

Topical Poll

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Prepared on behalf of GMB Union



Methodology

Fieldwork Dates

22nd – 23rd October 2018

Data Collection Method

The survey was conducted via online panel. Invitations to complete surveys were sent out to members of the panel. Differential response rates from different demographic groups were taken into account.

Population Sampled

All residents aged 18+ living in the UK.

Sample Size

1,053

Data Weighting

Data were weighted to the profile of all UK adults aged 18+. Data were weighted by age, sex, region, income, education, 2017 general election vote and 2016 EU referendum vote. Targets for the weighted data were derived from Office of National Statistics data, the results of the 2017 UK general election and the 2016 EU referendum result.

Margin of Error

Because only a sample of the full population was interviewed, all results are subject to margin of error, meaning that not all differences are statistically significant. For example, in a question where 50% (the worst-case scenario as far as margin of error is concerned) gave a particular answer, with a sample of 1,053 it is 95% certain that the 'true' value will fall within the range of 3% from the sample result. Subsamples from the cross-breaks will be subject to higher margin of error, conclusions drawn from crossbreaks with very small sub-samples should be treated with caution.

Question presentation

All data tables shown in full below, in order and wording put to respondents, including but not limited to all tables relating to published data and all relevant tables preceding them. Tables for demographic questions might not be included but these should be clear from the cross-breaks on published tables. In all questions where the responses are a list of parties, names or statements, these will typically have been displayed to respondents in a randomising order. The only questions which would not have had randomising responses would be those in which there was a natural order to maintain – e.g. a scale from “strongly agree” to “strongly disagree”, a list of numbers from 0 to 10 or questions which had factual rather than opinion-related answers such as demographic information. “Other”, “Don't know” and “Refused” responses are not randomised.

Not all questions will have necessarily been asked to all respondents – this is because they may be follow-on questions from previous questions or only appropriate to certain demographic groups. Lower response counts should make clear where this has occurred.

Data were analysed and weighted by Survation.

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Table	Question	Question wording	Base
Table 1	Question 1	The prime minister, Theresa May, recently said that ‘austerity is over’ To what extent do you agree or disagree that the following policies are necessary conditions for the end of austerity?: Real terms increases in spending on public services	All respondents
Table 2	Question 2	The prime minister, Theresa May, recently said that ‘austerity is over’ To what extent do you agree or disagree that the following policies are necessary conditions for the end of auster: Increased funding from central government for local councils	All respondents
Table 3	Question 3	The prime minister, Theresa May, recently said that ‘austerity is over’ To what extent do you agree or disagree that the following policies are necessary conditions for the end of austerit: Real terms increases in the wages of public sector workers	All respondents
Table 4	Question 4	The prime minister, Theresa May, recently said that ‘austerity is over’ To what extent do you agree or disagree that the following policies are necessary conditions for the end of austerity?: Plans to reopen public services that have been closed	All respondents
Table 5	Question 5	The prime minister, Theresa May, recently said that ‘austerity is over’ To what extent do you agree or disagree that the following policies are necessary: Increased public investment in in infrastructure such as roads, railways and school buildings	All respondents
Table 6	Question 6	To what extent would you support or oppose the following policies being included in the upcoming Autumn Budget?: Plans to reopen public services that have been closed	All respondents
Table 7	Question 7	To what extent would you support or oppose the following policies being included in the upcoming Autumn Budget?: Real terms increases in the wages of public sector workers	All respondents
Table 8	Question 8	To what extent would you support or oppose the following policies being included in the upcoming Autumn Budget?: Increased public investment in in infrastructure such as roads, railways and school buildings	All respondents
Table 9	Question 9	To what extent would you support or oppose the following policies being included in the upcoming Autumn Budget?: Real terms increases in spending on public services	All respondents
Table 10	Question 10	To what extent would you support or oppose the following policies being included in the upcoming Autumn Budget?: Increased funding from central government for local councils	All respondents
Table 11	Question 11	Some people have argued that regionalised public sector pay arrangements should be introduced, meaning that public sector pay rises would be smaller for public sector workers outside of London and the South East of England. Supporters say that outside of these regions, public sector pay is already competitive with wages in the private sector. Opponents say that this arrangement would lead to different public sector workers being paid different amounts of money for doing the same job. How fair or unfair do you think this policy would be?	All respondents
Table 12	Question 12	Which of the following statements is closest to your view?	All respondents

