

Privatisation

Poll

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Methodology

Fieldwork Dates

2nd – 8th December 2015

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+ in the United Kingdom.

Sample Size

1037

Data Weighting

Data were weighted to the profile of all UK adults aged 18+. Data were weighted by age, sex, region, household income, education and past vote. Targets for the weighted data were derived from Office for National Statistics 2011 Census data and the results of the 2015 General Election.

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 1037 it is 95% certain that the 'true' value will fall within the range of 3.1% 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 (Director of Research – Patrick Briône).

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Table 1

Q1. Normal weightings

Q1. Student loans are currently provided by, and repaid to, the Student Loans Company – a non-profit, government owned company. The government have confirmed plans to sell student loan debt from 1998-2012 to private companies. Consequently this debt would be owned by the private sector and graduates would make repayments to private companies. The government argues that selling off student loans will be beneficial for the national debt and that assets are better managed by the private sector. Critics say selling assets won't reduce debt in the long term and will leave graduates vulnerable to unmanageable hikes in interest and repayment rates. Which statement is closest to your view?

Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			Voting Intention						2015 Past Vote					SEG				Region7 + 1								
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	CON	LAB	LD	UKIP	Other	Und	CON	LAB	LD	UKIP	Other	Did Not Vote	AB	C1	C2	DE	London	Midlands	North	South	England	Scotland	Wales	NI
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Weighted Total	1037	503	534	286	373	377	309	234	53	121	171	70	308	253	68	105	94	143	309	382	163	183	133	167	241	330	870	97	52	19
Student loan debt should not be sold to private companies	659	336	323	173	235	251	169	168	41	81	112	40	173	174	45	71	72	78	195	247	108	109	74	112	150	216	552	61	35	11
	63.6%	66.8%	60.5%	60.4%	63.0%	66.6%	54.5%	71.5%	77.9%	67.1%	65.1%	57.1%	56.1%	68.7%	66.6%	68.0%	77.1%	54.6%	63.2%	64.6%	66.4%	59.6%	55.6%	67.2%	62.5%	65.6%	63.5%	62.8%	67.2%	60.6%
Student loan debt should be sold to private companies	149	72	76	45	61	42	66	27	6	16	22	5	66	30	10	11	12	15	61	41	24	23	16	19	39	48	123	12	8	6
	14.3%	14.4%	14.3%	15.8%	16.4%	11.2%	21.4%	11.6%	11.5%	13.5%	12.6%	6.6%	21.4%	11.7%	14.3%	10.8%	12.4%	10.7%	19.7%	10.6%	14.7%	12.7%	12.3%	11.4%	16.3%	14.7%	14.1%	12.5%	15.0%	30.8%
Don't know	229	95	134	68	77	84	74	39	6	23	38	25	69	50	13	22	10	50	53	95	31	51	43	36	51	65	194	24	9	2
	22.1%	18.8%	25.2%	23.9%	20.5%	22.3%	24.1%	16.8%	10.6%	19.4%	22.3%	36.3%	22.5%	19.6%	19.1%	21.2%	10.5%	34.7%	17.1%	24.8%	19.0%	27.6%	32.1%	21.4%	21.2%	19.8%	22.3%	24.7%	17.8%	8.5%
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Table 2

Q2. Normal weightings

Q2. The Green Investment Bank is government operated and funds environmental projects, such as renewable energy and offshore wind. The Bank mobilises private sector capital into the green economy to help the UK meet its environmental targets. The government recently confirmed plans to “press ahead with the privatisation of the Green Investment Bank”, arguing it will help reduce national debt and bring in more investment. Critics argue that privatising the bank will reduce investor confidence and undermine the bank’s purpose and the UK’s commitment to a green economy. Which statement is closest to your view?

Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			Voting Intention						2015 Past Vote						SEG				Region7 + 1							
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The Green Investment Bank should remain government operated	504	273	232	122	178	204	132	132	37	60	93	24	138	139	40	50	54	61	154	191	82	78	61	77	125	172	436	38	21	9
	48.6%	54.2%	43.4%	42.7%	47.7%	54.1%	42.7%	56.3%	70.2%	49.9%	54.0%	33.6%	44.8%	54.9%	59.8%	47.9%	58.1%	42.5%	49.9%	49.9%	50.3%	42.4%	45.8%	46.2%	52.1%	52.3%	50.1%	39.5%	40.8%	49.5%
The Green Investment Bank should be privatised	203	125	79	59	76	68	87	38	9	32	22	7	84	38	10	17	15	30	74	64	31	34	22	35	41	73	171	15	13	4
	19.6%	24.7%	14.8%	20.7%	20.3%	18.1%	28.1%	16.3%	16.6%	26.5%	13.1%	10.6%	27.3%	14.8%	15.4%	16.3%	16.1%	20.9%	24.1%	16.8%	18.9%	18.5%	16.2%	20.8%	17.2%	22.3%	19.7%	15.2%	25.6%	23.9%
Don't know	329	106	223	105	119	105	91	64	7	28	57	39	86	77	17	37	24	53	80	127	50	72	51	55	74	84	263	44	17	5
	31.7%	21.0%	41.8%	36.6%	32.0%	27.8%	29.3%	27.4%	13.2%	23.5%	33.0%	55.8%	27.9%	30.2%	24.8%	35.8%	25.7%	36.6%	26.0%	33.3%	30.8%	39.1%	38.1%	33.0%	30.7%	25.4%	30.2%	45.3%	33.6%	26.6%
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Q3. Normal weightings

Q3. The National Air Traffic Services (NATS) is the UK's leading provider of air traffic control. Each year NATS handles 2.2 million flights and 220 million passengers in UK airspace. NATS is 49% owned by the government who maintain a 'golden share' that gives them the power to veto decisions in the public interest. The government recently announced plans to "explore the sale of the government's 49% shareholding in NATS" arguing it will reduce the UK's national debt and that assets are better managed by the private sector. Critics say selling profitable assets won't reduce debt in the long term and that NATS requires

government oversight to ensure decisions are made in the public interest. Which statement is closest to your view?

Base: All Respondents

	Gender		Age			Voting Intention						2015 Past Vote					SEG				Region7 + 1									
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The government should sell its 49% share of NATS	150	92	59	54	61	35	60	28	13	16	19	5	57	29	6	12	9	27	42	57	24	28	19	28	39	45	132	12	7	-
	14.5%	18.2%	11.0%	18.9%	16.4%	9.3%	19.3%	11.9%	23.8%	12.8%	10.9%	6.5%	18.5%	11.6%	9.6%	11.4%	9.6%	18.6%	13.5%	14.8%	14.7%	15.3%	14.2%	16.9%	16.3%	13.7%	15.1%	12.8%	12.7%	-
The government should retain its 49% share of NATS	626	342	284	138	205	283	198	150	34	84	98	32	192	164	48	71	61	66	216	223	99	88	74	101	147	208	531	50	34	11
	60.4%	67.9%	53.3%	48.1%	55.0%	75.1%	63.9%	63.8%	64.7%	69.7%	57.2%	45.4%	62.5%	64.6%	70.9%	67.8%	65.6%	45.8%	70.0%	58.2%	61.0%	48.1%	56.0%	60.8%	61.1%	63.2%	61.0%	52.2%	65.7%	57.7%
Don't know	260	70	190	95	107	59	52	57	6	21	55	34	59	60	13	22	23	51	51	103	39	67	40	37	54	76	207	34	11	8
	25.1%	13.9%	35.7%	33.0%	28.6%	15.6%	16.8%	24.2%	11.5%	17.4%	31.9%	48.1%	19.1%	23.9%	19.5%	20.8%	24.8%	35.6%	16.5%	26.9%	24.2%	36.6%	29.9%	22.3%	22.7%	23.1%	23.8%	35.0%	21.7%	42.3%
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Q4. Normal weightings

Q4. The Land Registry is a government department that registers all land and property ownership in England and Wales. It has a responsibility to provide the public with reliable records, information about interests affecting land and to issue owners with land titles. The government have announced plans to “consult on options to move operations of the Land Registry to the private sector from 2017”. The government argues that selling off the Land Registry will be beneficial for the national debt and that assets are better managed by the private sector. Critics say selling profitable assets won't reduce debt in the long term and argue that the Land Registry works in the public interest best as a publicly owned department. Which statement is closest to your view?

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The Land Registry should remain a government-run department	715	360	356	163	258	294	215	167	42	91	122	42	213	177	54	80	71	82	219	279	101	116	71	125	166	234	596	65	41	14
	69.0%	71.5%	66.6%	57.0%	69.0%	78.0%	69.6%	71.4%	79.2%	75.4%	71.0%	59.8%	69.3%	70.0%	79.7%	76.7%	75.5%	57.5%	71.1%	73.0%	62.2%	63.0%	53.2%	75.1%	68.9%	71.0%	68.5%	67.5%	78.1%	72.9%
The Land Registry should be privatised	162	99	63	56	56	50	69	26	6	22	21	6	65	27	6	13	14	25	55	48	35	24	28	17	36	61	142	15	3	2
	15.6%	19.6%	11.8%	19.5%	15.0%	13.2%	22.2%	11.2%	11.7%	17.8%	12.2%	8.5%	21.1%	10.5%	9.2%	12.7%	15.5%	17.2%	17.9%	12.5%	21.2%	13.1%	21.3%	10.2%	14.9%	18.5%	16.3%	15.2%	6.0%	9.9%
Don't know	160	45	115	67	60	33	26	41	5	8	29	22	30	49	8	11	8	36	34	55	27	44	34	24	39	35	132	17	8	3
	15.4%	8.9%	21.6%	23.5%	16.0%	8.8%	8.3%	17.4%	9.1%	6.8%	16.8%	31.7%	9.6%	19.5%	11.2%	10.6%	9.1%	25.3%	11.0%	14.5%	16.6%	23.9%	25.5%	14.7%	16.1%	10.5%	15.2%	17.3%	15.9%	17.2%
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