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Last week the government Chief Whip Andrew Mitchell resigned after reportedly having sworn at a police officer guarding the gates of Downing Street.

Which of the following best reflects your view?

David Cameron should have sacked Mr Mitchell earlier	60	46	77	56	50	78	66	67	54	40	55	68	65	60	61	55	55	65	64	65
It was right for David Cameron to back Mr Mitchell, but in the end it was right he resigned	16	28	10	19	24	9	14	13	19	22	15	12	20	18	15	19	20	15	12	12
Mr Mitchell was wrong to resign and should have stayed in his job	11	16	5	12	14	6	10	10	11	11	14	10	8	11	10	11	12	10	9	12
Don't know	13	10	9	13	12	7	10	10	15	28	16	10	7	11	15	16	13	10	15	11

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Currently convicted prisoners in the UK are not allowed to vote in elections. The European Court of Human Rights has ruled that it is illegal for Britain to ban all prisoners from voting.

Which of the following best reflects your view?

All prisoners should be allowed to vote at elections	6	8	3	12	12	2	10	12	8	7	8	11	8	5	10	5	14	7	7	7	9
Prisoners serving sentences of less than 4 years should be allowed to vote	5	6	3	9	14	4	8	8	6	6	15	5	6	4	8	4	8	6	7	4	7
Prisoners serving sentences of less than 1 year should be allowed to vote	15	13	12	16	17	9	15	17	13	13	16	14	12	13	15	11	15	13	14	12	15
No prisoners should be allowed to vote at elections	69	67	80	58	52	81	62	60	66	68	44	64	70	76	63	73	56	69	69	70	64
Don't know	6	6	2	4	5	4	5	3	6	6	16	7	4	2	4	7	7	6	4	7	4

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The former DJ and television host Jimmy Savile, who died last year, has been accused of sexually assaulting teenage girls during his time working for the BBC

From what you have seen or heard, how well or badly do you think the BBC has handled these allegations?

Very well	2	1	3	2	1	2	2	3	1	5	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	1
Fairly well	9	11	10	15	10	8	11	10	9	18	10	9	6	13	5	9	10	10	10	9
TOTAL WELL	11	12	13	17	11	10	13	13	10	23	12	10	7	15	7	11	12	12	13	10
Fairly badly	34	33	38	44	29	37	43	34	35	39	37	35	30	37	31	37	34	34	36	29
Very badly	45	50	42	31	54	47	35	45	46	16	42	49	57	40	52	41	46	45	43	55
TOTAL BADLY	79	83	80	75	83	84	78	79	81	55	79	84	87	77	83	78	80	79	79	84
Don't know	9	5	7	7	6	5	9	9	9	22	9	7	6	9	10	11	9	10	9	7

Which of the following best reflects your view?

The BBC probably knew that Jimmy Savile was behaving in an inappropriate way to young girls during the 1960s and 1970s, but turned a blind eye to it

73	78	72	69	79	75	71	68	78	52	69	77	81	70	77	70	72	72	75	81
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The BBC probably had no knowledge that Jimmy Savile was behaving in an inappropriate way to young girls, otherwise they would have acted

13	12	16	17	11	13	13	16	10	17	17	12	9	15	10	16	13	13	11	12
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Don't know

14	10	12	14	11	12	16	16	12	31	14	11	10	15	13	14	15	16	13	7
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Thinking about how the BBC has responded to the allegations about Jimmy Savile, has it made you trust the BBC more, less or made no difference?

Made me trust the BBC more

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Has made me trust the BBC less

34	34	34	33	34	33	33	31	37	32	34	33	37	33	35	28	38	29	35	36
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No difference - I trusted the BBC and still do

30	28	35	43	23	35	40	35	25	37	30	30	26	34	24	35	31	27	28	30
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No difference - I didn't trust the BBC and still don't

26	31	23	12	34	24	17	26	26	11	24	28	31	23	30	24	22	32	27	27
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Don't know

10	8	7	11	8	7	9	7	12	18	11	9	6	9	11	13	8	11	9	7
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Weighted Sample
Unweighted Sample

The BBC has launched two internal inquiries into how they handled the Jimmy Savile affair. Do you think these will be enough to fully investigate the affair or should an external inquiry be set up?

The two BBC inquiries should be enough to fully investigate the affair
An external inquiry into the Savile affair should be set up
Don't know

21	24	24	32	21	24	23	25	17	21	24	19	20	26	15	22	22	20	22	16
68	68	68	52	70	68	65	63	73	56	66	70	73	64	73	65	67	69	67	78
11	8	9	16	9	8	13	12	10	24	9	11	7	10	12	13	11	11	12	6

George Entwistle is now the Director General of the BBC.

At the time of Jimmy Savile's death in October 2011 he was head of BBC Vision, in charge of the BBC television channels. It has been reported that Entwistle was aware from a brief conversation at the time that Newsnight was investigating something about Jimmy Savile, but he did not look into it further and let BBC television go ahead with tributes to Jimmy Savile after his death.

Do you think Mr Entwistle should or should not have investigated the allegations against Jimmy Savile when he became aware of the Newsnight investigation?

Should have investigated the allegations - it was an important issue that could have impacted on other BBC programming
Should not have investigated the allegations - while it should have been investigated, it was not Mr Entwistle's responsibility
Don't know

75	75	75	72	77	78	73	73	77	60	73	75	81	72	79	74	74	77	73	80
15	16	16	20	15	14	18	17	13	19	18	14	13	19	11	14	17	13	16	13
10	8	8	8	9	8	9	10	10	20	9	11	6	10	11	12	9	10	11	7

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Do you think the tribute programmes to Jimmy Savile should or should not have gone ahead at the time?

Should have gone ahead - he was a well known figure who had done a lot of charity work and details of the allegations against him were not yet known

22	21	23	24	19	23	23	24	19	26	29	22	12	23	20	19	22	23	22	19
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Should not have gone ahead - the evidence against Jimmy Savile that Newsnight had found should have been fully considered and the tributes stopped

67	69	68	64	71	69	69	64	71	49	61	67	82	66	69	71	67	62	70	72
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Don't know

11	10	9	12	9	8	8	12	10	25	10	11	6	11	11	10	12	15	8	9
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From what you have seen or heard about Mr Entwistle's account of the BBC's handling of the Savile affair, do you think he is or is not being honest?

Is probably being honest

28	33	30	36	29	32	29	36	20	31	30	26	27	34	20	28	29	28	26	29
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Is probably not being honest

39	36	41	32	38	40	38	36	42	25	31	41	49	37	42	33	38	39	40	47
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Don't know

33	31	29	33	33	29	33	28	38	44	39	33	24	29	39	39	33	33	35	24
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Do you think Mr Entwistle should stand aside as Director General of the BBC until the investigation into the Savile affair is complete?

Should stand aside while the investigation is carried out

37	37	39	26	39	40	32	34	40	23	30	41	45	34	42	31	39	38	37	39
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Should stay in his position while the investigation is carried out

45	48	45	62	45	45	51	50	40	48	52	41	42	51	37	47	45	44	45	45
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Don't know

18	15	15	12	16	15	16	16	19	29	18	17	13	15	21	22	16	18	18	15
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Do you think Mr Entwistle should or should not resign as Director General of the BBC?

Should resign

27	22	31	21	25	30	24	28	27	18	22	29	34	25	31	22	25	31	30	25
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Should not resign

39	43	40	53	39	41	44	45	33	40	43	37	37	45	31	39	40	38	41	35
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Don't know

34	35	30	26	36	29	32	27	40	42	34	33	30	30	38	39	35	31	29	40
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Mark Thompson was the Director General of the BBC at the time of Jimmy Savile's death and the Newsnight investigation. He is now the Chief Executive of the New York Times

Mr Thompson initially said that he didn't know anything about the Newsnight investigation, but later said he had the impression that Newsnight was investigating Savile a short while after the programme was scrapped but did not do anything further about it.

Do you think Mr Thompson should or should not have investigated the allegations against Jimmy Savile when he became aware of the Newsnight investigation?

Should have investigated the allegations - it was an important issue that could have impacted on the BBC
 Should not have investigated the allegations - while it should have been investigated, it was not Mr Thompson's responsibility
 Don't know

75	77	76	70	79	78	74	74	76	54	71	78	84	74	77	68	77	77	74	75
11	12	11	21	11	10	14	13	10	18	15	10	7	15	7	13	11	11	11	12
14	10	13	9	10	11	12	13	14	29	14	12	8	11	17	19	12	12	15	14

From what you have seen or heard about Mr Thompson's account of the BBC's handling of the Savile affair, do you think he is or is not being honest?

Is probably being honest
 Is probably not being honest
 Don't know

18	23	18	31	17	20	19	22	14	21	22	18	14	21	14	18	19	22	15	14
48	49	51	34	53	48	46	47	49	30	36	52	62	46	51	47	50	44	48	52
34	28	31	36	30	32	35	31	37	50	42	31	24	33	35	35	31	35	37	34

Do you think Mr Thompson should stand aside as Chief Executive of the New York Times until the investigation into the Savile affair is complete?

Should stand aside while the investigation is carried out
 Should stay in his position while the investigation is carried out
 Don't know

27	24	30	19	27	28	22	26	27	17	25	27	32	24	30	23	28	26	29	23
45	50	44	63	46	47	52	48	43	45	48	44	45	51	37	46	49	44	42	46
28	26	25	18	27	25	26	26	30	38	27	29	23	24	33	32	23	30	30	31

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Chris Patten is currently the Chairman of the BBC Trust. The BBC Trust represents the views of licence payers and appoints the Director General of the BBC
Lord Patten says he had no knowledge of the allegations against Jimmy Savile or the Newsnight investigation into him until September this year.
Do you think Lord Patten should or should not have investigated the allegations against Jimmy Savile?

Should have investigated the allegations - as Chairman of the BBC Trust he should have been more aware of what was happening and have launched an investigation	51	47	55	43	52	55	45	50	52	34	52	50	60	49	55	50	50	50	54	53
Should not have investigated the allegations - he had no knowledge of the allegations or investigation so could not have done more	33	41	31	44	35	32	40	34	31	35	33	34	30	36	29	30	35	37	29	31
Don't know	16	12	14	13	12	13	15	15	17	31	15	16	10	15	16	20	15	13	17	17

From what you have seen or heard about Lord Patten's account of the BBC's handling of the Savile affair, do you think he is or is not being honest?

Is probably being honest	42	55	43	54	49	43	46	48	37	36	40	44	45	46	37	39	44	45	40	40
Is probably not being honest	27	21	30	18	25	29	23	27	27	15	25	27	35	25	29	26	25	24	32	29
Don't know	31	24	27	28	26	28	31	25	36	49	35	30	21	28	34	34	32	31	28	30

Do you think Lord Patten should stand aside as Chairman of the BBC Trust until the investigation into the Savile affair is complete?

Should stand aside while the investigation is carried out	25	20	29	19	24	26	22	24	26	14	26	23	32	22	28	24	22	23	30	25
Should stay in his position while the investigation is carried out	53	62	52	66	56	55	57	56	49	46	51	53	55	57	46	48	56	55	48	49
Don't know	23	18	19	15	20	20	22	20	25	41	23	24	13	20	26	27	21	22	22	26

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Which of the following best reflects your view?

Senior executives at the BBC are at fault and are trying to pass the buck to junior executives - there should be senior resignations	22	22	24	18	23	21	21	22	22	12	19	21	31	20	25	24	20	24	21	26
Senior executives at the BBC have done the right thing when they have become aware of problems, the blame should be on more junior executives who should resign	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	5	2	2	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
There is fault at all levels of the BBC, and there should be resignations at both senior and junior levels	50	56	48	46	53	52	49	48	52	38	46	55	52	48	52	48	51	47	53	47
The BBC is not to blame - all levels of the BBC have done the right thing when they became aware of the problem	9	9	10	13	8	11	10	11	7	10	12	8	6	11	6	7	10	9	8	10
Don't know	17	11	14	20	13	14	18	16	18	36	20	15	9	18	16	19	17	19	15	15