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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	38	29	51	30	32	49	39	48	29	38	34	36	43	38	38	36	38	39	38	39
Should not have resigned	44	57	33	47	55	32	43	40	47	42	45	44	42	47	39	44	47	41	46	31
Don't know	18	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	22	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	2	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	28	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	33	34	38	33	32	39	33	37	30	39	32	34	31	32	35	34	34	34	32	32
Don't know	14	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	29	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	40	28	52	34	33	53	38	48	32	42	35	40	43	37	43	42	35	41	42	43
Don't know	31	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	1	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	43	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	27	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	20	21	15	17	27	14	14	21	19	14	14	23	22	16	24	19	16	25	19	21
Don't know	9	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	20	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	58	65	55	49	70	53	48	58	57	54	50	57	67	57	58	58	60	58	55	55
Don't know	22	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	66	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	24	21	27	30	21	31	26	27	20	27	31	23	16	27	19	24	22	24	23	30
Don't know	11	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

47	53	47	34	57	45	41	50	44	27	35	51	62	47	46	43	46	44	53	42
32	31	34	42	27	34	39	33	30	43	36	31	25	35	28	29	34	31	31	32
21	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

23	30	22	37	24	24	25	26	21	24	24	23	23	27	18	19	28	22	21	18
47	49	51	37	56	48	40	53	42	36	39	51	56	47	48	45	43	51	50	53
29	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

22	29	18	33	24	17	24	25	19	43	29	18	12	26	17	26	24	20	23	13
36	31	42	23	36	42	32	40	32	16	30	42	42	34	38	33	33	42	39	26
34	33	32	38	33	33	36	30	37	31	31	31	40	34	34	26	35	32	32	50
8	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	13	15	9	18	12	7	18	14	11	27	21	10	2	16	8	14	13	11	12	15
Less optimistic	23	18	29	22	19	28	23	25	22	27	28	30	10	24	23	27	25	20	22	24
About the same	35	35	34	41	34	35	37	35	35	34	43	41	19	36	32	36	32	35	39	28
Don't know	3	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	27	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	15	15	17	19	15	11	16	15	16	28	17	12	13	17	14	13	13	13	22	17
Spending less	40	38	43	34	40	46	40	41	39	30	38	47	37	38	43	40	41	48	35	29
Spending about the same	41	46	38	45	43	41	41	40	42	36	39	39	48	43	39	40	44	36	40	50
Don't know	3	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	20	18	22	21	18	22	18	17	23	16	20	19	23	20	20	19	19	19	23	17
Spending less on food	35	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	39	46	36	40	43	37	40	43	36	40	39	38	42	41	37	39	37	41	38	49
Don't know	6	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	8	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	34	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	50	54	46	55	52	51	52	50	51	43	49	49	56	52	48	44	50	53	51	57
Don't know	8	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	12	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	14	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	49	53	47	54	51	52	50	49	50	38	53	54	46	52	46	43	48	54	51	52
Don't know	24	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	34	55	22	32	53	22	29	36	32	40	37	32	31	37	30	33	39	37	29	24
David Cameron	5	13	2	3	11	1	3	4	5	4	3	6	6	4	6	4	7	5	4	1
Ed Miliband	5	0	12	1	1	13	3	6	3	6	3	6	3	5	4	6	3	5	6	3
Vince Cable	5	2	4	13	2	4	12	7	4	5	7	4	5	7	3	5	7	3	4	9
Ed Balls	4	0	10	1	1	9	3	4	3	4	2	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	4	2
Nick Clegg	2	0	1	19	0	1	7	3	2	3	4	2	1	3	1	3	2	2	3	1
None of them	43	26	48	28	31	50	41	38	48	35	39	45	48	39	48	37	38	43	48	58
Don't know	2	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	23	26	24	13	29	22	20	16	30	23	28	22	21	22	25	24	22	22	26	24
Kate, Duchess of Cambridge	16	19	16	19	16	17	16	20	12	21	18	13	16	19	13	15	17	17	17	11
The Queen	10	16	8	5	16	11	5	11	9	13	9	9	11	11	9	12	8	12	11	7
Prince Philip	7	8	6	9	7	6	7	9	5	9	8	7	5	7	6	7	9	6	6	3
Prince William	7	5	8	12	6	6	9	8	6	4	7	8	8	8	6	7	7	7	7	4
Prince Charles	4	5	2	8	5	2	4	4	4	1	4	5	3	4	3	3	4	4	3	4
Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall	2	4	2	3	4	2	3	1	4	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	1
None of them	27	15	31	26	16	32	31	28	27	22	21	31	30	24	31	22	28	27	25	40
Don't know	3	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	19	22	19	21	19	20	18	25	13	24	20	19	16	20	18	20	19	18	20	14
Bradley Wiggins	15	18	17	21	16	17	18	17	14	11	18	16	15	17	13	12	14	15	21	12
Mo Farah	10	9	13	7	7	14	11	8	12	12	14	8	9	10	10	15	11	8	10	5
Ellie Simmonds	7	5	8	4	8	8	6	6	8	4	3	8	9	6	8	2	6	12	8	4
Andy Murray	5	4	6	8	5	6	4	5	6	9	5	6	4	6	4	3	5	3	6	14
Chris Hoy	4	4	4	2	4	4	4	4	4	6	3	4	4	5	3	4	2	4	3	15
Ben Ainslie	2	2	1	0	3	1	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	0
David Weir	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	4	1	3	1	1
Nicola Adams	2	3	2	3	3	1	2	2	2	0	2	2	3	3	1	2	1	3	4	1
Rory McIlroy	2	3	2	2	3	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	4
Katherine Grainger	1	1	1	4	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	2	2	2	1	3	2	0	0	0
Sarah Storey	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	0
None of them	24	23	21	18	24	21	24	20	28	22	22	25	27	21	28	20	26	26	22	26
Don't know	5	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	26	31	28	27	28	29	30	30	23	28	31	26	22	28	25	23	27	25	32	16
Jessica Ennis	25	22	30	30	24	30	24	28	22	27	29	23	22	25	24	28	27	22	27	14
David Beckham	21	25	22	15	24	25	17	20	23	30	21	20	19	21	22	23	26	19	20	13
Mo Farah	20	18	24	15	18	26	21	21	19	28	21	20	16	21	19	24	21	17	22	13
Ben Ainslie	18	21	17	23	21	17	24	22	15	21	20	18	15	20	16	17	19	16	21	14
None of them	36	37	32	27	38	34	34	37	34	25	24	37	49	36	35	27	31	41	33	59
Don't know	10	6	8	15	5	7	12	6	13	15	12	9	6	9	11	14	10	8	8	10