

# YouGov Survey Results Hutton Report and the BBC

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**Sample Size: 2312**

**Fieldwork: 29 January 2004**

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**How much do you trust the following to tell the truth?**

**BBC news journalists**

Trust a great deal	12
Trust a fair amount	55
Do not trust much	24
Do not trust at all	7
Don't know	2

**ITV news journalists**

Trust a great deal	9
Trust a fair amount	63
Do not trust much	21
Do not trust at all	5
Don't know	2

**Ministers in the current Labour government**

Trust a great deal	3
Trust a fair amount	28
Do not trust much	38
Do not trust at all	29
Don't know	2

**Leading Conservative politicians**

Trust a great deal	2
Trust a fair amount	26
Do not trust much	45
Do not trust at all	24
Don't know	3

**Journalists on broadsheet papers (eg Times, Telegraph, Guardian)**

Trust a great deal	6
Trust a fair amount	54
Do not trust much	27
Do not trust at all	8
Don't know	4

**Journalists on mid-market newspapers ( e.g. Mail, Express)**

Trust a great deal	1
Trust a fair amount	33
Do not trust much	44
Do not trust at all	18
Don't know	4

**Journalists on "red-top" tabloids (e.g. Sun, Mirror)**

Trust a great deal	1
Trust a fair amount	11
Do not trust much	38
Do not trust at all	46
Don't know	4

**People who run Britain's intelligence services**

Trust a great deal	6
Trust a fair amount	34
Do not trust much	31
Do not trust at all	19
Don't know	11

**From what you know, do you believe that Mr Blair was, or was not, telling the truth when he said last summer that he had not authorised leaking the name of Dr David Kelly, the Government weapons expert, to the media?**

Blair was telling the truth	40
Blair was not telling the truth	45
Don't know	15

**Have you seen or heard anything about the report, which was published on Wednesday, of Lord Hutton's inquiry concerning the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr Kelly?**

Yes, have	81
No, have not	16
Don't know	3

**In your view, and in the light of the Hutton report, do you think that the following behaved on the whole properly or improperly during the events leading up to Dr Kelly's death?****The BBC's Board of Governors and management**

Acted properly	22
Acted improperly	62
Don't know	16

**Tony Blair, the Prime Minister**

Acted properly	37
Acted improperly	52
Don't know	10

**Alastair Campbell, Tony Blair's former Director of Communications**

Acted properly	24
Acted improperly	60
Don't know	16

**Greg Dyke, the BBC's Director-General**

Acted properly	25
Acted improperly	51
Don't know	24

**Andrew Gilligan, the BBC journalist who broadcast the claim that the Government had knowingly "sexed up" the September 2002 dossier on weapons of mass destruction**

Acted properly	17
Acted improperly	72
Don't know	11

**Geoff Hoon, the Defence Secretary**

Acted properly	23
Acted improperly	59
Don't know	18

**Dr Kelly's managers in the Ministry of Defence (MoD)**

Acted properly	10
Acted improperly	66
Don't know	24

<b>Sir John Scarlett, the chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee</b>	
Acted properly	22
Acted improperly	37
Don't know	41
 <b>In the light of Lord Hutton's report, and leaving aside other considerations, do you think each of the following should, or should not, follow the example of Gavyn Davies, the Chairman of the BBC Board of Governors, and tender their resignations?</b>	
<b>The entire BBC Board of Governors</b>	
Should resign in the light of Lord Hutton's report	30
Do not need to resign over this issue	61
Don't know	9
<b>Tony Blair</b>	
Should resign in the light of Lord Hutton's report	28
Does not need to resign over this issue	64
Don't know	8
<b>Geoff Hoon, the Defence Secretary</b>	
Should resign in the light of Lord Hutton's report	42
Does not need to resign over this issue	42
Don't know	15
 <b>In the light of Lord Hutton's findings, Tony Blair has called upon Michael Howard, the Conservative leader, to withdraw his suggestion that Mr Blair may have lied over his role in the events leading up to Dr Kelly's death. What do you think Mr Howard should do?</b>	
Withdraw his suggestion and apologise	36
Continue to raise this question	43
Let the matter quietly drop	18
Don't know	3
 <b>At the moment the BBC Board of Governors is responsible both for overseeing the BBC's management and for ensuring that the BBC behaves with propriety and maintains high standards. Which of these views comes closer to your own?</b>	
Despite recent events, the present system has worked well over the years and should remain in place	52
Because of recent events, responsibility for ensuring propriety and the maintenance of high standards by the BBC should be transferred to the newly established Office of Communications (Ofcom)	38
Don't know	10
 <b>Fears have been expressed that, as a result of the criticisms contained in the Hutton report, the BBC will become too cautious in its coverage of news and current affairs and will become too subject to behind-the-scenes pressure from the Government. To what extent do you share these fears?</b>	
A lot	31
A little	39
Not much	21
Not at all	6
Don't know	3