

YouGov / Action Aid Survey Results

Sample Size: 1764 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 19th - 20th February 2012

	Voting intention			2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample	1764			536	454	398	857	907	213	450	603	497	1005	759	226	573	377	434	153	
Unweighted Sample	1764	499	498	141	511	438	423	849	915	174	470	676	444	1141	623	308	566	310	426	154
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Many large companies use loopholes in current tax laws to reduce the amount of tax they have to pay, both in the UK and in poor countries. Thinking about this, which of the following best reflects your view?

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As long as they stay within the law it is acceptable for companies to use whatever loopholes they can to reduce the amount of tax they pay	19	28	14	16	27	14	14	23	15	25	19	20	15	21	16	20	22	17	16	17
Companies should pay their full share of tax, and it is not acceptable for them to use loopholes in the law to avoid paying their share	72	67	80	77	67	79	80	71	73	61	67	72	80	72	72	64	68	74	76	78
Neither	3	2	2	4	2	2	3	2	4	6	3	2	3	2	4	5	3	4	2	1
Don't know	6	2	4	4	4	4	3	4	9	9	11	6	2	4	9	11	7	5	5	3

Do you think it is responsible or irresponsible for companies to use loopholes to reduce the amount of tax they pay...

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In Britain																				
Is responsible	18	24	18	19	23	19	14	23	14	25	18	19	15	18	19	25	20	15	17	15
Is irresponsible	72	70	75	74	69	73	78	71	73	61	66	72	80	74	69	64	70	73	74	80
Don't know	10	6	7	7	8	8	8	7	13	14	16	9	5	9	12	11	10	12	10	5
In developing countries																				
Is responsible	16	20	16	15	20	15	13	19	12	20	16	16	12	15	16	22	17	12	14	13
Is irresponsible	70	67	74	73	66	75	76	71	69	60	65	72	77	72	67	61	69	70	74	77
Don't know	14	13	10	12	14	10	11	10	18	20	19	12	11	13	16	17	14	18	12	10

Do you think the UK government is or is not doing enough to stop large businesses from avoiding paying some taxes?

Is doing enough	5	9	4	7	8	4	4	7	4	7	4	5	7	6	4	5	7	5	4	5
Is NOT doing enough	79	75	86	80	74	83	87	81	76	70	75	80	84	79	79	78	76	79	81	84
Don't know	16	15	9	13	17	13	10	12	20	23	21	15	9	15	17	17	17	16	15	11

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The Government has argued that, by relaxing some rules around tax-havens (countries, or areas where some taxes can be avoided), it can help to keep large companies in the UK and to attract others.

Some people however have criticised these plans saying that this would result in the UK and poor countries receiving less from taxation, and they cannot afford to allow these businesses to avoid these taxes.

To what extent would you support or oppose relaxing the rules on tax-havens, increasing the amount that some businesses are legally allowed to avoid in tax?

Strongly support	3	4	2	6	4	3	2	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	2	5	3	4	2	2
Tend to support	11	21	6	11	19	6	6	14	9	18	12	9	11	13	9	14	15	10	8	11
TOTAL SUPPORT	14	25	8	17	23	9	8	17	12	23	15	12	14	16	11	19	18	14	10	13
Neither support nor oppose	18	24	15	14	23	16	14	16	20	21	19	17	17	18	18	22	18	19	17	15
Tend to oppose	28	28	28	31	30	28	34	28	28	24	27	27	31	28	28	20	30	30	26	32
Strongly oppose	27	14	41	28	15	36	34	31	23	14	20	32	32	27	27	25	23	28	30	32
TOTAL OPPOSE	55	42	69	59	45	64	68	59	51	38	47	59	63	55	55	45	53	58	56	64
Don't know	12	9	8	10	10	11	10	7	17	17	19	11	5	11	15	14	11	10	16	8