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Sample Size: 684 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 9th April 2014

	2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region					
	Total	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	684	216	154	136	332	352	81	173	234	195	390	294	88	222	146	168	60
Unweighted Sample	684	227	134	137	352	332	55	168	262	199	435	249	53	229	148	170	84
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Maria Miller has resigned as Culture Secretary, following controversy over the expenses she claimed as an MP. Last week she paid back some money and apologised to Parliament, and her supporters said she was the victim of a witch-hunt. Her critics said she had failed to co-operate fully with the initial inquiry, not paid back enough or apologised sincerely.

Do you think she was right or wrong to resign?

Right to resign – she had made serious mistakes	83	86	95	82	83	83	61	76	86	96	85	81	79	82	86	81	91
Wrong to resign – she was the victim of a witch-hunt and should have stood her ground	5	6	1	3	4	5	6	5	6	2	3	6	1	4	3	10	1
Don't know	12	8	4	15	13	12	33	19	8	2	12	12	20	14	11	9	8

When the controversy erupted last week, David Cameron stood by Maria Miller. Was he right or wrong to do this?

Right – in the circumstances, it was reasonable for the Prime Minister to stand by Mrs Miller at the time	19	28	10	24	19	19	23	17	20	17	19	18	15	20	21	21	10
Wrong – he showed poor judgement and should have sacked her immediately	63	55	77	61	65	62	40	59	66	75	62	65	65	57	64	66	78
Don't know	18	18	13	16	16	19	37	24	14	8	18	17	21	24	15	13	12

The controversy over Mrs Miller related to expenses she claimed before 2010. Since then, the system has been changed, with the system of MPs' expenses tightened and independently administered. From what you know, how much confidence, if any, do you have that the new system will end abuse or at least reduce it substantially?

A lot of confidence	2	2	3	2	4	1	6	3	1	1	3	1	0	4	2	2	1
Some confidence	23	28	14	29	24	22	25	23	25	18	25	20	11	27	21	27	15
TOTAL CONFIDENCE	25	30	17	31	28	23	31	26	26	19	28	21	11	31	23	29	16
Not much confidence	41	42	45	43	36	45	29	44	38	46	43	38	31	42	46	42	31
No confidence	28	22	34	21	30	26	23	19	30	34	23	34	42	23	25	23	44
TOTAL NO CONFIDENCE	69	64	79	64	66	71	52	63	68	80	66	72	73	65	71	65	75
Don't know	7	5	3	5	7	7	17	10	6	1	7	7	15	4	6	7	8

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Overall, do you think most MPs these days are basically honest about their finances, or do most MPs tell lies in order to claim as much money as they can get away with?

Most MPs are basically honest about their finances	27	40	25	32	32	23	20	23	27	35	35	17	25	32	20	30	25
Most MPs tell lies and claim as much as they can get away with	62	49	67	59	58	66	67	66	62	56	54	73	67	55	69	61	62
Don't know	11	11	8	9	10	12	13	11	11	10	11	10	8	13	11	9	12

Overall, do you think your own MP is basically honest about their finances, or do they tell lies in order to claim as much money as they can get away with?

My own MP is basically honest about their finances	27	35	29	33	29	25	18	22	29	32	32	20	21	34	20	24	34
My own MP tells lies and claims as much as they can get away with	25	17	25	17	27	24	34	32	22	20	20	32	38	14	33	26	26
Don't know	48	48	46	50	44	52	48	46	50	48	48	48	41	52	47	50	39