

YouGov Survey Results

The Death of Dr David Kelly

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Have you heard or seen any reports of the death of Dr David Kelly, the government scientist caught up in the row over the Government's claims before the war about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction?	
Yes	90%
No, was not	10%

Responses below are from the 90% who 'had heard' of the events surrounding the death of Dr Kelly

From what you know, do you believe Dr Kelly's death was or was not a direct consequence of his being caught up in the row?

Yes, was a consequence	83%
No, was not	2%
Don't know	15%

As you may have heard, Dr Kelly's name became known when the Government publicly identified him as the probable source of a controversial BBC report about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. Do you think the Government was right or wrong to make Dr Kelly's name public?

Yes, was right	17%
No, was not	71%
Don't know	12%

From what you have heard, do you believe Dr Kelly was or was not the prime source for the BBC's controversial report?

Yes, he was	19%
No, he was not	35%
Don't know	46%

Dr Kelly was questioned in public by the House of Commons foreign affairs select committee. If you saw or heard any of that questioning, do you think he was treated fairly, or do you think the committee's questioning was too rough?

Was treated fairly	11%
Questioning too rough	44%
Did not see any coverage	41%
Don't know	4%

Which of the following do you think is most to blame for Dr Kelly's death?

The BBC for refusing to reveal the name of its prime source	9%
The Government for making Dr Kelly's name public and suggesting that he was the BBC's main source	47%
The Commons select committee for subjecting Dr Kelly to a public interrogation	24%
Don't know	20%

Has your opinion of the following gone up or down as a result of the Dr Kelly affair?
The BBC

Gone up	5%
Gone down	35%
Not changed	55%
Don't know	5%

Tony Blair, the Prime Minister

Gone up	2%
Gone down	59%
Not changed	36%
Don't know	3%

Alastair Campbell, Mr Blair's communications adviser

Gone up	2%
Gone down	65%
Not changed	26%
Don't know	7%

The Commons foreign affairs select committee

Gone up	2%
Gone down	56%
Not changed	31%
Don't know	11%

Geoff Hoon, the Defence Secretary

Gone up	1%
Gone down	50%
Not changed	35%
Don't know	14%

Jack Straw, the Foreign Secretary

Gone up	1%
Gone down	45%
Not changed	42%
Don't know	12%

Mr Blair has established a judicial enquiry to investigate the circumstances surrounding Dr Kelly's death. How confident are you that the enquiry under Lord Hutton will get to the bottom of what happened?

Very confident	4%
Fairly confident	24%
Not very confident	45%
Not at all confident	24%
Don't know	3%

Should Lord Hutton's enquiry be widened to cover all aspects of the Government's use of secret intelligence during the recent conflict with Iraq?

Yes, should be widened	71%
No, should not	19%
Don't know	10%

Do you think Tony Blair should stay in office as Prime Minister, or should he resign as a result of the Dr Kelly affair?

Should stay	41%
Should resign	39%
Don't know	20%

Do you think Alastair Campbell should continue as Mr Blair's chief communications adviser, or should he resign as a result of the Dr Kelly affair?

Should stay	14%
Should resign	65%
Don't know	21%

Apart from the issues surrounding Dr Kelly's death, do you think the Government did or did not give accurate information to the public before the Iraq war, based on intelligence at that time, about the threat from Iraq's weapons of mass destruction?

Yes, did give accurate information	23%
No, did not	64%
Don't know	13%

Also apart from Dr Kelly's death, who do you trust more in the row between the BBC and the Government over claims that Downing Street exaggerated the threat posed by Iraqi weapons of mass destruction?

The BBC	54%
The Government	18%
Don't know	28%

Overall, do you think the Government has, on balance, been honest and trustworthy or not?

Yes – honest and trustworthy	20%
No – not honest and trustworthy	68%
Don't know	12%

Overall, do you think Tony Blair, the Prime Minister, has, on balance, been honest and trustworthy or not?

Yes – honest and trustworthy	27%
No – not honest and trustworthy	60%
Don't know	13%