wing	35	35	37	29	35	39	40	29	37	34	0	100	77	0	0
Slightly left-of-centre	32	36	25	27	31	35	33	29	31	32	0	0	0	100	0
Centre	14	13	15	17	16	11	10	19	13	14	0	0	0	0	77
Slightly right-of-centre	3	2	4	3	4	2	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	16
Fairly right-wing	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
Very right-wing	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Don't know	5	3	8	7	6	2	3	7	3	6	0	0	0	0	0

And where would you place Gordon Brown the Prime Minister?

Very left-wing	2	1	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	1	4
Fairly left-wing	14	12	19	18	13	14	16	13	16	13	18	23	22	11	4
Slightly left-of-centre	43	48	36	41	45	43	47	39	44	42	49	49	49	55	20
Centre	20	21	19	18	21	21	18	24	18	23	8	15	13	23	36
Slightly right-of-centre	9	10	8	7	9	11	10	9	11	8	14	8	9	8	16
Fairly right-wing	4	4	4	1	4	6	4	4	4	4	7	3	4	3	8
Very right-wing	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	3
Don't know	5	3	9	11	6	2	3	9	4	7	0	0	0	0	9

Where would you place David Cameron, the Conservative leader?

Very left-wing	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Fairly left-wing	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	4
Slightly left-of-centre	4	3	5	6	2	4	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	1	12
Centre	7	7	7	8	8	5	5	9	6	7	2	5	4	3	20
Slightly right-of-centre	19	18	19	18	19	18	20	16	21	16	11	15	14	31	14
Fairly right-wing	36	40	29	39	38	33	42	28	36	36	41	45	44	40	17
Very right-wing	26	26	25	17	23	32	24	27	26	25	42	31	34	25	14
Don't know	8	4	14	11	8	6	4	14	5	11	0	1	1	1	18

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Where would you place Lord (Peter) Mandelson, the Business Secretary?

Very left-wing	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Fairly left-wing	6	5	7	6	4	6	7	4	7	5	8	9	9	4	2
Slightly left-of-centre	25	23	27	22	26	25	26	23	28	21	19	32	29	28	13
Centre	29	33	22	32	33	24	31	26	25	33	27	24	25	32	39
Slightly right-of-centre	19	21	15	15	20	20	17	21	21	16	21	18	18	22	18
Fairly right-wing	8	8	8	5	7	10	9	6	8	8	15	9	10	6	9
Very right-wing	3	4	2	3	2	5	4	2	3	4	4	6	5	1	3
Don't know	10	6	17	16	8	9	6	17	7	13	4	2	2	6	16

Overall, do you think the Government's measures for tackling Britain's recession....

Have started to work	17	18	15	18	13	19	17	17	16	17	24	18	19	15	17
Will start to work in the near future	35	37	32	31	38	35	33	37	36	34	29	38	36	40	26
Will start to work but not for some time	33	31	36	32	33	34	36	30	34	32	30	34	33	36	30
Will make little or no difference to the economy	8	8	9	8	10	8	9	8	7	10	9	8	8	6	13
Will end up making things worse	4	4	4	6	5	2	4	4	4	4	4	2	2	2	10
Don't know	3	2	5	6	2	3	3	4	3	4	5	1	2	2	6

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Which of these views comes closest to your own?

'We are currently living through a serious crisis of capitalism. The time has come for Britain to abandon capitalism, and to embrace full-blooded socialism, with all major enterprises owned either by the state or by workers' co-operatives'	13	13	13	14	15	11	12	14	12	14	52	11	20	3	12
'Capitalism needs to be radically reformed, but not abandoned. The Government should pass laws to regulate banks and big companies much more closely, outlaw big bonuses, and require all major companies to have workers' representatives on their boards'	47	48	45	45	44	50	46	47	47	47	41	64	59	40	32
'Capitalism needs to be reformed, but we must be careful not to discourage enterprise and innovation. A limited amount of further regulation may be needed, but its aim should be to prevent bad behaviour, not to tie businesses up in red tape'	32	32	31	29	32	33	36	26	34	30	6	23	19	53	33
'For all its faults, capitalism is the best system for generating prosperity. The Government should resist using the current recession to impose new regulations, for these could end up doing more harm than good'	4	3	4	3	4	3	2	5	4	3	0	1	1	4	10
Don't know	5	4	7	9	6	2	4	7	4	6	0	2	1	1	13

And which of these views comes closer to your own?

'There's plenty of scope for the Government to raise taxes on people earning more than £100,000 a year without damaging the economy'	80	81	77	73	74	87	83	75	78	81	95	88	90	81	61
'It could do more harm than good to impose big tax increases on people earning more than £100,000 a year, for many of them will either find ways to avoid higher taxes, or leave Britain and work elsewhere'	15	15	15	18	18	11	13	17	16	14	5	10	9	15	28
Don't know	6	4	9	9	8	3	4	8	6	6	0	2	2	4	11

Would you support or oppose a new law to limit bonuses paid by banks receiving support from the Government?

Yes – bonuses should be limited to bank employees earning less than £100,000 a year	13	13	13	12	15	13	15	10	16	11	9	14	13	15	13
Yes – bonuses should be limited to bank employees earning less than £50,000 a year	21	24	16	25	20	19	24	17	21	20	25	26	25	21	13
Yes – bonuses should be limited to bank employees earning less than £525,000 a year	20	19	22	21	14	23	18	22	17	23	21	23	23	18	20
Yes – bonuses should be banned altogether for the time being	32	29	37	25	31	37	29	36	30	35	38	28	31	30	39
No – bonuses that are part of employees' contracts should continue to be paid	9	11	6	8	14	6	10	7	12	6	2	7	5	14	10
Don't know	5	4	6	9	6	2	4	7	5	5	5	3	3	2	6

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The Government has proposed a series of welfare reforms. These include requiring unemployed people receiving Job Seekers' Allowance to demonstrate that they really are seeking work or face a cut in their benefits. Do you think this proposal should be...

Implemented as planned	50	51	50	50	48	51	53	47	54	46	37	48	45	59	51
Delayed until after the recession is over, and jobs are more readily available	35	33	38	31	33	38	34	36	33	37	28	39	37	34	33
Scrapped altogether	11	13	7	10	15	9	11	11	10	11	30	10	14	6	10
Don't know	5	4	6	9	5	2	3	7	3	6	5	3	4	1	6

Some ministers are reported to want to defer introducing new regulations on companies concerning their practices on equality (in relation to gender, race, disability etc) on the grounds that a recession is a bad time to add to the costs of private companies. Do you think the regulations should be...

Implemented as planned	62	60	63	59	57	66	71	49	63	60	83	73	75	59	39
Delayed until after the recession is over	24	27	20	22	26	25	21	29	24	25	11	19	17	32	34
Scrapped altogether	8	9	6	9	10	6	6	10	8	7	4	6	5	8	13
Don't know	6	4	11	11	7	4	3	12	5	8	2	3	3	2	14

It has been suggested that the Government impose a windfall tax on the profits made last year by the energy companies. Do you support or oppose this idea?

Support	81	83	78	69	80	89	84	77	80	82	91	87	88	81	73
Oppose	9	9	9	15	11	5	9	9	11	7	4	6	6	10	15
Don't know	10	8	13	16	9	7	7	14	9	11	5	7	6	9	11

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Turning now to the Royal Mail, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the service it currently provides?

Very satisfied	23	26	19	14	22	29	24	22	21	25	27	27	27	23	18
Fairly satisfied	51	48	54	55	46	51	49	52	53	48	55	55	55	46	50
TOTAL SATISFIED	74	74	73	69	68	80	73	74	74	73	81	81	81	68	68
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	12	11	13	13	12	10	12	10	10	13	7	7	7	16	18
Fairly dissatisfied	10	11	9	9	16	7	12	8	11	9	9	8	8	13	10
Very dissatisfied	4	4	3	4	4	2	2	6	3	4	3	3	3	3	4
TOTAL DISSATISFIED	14	15	12	13	20	10	14	14	15	13	12	11	11	16	14
Don't know	1	1	2	4	0	1	1	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	0

The Government is proposing to sell a minority stake in the Royal Mail. Which of these policies do you think would be best?

Not to sell any of the Royal Mail and keep it as a wholly publicly-owned organisation	66	65	67	54	69	70	63	69	63	68	85	70	74	62	53
Sell a minority stake in the Royal Mail to a private investor	24	25	22	27	22	23	26	20	24	23	8	24	21	27	29
Privatise the Royal Mail entirely	5	5	4	8	5	3	5	4	6	4	6	2	3	6	7
Don't know	6	5	8	12	3	5	6	7	7	5	2	4	3	5	11

If the Government does sell a minority stake in the Royal Mail, do you think it should insist that the new part-owners are British, or should they consider selling to an investor or investors abroad?

New part-owners must be British	57	56	60	42	56	67	51	66	54	60	56	57	57	54	64
New part-owners need not be British	29	33	23	35	34	22	35	21	31	26	28	29	29	35	22
Don't know	14	12	18	23	11	12	15	13	14	14	16	14	15	11	15

Labour's election manifesto in 2005 said the Government had "no plans to privatise" the Royal Mail. Leaving aside your views as to what should now happen to the Royal Mail, do you think selling a minority stake is consistent with a promise not to privatise Royal Mail?

Government policy is consistent with 2005 manifesto	30	31	27	32	29	29	31	28	31	28	17	31	28	36	28
Selling a minority stake would break Labour's manifesto pledge	60	62	58	51	62	65	61	59	60	61	76	65	67	57	54
Don't know	10	7	15	18	9	7	8	13	9	11	8	4	5	7	19

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The Government's proposal would separate the Royal Mail from Post Offices and the postal counter service, which would remain in public ownership. Leaving aside whether they should be privately or publicly owned, do you think the Royal Mail and Post Offices should remain as a single organisation?

Yes, they should remain a single organisation	61	61	60	50	63	65	58	64	59	62	71	64	65	57	58
No, it is sensible to split them up	16	18	12	15	15	17	18	13	14	17	10	15	14	20	15
It doesn't matter much one way or the other	16	16	16	25	16	12	18	14	20	13	18	14	15	19	18
Don't know	7	5	12	11	6	6	6	9	7	8	1	7	6	4	10

One suggestion is that the Royal Mail should be an independently-run, not-for-profit public corporation like the BBC, with commercial powers to borrow. In the long-run what do you think would be best for the Royal Mail?

To continue to be publicly-owned like today	43	43	44	34	43	49	39	49	38	48	61	45	49	37	41
To be majority-owned by the state but with a minority stake	15	17	12	15	14	15	16	13	16	14	7	14	12	18	19
To be run as an independent public corporation like the BBC	32	31	32	32	34	30	37	24	35	28	29	36	35	35	25
To be run as a private company	3	4	2	4	5	2	3	3	4	2	2	1	1	4	5
Don't know	7	5	10	14	5	5	5	10	7	7	1	4	3	7	10

The Royal Mail pension fund has a large deficit. One reason is that in recent years the Government has not contributed to the fund as it used to. Do you think the Government should now...

Use public money to replenish the pension fund, even if this means higher taxes, extra borrowing, or cuts elsewhere	46	50	40	33	46	52	45	46	44	47	71	55	59	42	27
Seek investment from the private sector, even if this means selling a minority stake in the Royal Mail	26	26	25	32	25	23	30	20	30	23	6	26	22	31	33
Instruct the Royal Mail to reduce the benefits that current Royal Mail employees would receive when they retire	12	11	14	14	13	11	11	14	12	13	14	8	10	12	19
Don't know	16	13	21	21	16	13	13	20	14	18	9	10	10	14	21