THE TAXPAYERS' ALLIANCE – HS2 RESEARCH

Methodology: ComRes interviewed 2,051 GB adults online between 15th and 16th February 2017. Data were weighted to be demographically representative of all GB adults. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 1
Q1. Which of the following do you think should be the biggest priority for the government to develop at the current time? Please select up to two answers.
Base: All respondents

	Total	Gender		Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
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Weighted base	2051	999	1052	238	355	337	366	296	460	552	552	447	500	264	897
Road repairs on minor roads	1010 49%	468 47%	542 52%	71 30%	139 39%	144 43%	177 48%	172 58%	307 67%	258 47%	253 46%	241 54%	257 51%	119 45%	404 45%
High speed broadband across the country	704 34%	401 40%	303 29%	60 25%	126 35%	96 28%	128 35%	120 41%	175 38%	214 39%	172 31%	152 34%	167 33%	87 33%	306 34%
Improving commuter rail lines into major urban centres	639 31%	323 32%	316 30%	90 38%	102 29%	100 30%	118 32%	88 30%	141 31%	201 36%	190 34%	131 29%	118 23%	93 35%	275 31%
Road repairs on motorways	462 23%	207 21%	255 24%	43 18%	73 20%	78 23%	79 22%	71 24%	117 26%	109 20%	118 21%	119 27%	115 23%	63 24%	191 21%
New motorways	174 8%	109 11%	65 6%	18 7%	46 13%	37 11%	20 6%	19 6%	34 7%	61 11%	49 9%	41 9%	23 5%	22 8%	91 10%
The HS2 high speed train line	121 6%	65 6%	56 5%	27 11%	37 10%	21 6%	11 3%	7 2%	18 4%	34 6%	39 7%	21 5%	28 6%	19 7%	58 6%
None of these	87 4%	34 3%	53 5%	20 8%	11 3%	17 5%	13 4%	17 6%	9 2%	17 3%	21 4%	9 2%	41 8%	11 4%	35 4%
Don't know	156 8%	49 5%	107 10%	31 13%	33 9%	28 8%	32 9%	15 5%	16 3%	27 5%	43 8%	30 7%	55 11%	18 7%	67 7%

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Road repairs on minor roads	1010 49%	870 49%	85 47%	36 41%	118 50%	95 54%	89 48%	83 55%	55 53%	103 52%	94 35%	152 53%	101 56%	94 35%	275 51%	248 50%	523 45%	395 43%	128 53%	487 55%	32 34%	58 36%	93 68%	218 65%	86 54%
High speed broadband across the country	704 34%	591 33%	73 41%	25 29%	71 30%	65 37%	53 29%	61 40%	40 38%	81 41%	81 30%	88 31%	67 37%	81 30%	195 36%	161 32%	393 34%	317 34%	76 31%	311 35%	27 28%	54 33%	46 33%	132 39%	52 33%
Improving commuter rail lines into major urban centres	639 31%	562 32%	50 28%	24 28%	66 28%	58 33%	65 35%	40 26%	28 26%	51 26%	119 44%	90 32%	48 27%	119 44%	156 29%	149 30%	368 32%	304 33%	64 26%	271 30%	21 22%	66 41%	34 25%	108 32%	42 26%
Road repairs on motorways	462 23%	384 22%	46 26%	23 27%	39 16%	42 24%	43 23%	34 22%	32 31%	43 22%	50 19%	80 28%	29 16%	50 19%	120 22%	104 21%	254 22%	204 22%	50 21%	208 23%	15 16%	23 14%	31 23%	92 27%	47 30%
New motorways	174 8%	143 8%	16 9%	11 13%	32 14%	15 8%	7 4%	7 5%	16 15%	15 8%	22 8%	18 6%	15 9%	22 8%	29 5%	58 12%	113 10%	85 9%	28 12%	61 7%	5 5%	11 7%	7 5%	26 8%	11 7%
The HS2 high speed train line	121 6%	106 6%	12 7%	4 5%	16 7%	15 8%	7 4%	13 9%	3 3%	5 3%	22 8%	19 7%	5 3%	22 8%	25 5%	35 7%	77 7%	68 7%	9 4%	44 5%	4 4%	17 10%	6 4%	11 3%	7 4%
None of these	87 4%	80 5%	5 3%	3 4%	15 7%	6 3%	5 3%	8 6%	2 2%	12 6%	13 5%	7 2%	11 6%	13 5%	25 5%	24 5%	46 4%	35 4%	11 4%	41 5%	15 16%	7 4%	7 5%	4 1%	8 5%
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Table 2
Q2. To what extent do you support or oppose the Government's plan to build a high speed train line (HS2) between London, Birmingham, the East Midlands, Leeds, Sheffield and Manchester at an estimated cost of around £56 billion? Please select the answer that is closest to your views.
Base: All respondents

		Total	Gender		Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
			Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Pri-vate
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NET: Support		720	395	326	106	161	137	117	86	113	232	219	131	139	103	358
		35%	40%	31%	44%	45%	41%	32%	29%	25%	42%	40%	29%	28%	39%	40%
Strongly support	(4)	149	100	49	23	37	21	30	20	17	52	39	28	30	27	71
		7%	10%	5%	10%	10%	6%	8%	7%	4%	9%	7%	6%	6%	10%	8%
Tend to support	(3)	572	295	277	83	124	116	87	66	96	180	180	103	109	76	286
		28%	30%	26%	35%	35%	34%	24%	22%	21%	33%	33%	23%	22%	29%	32%
Tend to oppose	(2)	464	232	232	43	66	67	97	71	120	128	122	103	111	57	200
		23%	23%	22%	18%	19%	20%	26%	24%	26%	23%	22%	23%	22%	22%	22%
Strongly oppose	(1)	456	250	206	25	55	59	67	86	162	116	112	111	116	49	168
		22%	25%	20%	11%	16%	18%	18%	29%	35%	21%	20%	25%	23%	18%	19%
NET: Oppose		920	482	438	69	121	126	164	157	282	244	234	214	227	106	368
		45%	48%	42%	29%	34%	38%	45%	53%	61%	44%	42%	48%	45%	40%	41%
Don't know		410	122	288	63	73	73	84	52	64	76	99	102	134	55	171
		20%	12%	27%	27%	20%	22%	23%	18%	14%	14%	18%	23%	27%	21%	19%
Mean		2.25	2.28	2.22	2.59	2.51	2.38	2.29	2.08	1.92	2.35	2.32	2.14	2.14	2.39	2.36
Standard deviation		0.96	1.00	0.92	0.89	0.95	0.92	0.95	0.98	0.91	0.97	0.94	0.96	0.96	0.98	0.94
Standard error		0.02	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.04

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NET: Support		720	644	52	28	85	66	76	54	25	57	123	100	55	123	187	180	461	385	76	260	28	69	33	86	44
		35%	36%	29%	33%	36%	38%	41%	35%	24%	29%	45%	35%	31%	45%	35%	36%	40%	42%	32%	29%	30%	42%	24%	26%	27%
Strongly support	(4)	149	136	6	7	23	16	18	12	7	7	24	18	11	24	38	45	98	89	9	51	4	18	4	16	9
		7%	8%	3%	8%	10%	9%	10%	8%	7%	4%	9%	6%	6%	9%	7%	9%	8%	10%	4%	6%	4%	11%	3%	5%	5%
Tend to support	(3)	572	507	46	21	62	51	58	41	18	50	99	82	44	99	149	134	363	295	67	209	24	51	29	70	35
		28%	29%	26%	25%	26%	29%	31%	27%	18%	25%	37%	28%	24%	37%	28%	27%	31%	32%	28%	23%	25%	32%	21%	21%	22%
Tend to oppose	(2)	464	395	44	28	44	49	39	33	25	38	45	74	46	45	110	121	257	200	57	207	15	28	29	99	36
		23%	22%	25%	33%	19%	28%	21%	22%	24%	19%	16%	26%	25%	16%	20%	24%	22%	22%	24%	23%	16%	17%	21%	29%	23%
Strongly oppose	(1)	456	385	46	16	56	38	44	37	25	54	38	48	54	38	135	110	217	175	42	239	19	30	41	115	33
		22%	22%	26%	18%	24%	22%	24%	24%	24%	27%	14%	17%	30%	14%	25%	22%	19%	19%	17%	27%	21%	19%	30%	34%	21%
NET: Oppose		920	780	90	44	100	87	82	70	51	92	83	122	100	83	244	231	474	375	99	446	34	58	71	214	69
		45%	44%	50%	51%	42%	50%	45%	46%	48%	46%	31%	42%	55%	31%	46%	47%	41%	41%	41%	50%	36%	36%	51%	64%	43%
Don't know		410	345	37	14	51	21	26	28	29	50	65	65	25	65	104	85	226	159	67	184	32	36	34	36	46
		20%	20%	21%	16%	22%	12%	14%	18%	27%	25%	24%	23%	14%	24%	19%	17%	19%	17%	28%	21%	34%	22%	24%	11%	29%
Mean		2.25	2.28	2.08	2.27	2.28	2.28	2.32	2.23	2.09	2.07	2.53	2.31	2.08	2.53	2.21	2.28	2.37	2.39	2.25	2.10	2.21	2.45	1.96	1.96	2.17
Standard deviation		0.96	0.97	0.90	0.92	1.03	0.96	1.00	0.99	0.97	0.94	0.92	0.90	0.96	0.92	0.98	0.98	0.95	0.97	0.88	0.96	0.97	1.00	0.91	0.91	0.94
Standard error		0.02	0.03	0.07	0.11	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.11	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.03	0.12	0.09	0.09	0.05	0.09

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Q3. Do you expect the government to deliver the HS2 high speed rail project ...? Please select the answer that is closest to your views.
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			Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Pri-vate
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NET: Over budget		1648 80%	840 84%	808 77%	146 62%	262 74%	268 80%	308 84%	258 87%	406 88%	465 84%	438 79%	363 81%	382 76%	203 77%	720 80%
Significantly over budget	(+2)	1027 50%	535 54%	492 47%	65 27%	144 40%	152 45%	197 54%	178 60%	291 63%	271 49%	270 49%	240 54%	246 49%	121 46%	419 47%
Somewhat over budget	(+1)	621 30%	305 31%	316 30%	81 34%	118 33%	116 34%	111 30%	81 27%	114 25%	193 35%	168 30%	123 28%	136 27%	82 31%	301 34%
More or less on budget	(0)	145 7%	70 7%	75 7%	39 16%	36 10%	29 9%	20 5%	9 3%	12 3%	43 8%	37 7%	24 5%	41 8%	23 9%	72 8%
Somewhat under budget	(-1)	26 1%	12 1%	15 1%	7 3%	10 3%	5 2%	- -	2 1%	3 1%	5 1%	8 1%	5 1%	9 2%	11 4%	8 1%
Significantly under budget	(-2)	12 1%	9 1%	3 *	- -	3 1%	1 *	2 1%	1 *	4 1%	3 *	5 1%	4 1%	1 *	2 1%	6 1%
NET: Under budget		38 2%	21 2%	18 2%	7 3%	13 4%	7 2%	2 1%	3 1%	7 2%	7 1%	12 2%	9 2%	10 2%	12 5%	13 1%
Don't know		220 11%	69 7%	152 14%	46 19%	44 12%	34 10%	35 10%	26 9%	35 8%	36 7%	65 12%	51 11%	68 14%	26 10%	91 10%
Mean		1.43	1.45	1.42	1.07	1.25	1.36	1.52	1.60	1.61	1.41	1.42	1.49	1.43	1.30	1.39
Standard deviation		0.75	0.77	0.74	0.82	0.86	0.76	0.68	0.62	0.68	0.73	0.78	0.76	0.76	0.87	0.75
Standard error		0.02	0.02	0.03	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.03

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NET: Over budget		1648 80%	1413 80%	146 82%	71 83%	181 77%	158 91%	142 77%	129 85%	89 85%	155 78%	198 73%	221 77%	157 87%	198 73%	426 80%	410 83%	923 80%	735 80%	188 78%	724 81%	62 66%	117 72%	109 80%	308 91%	128 81%
Significantly over budget	(+2)	1027 50%	878 50%	93 52%	50 58%	108 46%	108 62%	82 44%	78 51%	55 52%	102 51%	108 40%	127 44%	116 64%	108 40%	262 49%	266 54%	540 47%	426 46%	114 47%	487 55%	35 38%	69 42%	74 54%	226 67%	83 52%
Somewhat over budget	(+1)	621 30%	534 30%	53 30%	21 25%	73 31%	50 29%	60 32%	52 34%	34 32%	53 27%	90 33%	94 33%	41 23%	90 33%	165 31%	145 29%	383 33%	309 34%	74 31%	238 27%	27 28%	48 29%	35 26%	82 24%	46 29%
More or less on budget	(0)	145 7%	131 7%	9 5%	9 11%	19 8%	5 3%	14 7%	6 4%	5 4%	19 9%	28 10%	28 10%	2 1%	28 10%	38 7%	34 7%	95 8%	74 8%	21 9%	50 6%	14 15%	15 9%	4 3%	6 2%	10 7%
Somewhat under budget	(-1)	26 1%	24 1%	1 1%	-	2 1%	2 1%	2 1%	2 1%	1 1%	2 1%	8 3%	5 2%	-	8 3%	6 1%	4 1%	18 2%	17 2%	2 1%	8 1%	1 1%	3 2%	1 1%	2 1%	-
Significantly under budget	(-2)	12 1%	11 1%	1 1%	1 1%	3 1%	1 1%	2 1%	-	-	2 1%	1 1%	1 *	-	1 1%	4 1%	5 1%	7 1%	7 1%	-	5 1%	1 1%	-	-	4 1%	-
NET: Under budget		38 2%	35 2%	2 1%	1 1%	5 2%	4 2%	4 2%	2 1%	1 1%	4 2%	10 4%	6 2%	-	10 4%	10 2%	9 2%	26 2%	24 3%	2 1%	13 1%	2 2%	3 2%	1 1%	6 2%	-
Don't know		220 11%	190 11%	21 12%	5 5%	30 13%	7 4%	25 14%	14 9%	10 10%	20 10%	34 12%	33 11%	21 12%	34 12%	60 11%	42 9%	117 10%	86 9%	31 13%	103 12%	16 17%	27 17%	22 16%	17 5%	20 13%
Mean		1.43	1.42	1.50	1.47	1.37	1.57	1.37	1.50	1.51	1.41	1.25	1.34	1.71	1.25	1.42	1.46	1.37	1.36	1.43	1.52	1.22	1.34	1.59	1.63	1.52
Standard deviation		0.75	0.76	0.70	0.77	0.82	0.69	0.79	0.65	0.66	0.82	0.84	0.77	0.49	0.84	0.76	0.77	0.78	0.79	0.70	0.72	0.86	0.78	0.62	0.68	0.63
Standard error		0.02	0.02	0.05	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.09	0.07	0.06	0.04	0.05

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Table 4
Q4. The proposed HS2 high speed rail project will connect London, Birmingham, the East Midlands, Leeds, Sheffield and Manchester. What impact, if any, do you think the HS2 high speed train line project will have on the economic prosperity of each of the following regions? Please select the answer that is closest to your views.
Base: All respondents
Summary table

		London	The Midlands	The North
Unweighted base		2051	2051	2051
Weighted base		2051	2051	2051
NET: Better off		713 35%	954 47%	938 46%
Make it much better off	(+2)	272 13%	266 13%	297 14%
Make it slightly better off	(+1)	441 22%	688 34%	641 31%
It will make no difference	(0)	835 41%	590 29%	606 30%
Make it slightly worse off	(-1)	60 3%	56 3%	52 3%
Make it much worse off	(-2)	27 1%	34 2%	50 2%
NET: Worse off		87 4%	90 4%	103 5%
Don't know		416 20%	416 20%	405 20%
Mean		0.53	0.67	0.66
Standard deviation		0.87	0.86	0.91
Standard error		0.02	0.02	0.02

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Base: All respondents
London

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Make it much better off	(+2)	272 13%	161 16%	111 11%	29 12%	52 15%	32 9%	52 14%	33 11%	74 16%	71 13%	66 12%	54 12%	81 16%	39 15%	112 12%
Make it slightly better off	(+1)	441 22%	222 22%	220 21%	61 26%	85 24%	96 29%	70 19%	43 14%	85 19%	134 24%	129 23%	87 19%	92 18%	64 24%	209 23%
It will make no difference	(0)	835 41%	451 45%	384 36%	71 30%	124 35%	133 39%	138 38%	148 50%	221 48%	235 43%	231 42%	192 43%	177 35%	104 39%	353 39%
Make it slightly worse off	(-1)	60 3%	24 2%	37 3%	16 7%	17 5%	8 3%	12 3%	2 1%	4 1%	16 3%	24 4%	9 2%	12 2%	8 3%	30 3%
Make it much worse off	(-2)	27 1%	14 1%	12 1%	2 1%	8 2%	1 *	5 1%	3 1%	7 1%	4 1%	6 1%	7 2%	9 2%	4 2%	8 1%
NET: Worse off		87 4%	38 4%	49 5%	19 8%	25 7%	10 3%	17 5%	5 2%	11 2%	20 4%	30 5%	16 4%	21 4%	13 5%	38 4%
Don't know		416 20%	127 13%	289 28%	58 25%	68 19%	66 20%	88 24%	67 23%	68 15%	93 17%	97 18%	98 22%	129 26%	45 17%	185 21%
Mean		0.53	0.56	0.50	0.54	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.44	0.55	0.55	0.49	0.49	0.60	0.57	0.54
Standard deviation		0.87	0.88	0.86	0.91	0.95	0.76	0.91	0.80	0.87	0.82	0.85	0.86	0.94	0.89	0.85
Standard error		0.02	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.03

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Table 5
Q4. The proposed HS2 high speed rail project will connect London, Birmingham, the East Midlands, Leeds, Sheffield and Manchester. What impact, if any,
do you think the HS2 high speed train line project will have on the economic prosperity of each of the following regions? Please select the answer
that is closest to your views.
Base: All respondents
London

		Total	England	Scot-land	North East	North West	York-shire & Humb-erside	West Mid-lands	East Mid-lands	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West	London	The Mid-lands	The North	NET: Work-ing	Work-ing full time	Work-ing part time	NET: Not work-ing	Not working seeking work	Not working and not seeking work	Retired on a state pension only	Retired with a private pension	House person
								Region								Grouped Regions					Which of the following best describes your current working status?					
Unweighted base		2051	1740	202	86	217	159	155	145	109	219	290	303	166	290	519	462	1109	803	306	942	96	161	142	382	161
Weighted base		2051	1768	178	86	236	174	184	152	104	199	270	287	180	270	535	496	1161	919	242	890	94	163	137	337	159
NET: Better off		713 35%	613 35%	67 38%	38 44%	95 40%	74 43%	72 39%	53 35%	32 31%	52 26%	88 33%	95 33%	48 27%	88 33%	177 33%	206 42%	424 36%	346 38%	77 32%	289 33%	25 27%	56 35%	56 41%	110 33%	42 26%
Make it much better off	(+2)	272 13%	221 13%	38 21%	22 25%	42 18%	27 15%	25 14%	20 13%	12 12%	15 8%	26 10%	30 11%	14 8%	26 10%	61 11%	90 18%	151 13%	132 14%	19 8%	121 14%	16 17%	15 9%	28 20%	46 14%	15 10%
Make it slightly better off	(+1)	441 22%	392 22%	29 16%	16 19%	53 23%	47 27%	46 25%	33 22%	20 19%	37 18%	62 23%	64 22%	34 19%	62 23%	116 22%	117 24%	273 23%	214 23%	58 24%	169 19%	9 9%	42 26%	28 21%	63 19%	26 17%
It will make no difference	(0)	835 41%	730 41%	62 35%	29 34%	99 42%	54 31%	75 41%	65 43%	43 41%	91 46%	111 41%	129 45%	76 42%	111 41%	231 43%	182 37%	457 39%	370 40%	87 36%	378 42%	32 34%	57 35%	50 37%	175 52%	64 40%
Make it slightly worse off	(-1)	60 3%	52 3%	4 2%	1 1%	6 2%	4 2%	3 2%	3 2%	5 5%	7 3%	15 5%	11 4%	3 2%	15 5%	13 2%	10 2%	38 3%	33 4%	6 2%	22 2%	3 3%	13 8%	-	2 1%	4 3%
Make it much worse off	(-2)	27 1%	27 2%	-	-	3 1%	5 3%	2 1%	4 2%	-	4 2%	6 2%	1 *	4 2%	6 2%	9 2%	7 1%	12 1%	7 1%	5 2%	14 2%	1 1%	* *	2 2%	5 2%	6 4%
NET: Worse off		87 4%	78 4%	4 2%	1 1%	8 3%	8 5%	5 3%	7 5%	5 5%	10 5%	20 7%	12 4%	6 4%	20 7%	23 4%	17 3%	51 4%	40 4%	11 4%	36 4%	3 4%	14 8%	2 2%	7 2%	10 6%
Don't know		416 20%	347 20%	45 26%	19 22%	34 15%	38 22%	32 18%	27 18%	24 23%	45 23%	51 19%	51 18%	50 27%	51 19%	104 20%	91 18%	230 20%	163 18%	67 28%	187 21%	34 36%	36 22%	28 21%	45 13%	44 27%
Mean		0.53	0.51	0.76	0.87	0.62	0.64	0.59	0.50	0.50	0.35	0.40	0.47	0.40	0.40	0.48	0.67	0.55	0.57	0.46	0.51	0.62	0.45	0.73	0.49	0.36
Standard deviation		0.87	0.86	0.90	0.88	0.89	0.94	0.84	0.90	0.83	0.81	0.88	0.79	0.82	0.88	0.85	0.91	0.86	0.86	0.84	0.88	0.98	0.85	0.92	0.83	0.93
Standard error		0.02	0.02	0.07	0.11	0.06	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.12	0.08	0.09	0.05	0.09

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Table 6
Q4. The proposed HS2 high speed rail project will connect London, Birmingham, the East Midlands, Leeds, Sheffield and Manchester. What impact, if any, do you think the HS2 high speed train line project will have on the economic prosperity of each of the following regions? Please select the answer that is closest to your views.
Base: All respondents
The Midlands

		Total	Gender		Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
			Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Pri-vate
Unweighted base		2051	1047	1004	202	317	344	397	294	497	569	592	361	529	247	862
Weighted base		2051	999	1052	238	355	337	366	296	460	552	552	447	500	264	897
NET: Better off		954 47%	494 49%	460 44%	120 50%	181 51%	166 49%	167 46%	125 42%	195 42%	310 56%	268 49%	189 42%	186 37%	136 51%	454 51%
Make it much better off	(+2)	266 13%	134 13%	133 13%	36 15%	53 15%	46 14%	44 12%	33 11%	53 12%	81 15%	75 14%	48 11%	62 12%	30 11%	128 14%
Make it slightly better off	(+1)	688 34%	360 36%	328 31%	83 35%	128 36%	120 36%	123 34%	92 31%	141 31%	229 42%	193 35%	141 32%	124 25%	106 40%	327 36%
It will make no difference	(0)	590 29%	327 33%	264 25%	39 17%	87 24%	90 27%	104 28%	93 31%	177 39%	128 23%	163 29%	141 32%	159 32%	69 26%	232 26%
Make it slightly worse off	(-1)	56 3%	31 3%	25 2%	14 6%	18 5%	8 2%	6 2%	5 2%	4 1%	15 3%	17 3%	13 3%	12 2%	7 3%	29 3%
Make it much worse off	(-2)	34 2%	21 2%	13 1%	2 1%	2 1%	6 2%	5 1%	8 3%	12 3%	8 1%	9 2%	6 1%	11 2%	5 2%	9 1%
NET: Worse off		90 4%	52 5%	38 4%	16 7%	21 6%	14 4%	11 3%	13 4%	16 4%	23 4%	26 5%	19 4%	23 5%	12 5%	38 4%
Don't know		416 20%	126 13%	290 28%	63 27%	68 19%	67 20%	83 23%	64 22%	71 16%	91 16%	95 17%	98 22%	132 26%	48 18%	173 19%
Mean		0.67	0.64	0.71	0.80	0.73	0.71	0.70	0.60	0.57	0.78	0.68	0.61	0.58	0.68	0.74
Standard deviation		0.86	0.87	0.85	0.89	0.86	0.86	0.82	0.88	0.85	0.83	0.86	0.83	0.91	0.84	0.84
Standard error		0.02	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.03

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Table 6
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Base: All respondents
The Midlands

		Total	England	Scot-land	North East	North West	York-shire & Humb-erside	West Mid-lands	East Mid-lands	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West	London	The Mid-lands	The North	NET: Work-ing	Work-ing full time	Work-ing part time	NET: Not work-ing	Not working seeking work	Not working and not seeking work	Retired on a state pension only	Retired with a private pension	House person
Unweighted base		2051	1740	202	86	217	159	155	145	109	219	290	303	166	290	519	462	1109	803	306	942	96	161	142	382	161
Weighted base		2051	1768	178	86	236	174	184	152	104	199	270	287	180	270	535	496	1161	919	242	890	94	163	137	337	159
NET: Better off		954	838	76	42	112	70	90	60	40	82	137	159	87	137	232	224	590	476	114	364	38	67	54	146	61
		47%	47%	43%	49%	47%	40%	49%	40%	38%	41%	51%	55%	48%	51%	43%	45%	51%	52%	47%	41%	40%	41%	39%	43%	38%
Make it much better off	(+2)	266	235	21	10	30	18	22	24	11	22	42	43	21	42	69	59	157	130	28	109	14	19	17	37	21
		13%	13%	12%	12%	13%	10%	12%	16%	11%	11%	16%	15%	12%	16%	13%	12%	14%	14%	11%	12%	15%	12%	13%	11%	13%
Make it slightly better off	(+1)	688	604	55	31	81	52	67	36	29	60	94	116	66	94	163	165	433	346	86	255	23	47	36	108	40
		34%	34%	31%	37%	34%	30%	36%	24%	28%	30%	35%	40%	37%	35%	30%	33%	37%	38%	36%	29%	25%	29%	26%	32%	25%
It will make no difference	(0)	590	500	53	22	72	55	54	57	37	63	60	71	46	60	174	149	300	250	50	290	23	40	48	135	45
		29%	28%	30%	26%	31%	32%	29%	37%	36%	32%	22%	25%	26%	22%	33%	30%	26%	27%	21%	33%	24%	25%	35%	40%	28%
Make it slightly worse off	(-1)	56	52	4	3	5	10	8	4	-	4	10	5	4	10	16	18	36	27	8	20	3	12	1	4	1
		3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	6%	5%	3%	-	2%	4%	2%	2%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	7%	1%	1%	1%
Make it much worse off	(-2)	34	31	1	1	6	4	4	4	2	3	4	3	2	4	11	11	14	11	4	20	-	3	5	8	5
		2%	2%	*	1%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	-	2%	3%	2%	3%
NET: Worse off		90	83	5	3	12	14	13	8	2	6	14	8	5	14	27	29	50	38	12	40	3	14	5	11	6
		4%	5%	3%	4%	5%	8%	7%	5%	2%	3%	5%	3%	3%	5%	5%	6%	4%	4%	5%	5%	3%	9%	4%	3%	4%
Don't know		416	347	45	19	40	35	28	27	25	47	60	48	42	60	102	94	221	155	66	195	31	42	30	45	47
		20%	20%	25%	22%	17%	20%	15%	18%	24%	24%	22%	17%	23%	22%	19%	19%	19%	17%	27%	22%	33%	26%	22%	13%	30%
Mean		0.67	0.68	0.68	0.71	0.63	0.51	0.61	0.58	0.58	0.63	0.77	0.80	0.73	0.77	0.61	0.60	0.73	0.73	0.71	0.60	0.79	0.57	0.57	0.56	0.63
Standard deviation		0.86	0.87	0.79	0.82	0.89	0.91	0.89	0.95	0.84	0.82	0.89	0.80	0.80	0.89	0.88	0.89	0.84	0.83	0.86	0.89	0.85	0.94	0.92	0.83	0.95
Standard error		0.02	0.02	0.06	0.10	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.10	0.08	0.09	0.05	0.09

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Table 7
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Base: All respondents
The North

		Total	Gender		Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
			Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Pri-vate
Unweighted base		2051	1047	1004	202	317	344	397	294	497	569	592	361	529	247	862
Weighted base		2051	999	1052	238	355	337	366	296	460	552	552	447	500	264	897
NET: Better off		938 46%	480 48%	458 44%	120 50%	181 51%	167 50%	158 43%	119 40%	193 42%	299 54%	262 47%	188 42%	189 38%	129 49%	450 50%
Make it much better off	(+2)	297 14%	150 15%	146 14%	35 15%	70 20%	49 15%	45 12%	33 11%	64 14%	99 18%	75 14%	52 12%	71 14%	46 18%	134 15%
Make it slightly better off	(+1)	641 31%	330 33%	312 30%	85 36%	111 31%	118 35%	113 31%	86 29%	129 28%	201 36%	187 34%	136 30%	118 24%	82 31%	316 35%
It will make no difference	(0)	606 30%	331 33%	275 26%	40 17%	85 24%	96 29%	107 29%	99 33%	179 39%	135 25%	168 30%	146 33%	156 31%	72 27%	241 27%
Make it slightly worse off	(-1)	52 3%	30 3%	22 2%	17 7%	16 5%	5 2%	7 2%	2 1%	5 1%	16 3%	16 3%	8 2%	13 3%	9 3%	22 2%
Make it much worse off	(-2)	50 2%	35 3%	16 2%	3 1%	8 2%	9 3%	5 1%	11 4%	14 3%	10 2%	13 2%	10 2%	17 3%	7 3%	19 2%
NET: Worse off		103 5%	65 7%	38 4%	19 8%	25 7%	14 4%	13 3%	13 4%	19 4%	26 5%	29 5%	18 4%	30 6%	16 6%	40 4%
Don't know		405 20%	123 12%	281 27%	59 25%	65 18%	60 18%	88 24%	64 22%	69 15%	91 17%	93 17%	95 21%	126 25%	47 18%	165 18%
Mean		0.66	0.61	0.71	0.74	0.75	0.70	0.67	0.55	0.57	0.78	0.64	0.60	0.57	0.70	0.72
Standard deviation		0.91	0.94	0.87	0.93	0.98	0.89	0.85	0.92	0.91	0.90	0.89	0.87	0.98	0.96	0.88
Standard error		0.02	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.07	0.03

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Base: All respondents
The North

		Total	England	Scot-land	North East	North West	York-shire & Humb-erside	West Mid-lands	East Mid-lands	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West	London	The Mid-lands	The North	NET: Work-ing	Work-ing full time	Work-ing part time	NET: Not work-ing	Not working seeking work	Not working and not seeking work	Retired on a state pension only	Retired with a private pension	House person
																Region									Grouped Regions	Which of the following best describes your current working status?
Unweighted base		2051	1740	202	86	217	159	155	145	109	219	290	303	166	290	519	462	1109	803	306	942	96	161	142	382	161
Weighted base		2051	1768	178	86	236	174	184	152	104	199	270	287	180	270	535	496	1161	919	242	890	94	163	137	337	159
NET: Better off		938	833	68	29	109	81	97	63	37	78	140	156	79	140	239	219	579	470	109	359	34	69	55	142	58
		46%	47%	38%	34%	46%	46%	53%	42%	36%	39%	52%	54%	44%	52%	45%	44%	50%	51%	45%	40%	36%	42%	40%	42%	37%
Make it much better off	(+2)	297	262	18	5	45	22	25	22	16	25	44	48	27	44	71	72	181	155	26	116	15	18	23	42	19
		14%	15%	10%	5%	19%	13%	13%	14%	16%	12%	16%	17%	15%	16%	13%	15%	16%	17%	11%	13%	16%	11%	17%	12%	12%
Make it slightly better off	(+1)	641	571	49	25	64	58	73	42	21	53	96	108	52	96	168	147	398	315	83	243	19	51	32	101	40
		31%	32%	28%	29%	27%	34%	40%	28%	20%	27%	35%	38%	29%	35%	31%	30%	34%	34%	34%	27%	21%	32%	23%	30%	25%
It will make no difference	(0)	606	509	58	33	73	48	43	57	39	68	57	75	54	57	169	154	313	256	58	292	27	35	49	134	48
		30%	29%	33%	39%	31%	28%	24%	38%	37%	34%	21%	26%	30%	21%	32%	31%	27%	28%	24%	33%	28%	21%	36%	40%	30%
Make it slightly worse off	(-1)	52	44	6	2	9	8	5	2	2	5	6	3	4	6	12	19	30	22	8	22	1	13	-	5	3
		3%	2%	4%	2%	4%	5%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	8%	-	2%	2%
Make it much worse off	(-2)	50	44	4	5	9	9	3	2	2	2	8	3	2	8	7	24	26	21	5	24	1	6	5	8	4
		2%	2%	2%	6%	4%	5%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	3%	1%	5%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	4%	3%	3%	2%
NET: Worse off		103	88	11	8	19	17	9	4	4	7	14	6	5	14	19	43	56	43	13	46	2	20	5	14	6
		5%	5%	6%	9%	8%	10%	5%	3%	4%	3%	5%	2%	3%	5%	4%	9%	5%	5%	5%	5%	2%	12%	3%	4%	4%
Don't know		405	338	42	16	35	28	35	27	24	46	59	50	42	59	108	79	212	150	62	192	31	39	29	46	47
		20%	19%	24%	19%	15%	16%	19%	18%	23%	23%	22%	17%	23%	22%	20%	16%	18%	16%	26%	22%	33%	24%	21%	14%	29%
Mean		0.66	0.67	0.52	0.30	0.63	0.53	0.74	0.63	0.59	0.61	0.77	0.82	0.72	0.77	0.66	0.54	0.71	0.73	0.65	0.58	0.72	0.49	0.64	0.56	0.59
Standard deviation		0.91	0.91	0.90	0.94	1.03	1.02	0.85	0.85	0.94	0.84	0.94	0.81	0.85	0.94	0.85	1.02	0.90	0.91	0.89	0.92	0.91	1.03	0.96	0.86	0.91
Standard error		0.02	0.02	0.07	0.11	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.10	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.08	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.11	0.09	0.09	0.05	0.09

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Table 8
Q5. Do you think the Government's proposed HS2 high speed train line will benefit you personally?
Base: All respondents

		Gender		Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Pri-vate
Unweighted base	2051	1047	1004	202	317	344	397	294	497	569	592	361	529	247	862
Weighted base	2051	999	1052	238	355	337	366	296	460	552	552	447	500	264	897
NET: Yes	213	117	97	64	71	41	19	10	8	70	76	34	34	31	125
	10%	12%	9%	27%	20%	12%	5%	3%	2%	13%	14%	8%	7%	12%	14%
Yes - a great amount	38	22	16	12	13	7	3	1	1	14	8	5	10	6	24
	2%	2%	2%	5%	4%	2%	1%	*	*	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%
Yes - a fair amount	176	95	81	51	58	34	16	9	7	56	68	28	24	25	101
	9%	10%	8%	22%	16%	10%	4%	3%	2%	10%	12%	6%	5%	10%	11%
NET: No	1715	834	881	150	251	276	323	276	440	457	446	382	429	220	712
	84%	83%	84%	63%	71%	82%	88%	93%	96%	83%	81%	85%	86%	83%	79%
No - not really	579	255	324	85	109	112	117	74	82	181	161	110	127	96	275
	28%	25%	31%	36%	31%	33%	32%	25%	18%	33%	29%	25%	25%	36%	31%
No - not at all	1137	579	557	64	142	165	206	202	357	277	286	272	302	124	437
	55%	58%	53%	27%	40%	49%	56%	68%	78%	50%	52%	61%	60%	47%	49%
Don't know	122	48	74	25	33	19	23	10	12	25	29	31	37	14	60
	6%	5%	7%	10%	9%	6%	6%	3%	3%	5%	5%	7%	7%	5%	7%

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Table 8
Q5. Do you think the Government's proposed HS2 high speed train line will benefit you personally?
Base: All respondents

						Region								Grouped Regions			Which of the following best describes your current working status?								
	Total	England	Scot-land	North East	North West	York-shire & Humb-erside	West Mid-lands	East Mid-lands	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West	London	The Mid-lands	The North	NET: Work-ing	Work-ing full time	Work-ing part time	NET: Not work-ing	Not working seeking work	Not working and not seeking work	Retired on a state pension only	Retired with a private pension	House person
Unweighted base	2051	1740	202	86	217	159	155	145	109	219	290	303	166	290	519	462	1109	803	306	942	96	161	142	382	161
Weighted base	2051	1768	178	86	236	174	184	152	104	199	270	287	180	270	535	496	1161	919	242	890	94	163	137	337	159
NET: Yes	213 10%	195 11%	9 5%	4 5%	28 12%	26 15%	38 21%	17 11%	9 9%	11 5%	39 14%	27 9%	5 3%	39 14%	66 12%	59 12%	156 13%	131 14%	25 10%	58 6%	1 1%	33 20%	3 2%	6 2%	15 9%
Yes - a great amount	38 2%	37 2%	1 1%	1 1%	5 2%	2 1%	9 5%	4 3%	- -	1 1%	9 3%	6 2%	1 1%	9 3%	14 3%	8 2%	30 3%	26 3%	3 1%	8 1%	- -	6 3%	- -	1 *	2 1%
Yes - a fair amount	176 9%	158 9%	8 5%	3 4%	23 10%	24 14%	29 16%	13 9%	9 9%	10 5%	30 11%	21 7%	4 2%	30 11%	52 10%	51 10%	126 11%	105 11%	22 9%	50 6%	1 1%	27 17%	3 2%	5 2%	13 8%
NET: No	1715 84%	1461 83%	165 92%	80 93%	188 80%	138 79%	138 75%	128 84%	90 86%	179 90%	201 74%	239 83%	170 94%	201 74%	444 83%	406 82%	932 80%	731 80%	201 83%	784 88%	81 86%	113 69%	130 95%	323 96%	137 86%
No - not really	579 28%	531 30%	29 16%	23 27%	81 35%	47 27%	52 28%	34 22%	18 18%	47 24%	97 36%	95 33%	54 30%	97 36%	133 25%	152 31%	371 32%	292 32%	79 33%	208 23%	26 28%	48 29%	29 21%	65 19%	40 25%
No - not at all	1137 55%	930 53%	136 76%	57 66%	107 45%	91 52%	86 46%	94 62%	71 68%	132 66%	104 38%	144 50%	116 64%	104 38%	311 58%	255 51%	561 48%	439 48%	121 50%	576 65%	55 58%	65 40%	101 73%	258 77%	98 61%
Don't know	122 6%	112 6%	4 2%	2 2%	19 8%	10 5%	9 5%	7 5%	6 6%	9 5%	31 11%	21 7%	5 3%	31 11%	25 5%	31 6%	74 6%	57 6%	17 7%	49 5%	13 13%	17 11%	4 3%	8 2%	7 4%

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