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Andrew Mitchell says that what actually happened was that when the police refused to open the main gates for him he wheeled his bike to the side gate saying "I thought you lot were supposed to f----- help us". He says that he did not use the word pleb or insult the police officers in any other way.

Whatever you think actually happened, imagine for a moment that Andrew Mitchell's version of events was the truth. Do you think he should or should not have resigned if this had been the case?

Should still have resigned	<b>38</b>	29	51	30	32	49	39	48	29	38	34	36	43	38	38	36	38	39	38	39
Should not have resigned	<b>44</b>	57	33	47	55	32	43	40	47	42	45	44	42	47	39	44	47	41	46	31
Don't know	<b>18</b>	14	16	23	13	19	19	12	24	20	21	20	14	16	22	20	15	21	16	29

Has the Mitchell incident made you trust the police more or less, or made no difference?

Has made me trust them less	<b>22</b>	34	15	27	32	16	21	24	21	17	18	23	28	25	18	24	25	24	18	19
Has made me trust them more	<b>2</b>	0	3	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	4	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	5
No difference - I did not trust the police before and I still don't	<b>28</b>	21	31	22	25	31	31	29	27	27	28	28	31	28	28	27	28	24	34	26
No difference - I trusted the police before and I still do	<b>33</b>	34	38	33	32	39	33	37	30	39	32	34	31	32	35	34	34	34	32	32
Don't know	<b>14</b>	10	13	15	10	13	13	8	20	17	18	14	10	13	16	14	13	16	13	18

And do you think Andrew Mitchell should or should not be offered a new job in government?

Should be offered a new government job	<b>29</b>	46	20	26	42	19	26	30	28	28	27	29	31	33	24	31	33	26	28	22
Should not be offered a new government job	<b>40</b>	28	52	34	33	53	38	48	32	42	35	40	43	37	43	42	35	41	42	43
Don't know	<b>31</b>	26	28	40	25	28	37	22	40	30	38	31	25	30	33	26	32	34	30	35

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Earlier this year the BBC was criticised for dropping a Newsnight investigation into abuse allegations against Jimmy Savile that turned out to be true, and broadcasting abuse allegations against a former Treasurer of the Conservative party that turned out to be false

Thinking about how the BBC has responded to the Jimmy Savile scandal and the false abuse allegations on Newsnight, has it made you trust them more, less or made no difference?

Made me trust the BBC more	<b>1</b>	0	3	1	1	2	1	2	1	4	2	1	1	2	0	2	2	1	1	0
Has made me trust the BBC less	<b>43</b>	47	43	36	48	42	41	38	48	38	40	43	48	43	43	38	47	37	46	47
No difference - I trusted the BBC and still do	<b>27</b>	28	32	37	22	36	34	35	20	28	32	25	25	31	22	29	28	30	24	22
No difference - I didn't trust the BBC and still don't	<b>20</b>	21	15	17	27	14	14	21	19	14	14	23	22	16	24	19	16	25	19	21
Don't know	<b>9</b>	4	7	9	2	7	10	5	12	16	12	8	4	7	10	12	7	7	10	10

And from what you have seen or heard, do you think the BBC have or have not done enough to address the problems behind Newsnight's reporting of the Jimmy Savile scandal and the Newsnight false abuse allegations?

Have done enough to address the problems and stop them happening again	<b>20</b>	20	27	24	15	27	23	25	16	21	22	22	16	22	18	16	21	20	21	24
Have not done enough to address the problems and stop them happening again	<b>58</b>	65	55	49	70	53	48	58	57	54	50	57	67	57	58	58	60	58	55	55
Don't know	<b>22</b>	15	18	26	15	20	29	17	27	25	27	21	17	21	24	26	19	22	24	22

The Director General of the BBC, George Entwistle, resigned after the story of the false allegations on Newsnight was revealed and was paid £450,000 for agreeing to leave immediately. Do you think Mr Entwistle should or should not pay back this money?

Should - he oversaw serious failings at the BBC and should pay the money back	<b>66</b>	73	64	58	74	58	62	66	65	57	54	67	78	65	66	60	68	65	69	57
Should not - the BBC agreed to pay him the money to leave immediately and he should be entitled to keep it	<b>24</b>	21	27	30	21	31	26	27	20	27	31	23	16	27	19	24	22	24	23	30
Don't know	<b>11</b>	6	9	13	6	11	12	7	15	16	15	10	6	8	15	16	11	11	8	13

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**The Deputy Head of BBC News at the time of Newsnight's failing has this week resigned from the BBC. Other senior executives who were criticised for their failings have been removed from their current posts but will remain within the BBC in different roles. Which of the following best reflects your view?**

All the executives who were criticised over the Newsnight failings should be sacked from the BBC

<b>47</b>	53	47	34	57	45	41	50	44	27	35	51	62	47	46	43	46	44	53	42
<b>32</b>	31	34	42	27	34	39	33	30	43	36	31	25	35	28	29	34	31	31	32
<b>21</b>	16	19	25	16	21	20	17	26	30	30	19	13	18	26	28	20	25	16	26

It is enough that the Director General and Deputy Head of News have resigned, other executives should be able to stay in the BBC in different roles

Don't know

**Do you think that Chris Patten, the Chairman of the BBC Trust, should continue in his role, or should he be replaced?**

Should continue in his role

Should be replaced

Don't know

<b>23</b>	30	22	37	24	24	25	26	21	24	24	23	23	27	18	19	28	22	21	18
<b>47</b>	49	51	37	56	48	40	53	42	36	39	51	56	47	48	45	43	51	50	53
<b>29</b>	22	27	26	20	28	35	22	37	40	37	26	21	26	34	36	29	27	29	29

**Overall, do you think 2013 will be a better or worse year than 2012 has been?**

2013 will be better than 2012 was

2013 will be worse than 2012 was

2013 will be about the same as 2012

Don't know

<b>22</b>	29	18	33	24	17	24	25	19	43	29	18	12	26	17	26	24	20	23	13
<b>36</b>	31	42	23	36	42	32	40	32	16	30	42	42	34	38	33	33	42	39	26
<b>34</b>	33	32	38	33	33	36	30	37	31	31	31	40	34	34	26	35	32	32	50
<b>8</b>	7	8	6	6	9	8	5	11	10	10	8	7	6	11	15	8	6	6	11

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**Are you more or less optimistic about your job and career prospects this year than last year?**

More optimistic	<b>13</b>	15	9	18	12	7	18	14	11	27	21	10	2	16	8	14	13	11	12	15
Less optimistic	<b>23</b>	18	29	22	19	28	23	25	22	27	28	30	10	24	23	27	25	20	22	24
About the same	<b>35</b>	35	34	41	34	35	37	35	35	34	43	41	19	36	32	36	32	35	39	28
Don't know	<b>3</b>	2	3	2	2	3	1	4	2	6	3	3	1	2	3	4	3	4	2	3
Not applicable - I am retired or not looking to work	<b>27</b>	30	25	18	33	28	21	23	31	7	5	16	68	22	33	19	28	30	25	30

**Thinking about how much you have spent on Christmas this year compared to 2011, are you spending more, less or about the same?**

Spending more	<b>15</b>	15	17	19	15	11	16	15	16	28	17	12	13	17	14	13	13	13	22	17
Spending less	<b>40</b>	38	43	34	40	46	40	41	39	30	38	47	37	38	43	40	41	48	35	29
Spending about the same	<b>41</b>	46	38	45	43	41	41	40	42	36	39	39	48	43	39	40	44	36	40	50
Don't know	<b>3</b>	2	2	3	2	2	2	4	3	6	6	2	2	3	4	7	2	3	3	4

**Thinking specifically about how much you have spent on FOOD for Christmas this year compared to 2011, are you spending more, less or about the same?**

Spending more on food	<b>20</b>	18	22	21	18	22	18	17	23	16	20	19	23	20	20	19	19	19	23	17
Spending less on food	<b>35</b>	32	36	34	35	37	37	34	35	23	34	41	33	34	36	35	39	34	32	27
Spending about the same on food	<b>39</b>	46	36	40	43	37	40	43	36	40	39	38	42	41	37	39	37	41	38	49
Don't know	<b>6</b>	4	6	5	4	5	5	6	6	21	7	3	3	5	7	7	5	5	7	7

**Thinking about how much alcohol you are planning on drinking over Christmas this year compared to 2011, are you planning to drink more, less or about the same?**

Planning to drink more alcohol this year	<b>8</b>	9	7	8	7	4	9	9	7	27	11	5	1	8	7	8	7	9	9	5
Planning to drink less alcohol this year	<b>34</b>	31	39	29	35	37	32	35	33	18	33	37	37	34	34	37	35	32	34	26
Planning to drink about the same amount of alcohol this year	<b>50</b>	54	46	55	52	51	52	50	51	43	49	49	56	52	48	44	50	53	51	57
Don't know	<b>8</b>	6	8	7	6	7	8	7	9	12	7	9	6	6	11	11	8	7	7	12

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**And thinking about how much time you are taking off work over Christmas this year compared to 2011, are you planning to take more time off, less time off or about the same?**

Planning to take more time off	<b>12</b>	12	12	18	14	8	13	15	10	14	17	15	4	14	10	13	12	14	11	13
Planning to take less time off	<b>14</b>	12	18	12	11	17	14	16	13	23	21	15	3	16	11	20	14	12	13	12
Planning to take about the same amount of time off	<b>49</b>	53	47	54	51	52	50	49	50	38	53	54	46	52	46	43	48	54	51	52
Don't know	<b>24</b>	23	23	16	24	22	22	20	28	25	10	16	47	18	32	24	26	20	25	23

**Which of the following politicians would you most like to invite to your Christmas lunch?**

Boris Johnson	<b>34</b>	55	22	32	53	22	29	36	32	40	37	32	31	37	30	33	39	37	29	24
David Cameron	<b>5</b>	13	2	3	11	1	3	4	5	4	3	6	6	4	6	4	7	5	4	1
Ed Miliband	<b>5</b>	0	12	1	1	13	3	6	3	6	3	6	3	5	4	6	3	5	6	3
Vince Cable	<b>5</b>	2	4	13	2	4	12	7	4	5	7	4	5	7	3	5	7	3	4	9
Ed Balls	<b>4</b>	0	10	1	1	9	3	4	3	4	2	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	4	2
Nick Clegg	<b>2</b>	0	1	19	0	1	7	3	2	3	4	2	1	3	1	3	2	2	3	1
None of them	<b>43</b>	26	48	28	31	50	41	38	48	35	39	45	48	39	48	37	38	43	48	58
Don't know	<b>2</b>	2	1	4	1	1	2	2	3	3	5	1	1	2	3	6	2	2	2	2

**Which member of the Royal family would you most like to invite to your Christmas lunch?**

Prince Harry	<b>23</b>	26	24	13	29	22	20	16	30	23	28	22	21	22	25	24	22	22	26	24
Kate, Duchess of Cambridge	<b>16</b>	19	16	19	16	17	16	20	12	21	18	13	16	19	13	15	17	17	17	11
The Queen	<b>10</b>	16	8	5	16	11	5	11	9	13	9	9	11	11	9	12	8	12	11	7
Prince Philip	<b>7</b>	8	6	9	7	6	7	9	5	9	8	7	5	7	6	7	9	6	6	3
Prince William	<b>7</b>	5	8	12	6	6	9	8	6	4	7	8	8	8	6	7	7	7	7	4
Prince Charles	<b>4</b>	5	2	8	5	2	4	4	4	1	4	5	3	4	3	3	4	4	3	4
Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall	<b>2</b>	4	2	3	4	2	3	1	4	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	1
None of them	<b>27</b>	15	31	26	16	32	31	28	27	22	21	31	30	24	31	22	28	27	25	40
Don't know	<b>3</b>	2	2	6	1	2	5	3	3	7	2	3	2	2	4	7	2	2	2	5

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Which of the following successful sportsmen and women from this year would you most like to invite to your Christmas lunch?

Jessica Ennis	<b>19</b>	22	19	21	19	20	18	25	13	24	20	19	16	20	18	20	19	18	20	14
Bradley Wiggins	<b>15</b>	18	17	21	16	17	18	17	14	11	18	16	15	17	13	12	14	15	21	12
Mo Farah	<b>10</b>	9	13	7	7	14	11	8	12	12	14	8	9	10	10	15	11	8	10	5
Ellie Simmonds	<b>7</b>	5	8	4	8	8	6	6	8	4	3	8	9	6	8	2	6	12	8	4
Andy Murray	<b>5</b>	4	6	8	5	6	4	5	6	9	5	6	4	6	4	3	5	3	6	14
Chris Hoy	<b>4</b>	4	4	2	4	4	4	4	4	6	3	4	4	5	3	4	2	4	3	15
Ben Ainslie	<b>2</b>	2	1	0	3	1	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	0
David Weir	<b>2</b>	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	4	1	3	1	1
Nicola Adams	<b>2</b>	3	2	3	3	1	2	2	2	0	2	2	3	3	1	2	1	3	4	1
Rory McIlroy	<b>2</b>	3	2	2	3	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	4
Katherine Grainger	<b>1</b>	1	1	4	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	2	2	2	1	3	2	0	0	0
Sarah Storey	<b>1</b>	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	0
None of them	<b>24</b>	23	21	18	24	21	24	20	28	22	22	25	27	21	28	20	26	26	22	26
Don't know	<b>5</b>	4	3	6	3	3	5	4	6	6	6	3	5	5	6	9	6	5	2	5

Which, if any, of the following sportsmen and women do you think should be knighted or made a dame in this year's new year's honours list? Please tick all that apply

Bradley Wiggins	<b>26</b>	31	28	27	28	29	30	30	23	28	31	26	22	28	25	23	27	25	32	16
Jessica Ennis	<b>25</b>	22	30	30	24	30	24	28	22	27	29	23	22	25	24	28	27	22	27	14
David Beckham	<b>21</b>	25	22	15	24	25	17	20	23	30	21	20	19	21	22	23	26	19	20	13
Mo Farah	<b>20</b>	18	24	15	18	26	21	21	19	28	21	20	16	21	19	24	21	17	22	13
Ben Ainslie	<b>18</b>	21	17	23	21	17	24	22	15	21	20	18	15	20	16	17	19	16	21	14
None of them	<b>36</b>	37	32	27	38	34	34	37	34	25	24	37	49	36	35	27	31	41	33	59
Don't know	<b>10</b>	6	8	15	5	7	12	6	13	15	12	9	6	9	11	14	10	8	8	10