

**Ipsos MORI Post Budget Reaction Poll
Topline Results
Fieldwork: 25-28 June 2010**

Technical Details

Ipsos MORI interviewed a representative sample of 1,005 adults aged 18+ across Great Britain. Interviews were conducted online 25-28 June 2010. Data are weighted to match the profile of the population. Where percentages do not sum to 100, this may be due to computer rounding, the exclusion of “don’t know” categories, or multiple answers. An asterisk (*) denotes any value of less than half a per cent. Data are based on all adults unless otherwise stated.

NB. Where possible, comparative data from previous telephone surveys has been included. It is important to note that the 25-28 June 2010 survey was conducted online and therefore trends are indicative only.

Q1 Some economists say that the national debt is the greatest threat to the economy and the deficit needs to be cut quickly, starting this year. Other economists say that it should not be cut so soon as reducing public spending may stop the economic recovery. Which of these do you think is right?

	March 2010	June 2010
	%	%
<i>Base: 1,005 British adults 18+</i>		
The view that national debt is the greatest threat to the economy and the deficit needs to be cut quickly, starting this year	28	44
The view that the national debt should not be cut so soon as reducing spending may stop recovery	57	35
Neither	4	5
Don't know	11	16

* NB. March interviews conducted by telephone

Q2 Can you tell me whether you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way George Osborne is doing his job as Chancellor of the Exchequer?

Base: 1,005 British adults 18+

	Before the Budget*	After the Budget
	(18-20 June)	(25-28 June)
	%	%
Satisfied	40	44
Dissatisfied	23	30
Don't know	36	26
Net Satisfied	+17	+14

* NB. 18-20 June interviews conducted by telephone

Q3 On balance, do you agree or disagree with the statement that “in the long term, this government’s policies will improve the state of Britain’s economy”?

Base: 1,005 British adults 18+

	Nov 2009	Before the Budget*	After the Budget
	%	(18-20 June)	(25-28 June)
	%	%	%
Agree	40	61	50
Disagree	54	29	27
Don't know	6	11	23
Net agree	-14	+32	+23

* NB. November 2009 and 18-20 June interviews conducted by telephone

Q4 From what you know or have heard, do you think the Budget proposals are a good thing or a bad thing...?

Base: 1,005 British adults 18+

	Good thing %	Bad thing %	Don't know %
For you personally	26	48	25
For the country	54	27	20

Q5 Do you think the budget will or will not ...?

Base: 1,005 British adults 18+

	Will %	Will not %	Don't know %
... help to get Britain's economy going?	43	30	28
...make the rich richer and the poor poorer?	45	30	25
...increase other countries' confidence in Britain?	46	23	31

Q6 Please can you tell me whether you support or oppose the following announcements made by the government in the Budget this week.

Base: 1,005 British adults 18+

	Support %	Oppose %	Don't know %
Raising the rate of VAT from 17.5% to 20%	31	59	10
Freezing the pay of public sector workers for 2 years	59	32	9
Raising the age of state pension from 65 to 66	42	48	10
Freezing child benefit for the next 3 years	57	33	10
Stopping the planned increase in tax on cider	38	47	15
Freezing the amount of money the Royal Family receives from the taxpayer	87	8	5
Making single parents look for work when their youngest child goes to school	73	15	11
Cutting housing benefit	59	28	12

Q7 The government has promised to protect spending on some services, such as health and international aid, but not on others, such as defence and benefits. From what you know, do you think the government has made the right decisions about which services to protect and which may face spending cuts, or not?

Base: 1,005 British adults 18+

	%
Has	32
Has not	42
Don't know	26