

COMMUNICATERESEARCH PARLIAMENTARY PANEL

Attitudes towards the media

Q1. In general, would you say that the accuracy of news reporting in the media over recent years has:

%	All	Lab	Con	Other
Improved	3	-	5	9
remained about the same	15	3	21	36
worsened	82	97	74	55

Q2. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the media is responsible for:

All MPs

%	Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	No opinion
Declining levels of trust in the political process among the public	44	43	2	-	-
An increasing unwillingness to vote	33	52	12	-	3

Labour MPs

%	Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	No opinion
Declining levels of trust in the political process among the public	63	37	-	-	-
An increasing unwillingness to vote	37	50	10	-	3

Conservative MPs

%	<i>Agree strongly</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree strongly</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
Declining levels of trust in the political process among the public	53	42	5	-	-
An increasing unwillingness to vote	32	53	11	-	5

Q3. In general, do you feel media owners and editors are sufficiently accountable to the public?

%	All	Lab	Con	Other
Yes	13	3	36	-
No	83	97	58	90
No opinion	4	-	6	10

Q4. Would you support or oppose a tightly defined privacy law with a clear public interest defence?

%	All	Lab	Con	Other
Support	78	90	68	64
Oppose	20	10	26	36
No opinion	2	-	6	-

Fieldwork: CommunicateResearch surveyed 101 MPs on its Online Parliamentary Panel between 26 April and 10 May (52 Labour, 31 Conservative and 18 from the smaller parties). Data may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

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