

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 681 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 19th - 19th March 2013

Total	Voting intention				2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
	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 681	X	X	X	X	215	167	141	331	350	82	174	233	192	388	293	87	221	146	168	59	
Unweighted Sample 681	167	204	47	83	234	148	146	321	360	30	184	241	226	450	231	52	258	109	157	105	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Parliament has voted to support a new system, governed by a Royal Charter, to regulate newspapers. Newspapers will not be forced to join the new system, but will have some advantages if they do (such as paying smaller damages when they are found guilty of libel). From what you know, do you think the vote to establish the new system is...

The right decision, as it should encourage newspapers to act more responsibly without curbing their ability to expose bad behaviour by the rich and powerful	43	49	44	69	31	46	42	55	49	38	44	38	46	44	50	35	56	44	42	38	43
The wrong decision, as it is wrong in principle for politicians to have any say in the way newspapers operate and risks curbing free speech	27	24	24	23	46	30	29	23	26	27	30	22	25	32	23	31	19	28	23	28	36
Not sure	30	26	32	8	23	24	29	22	25	35	26	40	29	24	27	34	25	28	35	34	20

Do you support or oppose these features of the proposed system of press regulation?

When newspapers print inaccurate statements, being told not just to publish correction but where to print them (e.g. so that a major front-page error has to be corrected on a future front page)

Support	81	84	86	94	71	78	88	92	83	78	81	73	80	88	85	75	79	80	74	86	88
Oppose	6	3	5	3	20	9	4	0	6	7	4	8	5	7	4	10	2	4	14	7	0
Don't know	13	13	9	3	9	14	8	8	11	15	14	19	14	5	11	16	19	16	12	7	12

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Giving courts the power to impose much larger fines on newspapers found guilty of libel, if they have chosen to stay out of the new system of regulation.

Support	70	70	81	85	64	66	81	80	71	69	65	59	75	77	74	65	60	66	71	79	73
Oppose	12	11	5	12	26	15	6	6	16	8	13	17	5	15	11	13	18	12	13	7	15
Don't know	18	19	14	3	10	19	13	13	13	23	22	24	20	8	15	22	23	22	16	14	12

Some publishers of major national newspaper have yet to decide whether to join the new system. How would you feel about a publisher that chose NOT to join the new system?

Approve - they would be standing up for the principle of free speech	25	30	23	13	47	35	23	13	32	20	30	29	20	26	24	28	27	27	25	24	23
Disapprove - the new system is necessary, and every major publisher should join it	43	46	48	62	32	41	47	58	42	43	35	34	42	56	48	36	45	42	46	41	41
Not sure	32	24	29	25	22	25	30	29	26	37	35	37	38	18	28	36	27	32	29	34	36

**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.*