



Big Brother Watch Surveillance Study

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 2,018 GB adults online between 18th and 20th October 2013. Data were weighted to be representative of all GB adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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Surveillance Laws Survey

ONLINE Fieldwork : 18th-20th October 2013

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

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Base: All respondents

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Weighted base	2018	989	1029	240	340	340	360	300	439	539	559	440	479	324	806
Politicians to continue with the current system of authorising surveillance warrants	436 22%	242 24%	194 19%	52 22%	67 20%	69 20%	62 17%	63 21%	123 28%	133 25%	118 21%	90 20%	95 20%	62 19%	180 22%
Changed so that surveillance is subject to a court warrant signed by a judge	952 47%	512 52%	439 43%	92 39%	118 35%	159 47%	195 54%	161 54%	226 51%	280 52%	278 50%	189 43%	205 43%	157 48%	369 46%
Don't know	631 31%	235 24%	396 38%	95 40%	154 45%	112 33%	102 28%	76 25%	91 21%	126 23%	164 29%	161 37%	180 38%	105 32%	258 32%

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Changed so that surveillance is subject to a court warrant signed by a judge	952 47%	103 56%	41 41%	808 47%	39 49%	117 52%	81 45%	78 43%	71 50%	97 48%	94 36%	130 46%	100 55%
Don't know	631 31%	49 27%	38 38%	544 31%	26 33%	57 26%	68 37%	56 31%	44 31%	59 29%	93 36%	89 32%	51 28%

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Table 2

Q.2 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

It is in the public interest for there to be a debate about Britain's surveillance laws which were written before Facebook or Google existed

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NET: Agree	1433 71%	735 74%	698 68%	157 66%	214 63%	228 67%	250 70%	231 77%	351 80%	417 77%	399 71%	297 68%	319 67%	229 71%	578 72%
Strongly agree	(4) 550 27%	306 31%	244 24%	58 24%	90 27%	87 26%	91 25%	89 30%	134 30%	168 31%	156 28%	121 27%	106 22%	101 31%	231 29%
Tend to agree	(3) 883 44%	429 43%	454 44%	99 41%	124 37%	141 41%	159 44%	142 47%	218 50%	249 46%	243 43%	177 40%	214 45%	128 40%	347 43%
Tend to disagree	(2) 104 5%	60 6%	44 4%	8 3%	21 6%	18 5%	20 6%	13 4%	25 6%	25 5%	31 5%	21 5%	28 6%	21 6%	38 5%
Strongly disagree	(1) 45 2%	32 3%	13 1%	10 4%	6 2%	5 2%	6 2%	4 1%	14 3%	19 4%	12 2%	10 2%	4 1%	7 2%	15 2%
NET: Disagree	149 7%	92 9%	57 6%	18 8%	26 8%	23 7%	26 7%	17 6%	39 9%	44 8%	42 8%	31 7%	32 7%	27 8%	54 7%
Don't know	436 22%	162 16%	274 27%	64 27%	99 29%	89 26%	83 23%	52 17%	49 11%	78 15%	118 21%	111 25%	128 27%	67 21%	175 22%
Mean	3.22	3.22	3.23	3.17	3.24	3.23	3.21	3.28	3.21	3.23	3.23	3.24	3.20	3.26	3.26
Standard deviation	0.69	0.74	0.63	0.76	0.71	0.67	0.67	0.63	0.71	0.73	0.69	0.70	0.63	0.71	0.68
Standard error	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.03

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Strongly agree	(4) 550 27%	61 33%	21 21%	468 27%	25 31%	70 32%	53 29%	55 30%	37 26%	59 29%	58 22%	61 22%	50 28%
Tend to agree	(3) 883 44%	75 41%	49 49%	759 44%	38 48%	80 36%	79 44%	81 45%	64 45%	81 40%	116 44%	133 47%	87 48%
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Strongly disagree	(1) 45 2%	4 2%	- -	41 2%	- -	11 5%	4 2%	4 2%	1 1%	6 3%	7 3%	4 2%	4 2%
NET: Disagree	149 7%	10 5%	4 4%	136 8%	1 1%	25 11%	10 5%	12 6%	13 9%	19 9%	20 8%	25 9%	11 6%
Don't know	436 22%	36 20%	27 27%	373 21%	17 21%	46 21%	40 22%	34 19%	27 19%	43 21%	68 26%	64 22%	33 18%
Mean	3.22	3.32	3.23	3.21	3.38	3.19	3.28	3.26	3.20	3.22	3.16	3.14	3.24
Standard deviation	0.69	0.69	0.53	0.70	0.51	0.83	0.66	0.69	0.66	0.75	0.69	0.66	0.67
Standard error	0.02	0.06	0.07	0.02	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.05

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Were it not for the revelations in the Guardian the debate about Britain's surveillance laws would still be taking place

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NET: Agree	861 43%	449 45%	412 40%	110 46%	133 39%	128 38%	147 41%	124 41%	219 50%	237 44%	238 42%	188 43%	198 41%	147 45%	343 43%
Strongly agree	(4) 263 13%	137 14%	126 12%	34 14%	43 13%	31 9%	44 12%	43 14%	68 16%	65 12%	75 13%	60 14%	63 13%	50 15%	103 13%
Tend to agree	(3) 598 30%	312 32%	286 28%	76 32%	91 27%	96 28%	102 28%	81 27%	151 34%	172 32%	163 29%	128 29%	135 28%	97 30%	240 30%
Tend to disagree	(2) 217 11%	138 14%	79 8%	28 12%	30 9%	36 11%	35 10%	31 10%	57 13%	71 13%	63 11%	41 9%	42 9%	37 12%	80 10%
Strongly disagree	(1) 88 4%	68 7%	20 2%	10 4%	13 4%	16 5%	12 3%	18 6%	19 4%	41 8%	27 5%	14 3%	6 1%	15 5%	32 4%
NET: Disagree	305 15%	206 21%	99 10%	39 16%	43 13%	52 15%	47 13%	49 16%	76 17%	112 21%	90 16%	55 12%	48 10%	52 16%	111 14%
Don't know	852 42%	334 34%	518 50%	91 38%	163 48%	160 47%	167 46%	126 42%	144 33%	190 35%	232 41%	196 45%	233 49%	124 38%	352 44%
Mean	2.89	2.79	3.01	2.90	2.93	2.80	2.92	2.86	2.91	2.75	2.87	2.96	3.03	2.91	2.91
Standard deviation	0.84	0.89	0.75	0.83	0.84	0.83	0.81	0.91	0.82	0.89	0.86	0.80	0.73	0.86	0.82
Standard error	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.09	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.04

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Strongly agree	(4) 263 13%	31 17%	13 13%	219 13%	13 17%	30 13%	27 15%	32 18%	15 11%	22 11%	33 12%	28 10%	19 11%
Tend to agree	(3) 598 30%	54 30%	35 35%	509 29%	21 26%	61 27%	42 23%	66 36%	48 34%	61 30%	75 29%	89 32%	46 25%
Tend to disagree	(2) 217 11%	19 10%	11 11%	187 11%	7 8%	29 13%	23 13%	14 8%	14 10%	18 9%	37 14%	29 10%	16 9%
Strongly disagree	(1) 88 4%	8 4%	1 1%	80 5%	1 2%	8 3%	6 3%	10 5%	3 2%	10 5%	13 5%	15 5%	15 8%
NET: Disagree	305 15%	26 14%	12 12%	267 15%	8 10%	36 16%	29 16%	24 13%	17 12%	28 14%	50 19%	44 16%	31 17%
Don't know	852 42%	70 39%	41 41%	740 43%	39 48%	95 43%	84 46%	59 33%	62 44%	91 45%	104 40%	121 43%	85 47%
Mean	2.89	2.97	3.01	2.87	3.10	2.89	2.92	2.99	2.94	2.85	2.81	2.81	2.72
Standard deviation	0.84	0.85	0.68	0.84	0.78	0.83	0.86	0.84	0.72	0.84	0.86	0.83	0.96
Standard error	0.02	0.08	0.10	0.03	0.11	0.07	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.09

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Table 4

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Strongly agree	(4) 669 33%	358 36%	311 30%	72 30%	98 29%	123 36%	121 34%	110 37%	145 33%	171 32%	197 35%	143 33%	158 33%	109 34%	290 36%
Tend to agree	(3) 749 37%	352 36%	397 39%	85 36%	113 33%	115 34%	138 39%	114 38%	183 42%	223 41%	193 34%	161 37%	172 36%	117 36%	283 35%
Tend to disagree	(2) 114 6%	68 7%	45 4%	11 5%	26 8%	11 3%	19 5%	13 4%	33 8%	30 6%	36 6%	25 6%	22 5%	24 7%	39 5%
Strongly disagree	(1) 55 3%	44 4%	11 1%	5 2%	2 1%	12 4%	8 2%	9 3%	18 4%	23 4%	10 2%	12 3%	9 2%	8 2%	22 3%
NET: Disagree	168 8%	112 11%	56 5%	16 7%	28 8%	23 7%	28 8%	22 7%	51 12%	53 10%	46 8%	38 9%	32 7%	31 10%	60 7%
Don't know	432 21%	167 17%	265 26%	66 27%	101 30%	79 23%	72 20%	54 18%	60 14%	93 17%	124 22%	98 22%	118 25%	66 20%	173 21%
Mean	3.28	3.25	3.32	3.29	3.28	3.33	3.30	3.32	3.20	3.21	3.32	3.27	3.32	3.27	3.33
Standard deviation	0.74	0.82	0.65	0.72	0.69	0.77	0.72	0.74	0.79	0.78	0.72	0.75	0.71	0.75	0.74
Standard error	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.03

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Strongly agree	(4) 33%	669 38%	70 25%	26 33%	574 38%	31 36%	80 34%	62 38%	70 34%	47 29%	59 31%	82 27%	76 37%	67 37%
Tend to agree	(3) 37%	749 37%	56 31%	43 43%	649 37%	24 30%	84 38%	59 33%	65 36%	56 40%	88 43%	96 36%	119 42%	58 32%
Tend to disagree	(2) 6%	114 6%	13 7%	3 3%	98 6%	4 5%	11 5%	9 5%	6 3%	14 10%	13 6%	11 4%	15 5%	16 9%
Strongly disagree	(1) 3%	55 3%	6 3%	1 1%	48 3%	1 1%	8 4%	10 5%	3 2%	3 2%	4 2%	5 2%	7 3%	7 4%
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Standard error	0.02	0.07	0.08	0.02	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.06	

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Table 5

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The British Government should publish more detailed data on surveillance as the American government has committed to doing'

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Strongly agree	(4) 515 26%	270 27%	245 24%	50 21%	88 26%	96 28%	93 26%	80 27%	108 25%	131 24%	154 27%	114 26%	116 24%	92 28%	214 27%
Tend to agree	(3) 819 41%	417 42%	401 39%	88 37%	107 31%	133 39%	154 43%	133 44%	205 47%	242 45%	218 39%	170 39%	189 39%	130 40%	327 41%
Tend to disagree	(2) 171 8%	101 10%	69 7%	24 10%	28 8%	22 6%	23 6%	18 6%	56 13%	56 10%	42 8%	32 7%	42 9%	25 8%	56 7%
Strongly disagree	(1) 56 3%	42 4%	14 1%	4 1%	5 1%	10 3%	8 2%	11 4%	19 4%	18 3%	18 3%	12 3%	8 2%	8 2%	23 3%
NET: Disagree	227 11%	143 14%	84 8%	28 12%	32 9%	32 9%	31 9%	29 10%	75 17%	73 14%	60 11%	43 10%	50 10%	33 10%	78 10%
Don't know	458 23%	158 16%	300 29%	74 31%	113 33%	79 23%	82 23%	58 19%	52 12%	93 17%	127 23%	113 26%	125 26%	69 21%	187 23%
Mean	3.15	3.10	3.20	3.11	3.23	3.21	3.19	3.17	3.04	3.09	3.17	3.18	3.16	3.20	3.18
Standard deviation	0.75	0.80	0.69	0.72	0.74	0.75	0.70	0.75	0.79	0.76	0.77	0.75	0.72	0.74	0.74
Standard error	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.03

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Strongly agree	(4) 515 26%	62 34%	22 22%	431 25%	22 27%	66 30%	41 23%	47 26%	29 20%	42 21%	61 23%	68 24%	55 30%
Tend to agree	(3) 819 41%	63 35%	44 44%	711 41%	27 33%	76 34%	73 40%	84 46%	56 40%	99 49%	102 39%	121 43%	75 41%
Tend to disagree	(2) 171 8%	12 7%	7 7%	152 9%	7 9%	25 11%	12 7%	14 8%	22 15%	16 8%	18 7%	24 9%	12 7%
Strongly disagree	(1) 56 3%	4 2%	1 1%	51 3%	4 5%	10 4%	9 5%	4 2%	3 2%	4 2%	6 2%	8 3%	3 2%
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Don't know	458 23%	40 22%	27 27%	391 23%	21 26%	46 21%	46 25%	32 18%	32 22%	41 20%	76 29%	61 22%	37 20%
Mean	3.15	3.29	3.18	3.13	3.12	3.12	3.08	3.16	3.01	3.11	3.17	3.12	3.25
Standard deviation	0.75	0.75	0.63	0.75	0.86	0.85	0.81	0.71	0.75	0.68	0.72	0.75	0.69
Standard error	0.02	0.06	0.08	0.02	0.10	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.05