

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 716 UK opinion formers

Fieldwork: 26/06/13 - 05/07/13

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It has been suggested that the law should be changed to give police and security services access to the records kept by mobile phone and internet service provider companies. These would include individuals' web browsing, email and social media activity, though not the content of emails or social messages.

In principle do you think this proposal...

	Base	716	221	180	67	57	43	423	291	281	100	106	100	60	283	125	520	84	87
Goes too far: it undermines our right to privacy	51%	39%	56%	49%	49%	74%	49%	53%	48%	46%	43%	46%	60%	52%	54%	49%	57%	54%	
Is a good idea, given the way technology is evolving	39%	48%	36%	39%	37%	23%	39%	40%	41%	36%	44%	45%	37%	38%	39%	39%	35%	41%	
Does not go far enough: the police and security services should also access to the content of emails and social messages	6%	9%	6%	4%	9%	2%	8%	3%	7%	11%	7%	4%	-	5%	4%	7%	6%	2%	
Don't know	4%	3%	3%	7%	5%	-	4%	4%	3%	7%	6%	5%	3%	4%	3%	4%	2%	2%	

Whatever the legal position, in practice how much information do you think the intelligence services have access to on ordinary people?

	Base	716	221	180	67	57	43	423	291	281	100	106	100	60	283	125	520	84	87
In practice the security services probably have access to almost everything about us	44%	44%	44%	37%	53%	44%	44%	44%	49%	41%	38%	33%	32%	45%	41%	45%	40%	40%	
In practice the security services probably have wide access to a lot of personal information about us	48%	48%	49%	51%	32%	49%	47%	49%	43%	51%	50%	59%	62%	48%	55%	46%	52%	51%	
In practice the security services probably don't have access to that much personal information about us	7%	8%	4%	10%	9%	5%	7%	6%	7%	6%	9%	7%	5%	4%	3%	7%	6%	7%	
In practice the security services probably have access to hardly any of our personal information	1%	-	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	
Don't know	1%	-	1%	-	5%	-	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	-	2%	2%	-	1%	-	-	

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And in practical terms, without a court order how much information do you think the security services SHOULD be able to access about ordinary people they are investigating?

	Base	716	221	180	67	57	43	423	291	281	100	106	100	60	283	125	520	84	87
In practice the security services should have access to almost everything about ordinary people they are investigating	12%	18%	11%	7%	16%	9%	15%	8%	17%	10%	13%	12%	12%	9%	6%	14%	8%	8%	
In practice the security services should have wide access to a lot of personal information about ordinary people they are investigating	35%	40%	29%	37%	44%	14%	34%	37%	36%	38%	35%	37%	28%	36%	38%	35%	33%	36%	
In practice the security services shouldn't have access to that much personal information about ordinary people they are investigating	38%	32%	44%	45%	19%	47%	35%	41%	35%	31%	40%	43%	42%	35%	41%	37%	36%	41%	
In practice the security services should have access to hardly any personal information about ordinary people they are investigating	14%	10%	16%	10%	21%	30%	15%	13%	11%	19%	10%	7%	17%	18%	14%	13%	21%	15%	
Don't know	1%	0%	1%	-	-	-	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	-	

Recently Edward Snowden, an IT contractor working for the CIA, leaked confidential documents to the press about how the United States government was monitoring telephone calls and emails. Do you think Mr Snowden was right or wrong to give this information to the press?

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Right	52%	31%	66%	55%	56%	84%	51%	54%	44%	51%	52%	48%	48%	60%	52%	50%	56%	57%	
Wrong	37%	60%	25%	33%	40%	12%	41%	32%	49%	35%	37%	38%	32%	26%	35%	40%	32%	31%	
Don't know	10%	10%	9%	12%	4%	5%	8%	14%	7%	14%	11%	14%	20%	14%	13%	10%	12%	11%	

And do you think Mr Snowden should or should not face prosecution for leaking confidential documents to the press?

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Should be prosecuted	43%	64%	27%	43%	47%	23%	49%	35%	52%	39%	38%	41%	40%	34%	42%	45%	38%	41%	
Should not be prosecuted	43%	24%	62%	42%	49%	65%	41%	47%	38%	43%	49%	44%	28%	48%	43%	42%	52%	44%	
Don't know	13%	12%	11%	15%	4%	12%	11%	17%	9%	18%	13%	15%	32%	18%	15%	13%	10%	15%	

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The UK needs better protection for whistleblowers to encourage the truth to emerge earlier. How far do you agree with this statement?

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Strongly agree	42%	26%	51%	54%	54%	65%	41%	44%	39%	45%	42%	37%	33%	53%	36%	43%	45%	33%	
Agree	37%	42%	33%	34%	25%	30%	36%	39%	38%	33%	33%	35%	43%	33%	42%	36%	32%	52%	
Neither agree nor disagree	12%	20%	9%	6%	11%	2%	13%	10%	15%	11%	14%	19%	18%	7%	14%	13%	13%	8%	
Disagree	5%	9%	2%	4%	7%	2%	6%	3%	6%	6%	5%	4%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	5%	
Strongly disagree	1%	1%	2%	-	2%	-	1%	1%	1%	2%	-	1%	-	1%	-	1%	1%	-	
Don't know	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	-	2%	3%	1%	3%	6%	4%	3%	3%	5%	3%	2%	2%	

Following the leak of the USA's programme of surveillance, last week it has emerged that in the UK GCHQ has also been monitoring phone and internet traffic through its TEMPORA programme. To what extent are you surprised by these revelations?

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Very surprised	2%	2%	3%	1%	4%	-	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	-	2%	5%	2%	2%	6%	
Somewhat surprised	14%	9%	20%	16%	7%	19%	13%	16%	10%	15%	16%	15%	18%	16%	21%	13%	19%	17%	
Not surprised at all	83%	89%	77%	82%	89%	79%	84%	82%	88%	82%	82%	83%	80%	81%	74%	85%	79%	77%	
Don't know	0%	-	-	-	-	2%	-	0%	-	1%	-	-	2%	-	-	0%	-	-	

And do you think security agencies in the UK conduct more or less surveillance than other comparable Western nations?

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Less than other Western nations	1%	-	1%	1%	5%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	-	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
The same as other Western nations	51%	60%	43%	52%	44%	35%	48%	55%	50%	54%	51%	52%	53%	50%	47%	52%	50%	44%	
More than other Western nations	41%	34%	48%	42%	42%	56%	45%	33%	41%	34%	38%	38%	32%	40%	44%	37%	46%	51%	
Don't know	8%	6%	8%	4%	9%	7%	6%	10%	7%	9%	11%	8%	13%	8%	8%	9%	2%	5%	

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Which of these two statements comes closest to your view?

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UK security services need greater oversight and scrutiny by public bodies to ensure they remain within the law	50%	29%	66%	54%	44%	72%	49%	51%	39%	51%	49%	52%	45%	60%	50%	48%	61%	45%	
UK security services should not be hampered by any more excessive public scrutiny which might prevent them from carrying out essential security work	35%	56%	19%	30%	44%	12%	36%	32%	43%	37%	33%	35%	38%	27%	34%	36%	31%	38%	
Neither	13%	13%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	13%	15%	7%	13%	11%	13%	10%	13%	13%	8%	13%	
Don't know	3%	3%	3%	4%	-	5%	3%	4%	4%	5%	5%	2%	3%	4%	4%	4%	-	5%	

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