

I PPR and LabourList - Fixing Politics Survey

What should the next government be focussing on to bring down the level of national debt?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Increasing taxes on the well off		51.0%	26
Increasing general taxes		9.8%	5
Making public service cuts		7.8%	4
Other (please specify)		31.4%	16
answered question			51
skipped question			0

Other (please specify)		
1	What is needed is a multi-faceted approach, a single track solution will fail. We need savings in public spending when efficiency savings can be made without causing hardship and suffering to the populus. We need to increase taxes (or maintain the current higher levels of taxation) on high incomes and ensure that people who claim they are 'non-dom' really are. Increases in inheritance tax will also aid in the redistribution of wealth. However, VAT should remain at it's lower level, or even be lowered: flat-rate purchase taxes hit the poorest hardest and should be minimised. The Government and the public should also remember that the economy will function well at high levels of national debt and can lead to greater prosperity in the future, due to the increased opportunities for people today.	Sep 10, 2009 7:32 PM
2	Ensuring a more vibrant and balanced economy (not just focusing on one industry). And tackling the whole of the tax system to ensure a fairer tax burden across those who benefit from the economy.	Sep 10, 2009 7:48 PM
3	Ending existing expensive programmes such as Trident and ID cards, as well as increased taxation on the well off.	Sep 10, 2009 8:07 PM
4	Promoting economic activity which in turn maintains levels of tax income. Re. 5 - the campaign works for me - not sure about for others.	Sep 10, 2009 8:10 PM
5	A balanced approach, reducing advertising spend but at the same time looking seriously at what tax is taken and why.	Sep 10, 2009 8:17 PM
6	A combination of all of them is the only way to do it fairly. We're starting from a very high point of public spending that has naturally introduced an element of waste as the spending was increased too quickly (should have started post-97 not post-01?), you can only tax the well off so much and similar you can't tax the poorest much at all, so it has to be spread with exemption for the poorest every time. By the way, question 5 is now irrelevant as Labour have already changed tack over the summer.	Sep 10, 2009 8:48 PM
7	None of these - just rely on GDP growth	Sep 10, 2009 9:39 PM
8	Always seeking efficiencies. Continue spending for the time being. Then progressive taxaion increases when the worst is over.	Sep 11, 2009 1:20 AM
9	Economic growth and activity which will automatically increase the tax take	Sep 11, 2009 8:32 AM
10	A combination of increasing taxes and making public service cuts	Sep 11, 2009 12:31 PM
11	The people who were responsible for the crisis should be the ones who pay the price. Stop taxes leaving the country.	Sep 11, 2009 6:11 PM

Other (please specify)		
12	Cancel: Trident replacement, ID cards, all the daft Government IT schemes that do not work (NHS is a classic): reform MoD procurement, more effective regulation of clearing banks, tear up all PFI and PPP contracts	Sep 13, 2009 10:32 AM
13	Increasing public sector efficiency - there's plenty that can be done and it sounds better than cutting services!	Sep 13, 2009 6:54 PM
14	efficiency savings and bank bonus cuts	Sep 20, 2009 8:42 PM
15	A mixture of efficiency savings; increased taxes for the better off; and only then cuts in public services.	Sep 20, 2009 11:45 PM
16	Replacing debt with new forms of equity.	Sep 21, 2009 10:16 AM