



Free Press Poll

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16/11/12 - 1,002 respondents

Fieldwork Dates: 12th November - 13th November 2012

Data Collection Method: The survey was conducted via online panel. Invitations to complete surveys were sent out to members of the panel. Differential response rates from different demographic groups were taken into account.

Population Sampled: All adults aged 18+ England, Scotland and Wales.

Sample Size: 1,002

Data Weighting: Data were weighted to the profile of all adults aged 18+. Data were weighted by gender, age and region. Targets for the weighted data were derived from Office of National Statistics data.

Margin of Error: Because only a sample of the full population was interviewed, all results are subject to margin of error, meaning that not all differences are statistically significant. For example, in a question where 50% (the worst case scenario as far as margin of error is concerned) gave a particular answer, with a sample of 1,002 we can be 95% certain that the 'true' value will fall within the range of 3.1% from the sample result. Sub-samples from the cross-breaks will be subject to higher margin of error, conclusions drawn from cross-breaks with very small sub-samples should be treated with caution.

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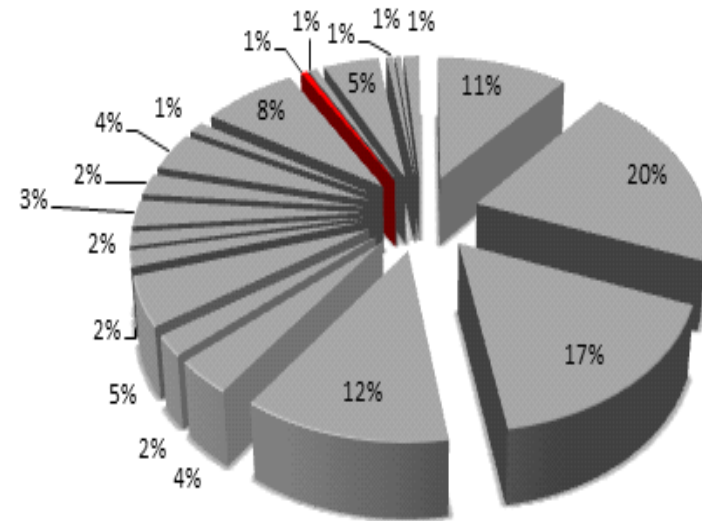
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Q5

When asked to list in order their top ten priorities for MPs' attention, "regulation of the press & journalism" was the number one priority for less than one percent of respondents. Only 12% of respondents selected press regulation anywhere in their top 10 issues, suggesting that for almost nine out of ten people this is not an issue of pressing concern.



- Unemployment
- Immigration/overpopulation
- Our relationship with the EU
- Crime/law and order
- Illegal drugs
- Housing and homelessness
- Morality/individual behaviour
- Regulation of the press & journalism
- Economic growth/recession
- Inflation/cost of living
- The environment/pollution/global warming
- Education/schools
- Care for the elderly
- Pensions/Benefits/Social Security
- Healthcare/NHS
- Transport & Infrastructure



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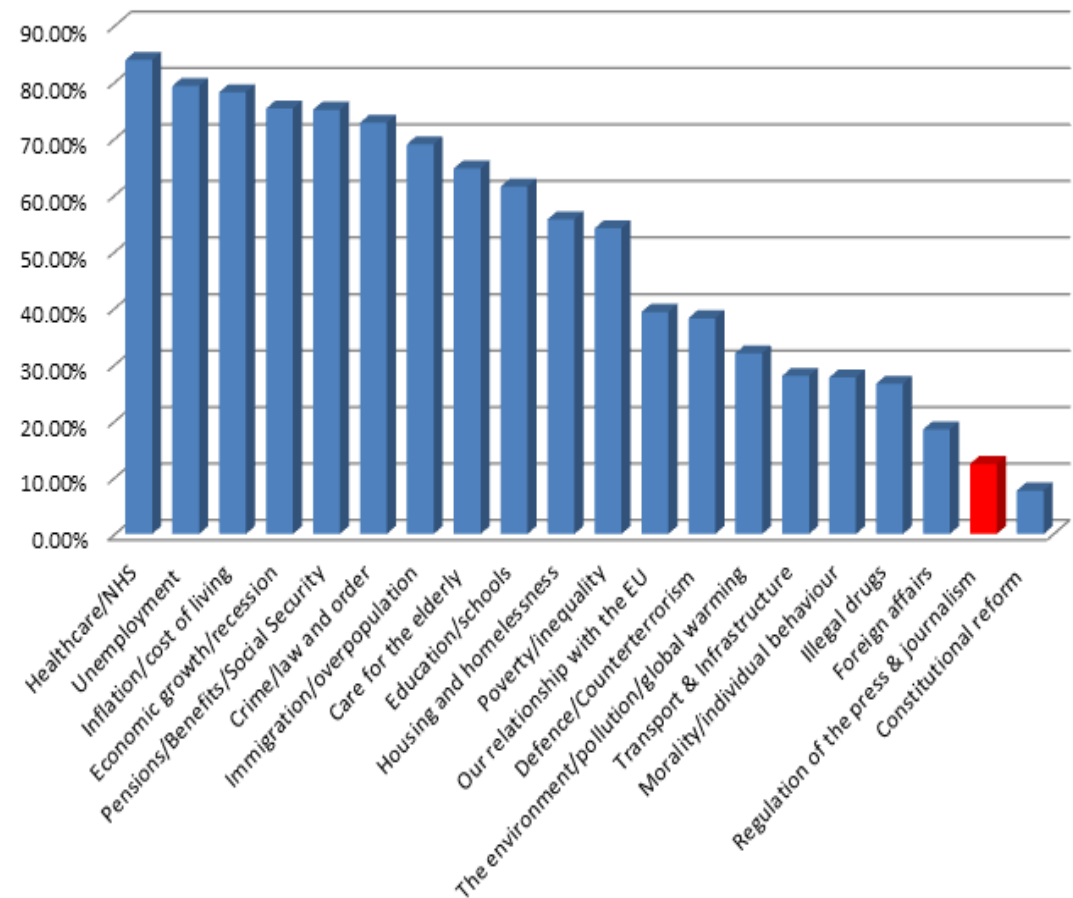
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Overall, after all rankings were taken into account, “regulation of the press & journalism” came 19th out of a list of 20 issues, with only “Constitutional reform” scoring lower in terms of importance.

The top five issues, “Economic growth / Recession”, “Unemployment”, “Inflation / Cost of living”, “Immigration / Overpopulation” and “Healthcare / NHS”, all scored over 10 times higher on level of importance than “regulation of the press & journalism”.

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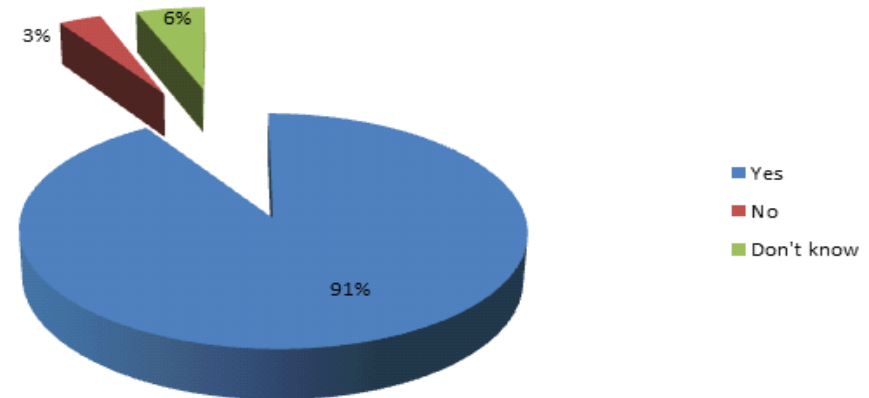
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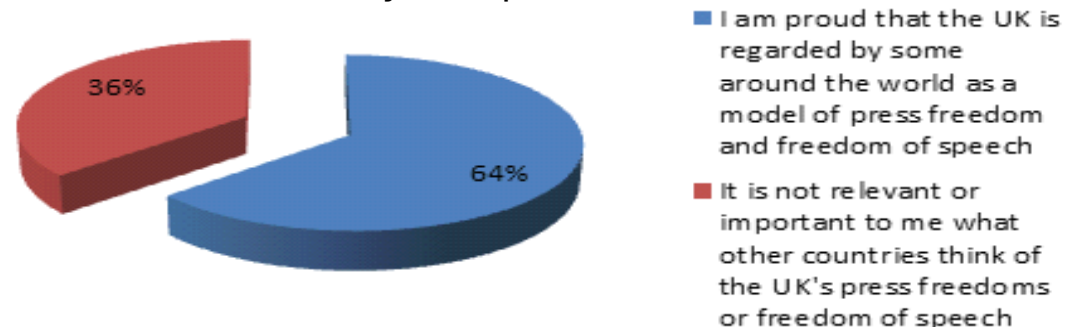
Freedom of speech, on the other hand, seems to be an issue that people care considerably about - 91% of people expressed support for a statement that "people in Britain should have the right to say or write whatever they think on matters of public debate", subject to libel laws.

And 64% said that they were "proud that the United Kingdom is regarded by some around the world as a model of press freedoms and freedom of speech" compared with 36% who did not feel it was relevant or important to them.

Q6 Do you believe people in Britain should have the right to say or write whatever they think on matters of public debate, as long as they do not make false statement that damage other people's reputations (libel/slander)? - a definition of Free Speech.



Q8 Which of the following statements is closest to your opinion?



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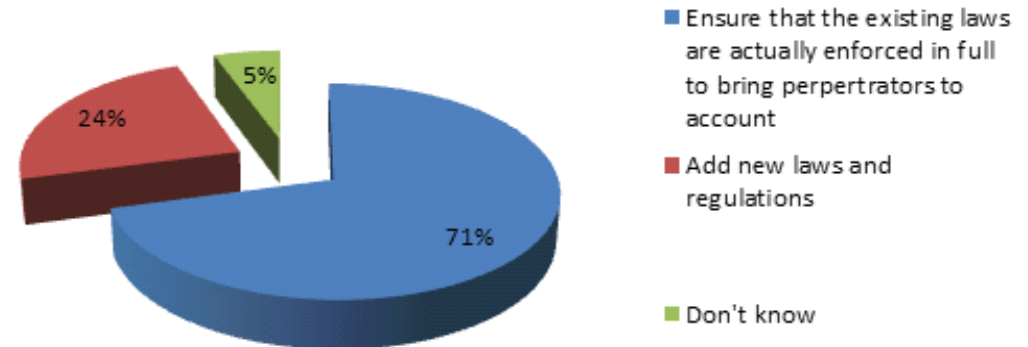
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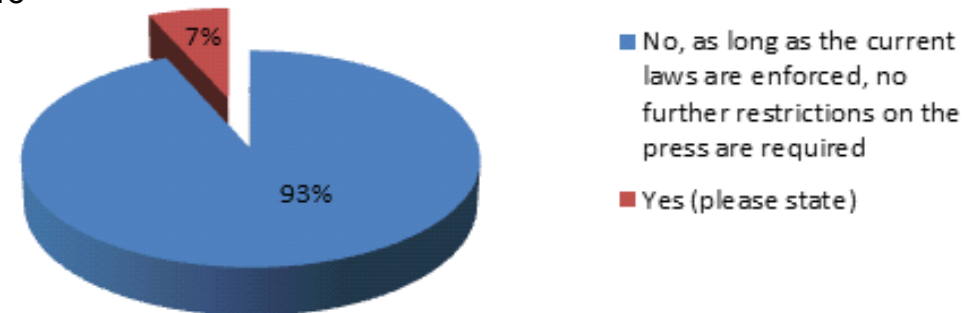
When asked what they thought the government should focus on to stop bad practices by the UK press, a strong majority, 71%, thought the focus should be on ensuring that existing laws are properly enforced, compared with 24% who thought the government should focus on introducing new laws and regulations.

When further pressed on whether there were any specific journalistic practices that they would like to see outlawed or regulated, other than those that were already illegal, support for additional regulation dropped still further, with only 7% of people able to think of anything else they would like to see outlawed or regulated.

Q9 What should the government focus on to stop bad practices and misbehaviour by the media?



Q18



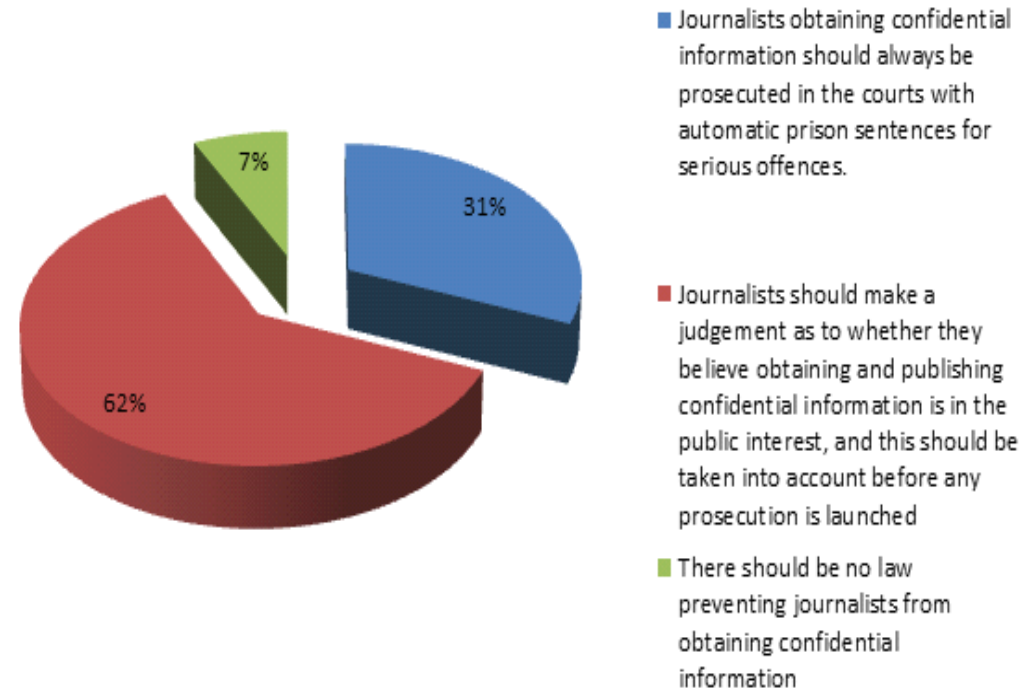
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People were also broadly supportive of journalists exercising their judgements as to when the publishing of confidential information was in the public interest, as opposed to having automatic prosecutions, with 62% in favour of this arrangement, compared with 31% who wanted all such disclosures to result in prosecutions and 7% who wanted no law against publishing confidential information at all.

Q10 Which of the following statements is closest to your opinion?



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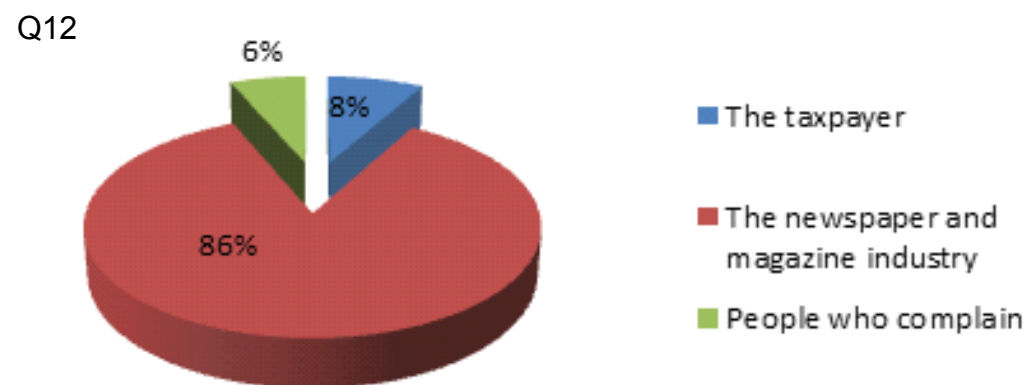
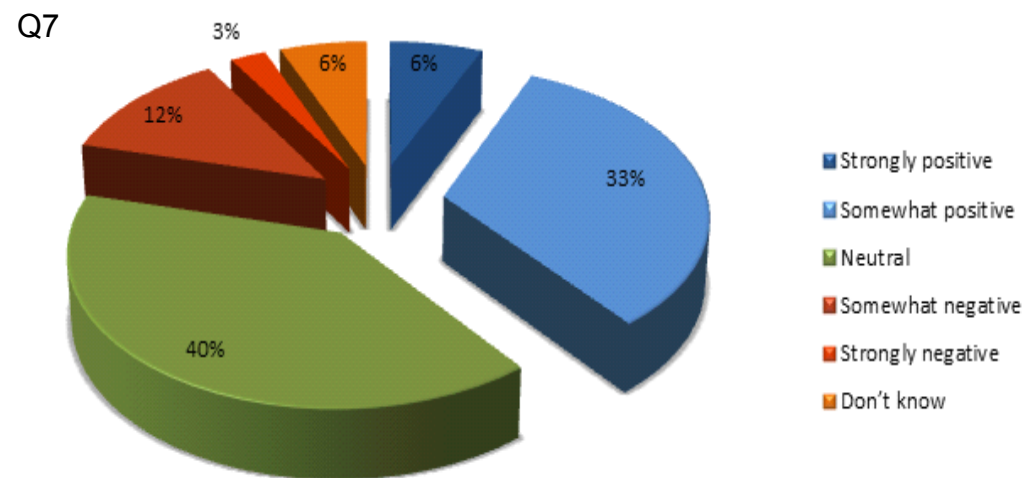
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Overall respondents were reasonably well disposed towards their local newspapers, with 39% saying they were a positive force in their local community, more than double the 15% who thought they were a negative force.

More troubling for local newspapers, however, is the finding that an overwhelming 92% of people thought that any new system of press regulation should also apply to local journalism as well as major national newspapers.

Combined with the fact that 86% of respondents thought that any new regulatory body should be funded by the newspapers that it regulates and any resulting system may well involve a portion of the financial burden falling on local journalists.



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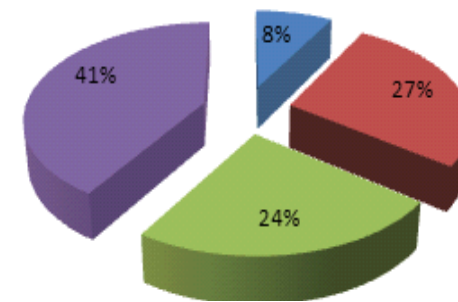
As well as local newspapers, almost two thirds of people, 65%, thought that regulation should extend into the online world applying to websites and blogs, including 41% who thought it should also apply to those using twitter.

This increasing blurring of the distinction between traditional journalism and online media is further highlighted by the fact that over half of people surveyed, 55%, said that if a story was not allowed to be published in UK newspapers due to press laws, they would simply go online and look it up on Google or Twitter.

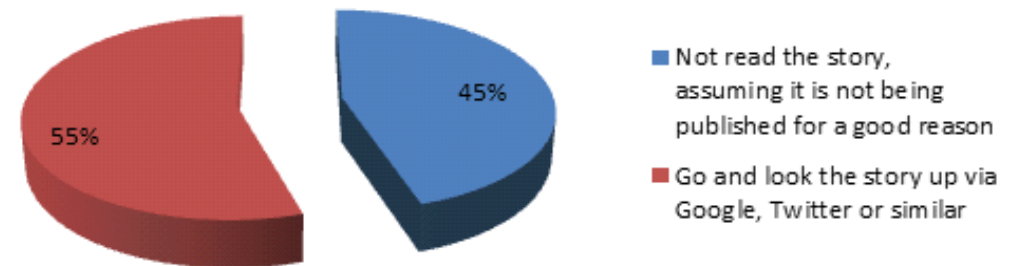
The same proportion, 55%, said they would access the websites of American newspapers to get hold of information not being revealed in the UK.

Q15

- Only apply to journalists working for national newspapers
- As well as the above, also apply to journalists working for smaller, local newspapers
- As well as the above, also apply to anyone operating a website or blog
- As well as the above, also apply to anyone using twitter



Q16



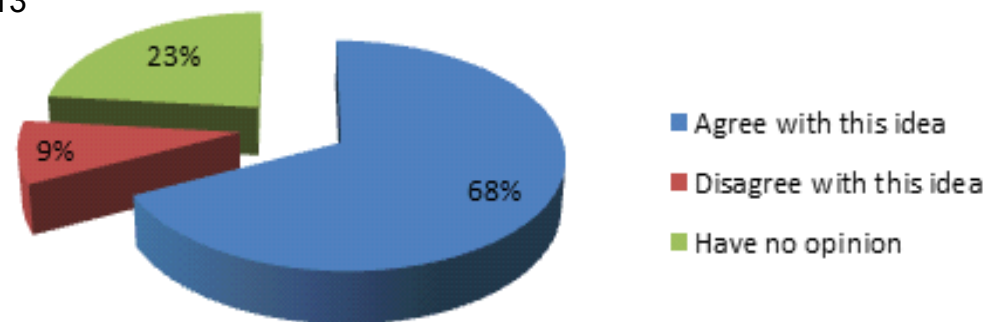
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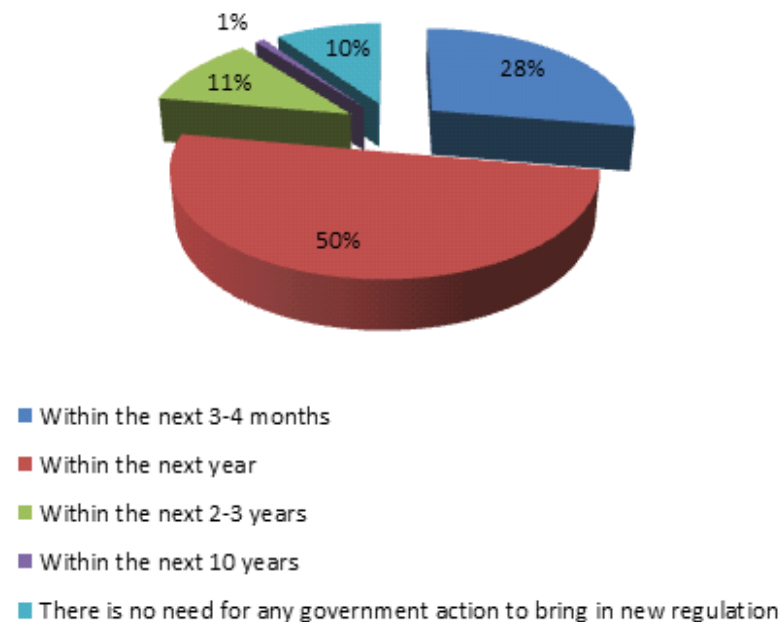
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Two thirds of respondents, 68%, thought that any new system of press regulation should include a provision to allow libel actions to be settled more cheaply and quickly, compared to only 9% who disagreed with the idea, indicating perhaps a broader interest in reforming media law beyond simply restricting unethical journalistic practices.

Q13



Q14



As for the timing of a reforming regulation, 78% of respondents wanted to see any new system in place within the next year, including 28% who want it introduced within the next 3-4 months, suggesting a general desire to see things resolved relatively quickly, a year and a half on from the phone hacking scandal.

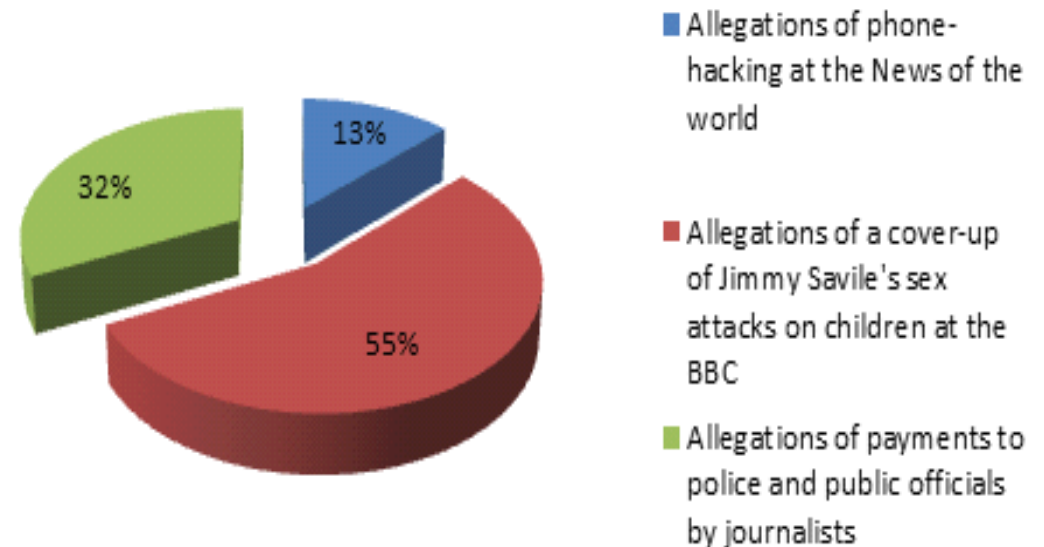
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Finally, 55% of respondents said they were more concerned by allegations of a cover up at the BBC surrounding Jimmy Saville than were concerned by either phone hacking allegations or allegations of payments to police and public officials; a likely indication that people's concerns are significantly swayed by issues that are currently dominating the headlines, but tend to fade over time.

Q19 **There has been a lot of debate about journalistic standards in the recent past. Which issue has concerned you most?**



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Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			SEG				Region3		
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Unweighted Total	1002	516	486	329	398	275	303	200	222	277	343	240	415
Weighted Total	1002	490	512	274	358	371	290	196	221	295	337	223	438
Unemployment	109 10.9%	41 8.3%	68 13.4%	44 16.1%	42 11.7%	24 6.4%	30 10.2%	20 10.1%	24 10.8%	36 12.3%	35 10.3%	21 9.5%	53 12.0%
Economic growth / Recession	201 20.1%	111 22.6%	91 17.7%	32 11.7%	82 23.1%	87 23.4%	84 29.1%	34 17.4%	37 16.7%	46 15.5%	79 23.5%	45 20.4%	75 17.2%
Immigration / Overpopulation	166 16.5%	76 15.4%	90 17.6%	24 8.8%	55 15.4%	87 23.3%	30 10.3%	29 14.7%	42 18.8%	65 22.1%	56 16.6%	39 17.6%	69 15.8%
Inflation / Cost of living	121 12.1%	56 11.3%	65 12.8%	40 14.5%	52 14.5%	29 7.9%	32 11.0%	27 13.8%	29 13.3%	33 11.1%	49 14.5%	31 13.9%	41 9.4%
Our relationship with the EU	36 3.5%	25 5.0%	11 2.1%	6 2.1%	12 3.3%	18 4.9%	14 5.0%	2 1.1%	7 3.4%	11 3.9%	10 3.0%	8 3.6%	17 3.8%
The Environment / Pollution / Global warming	21 2.1%	10 2.0%	11 2.1%	10 3.7%	6 1.5%	5 1.4%	6 1.9%	3 1.6%	9 4.1%	3 1.0%	4 1.2%	6 2.6%	11 2.6%
Crime / Law & Order	52 5.1%	25 5.1%	27 5.2%	21 7.7%	14 4.0%	16 4.4%	12 4.1%	12 6.3%	11 5.0%	16 5.6%	16 4.6%	11 5.1%	25 5.7%
Education / Schools	17 1.7%	9 1.8%	8 1.6%	11 4.2%	6 1.6%	-	8 2.6%	3 1.4%	5 2.4%	2 0.5%	4 1.3%	4 1.7%	9 2.1%
Illegal drugs	15 1.5%	10 2.1%	5 0.9%	9 3.2%	6 1.8%	-	3 0.9%	2 1.3%	6 2.5%	4 1.5%	7 1.9%	2 0.7%	7 1.6%
Care for the elderly	28 2.8%	13 2.7%	15 3.0%	7 2.5%	3 0.8%	19 5.1%	5 1.7%	4 2.3%	11 4.8%	8 2.9%	6 1.9%	7 3.3%	15 3.3%
Housing & homelessness	23 2.3%	11 2.3%	12 2.2%	9 3.2%	7 2.0%	7 1.8%	6 2.0%	5 2.4%	5 2.4%	7 2.3%	5 1.6%	4 1.7%	13 3.0%

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Morality / Individual behaviour	12 1.2%	7 1.5%	5 1.0%	7 2.4%	2 0.5%	4 1.0%	9 3.0%	2 1.0%	-	2 0.5%	5 1.5%	2 0.9%	5 1.2%
Healthcare / NHS	78 7.8%	30 6.1%	48 9.4%	19 6.8%	31 8.7%	28 7.5%	17 6.0%	22 11.4%	13 6.0%	24 8.3%	27 7.9%	11 4.8%	40 9.2%
Regulation of the press & journalism	5 0.5%	3 0.7%	2 0.3%	2 0.9%	1 0.2%	2 0.4%	2 0.6%	-	2 0.7%	2 0.5%	2 0.7%	-	2 0.5%
Transport & Infrastructure	7 0.7%	2 0.5%	5 0.9%	3 1.2%	4 1.0%	-	2 0.6%	2 0.9%	3 1.2%	1 0.3%	2 0.7%	2 0.7%	3 0.7%
Poverty / Inequality	46 4.6%	23 4.6%	24 4.6%	12 4.5%	13 3.7%	20 5.5%	15 5.2%	7 3.7%	10 4.7%	13 4.5%	16 4.7%	12 5.2%	19 4.3%
Constitutional reform	6 0.6%	5 0.9%	1 0.2%	2 0.6%	3 0.7%	1 0.4%	1 0.3%	2 0.8%	2 1.0%	1 0.3%	1 0.2%	1 0.4%	4 0.9%
Foreign Affairs	5 0.5%	2 0.5%	3 0.6%	4 1.4%	-	2 0.4%	-	4 1.9%	-	2 0.6%	-	3 1.4%	2 0.5%
Defence / Counterterrorism	13 1.3%	8 1.6%	5 1.0%	4 1.3%	4 1.2%	5 1.4%	4 1.3%	3 1.3%	1 0.4%	6 2.1%	3 0.9%	3 1.2%	7 1.7%

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Economic growth / Recession	754 75.3%	384 78.5%	370 72.2%	196 71.6%	278 77.7%	280 75.6%	237 81.6%	157 79.8%	157 71.0%	204 69.2%	264 78.3%	166 74.7%	322 73.4%
Immigration / Overpopulation	692 69.0%	342 69.7%	350 68.4%	165 60.2%	238 66.6%	289 77.8%	162 55.8%	129 65.7%	159 72.2%	242 81.9%	231 68.5%	163 73.1%	294 67.2%
Inflation / Cost of living	784 78.2%	368 75.2%	415 81.1%	202 74.0%	289 80.8%	292 78.8%	219 75.4%	154 78.2%	177 80.0%	235 79.6%	269 79.8%	179 80.3%	334 76.2%
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The Environment / Pollution / Global warming	320 32.0%	175 35.7%	145 28.4%	126 45.9%	99 27.6%	96 26.0%	113 39.0%	61 31.2%	71 32.2%	75 25.5%	103 30.6%	69 31.0%	147 33.5%
Crime / Law & Order	729 72.8%	357 72.8%	373 72.8%	193 70.6%	265 74.1%	271 73.2%	198 68.3%	147 74.6%	161 73.0%	223 75.8%	239 70.8%	164 73.6%	323 73.8%
Education / Schools	616 61.5%	271 55.2%	345 67.4%	194 71.0%	226 63.1%	196 52.9%	208 71.6%	119 60.8%	136 61.8%	153 51.7%	215 63.7%	137 61.6%	261 59.6%
Illegal drugs	267 26.6%	133 27.1%	134 26.2%	89 32.5%	85 23.7%	93 25.1%	56 19.3%	47 24.2%	60 27.1%	104 35.1%	89 26.3%	56 25.1%	122 27.9%
Care for the elderly	648 64.7%	282 57.5%	366 71.6%	134 49.1%	236 66.1%	278 74.9%	155 53.5%	124 63.2%	151 68.5%	218 73.9%	223 66.0%	144 64.9%	280 63.8%
Housing & homelessness	558 55.7%	240 48.9%	318 62.1%	157 57.3%	211 58.9%	190 51.3%	141 48.7%	111 56.7%	123 55.7%	182 61.8%	195 57.9%	111 49.9%	248 56.7%

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Morality / Individual behaviour	277 27.7%	156 31.9%	121 23.6%	80 29.3%	101 28.2%	97 26.1%	81 27.8%	58 29.4%	61 27.4%	78 26.6%	72 21.5%	61 27.4%	143 32.6%
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Transport & Infrastructure	280 28.0%	159 32.5%	121 23.6%	92 33.5%	101 28.2%	88 23.7%	115 39.6%	47 23.7%	64 29.1%	55 18.6%	82 24.3%	66 29.7%	131 29.9%
Poverty / Inequality	542 54.1%	245 50.1%	297 58.0%	165 60.3%	205 57.4%	172 46.4%	146 50.3%	118 60.0%	124 56.0%	155 52.5%	194 57.4%	120 54.0%	226 51.7%
Constitutional reform	78 7.7%	52 10.7%	25 4.9%	31 11.3%	30 8.3%	17 4.6%	31 10.6%	17 8.8%	21 9.4%	9 3.0%	18 5.4%	17 7.8%	42 9.6%
Foreign Affairs	185 18.5%	118 24.1%	67 13.1%	65 23.9%	60 16.8%	60 16.2%	77 26.6%	35 17.6%	34 15.3%	40 13.5%	60 17.6%	44 19.6%	82 18.8%
Defence / Counterterrorism	383 38.2%	201 41.0%	182 35.6%	72 26.3%	137 38.2%	175 47.1%	104 35.9%	82 41.6%	75 34.2%	122 41.4%	131 38.8%	85 38.3%	166 37.8%

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Unemployment	5130	2326	2804	1551	1921	1658	1516	1002	1109	1503	1818	1170	2120
Inflation / Cost of living	5084	2358	2726	1312	1926	1846	1426	984	1162	1512	1832	1166	2078
Healthcare / NHS	5008	2208	2800	1338	1862	1808	1461	1025	1100	1422	1692	1065	2234
Immigration / Overpopulation	4591	2247	2344	1014	1565	2011	988	874	1077	1652	1564	1086	1912
Pensions / Benefits / Social Security	4078	2022	2055	943	1456	1678	1114	761	899	1303	1327	900	1832
Crime / Law & Order	3879	1889	1991	1077	1352	1451	1001	804	882	1193	1251	890	1717
Care for the elderly	3245	1426	1819	639	1106	1499	729	660	748	1108	1041	737	1463
Education / Schools	2968	1379	1589	1052	1084	832	1087	551	641	689	993	631	1334
Poverty / Inequality	2928	1310	1618	928	1090	910	847	576	674	830	1047	648	1219
Housing & homelessness	2676	1163	1513	823	998	855	678	527	592	880	902	527	1230
Our relationship with the EU	2170	1330	840	411	679	1081	680	404	497	589	768	489	890
Defence / Counterterrorism	1702	890	812	307	582	812	490	353	310	549	541	375	779

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Table 3
Q5. Of the following list of political issues facing the UK today, please select the ten that you think MPs should most be concerning themselves with addressing, and then carefully rank them in the order of how much parliamentary time you think MPs should be devoting to each one, with the number 1 issue deserving the most time and the number 10 issue deserving the least time of the top 10 - Rank scores
Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			SEG				Region3		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	North & Scotland	Midlands & Wales	South
Weighted Total	1002	490	512	274	358	371	290	196	221	295	337	223	438
The Environment / Pollution / Global warming	1493	784	709	571	459	462	521	293	341	338	450	333	702
Illegal drugs	1218	602	615	442	407	369	249	253	270	445	435	244	539
Morality / Individual behaviour	1213	690	524	346	443	425	401	277	232	303	306	264	643
Transport & Infrastructure	1089	634	455	390	393	306	442	187	243	218	340	248	500
Foreign Affairs	703	453	250	283	215	204	287	127	128	160	210	171	322
Regulation of the press & journalism	419	263	156	208	92	118	145	77	90	106	131	101	187
Constitutional reform	336	232	104	129	136	71	136	74	89	37	62	58	216

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Table 4

Q6. Do you believe people in Britain should have the right to say or write whatever they think on matters of public debate, as long as they do not make false statements that damage other people's reputations (libel/slander)? - a definition of Free Speech.

Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			SEG				Region3		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	North & Scotland	Midlands & Wales	South
Unweighted Total	1002	516	486	329	398	275	303	200	222	277	343	240	415
Weighted Total	1002	490	512	274	358	371	290	196	221	295	337	223	438
Yes	914 91.2%	452 92.3%	462 90.2%	240 87.8%	326 91.1%	347 93.7%	265 91.2%	181 92.4%	201 91.3%	266 90.3%	321 95.0%	196 88.2%	393 89.7%
No	34 3.4%	18 3.6%	16 3.1%	12 4.3%	10 2.7%	12 3.2%	9 3.3%	7 3.5%	10 4.5%	7 2.4%	3 1.0%	11 4.9%	19 4.4%
Don't know	55 5.5%	20 4.1%	35 6.8%	22 7.9%	22 6.1%	11 3.1%	16 5.5%	8 4.1%	9 4.2%	21 7.3%	13 3.9%	15 6.9%	26 5.9%

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Table 5
Q7. Thinking about any local newspapers published in your home town or county, do you think they are on balance a positive or a negative force in your local community?
Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			SEG				Region3		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	North & Scotland	Midlands & Wales	South
Unweighted Total	1002	516	486	329	398	275	303	200	222	277	343	240	415
Weighted Total	1002	490	512	274	358	371	290	196	221	295	337	223	438
(5) Strongly positive	65 6.5%	29 6.0%	35 6.9%	14 5.1%	24 6.6%	27 7.3%	16 5.6%	16 8.3%	12 5.4%	20 6.8%	20 5.9%	16 7.3%	29 6.5%
(4) Somewhat positive	330 33.0%	170 34.7%	160 31.3%	75 27.4%	120 33.6%	135 36.5%	119 40.9%	69 35.2%	63 28.7%	79 26.8%	117 34.6%	62 27.7%	152 34.7%
(3) Neutral	397 39.6%	188 38.3%	209 40.9%	109 39.8%	149 41.7%	139 37.5%	95 32.8%	76 38.8%	90 40.9%	136 46.0%	127 37.7%	99 44.4%	169 38.5%
(2) Somewhat negative	124 12.4%	63 12.9%	61 12.0%	46 16.7%	36 10.0%	43 11.6%	35 12.0%	22 11.1%	33 14.8%	35 11.8%	45 13.2%	27 11.9%	52 11.8%
(1) Strongly negative	25 2.5%	15 3.1%	10 1.9%	12 4.6%	7 1.9%	5 1.4%	6 2.1%	3 1.7%	7 3.3%	8 2.7%	10 3.0%	5 2.3%	10 2.2%
Don't Know	61 6.1%	25 5.0%	36 7.0%	18 6.4%	22 6.2%	21 5.7%	19 6.4%	10 4.9%	15 6.9%	17 5.9%	19 5.7%	14 6.4%	27 6.2%
Net: Positive	395 39.4%	199 40.7%	196 38.2%	89 32.5%	144 40.1%	162 43.8%	135 46.6%	86 43.5%	75 34.1%	99 33.6%	136 40.4%	78 35.0%	181 41.2%
Net: Negative	149 14.9%	78 15.9%	71 13.8%	58 21.3%	43 11.9%	48 13.0%	41 14.2%	25 12.8%	40 18.1%	43 14.5%	55 16.2%	32 14.2%	61 14.0%
Mean	3.30	3.29	3.32	3.13	3.35	3.39	3.38	3.39	3.20	3.25	3.29	3.28	3.34
Standard deviation	0.88	0.89	0.86	0.93	0.84	0.85	0.87	0.87	0.90	0.87	0.90	0.87	0.87
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.04

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Table 6
Q8. Which of the following statements is closest to your opinion?
Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			SEG				Region3		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	North & Scotland	Midlands & Wales	South
Unweighted Total	1002	516	486	329	398	275	303	200	222	277	343	240	415
Weighted Total	1002	490	512	274	358	371	290	196	221	295	337	223	438
I am proud that the United Kingdom is regarded by some around the world as a model of press freedoms and freedom of speech	637 63.6%	321 65.6%	316 61.6%	160 58.6%	216 60.5%	260 70.2%	193 66.7%	119 60.6%	136 61.6%	188 63.9%	209 62.1%	128 57.6%	296 67.6%
It is not relevant or important to me what other countries think of the UK's press freedoms or freedom of speech	365 36.4%	169 34.4%	196 38.4%	113 41.4%	141 39.5%	111 29.8%	97 33.3%	77 39.4%	85 38.4%	106 36.1%	128 37.9%	94 42.4%	142 32.4%

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Table 7

Recently there has been much criticism of press practices such as phone hacking, making payments to public officials, hacking of computers and contempt of court. These practices are all illegal, and some people believe that the solution to press misbehaviour is make sure the existing law is fully enforced and that journalists that commit such offences are prosecuted for doing so. Other people believe that the law needs to be changed to add further regulations to the behaviour of journalists.

Q9. What should the government focus on to stop bad practices and misbehaviour by the media?

Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			SEG				Region3		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	North & Scotland	Midlands & Wales	South
Unweighted Total	1002	516	486	329	398	275	303	200	222	277	343	240	415
Weighted Total	1002	490	512	274	358	371	290	196	221	295	337	223	438
Ensure that the existing laws are actually enforced in full to bring perpetrators to account	709 70.7%	338 69.1%	371 72.4%	175 63.8%	238 66.6%	296 79.9%	211 72.8%	148 75.2%	149 67.3%	201 68.3%	255 75.5%	163 73.3%	288 65.7%
Add new laws and regulations	238 23.7%	124 25.2%	114 22.2%	74 27.0%	100 27.9%	64 17.2%	65 22.3%	41 20.7%	57 25.9%	75 25.4%	64 18.9%	49 21.8%	125 28.4%
Don't Know	56 5.5%	28 5.7%	28 5.4%	25 9.1%	20 5.5%	11 2.9%	14 4.8%	8 4.1%	15 6.8%	19 6.3%	19 5.6%	11 4.9%	26 5.9%

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Table 8
Q10. What is the biggest failing that the phone hacking scandal has uncovered?
Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			SEG				Region3		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	North & Scotland	Midlands & Wales	South
Unweighted Total	1002	516	486	329	398	275	303	200	222	277	343	240	415
Weighted Total	1002	490	512	274	358	371	290	196	221	295	337	223	438
Failings of journalists to adequately adhere to their own codes of practice	547 54.6%	266 54.4%	281 54.9%	120 43.8%	199 55.6%	228 61.6%	168 58.0%	108 55.2%	119 53.9%	152 51.4%	181 53.6%	122 54.8%	243 55.4%
Failings of the police to adequately investigate and pursue criminal wrongdoing in the press	313 31.2%	149 30.3%	164 32.1%	101 36.7%	112 31.3%	101 27.1%	84 29.0%	59 29.8%	69 31.2%	102 34.5%	112 33.3%	72 32.4%	127 29.1%
Failings of politicians to adequately regulate the press	142 14.1%	75 15.3%	67 13.0%	53 19.5%	47 13.1%	42 11.2%	38 13.0%	30 15.0%	33 14.9%	42 14.1%	44 13.1%	28 12.8%	68 15.5%

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Table 9

Q11. One important function of newspapers is investigative journalism. This sometimes involves obtaining and publishing confidential information.

Examples of this include the Daily Telegraph exposing the scandal over MPs' expenses, but also the News of the World hacking the phones of people in the news. Do you believe:*

Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			SEG				Region3		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	North & Scotland	Midlands & Wales	South
Unweighted Total	1002	516	486	329	398	275	303	200	222	277	343	240	415
Weighted Total	1002	490	512	274	358	371	290	196	221	295	337	223	438
Journalist obtaining confidential information should always be prosecuted in the courts, with automatic prison sentences for serious offences	314 31.4%	162 33.1%	152 29.7%	89 32.4%	106 29.6%	120 32.3%	67 23.0%	67 33.9%	67 30.3%	114 38.7%	107 31.9%	80 36.0%	126 28.7%
Journalists should make a judgement as to whether they believe obtaining and publishing confidential information is in the public interest, and this should be taken into account before any prosecution is launched	617 61.6%	291 59.3%	326 63.7%	157 57.5%	226 63.2%	234 63.0%	202 69.7%	117 59.4%	140 63.2%	158 53.7%	206 61.1%	128 57.7%	279 63.6%
There should be no law preventing journalists from obtaining confidential information	71 7.1%	37 7.6%	34 6.6%	28 10.1%	26 7.2%	17 4.7%	21 7.2%	13 6.7%	14 6.5%	23 7.7%	24 7.0%	14 6.3%	33 7.6%

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Table 10
Q12. Who should pay for any organisation regulating newspapers and magazines, and dealing with complaints against them?
Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			SEG				Region3		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	North & Scotland	Midlands & Wales	South
Unweighted Total	1002	516	486	329	398	275	303	200	222	277	343	240	415
Weighted Total	1002	490	512	274	358	371	290	196	221	295	337	223	438
The taxpayer	82 8.1%	46 9.4%	35 6.9%	31 11.5%	27 7.5%	23 6.2%	31 10.7%	15 7.6%	16 7.5%	19 6.5%	26 7.8%	12 5.5%	43 9.8%
The newspaper and magazine industry	856 85.5%	410 83.6%	447 87.3%	211 77.2%	313 87.5%	332 89.6%	237 81.8%	170 86.7%	190 86.0%	259 87.9%	287 85.1%	194 87.0%	372 84.9%
People who complain	64 6.4%	34 7.0%	30 5.8%	31 11.3%	18 4.9%	15 4.2%	22 7.5%	11 5.7%	14 6.5%	17 5.6%	24 7.1%	17 7.5%	23 5.3%

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Table 11

Q13. Recently there has been much criticism of the British legal system for encouraging 'libel tourism' under which very rich foreigners use British courts to sue publications abroad. At the same time, the very high cost of libel actions means ordinary members of the British public cannot afford to bring cases themselves, and British newspapers sometimes cannot afford to defend actions against very rich people.

It has been proposed that a new system of press regulation should include a provision to allow libel actions to be settled more cheaply and more quickly. Do you...*

Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			SEG				Region3		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	North & Scotland	Midlands & Wales	South
Unweighted Total	1002	516	486	329	398	275	303	200	222	277	343	240	415
Weighted Total	1002	490	512	274	358	371	290	196	221	295	337	223	438
Agree with this idea	678 67.7%	347 70.7%	331 64.7%	153 55.9%	244 68.3%	281 75.8%	212 73.1%	133 67.5%	153 69.2%	181 61.2%	239 70.8%	150 67.3%	287 65.6%
Disagree with this idea	90 9.0%	55 11.3%	35 6.9%	38 14.0%	25 7.0%	27 7.2%	20 6.8%	19 9.8%	21 9.3%	31 10.5%	28 8.3%	17 7.7%	45 10.3%
Have no opinion	234 23.3%	88 18.0%	145 28.4%	82 30.1%	88 24.7%	63 17.0%	58 20.1%	44 22.6%	47 21.5%	83 28.3%	70 20.9%	56 24.9%	106 24.2%

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Table 12
Q14. How soon should the government be aiming to introduce any new system of press regulation?
Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			SEG				Region3		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	North & Scotland	Midlands & Wales	South
Unweighted Total	1002	516	486	329	398	275	303	200	222	277	343	240	415
Weighted Total	1002	490	512	274	358	371	290	196	221	295	337	223	438
Within the next 3-4 months	276 27.6%	134 27.3%	143 27.8%	60 22.0%	107 29.9%	109 29.5%	70 24.3%	51 26.1%	67 30.5%	87 29.6%	90 26.7%	62 27.9%	123 28.2%
Within the next year	502 50.1%	231 47.1%	272 53.1%	140 51.1%	185 51.7%	178 48.0%	139 47.8%	105 53.2%	106 48.2%	153 51.9%	178 52.7%	106 47.8%	216 49.4%
Within the next 2-3 years	115 11.5%	61 12.5%	54 10.5%	49 17.9%	34 9.5%	32 8.6%	40 13.8%	22 11.1%	27 12.4%	25 8.6%	33 9.9%	29 13.1%	52 11.9%
Within the next 10 years	9 0.9%	7 1.4%	2 0.4%	2 0.9%	5 1.5%	1 0.3%	3 0.9%	-	4 1.6%	3 0.9%	2 0.7%	3 1.3%	4 0.8%
There is no need for any government action to bring in new regulation	100 9.9%	58 11.7%	42 8.2%	22 8.2%	27 7.5%	50 13.6%	38 13.2%	19 9.6%	16 7.3%	26 8.9%	34 10.0%	22 9.9%	42 9.7%

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Table 13

Q15. Many people now get their news from websites or twitter rather than from newspapers or television. Apart from some websites operated by newspapers, there is at the moment no regulation of news on the internet or on twitter, even though some twitter users now have a number of followers similar to the readership of major daily newspapers. If there is a new tougher system of regulation for journalists, possibly involving punishment by fines, should it...*

Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			SEG				Region3		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	North & Scotland	Midlands & Wales	South
Unweighted Total	1002	516	486	329	398	275	303	200	222	277	343	240	415
Weighted Total	1002	490	512	274	358	371	290	196	221	295	337	223	438
Only apply to journalists working for national newspapers	83 8.2%	48 9.7%	35 6.8%	43 15.6%	25 7.0%	15 4.0%	22 7.6%	20 10.4%	22 10.0%	18 6.1%	28 8.4%	22 9.7%	32 7.2%
As well as the above, also apply to journalists working for smaller, local newspapers	270 27.0%	124 25.2%	147 28.7%	122 44.7%	99 27.5%	50 13.4%	88 30.4%	64 32.5%	54 24.6%	64 21.8%	91 27.1%	52 23.2%	128 29.1%
As well as the above, also apply to anyone operating a website or blog	238 23.7%	113 23.0%	125 24.4%	59 21.5%	84 23.6%	94 25.5%	56 19.3%	44 22.3%	50 22.6%	88 29.8%	86 25.6%	49 21.8%	102 23.3%
As well as the above, also apply to anyone using twitter	411 41.0%	206 42.0%	205 40.1%	50 18.1%	150 41.8%	212 57.2%	124 42.7%	68 34.8%	95 42.9%	124 42.2%	131 38.9%	101 45.3%	177 40.3%

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Table 14

Q16. If you knew that a story about a topic or person in which you were interested was not being published by newspapers because its publication was against tough new laws regulating newspapers, but was being published on the internet by bloggers or twitter, would you...

Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			SEG				Region3		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	North & Scotland	Midlands & Wales	South
Unweighted Total	1002	516	486	329	398	275	303	200	222	277	343	240	415
Weighted Total	1002	490	512	274	358	371	290	196	221	295	337	223	438
Not read the story, assuming it is not being published for a good reason	452 45.1%	207 42.3%	244 47.7%	84 30.6%	143 39.9%	225 60.6%	106 36.7%	93 47.3%	93 42.0%	160 54.1%	152 45.1%	106 47.8%	190 43.4%
Go and look the story up via Google, Twitter or similar	550 54.9%	283 57.7%	268 52.3%	190 69.4%	215 60.1%	146 39.4%	184 63.3%	104 52.7%	128 58.0%	135 45.9%	185 54.9%	116 52.2%	248 56.6%

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Table 15

Q17. Different countries have varying systems of press regulation. The United States of America, under it's constitution has no press regulation. Sometimes this means U.S. citizens have access to information on British matters that is not available to the British public. Under a more restrictive regulatory system in the UK, this is likely to happen more often.

If you were aware that a British news story was available on American websites but not British ones, do you think you would...*

Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			SEG				Region3		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	North & Scotland	Midlands & Wales	South
Unweighted Total	1002	516	486	329	398	275	303	200	222	277	343	240	415
Weighted Total	1002	490	512	274	358	371	290	196	221	295	337	223	438
Be satisfied that the UK authorities had made a good decision about what the public should or should not know	455 45.4%	205 41.9%	249 48.7%	116 42.5%	151 42.3%	187 50.5%	111 38.1%	86 43.9%	92 41.5%	166 56.4%	148 44.0%	111 49.7%	193 44.1%
Access an American website to access information you were interested in, despite it not being viewable on UK websites	547 54.6%	285 58.1%	263 51.3%	157 57.5%	206 57.7%	184 49.5%	179 61.9%	110 56.1%	129 58.5%	129 43.6%	189 56.0%	112 50.3%	245 55.9%

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Table 16

Q18. Apart from already illegal practices such as phone hacking, computer hacking, contempt of court and making payments to public officials, are there any additional recent practices of some of the British press that you think the government needs to outlaw or regulate?

Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			SEG				Region3		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	North & Scotland	Midlands & Wales	South
Unweighted Total	1002	516	486	329	398	275	303	200	222	277	343	240	415
Weighted Total	1002	490	512	274	358	371	290	196	221	295	337	223	438
No, as long as the current laws are enforced, no further restrictions on the press are required	937 93.5%	457 93.3%	480 93.7%	258 94.3%	334 93.5%	345 93.0%	266 91.8%	182 92.8%	208 94.2%	281 95.1%	318 94.4%	209 94.1%	405 92.5%
Yes (Please State)	65 6.5%	33 6.7%	32 6.3%	16 5.7%	23 6.5%	26 7.0%	24 8.2%	14 7.2%	13 5.8%	14 4.9%	19 5.6%	13 5.9%	33 7.5%

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Table 17
Q19. There has been a lot of debate about journalistic standards in the recent past. Which issue has concerned you most?
Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			SEG				Region3		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	North & Scotland	Midlands & Wales	South
Unweighted Total	1002	516	486	329	398	275	303	200	222	277	343	240	415
Weighted Total	1002	490	512	274	358	371	290	196	221	295	337	223	438
Allegations of phone-hacking at the News of the World	126 12.6%	68 13.9%	58 11.4%	44 16.2%	48 13.5%	33 9.0%	42 14.5%	24 12.3%	26 11.6%	34 11.7%	43 12.9%	22 10.1%	60 13.8%
Allegations of a cover-up of Jimmy Savile's sex attacks on children at the BBC	554 55.2%	240 48.9%	314 61.3%	142 51.8%	200 56.0%	211 57.0%	129 44.6%	110 55.8%	133 60.3%	181 61.5%	197 58.3%	112 50.5%	243 55.4%
Allegations of payments to police and public officials by journalists	322 32.2%	183 37.3%	140 27.3%	87 32.0%	109 30.4%	126 34.0%	118 40.8%	63 31.9%	62 28.1%	79 26.9%	97 28.8%	88 39.4%	135 30.9%