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Sample Size: 903 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 10th June 2010

	2010 Election Vote			Gender		Age			Social grade		Region					
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample	903	292	237	190	433	470	278	309	316	497	406	116	293	193	222	79
Unweighted Sample	903	312	209	197	397	506	263	256	384	549	354	113	296	192	223	79
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Roy Whiting, the man convicted of the murder of Sarah Payne, yesterday won a court battle to have his prison tariff reduced. Whiting is still serving a life sentence, but will now be eligible to apply for parole after 40 years, rather than 50 years.

Whiting appealed because when he was convicted David Blunkett increased his original tariff from 28 years to 50 years, but since then the law has been changed so that judges set the tariff, rather than the Home Secretary. In court Whiting's lawyers argued that the 28 year tariff should apply, but prosecutors argued that if Whiting committed the same crime today he would receive a "whole life" tariff.

Do you think the courts were right or wrong to reduce Whiting's tariff from 50 to 40 years?

Right	11	9	13	15	12	10	11	8	14	13	9	11	12	11	9	11
Wrong	76	81	78	73	73	80	71	78	79	74	80	74	77	75	80	73
Don't know	13	10	10	12	15	10	17	14	7	14	11	15	11	14	11	16