

YouGov / Media Standards Trust Survey Results

Sample Size: 1859 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 9th - 10th October 2013

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How important, if at all, do you think it is that a new system of press self-regulation is periodically reviewed by an independent commission?

Very important	40	37	48	47	33	38	47	48	45	35	22	36	41	50	45	33	42	37	38	42	45
Fairly important	31	34	31	37	35	33	28	33	31	31	34	33	31	28	32	29	31	31	34	28	33
TOTAL IMPORTANT	71	71	79	84	68	71	75	81	76	66	56	69	72	78	77	62	73	68	72	70	78
Not very important	10	12	9	5	18	13	11	5	11	10	7	9	11	11	9	12	6	12	11	11	6
Not important at all	4	8	2	1	7	6	3	2	5	4	4	4	4	5	3	6	4	4	5	4	4
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	14	20	11	6	25	19	14	7	16	14	11	13	15	16	12	18	10	16	16	15	10
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Fairly important	31	35	34	30	29	37	36	24	9	29	36
TOTAL IMPORTANT	71	71	57	71	88	90	79	63	34	85	86
Not very important	10	12	18	13	5	8	8	6	3	5	6
Not important at all	4	6	6	5	0	1	2	5	1	1	4
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	14	18	24	18	5	9	10	11	4	6	10
Don't know	15	11	18	10	7	1	11	26	62	8	4

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How much confidence would you have in a system of press regulation established by the major newspaper publishers, if that system was not reviewed independently?

A lot of confidence	3	6	1	2	2	2	3	0	4	1	5	3	2	2	2	4	4	3	1	2	3
A fair amount of confidence	12	18	11	15	12	16	11	8	14	10	20	12	12	9	11	13	14	10	14	13	12
TOTAL CONFIDENCE	15	24	12	17	14	18	14	8	18	11	25	15	14	11	13	17	18	13	15	15	15
Not much confidence	42	46	41	41	51	48	41	38	38	46	37	41	40	47	42	42	34	46	44	41	37
No confidence at all	31	23	40	39	25	24	36	44	38	25	12	28	36	36	35	26	34	30	31	30	34
TOTAL NO CONFIDENCE	73	69	81	80	76	72	77	82	76	71	49	69	76	83	77	68	68	76	75	71	71
Don't know	12	8	7	4	11	9	9	9	6	18	25	15	9	6	10	15	14	11	10	14	14

Imagine the press goes ahead and sets up a regulator without seeking independent recognition. What risk, if any do you think there is that there would be a repeat of unethical and illegal practices (such as phone-hacking and intrusions into people's private lives) that were revealed during the Leveson Inquiry?

A large risk	47	41	57	53	38	42	52	57	50	45	29	46	48	55	51	43	52	46	46	45	54
A small risk	32	40	28	33	44	40	32	27	33	31	33	29	33	33	33	30	26	33	32	33	31
TOTAL RISK	79	81	85	86	82	82	84	84	83	76	62	75	81	88	84	73	78	79	78	78	85
No real risk	6	7	5	5	6	6	4	4	6	6	7	6	6	4	5	7	8	6	6	5	2
No risk at all	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	1
TOTAL NO RISK	7	8	6	7	7	7	5	5	8	6	9	7	7	5	6	8	9	7	6	7	3
Don't know	14	10	9	7	11	11	10	12	9	19	29	17	12	8	10	20	14	14	15	14	13

How important, if at all, do you think it is that any system of self-regulation developed by the press ought to be put to public consultation before being finalised?

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Thinking about the newspaper you tend to read the most, which of these statements comes closest to your view?

[Only asked to respondents who read a newspaper, online or paper; n=1457]

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I do not want the newspaper I read to participate in this new system of regulation and will disappointed if they do

I do not really mind either way

Don't know

56	53	65	73	42	50	61	72	59	53	44	52	60	58	63	47	59	53	59	54	62
7	10	5	9	8	10	7	4	9	6	10	10	5	8	7	7	10	8	6	7	4
28	32	22	15	42	34	25	15	27	29	34	27	27	29	24	34	24	31	27	29	26
8	6	7	2	7	6	8	9	5	12	11	11	9	6	6	11	7	8	8	10	8

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I do not really mind either way	28	32	39	30	17	19	24	0	0	17	18
Don't know	8	8	12	9	10	6	10	0	0	8	5