

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 650 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 21st August 2013

	Voting intention				2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem *	UKIP	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 650	X	X	X	X	190	151	131	315	335	77	164	222	186	371	280	83	211	139	160	57	
Unweighted Sample	650	174	167	41	103	225	140	134	304	346	18	163	242	227	452	198	72	228	126	174	50
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

It has been reported that David Cameron instructed the intelligence services to recover the computer drives that the Guardian possessed, containing the files provided by Edward Snowden, the former US intelligence officer now in Russia. Do you think that the Prime Minister acted mainly because...?

He was concerned that the files contained information that might help terrorists and he wanted to prevent this information from falling into the wrong hands	39	64	25	28	41	56	28	31	39	39	37	31	41	46	40	38	24	37	44	41	55
He was angry that the Guardian had this information and wanted to act against the newspaper to curb its reporting of the information in Mr Snowden's files	34	14	51	43	36	22	44	44	37	31	37	35	31	34	34	33	36	36	30	32	35
Neither	7	8	10	11	1	5	12	6	6	7	6	8	9	3	8	5	11	6	5	8	3
Don't know	21	14	15	18	22	18	16	19	18	23	19	26	20	17	18	23	29	21	22	19	7

Whatever the Prime Minister's motives, do you think he was right or wrong to instruct the intelligence services in this way?

Right - he has the ultimate responsibility for the nation's security	43	66	32	28	53	64	34	30	44	41	39	29	45	53	45	40	28	42	51	38	59
Wrong - no politician should get involved in such decisions, which should be left to the police and/or intelligence agencies	25	18	27	41	28	23	25	33	20	30	11	29	30	22	26	23	33	26	21	26	15
Wrong - the action against the Guardian was wrong, whoever authorised it	15	6	24	21	11	7	19	24	20	10	12	16	13	17	17	12	9	15	12	16	27
Don't know	18	10	17	10	8	7	21	13	16	19	38	25	12	8	12	25	30	16	16	20	0

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The Guardian says it is in the public interest to publish the information from Mr Snowden's files, but that it is not publishing anything that might put lives at risk or help terrorism. In general, do you think the Guardian is right or wrong to publish its stories about Mr Snowden's files?

Right - the public has a right to know about the surveillance activities of the British and American intelligence agencies	42	27	62	37	46	32	46	54	49	35	38	41	40	46	43	40	29	49	30	46	53
Wrong - this is stolen information and the Guardian cannot be sure what information might help terrorists	38	59	21	39	40	57	31	30	36	39	34	33	40	41	41	33	39	31	50	31	46
Don't know	21	14	17	24	14	11	23	16	15	26	28	26	21	13	15	28	32	20	20	23	1

**Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 50 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures will be italicised.*