

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2089 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 6th - 7th September 2010

Total	Voting intention			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region				
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-29	30-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
2089	687	617	207	1014	1075	252	532	719	586	1168	881	264	685	446	512	181
2089	670	590	221	951	1138	140	521	854	574	1352	697	293	727	406	492	171
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Weighted Sample
Unweighted Sample

In 2007 the News of the World's royal editor, Clive Goodman, and a private investigator, Glenn Mulcaire, were jailed over conspiracy to intercept the voicemail messages of senior royal aides. Thinking generally about the use of illegal methods to obtain news stories, which of the following statements best reflects your view?

Some other newspapers probably do similar things; a News of the World reporter just happened to get caught	80	85	80	74	81	79	72	82	81	81	82	77	81	78	83	79	84
This was an isolated incident and other newspapers' reporters would probably not do this sort of thing	6	4	8	13	8	4	11	5	7	3	6	6	7	7	3	6	6
Neither	6	6	7	7	6	7	5	3	6	10	6	6	6	5	7	8	3
Don't know	8	6	5	6	6	10	12	10	6	6	6	10	6	10	7	7	7

The editor of the News of the World at the time, Andy Coulson, denied knowledge of the phone tapping operation, but accepted the "ultimate responsibility" as editor and resigned. He has since taken a job as David Cameron's Director of Communications.

There have recently been allegations from former employees of the News of the World that phone tapping was more widespread at the News of the World and that Andy Coulson was personally aware of the tapping. Mr Coulson has denied allegations that he was aware of the phone tapping and has said that he is happy to talk to the police. Do you think Mr Coulson should or should not keep his job in Downing Street?

Should keep his job	24	42	14	24	26	21	20	25	20	29	27	20	25	28	20	21	23
Should not keep his job	52	33	72	59	57	48	50	49	60	48	49	56	53	47	55	55	59
Don't know	24	25	14	17	17	31	30	27	21	23	24	24	22	26	25	24	18

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It has been claimed that the police deliberately limited their investigation, did not follow up all the evidence they found about people whose voicemail has been hacked into, and did not contact everyone whose details they found in the evidence taken from Mulcaire and Goodman. The Metropolitan police say that it was a careful investigation, they contacted people where there was clear evidence that their voicemail had been hacked, and that the Criminal Prosecution Service were given full access to all the evidence they gathered.

Do you think the police fully investigated the phone tapping affair?

Yes, they did	14	23	10	10	16	13	8	15	14	17	15	13	17	16	13	13	11
No, they did not	47	38	59	53	54	41	44	43	53	46	45	51	48	43	52	48	50
Don't know	38	39	32	37	29	46	48	42	33	37	40	36	36	41	35	39	39

And do you think the police should or should not re-open their investigation into the phone tapping affair?

Should re-open the investigation	54	42	68	63	61	48	43	48	57	62	54	55	51	51	57	54	66
Should not re-open the investigation	24	38	16	20	24	24	28	27	22	23	25	23	31	26	23	22	14
Don't know	22	20	16	17	15	28	30	25	21	16	21	23	18	23	19	24	20