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Unweighted Total	151	44	82	18	7	123	16	12	17	27	38	41	59	52	40	42	45	39	25	19	17	23	47	15	30	127	24
Weighted Total	151	45	83	14	9	121	9	21	17	31	37	37	59	53	40	41	44	41	25	19	17	22	47	14	32	127	24
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
It is right that organisations copying newspaper articles should pay a licence fee																											
Agree	64	25	30	6	3	54	3	7	5	16	19	14	21	20	23	15	24	18	7	8	8	9	18	10	11	56	8
	42%	55%	36%	43%	28%	44%	37%	32%	29%	50%	52%	39%	36%	37%	57%	37%	54%	44%	28%	40%	45%	40%	39%	74%	35%	44%	33%
Disagree	59	12	41	4	2	46	5	8	6	12	12	16	27	22	10	17	14	14	14	10	7	7	22	2	12	47	12
	39%	26%	49%	29%	27%	38%	51%	40%	37%	40%	32%	42%	45%	41%	26%	41%	33%	33%	56%	51%	39%	30%	48%	12%	36%	37%	50%
No opinion	28	9	12	4	4	22	1	6	6	3	6	7	11	11	6	9	6	9	4	2	3	7	6	2	9	25	4
	19%	19%	15%	27%	45%	18%	13%	28%	33%	10%	16%	19%	18%	21%	16%	22%	14%	23%	16%	9%	16%	30%	13%	15%	29%	19%	16%
It is right that organisations distributing URLs of newspaper articles should pay a licence fee where the newspaper would normally charge for viewing the pages																											
Agree	69	23	35	8	4	59	4	6	6	17	20	16	24	27	19	18	25	17	10	8	10	12	19	9	12	55	14
	46%	51%	42%	55%	44%	49%	43%	31%	34%	55%	55%	44%	40%	52%	47%	44%	57%	41%	38%	42%	57%	53%	41%	63%	37%	44%	59%
Disagree	53	11	38	4	1	42	3	8	6	9	11	15	26	16	11	13	13	15	13	9	7	5	21	2	8	46	7
	35%	24%	45%	29%	11%	34%	38%	41%	37%	30%	30%	41%	45%	30%	29%	31%	30%	36%	50%	49%	39%	24%	46%	17%	26%	36%	31%
No opinion	28	11	11	2	4	21	2	6	5	5	6	5	9	9	10	10	6	9	3	2	1	5	6	3	12	26	2
	19%	25%	13%	16%	45%	17%	19%	28%	29%	15%	15%	15%	15%	18%	24%	25%	13%	23%	12%	9%	4%	22%	13%	20%	37%	20%	10%
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Agree	22	8	12	1	1	18	2	2	1	5	5	7	7	9	5	6	9	4	2	4	4	1	4	2	7	18	3
	14%	18%	14%	6%	12%	15%	18%	8%	6%	17%	13%	19%	12%	18%	13%	15%	20%	11%	9%	21%	21%	2%	8%	17%	23%	14%	14%
Disagree	99	25	61	9	4	78	6	15	10	21	22	25	42	31	26	24	27	28	20	13	13	13	36	9	14	83	16
	65%	54%	74%	67%	43%	65%	63%	72%	59%	69%	61%	67%	71%	59%	66%	58%	62%	68%	79%	70%	75%	61%	78%	63%	43%	65%	67%

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No opinion	31	13	10	4	4	25	2	4	6	4	9	5	10	12	8	11	8	9	3	2	1	8	6	3	11	26	4
	20%	28%	12%	27%	45%	20%	19%	20%	35%	14%	26%	14%	17%	23%	21%	27%	18%	21%	12%	8%	4%	37%	14%	20%	34%	21%	19%
Measures that may limit the circulation of digital data could be detrimental to the development of Digital Britain and efforts to place the UK at the forefront of digital innovation																											
Agree	85	19	53	9	4	66	6	13	10	15	20	21	37	28	21	27	21	21	16	13	8	14	30	7	14	75	10
	56%	42%	64%	63%	49%	55%	63%	64%	59%	48%	55%	58%	62%	53%	52%	66%	48%	51%	63%	66%	48%	64%	64%	49%	42%	59%	44%
Disagree	28	10	16	1	1	24	3	2	3	7	5	9	10	14	5	5	12	7	5	4	5	5	4	3	8	22	7
	19%	22%	20%	9%	6%	20%	31%	8%	19%	24%	13%	23%	16%	26%	13%	12%	27%	16%	19%	20%	29%	23%	8%	22%	24%	17%	27%
No opinion	38	16	13	4	4	31	1	6	4	9	11	7	13	11	14	9	11	13	5	3	4	3	13	4	11	31	7
	25%	36%	16%	27%	45%	26%	6%	28%	23%	28%	31%	19%	21%	21%	35%	22%	24%	33%	19%	14%	23%	13%	28%	29%	34%	24%	28%
The NLA should not be permitted to levy a licence fee on the distribution of newspaper URLs																											
Agree	61	12	43	3	2	49	3	8	9	7	17	16	28	19	13	18	18	14	11	9	7	7	24	3	9	49	12
	40%	27%	51%	24%	27%	40%	38%	40%	54%	23%	45%	43%	48%	37%	32%	44%	40%	33%	44%	48%	44%	33%	52%	22%	29%	38%	51%
Disagree	39	16	17	5	1	33	2	5	2	15	9	7	14	14	12	8	14	14	3	5	7	7	8	4	8	34	6
	26%	35%	20%	39%	16%	27%	19%	24%	11%	48%	24%	20%	23%	27%	29%	21%	31%	35%	12%	29%	42%	30%	17%	28%	26%	27%	23%
No opinion	51	17	24	5	5	40	4	7	6	9	11	14	17	19	15	14	13	13	11	4	2	8	15	7	14	45	6
	34%	38%	28%	37%	57%	33%	43%	36%	35%	29%	30%	37%	28%	36%	39%	35%	29%	32%	44%	24%	14%	36%	31%	50%	45%	35%	26%