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**Do you believe there should or should not be new laws, passed by MPs, to encourage newspapers to join this new system of regulation?**

New laws should be passed by MPs to encourage newspapers to join this new system of regulation  
 New laws should NOT be passed by MPs to encourage newspapers to join this new system of regulation  
 Don't know

<b>58</b>	54	65	71	49	63	67	60	57	62	59	61	54	62	54	59	53	61	62	63
<b>26</b>	35	21	18	36	22	19	30	22	21	23	25	33	25	28	25	31	23	23	23
<b>15</b>	11	14	11	14	15	13	10	21	17	19	15	12	13	18	16	16	15	15	14

**Do you think MPs should or should not have a say in the design of the system of independent regulation?**

Yes, MPs should; it's important for MPs to give the regulation a legal underpinning  
 No, MPs should not; the involvement of MPs in this way threatens the principles of a free press  
 Don't know

<b>31</b>	32	37	44	26	37	36	34	29	29	37	32	26	35	26	29	27	34	36	27
<b>52</b>	55	50	47	59	50	50	54	51	49	44	51	64	51	54	52	58	47	48	58
<b>16</b>	13	14	9	15	13	14	12	20	23	19	17	11	14	20	19	15	19	15	16

**Do you believe it is right or wrong that Ofcom, which regulates other services including the broadcast media, postal service and phone companies, would have a say in the system of press regulation?**

Right - Ofcom is an appropriate organisation  
 Wrong - it should be done by a separate organisation  
 Don't know

<b>54</b>	54	60	66	48	56	61	56	52	61	65	55	40	58	50	57	52	56	56	48
<b>31</b>	34	27	28	37	31	28	32	30	20	17	31	48	30	32	25	35	28	30	36
<b>15</b>	12	13	7	15	13	12	12	18	18	18	15	11	13	18	18	13	17	14	16

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New laws should be passed by MPs to encourage newspapers to join this new system of regulation	<b>58</b>	47	79	76	21	100	0	89	47
New laws should NOT be passed by MPs to encourage newspapers to join this new system of regulation	<b>26</b>	42	11	13	70	0	100	8	43
Don't know	<b>15</b>	11	10	10	9	0	0	4	10

**Do you think MPs should or should not have a say in the design of the system of independent regulation?**

Yes, MPs should; it's important for MPs to give the regulation a legal underpinning	<b>31</b>	26	43	40	16	47	9	100	0
No, MPs should not; the involvement of MPs in this way threatens the principles of a free press	<b>52</b>	66	41	46	78	42	86	0	100
Don't know	<b>16</b>	8	16	14	7	11	5	0	0

**Do you believe it is right or wrong that Ofcom, which regulates other services including the broadcast media, postal service and phone companies, would have a say in the system of press regulation?**

Right - Ofcom is an appropriate organisation	<b>54</b>	52	62	62	39	67	40	74	46
Wrong - it should be done by a separate organisation	<b>31</b>	39	27	27	50	24	51	19	44
Don't know	<b>15</b>	9	11	12	11	9	9	7	10

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How much of a risk, if any, do you believe that by introducing new laws on the press, future governments might use them to control the media?

A large risk	15	19	13	4	22	10	10	18	12	18	7	16	18	12	18	13	16	12	14	19
A fairly big risk	32	31	30	35	33	33	30	28	35	23	39	27	34	34	29	32	33	31	30	28
<b>TOTAL RISK</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>47</b>
Not much of a risk	36	39	37	48	33	36	43	40	32	34	34	39	34	39	32	39	37	38	34	28
No risk at all	5	5	7	4	3	7	6	7	3	5	5	6	3	6	4	4	3	6	7	5
<b>TOTAL NOT MUCH/ NO RISK</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>33</b>
Don't know	13	6	14	9	10	14	11	7	19	20	14	12	10	10	18	12	11	13	15	21

The Prime Minister has said he supports the need for tougher regulation, but that he opposes new laws for the moment. Do you believe David Cameron was right or wrong to oppose Leveson's recommendation for new laws to underpin the new regulatory body for the press?

Right to oppose this recommendation	29	48	18	15	46	19	20	31	27	24	26	26	36	30	27	34	33	25	26	23
Wrong to oppose this recommendation	50	34	65	60	33	64	59	55	45	48	47	53	50	50	50	46	44	49	57	61
Don't know	21	19	17	25	21	17	21	14	28	28	28	21	14	20	23	20	23	27	17	16

And do you think David Cameron is opposing the new laws mainly because ...?

He believes in the principle of newspapers being free of any state regulation	24	59	8	21	48	10	16	28	21	20	22	22	32	28	20	27	27	23	22	21
He does not wish to jeopardise his relationship with newspaper owners and editors	56	26	74	66	33	72	69	57	56	60	53	61	52	55	58	52	55	56	59	62
Neither	6	4	8	2	5	6	5	5	7	5	7	6	5	5	7	5	6	6	5	6
Don't know	13	11	9	11	13	12	11	11	16	15	18	12	11	12	15	16	13	15	14	11

And do you believe Nick Clegg was right or wrong to support Leveson's recommendation for new laws to underpin the new regulatory body for the press?

Right to support this recommendation	50	35	61	76	35	58	64	54	46	48	46	54	48	51	48	50	44	52	54	56
Wrong to support this recommendation	26	40	19	11	39	22	16	30	22	22	23	23	33	27	24	22	32	22	24	23
Don't know	25	25	19	12	27	19	20	16	33	30	30	23	19	22	28	28	24	26	23	21

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How much of a risk, if any, do you believe that by introducing new laws on the press, future governments might use them to control the media?

A large risk	15	23	8	9	33	4	41	3	25
A fairly big risk	32	36	28	30	38	27	43	24	38
<b>TOTAL RISK</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>63</b>
Not much of a risk	36	33	44	43	24	51	12	56	27
No risk at all	5	3	8	6	1	7	2	10	3
<b>TOTAL NOT MUCH/ NO RISK</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>30</b>
Don't know	13	5	13	12	4	10	3	6	7

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Right to oppose this recommendation	29	46	12	18	62	11	75	14	42
Wrong to oppose this recommendation	50	41	68	64	24	73	16	73	43
Don't know	21	13	20	18	14	16	9	12	15

And do you think David Cameron is opposing the new laws mainly because ...?

He believes in the principle of newspapers being free of any state regulation	24	35	16	20	40	18	46	22	30
He does not wish to jeopardise his relationship with newspaper owners and editors	56	52	68	64	45	67	42	66	55
Neither	6	5	7	6	6	6	4	4	7
Don't know	13	9	9	10	9	9	7	9	8

And do you believe Nick Clegg was right or wrong to support Leveson's recommendation for new laws to underpin the new regulatory body for the press?

Right to support this recommendation	50	46	62	63	22	73	17	77	41
Wrong to support this recommendation	26	38	17	16	61	10	69	10	41
Don't know	25	16	21	21	17	16	14	13	18

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Regardless of whether you support or oppose Leveson's recommendations, do you believe Nick Clegg was right to set out a different view from that of the Prime Minister or should he, as deputy Prime Minister, have presented a united front with David Cameron?

Right, it is more important for him to say what he believes than to present a united front	<b>66</b>	54	77	92	49	75	83	68	63	63	68	67	63	68	63	62	64	65	68	76
Wrong, as deputy Prime Minister he should have presented a united front with David Cameron	<b>22</b>	37	13	4	39	16	7	22	21	17	16	21	31	22	22	22	26	19	21	14
Don't know	<b>12</b>	9	9	4	12	9	10	9	16	21	16	12	6	10	15	16	10	16	12	9

Ed Miliband supports Leveson's recommendation for new laws to underpin the new regulatory body for the press. Do you think he is mainly doing this...?

Because he believes in protecting the victims of press behaviour	<b>32</b>	15	54	42	14	53	38	34	29	24	32	35	31	33	30	32	28	29	40	26
To undermine the coalition	<b>46</b>	75	24	32	70	26	37	48	43	45	44	44	50	48	42	44	52	46	38	50
Neither	<b>6</b>	2	8	9	4	9	7	6	6	5	6	7	7	5	8	8	6	8	6	6
Don't know	<b>16</b>	8	14	17	12	13	18	11	21	25	18	15	12	14	20	16	14	18	16	19

Some people have claimed that giving the state a role in press regulation is a major change to the relationship between the state and the press whereas others believe that it will actually make very little difference at all. Do you think Leveson's proposals would be a major or a minor change in the relationship between the state and the press?

A major and worrying change	<b>21</b>	29	20	8	31	18	12	24	18	21	14	20	29	21	22	20	23	20	20	20
A major and welcome change	<b>25</b>	24	27	41	22	28	30	29	22	27	23	26	25	27	22	23	24	26	26	27
A minor change	<b>32</b>	30	36	35	28	36	37	33	31	22	35	34	30	34	29	34	32	31	32	28
Don't know	<b>22</b>	17	18	16	19	18	21	14	29	31	28	20	16	18	27	23	20	23	22	25

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Wrong, as deputy Prime Minister he should have presented a united front with David Cameron	<b>22</b>	27	19	17	42	15	42	16	29
Don't know	<b>12</b>	6	11	9	8	7	9	7	6

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To undermine the coalition	<b>46</b>	52	43	42	64	38	73	38	56
Neither	<b>6</b>	6	7	5	9	5	9	5	8
Don't know	<b>16</b>	8	17	14	9	12	6	10	10

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The exemption should be ended	<b>41</b>	43	44	49	38	45	46	45	37	38	35	44	44	42	39	35	43	41	42	37
The exemption should NOT be ended	<b>30</b>	36	29	28	36	28	25	34	27	28	29	29	33	32	27	32	30	32	28	28
Don't know	<b>29</b>	21	27	23	26	27	29	22	36	34	35	27	24	25	35	33	27	27	30	35

Lord Justice Leveson thinks it is important for the press to remain "irreverent, unruly and opinionated". Do you believe these qualities would or would not survive under his proposals?

Would survive	<b>43</b>	43	50	54	35	50	54	52	35	40	41	48	42	50	34	45	43	41	46	41
Would NOT survive	<b>28</b>	37	26	21	39	27	19	27	29	28	24	25	36	27	30	25	31	28	27	25
Don't know	<b>29</b>	20	24	26	26	23	26	21	36	32	36	27	23	23	36	30	26	31	27	34

Lord Justice Leveson has also recommended that all government ministers and senior politicians should have to publicly declare all their meetings with newspaper owners and editors. Do you believe they should or should not publicly declare all their meetings with newspaper owners and editors?

Should be required to declare all their meetings with newspaper owners and editors	<b>73</b>	69	78	73	70	78	79	75	71	57	65	77	81	75	70	73	73	74	72	69
Should NOT be required to declare all their meetings with newspaper owners and editors	<b>13</b>	20	9	12	17	9	9	14	12	19	15	10	11	13	13	13	13	13	13	12
Don't know	<b>15</b>	12	13	15	13	13	11	11	18	24	20	13	8	13	17	14	14	14	15	19

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The exemption should be ended	<b>41</b>	37	51	49	29	53	28	60	36
The exemption should NOT be ended	<b>30</b>	40	24	25	50	24	53	24	40
Don't know	<b>29</b>	23	25	25	21	23	19	16	24

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Would survive	<b>43</b>	45	50	54	24	61	20	66	36
Would NOT survive	<b>28</b>	38	23	21	55	18	59	16	41
Don't know	<b>29</b>	17	27	25	21	21	21	18	23

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Should NOT be required to declare all their meetings with newspaper owners and editors	<b>13</b>	14	13	10	22	9	22	10	15
Don't know	<b>15</b>	8	13	10	13	9	10	7	9