

COMRES SURVEY RESULTS

Overall, how would you rate the performance of each of the three political party leaders since the 2010 general election?

David Cameron

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|----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| Performed very well | 40 | 30 % |
| Performed well | 52 | 39 % |
| Neither performed well nor badly | 37 | 27 % |
| Performed badly | 4 | 3 % |
| Performed very badly | 2 | 1 % |
| Total | 135 | 100 % |

Nick Clegg

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|----------------------------------|-----|------|
| Performed very well | 18 | 13% |
| Performed well | 60 | 45% |
| Neither performed well nor badly | 45 | 34% |
| Performed badly | 6 | 4% |
| Performed very badly | 5 | 4% |
| Total | 134 | 100% |

Harriet Harman

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| Performed very well | 5 | 4% |
| Performed well | 12 | 9% |
| Neither performed well nor badly | 67 | 50% |
| Performed badly | 34 | 25% |
| Performed very badly | 17 | 13% |
| Total | 135 | 100% |

Which of the following words or phrases, if any, would you use to describe each of the three leaders of the political parties?

David Cameron

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| Powerful | 42 | 31% |
| Decisive | 74 | 54% |
| Good leader | 81 | 60% |
| Statesmanlike | 69 | 51% |
| Weak | 11 | 8% |
| Desperate | 7 | 5% |
| Out of their depth | 15 | 11% |
| Follower | 8 | 6% |

Nick Clegg

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| Powerful | 13 | 10 % |
| Decisive | 45 | 33 % |
| Good leader | 47 | 35 % |
| Statesmanlike | 37 | 27 % |
| Weak | 20 | 15 % |
| Desperate | 10 | 7 % |
| Out of their depth | 26 | 19 % |
| Follower | 50 | 37 % |

Harriet Harman

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|--------------------|----|------|
| Powerful | 6 | 4 % |
| Decisive | 13 | 10 % |
| Good leader | 15 | 11 % |
| Statesmanlike | 10 | 7 % |
| Weak | 47 | 35 % |
| Desperate | 42 | 31 % |
| Out of their depth | 63 | 46 % |
| Follower | 18 | 13 % |

Based on what you know about the coalition, how long do you think it is going to last?

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| A year or less | 7 | 5% |
| Up to two years | 25 | 19% |
| Up to three years | 21 | 16% |
| Up to four years | 18 | 13% |
| A full Parliament (five years) | 60 | 44% |
| Don't know | 4 | 3% |
| Total | 135 | 100% |

Which of the following Government departments, if any, do you think should not be subjected to spending cuts, and instead should have its budget ring-fenced with guaranteed real terms increases? Please select all that apply.

| | | |
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| Foreign and Commonwealth Office | 17 | 13% |
| Ministry of Justice | 16 | 12% |
| Home Office | 12 | 9% |
| Ministry of Defence | 32 | 24% |
| Department for Business, Innovation and Skills | 29 | 21% |
| Department for Work and Pensions | 14 | 10% |
| Department of Health | 51 | 38% |
| Department for Education | 45 | 33% |
| Department for Transport | 32 | 24% |
| Department for International Development | 20 | 15% |
| Department for Culture, Media and Sport | 16 | 12% |
| HM Treasury | 13 | 10% |
| None – Every department should be expected to contribute to cuts | 55 | 40% |

How, if at all, do you think the budget last month affected business confidence in the UK?

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| Very positively – business is much more confident as a result | 8 | 6% |
| Positively – business is a little more confident as a result | 63 | 47% |
| No change – it hasn't affected business confidence | 32 | 24% |
| Negatively – business is slightly less confident as a result | 27 | 20% |
| Very negatively – business is much less confident as a result | 5 | 4% |
| Total | 135 | 100% |

Which potential Labour Party leader do you think would represent the greatest threat to the coalition government if they were to win the leadership contest?

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| Diane Abbott | 8 | 6 % |
| David Miliband | 51 | 38 % |
| Ed Miliband | 21 | 16 % |
| Andy Burnham | 5 | 4 % |
| Ed Balls | 15 | 11 % |
| Don't know | 35 | 26 % |
| Total | 135 | 100 % |

Which of the following parties do you believe is best for British business?

| | | |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| The Conservative Party | 80 | 60% |
| The Liberal Democrat Party | 8 | 6% |
| The Labour Party | 14 | 10% |
| Other (please specify) | 8 | 6% |
| Prefer not to say | 24 | 18% |
| Total | 134 | 100% |

How confident or otherwise are you in the ability of each of the following:

George Osborne

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|----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Very confident | 27 | 20 % |
| Fairly confident | 63 | 47 % |
| Not particularly confident | 29 | 22 % |
| Not at all confident | 14 | 11 % |
| Total | 133 | 100 % |

Vince Cable

| | | |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Very confident | 40 | 31% |
| Fairly confident | 57 | 44% |
| Not particularly confident | 28 | 21% |
| Not at all confident | 6 | 5% |
| Total | 131 | 100% |

David Cameron

| | | |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Very confident | 55 | 42% |
| Fairly confident | 48 | 36% |
| Not particularly confident | 24 | 18% |
| Not at all confident | 5 | 4% |
| Total | 132 | 100% |

Nick Clegg

| | | |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Very confident | 28 | 21% |
| Fairly confident | 62 | 47% |
| Not particularly confident | 29 | 22% |
| Not at all confident | 14 | 11% |
| Total | 133 | 100% |

David Miliband

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|------|
| Very confident | 8 | 6% |
| Fairly confident | 53 | 40% |
| Not particularly confident | 44 | 33% |
| Not at all confident | 29 | 22% |
| Total | 134 | 100% |

Would you agree or disagree with each of these statements about Chancellor George Osborne?

Seems like he understands business

| | | |
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| Agree strongly | 21 | 16% |
| Agree | 73 | 57% |
| Disagree | 22 | 17% |
| Disagree strongly | 13 | 10% |
| Total | 129 | 100% |

Is out of his depth

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----|------|
| Agree strongly | 10 | 8% |
| Agree | 28 | 22% |
| Disagree | 66 | 53% |
| Disagree strongly | 21 | 17% |
| Total | 125 | 100% |

Has the right ideas about how to manage Britain's economy

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----|------|
| Agree strongly | 15 | 12% |
| Agree | 81 | 63% |
| Disagree | 23 | 18% |
| Disagree strongly | 10 | 8% |
| Total | 129 | 100% |

Lacks experience

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| Agree strongly | 19 | 15 % |
| Agree | 73 | 57 % |
| Disagree | 29 | 23 % |
| Disagree strongly | 7 | 5 % |
| Total | 128 | 100 % |

Will make a better Chancellor than Alastair Darling

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|--------------------------|-----|-------|
| Agree strongly | 34 | 27 % |
| Agree | 60 | 47 % |
| Disagree | 21 | 17 % |
| Disagree strongly | 12 | 9 % |
| Total | 127 | 100 % |