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		30 Oct-1 Nov	17-18 Nov																					
Thinking about Boris Johnson, do you think he...																								
Is competent or incompetent?																								
	Competent	29	27	71	5	5	53	4	7	14	42	27	26	12	26	29	31	24	29	16	32	33	23	14
	Incompetent	57	59	17	88	91	33	88	88	80	43	61	58	70	58	57	58	64	53	70	55	51	62	75
	Don't know	14	14	12	7	4	14	8	5	6	15	12	16	17	16	14	10	11	18	14	13	16	15	11
Is decisive or indecisive?																								
	Decisive	21	22	53	4	9	38	7	12	13	32	25	19	17	21	25	23	21	23	18	22	26	22	14
	Indecisive	67	66	38	91	88	55	85	85	80	57	65	66	66	65	64	69	70	60	68	68	59	64	76
	Don't know	12	12	9	5	3	8	7	3	7	11	10	14	16	14	11	8	9	16	14	10	14	14	11
Is trustworthy or untrustworthy?																								
	Trustworthy	21	18	50	2	6	37	1	5	9	32	17	19	6	17	20	25	16	21	11	23	22	14	12
	Untrustworthy	61	63	24	92	93	40	92	93	82	47	67	60	72	64	62	59	69	56	73	60	58	65	76
	Don't know	18	18	26	5	1	23	7	2	9	21	16	21	22	19	18	16	15	22	16	17	20	21	12
Is strong or weak?																								
	Strong	32	29	67	10	23	51	11	14	18	42	30	28	24	28	32	31	28	31	22	32	32	28	22
	Weak	50	54	18	80	68	35	75	75	70	43	54	54	54	53	56	55	58	49	64	54	46	53	64
	Don't know	17	17	14	10	8	13	13	11	11	15	15	18	22	19	13	15	14	21	14	14	21	19	14

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Is likeable or dislikeable?																							
Likeable	43	41	82	17	21	73	18	17	26	61	43	39	29	36	47	49	39	43	32	45	49	37	28
Dislikeable	43	46	9	74	69	17	73	72	65	27	45	46	54	49	42	39	50	40	55	43	37	47	60
Don't know	14	14	9	8	11	10	10	11	9	12	12	15	18	15	11	11	11	17	13	12	14	16	13
Thinking about Keir Starmer, do you think he...																							
Is competent or incompetent?																							
Competent	31	34	20	69	54	23	58	59	53	21	37	31	30	30	39	36	40	26	43	36	29	33	26
Incompetent	33	31	50	7	21	48	12	16	18	44	34	27	27	28	30	37	28	34	20	33	33	29	34
Don't know	36	36	30	24	25	29	30	26	28	35	29	42	42	42	31	27	32	40	37	31	39	38	39
Is decisive or indecisive?																							
Decisive	20	22	14	45	35	15	35	38	30	16	20	23	15	20	25	25	23	20	27	23	19	20	19
Indecisive	45	41	60	24	32	58	31	32	37	50	49	34	38	37	43	48	44	38	36	43	42	40	43
Don't know	35	37	26	31	33	28	35	30	33	34	31	44	47	43	32	28	34	42	37	35	39	40	37
Is trustworthy or untrustworthy?																							
Trustworthy	31	28	15	62	51	16	50	59	49	14	31	25	23	25	33	32	34	20	40	30	22	27	23
Untrustworthy	35	35	54	11	23	54	16	16	21	49	40	30	33	33	33	39	32	37	24	36	36	36	34
Don't know	35	37	31	27	26	31	34	25	30	37	29	45	44	42	34	29	34	42	36	33	43	37	43
Is strong or weak?																							
Strong	17	19	11	44	36	11	35	37	28	12	19	19	18	16	20	22	21	16	23	21	15	17	18
Weak	46	43	63	21	41	61	27	31	35	56	49	37	36	39	48	47	44	42	40	45	43	41	40
Don't know	37	38	26	35	23	28	38	32	37	32	32	44	46	44	31	31	36	42	37	34	41	41	42
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Likeable	32	28	17	57	53	18	46	52	43	18	28	27	22	23	33	33	32	22	37	29	22	26	29
Dislikeable	36	37	57	12	25	56	18	19	25	52	41	32	33	35	38	39	35	39	25	40	39	38	32
Don't know	32	36	26	30	22	26	36	30	32	30	30	41	45	41	29	27	33	39	37	32	39	36	39

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Thinking about MPs in general, how well or badly do you think they represent their local area?

Very well	1	4	2	0	2	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	2	0	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	1
Fairly well	28	45	28	35	38	24	32	30	29	27	28	20	22	30	39	29	26	31	32	28	22	23
TOTAL WELL	29	49	30	35	40	25	32	31	31	29	29	20	24	30	42	30	28	33	34	29	23	24
Fairly badly	34	33	40	35	36	42	40	38	35	35	34	33	34	38	32	37	30	29	34	36	36	37
Very badly	18	7	15	23	13	16	16	16	19	20	16	14	21	16	15	16	20	16	17	17	20	18
TOTAL BADLY	52	40	55	58	49	58	56	54	54	55	50	47	55	54	47	53	50	45	51	53	56	55
Don't know	19	12	15	7	11	17	12	15	14	16	21	33	21	16	11	17	22	23	15	19	21	21

And thinking specifically about your own MP, how well or badly do you think they represent your local area?

Very well	7	12	9	5	9	8	7	9	7	7	7	4	4	9	11	7	6	12	7	6	5	5
Fairly well	24	33	26	33	31	26	26	28	25	23	25	19	21	26	32	26	22	25	24	21	27	29
TOTAL WELL	31	45	35	38	40	34	33	37	32	30	32	23	25	35	43	33	28	37	31	27	32	34
Fairly badly	22	22	26	23	24	22	27	23	25	21	22	18	21	25	22	24	19	16	24	24	20	17
Very badly	20	12	19	29	17	22	22	21	20	23	17	15	22	20	18	20	20	15	22	22	19	20
TOTAL BADLY	42	34	45	52	41	44	49	44	45	44	39	33	43	45	40	44	39	31	46	46	39	37
Don't know	27	21	20	11	19	22	18	19	24	25	29	44	33	20	17	23	32	32	23	27	29	28

The government have recently faced allegations of corruption regarding MPs' second jobs.

How closely are you following this story?

	10-11 Nov	17-18 Nov																					
Very closely	8	11	7	20	21	9	18	22	19	8	15	8	6	8	12	18	14	7	17	12	9	8	14
Fairly closely	28	30	31	39	41	32	36	39	37	30	36	24	22	25	34	36	33	24	29	32	27	28	32
TOTAL CLOSELY	36	41	38	59	62	41	54	61	56	38	51	32	28	33	46	54	47	31	46	44	36	36	46
Not very closely	25	25	36	18	18	32	18	20	21	31	22	28	17	26	23	30	25	26	23	25	27	25	22
I am aware of the story but am not following it	23	24	22	17	19	22	21	18	18	24	21	26	29	26	25	14	21	28	18	22	24	28	25
TOTAL NOT CLOSELY	48	49	58	35	37	54	39	38	39	55	43	54	46	52	48	44	46	54	41	47	51	53	47
I am not aware of the story	15	11	5	6	1	5	7	0	5	7	6	15	26	14	6	2	7	15	14	9	12	11	7

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And how well or badly do you think Boris Johnson has handled recent allegations of corruption among Conservative MPs?

Very well	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	1
Fairly well	8	9	25	2	2	17	2	1	4	15	8	10	9	6	11	12	7	11	5	12	10	7	3
TOTAL WELL	8	10	28	2	2	18	2	1	5	16	9	10	10	7	12	13	8	12	7	13	11	7	4
Fairly badly	27	25	39	17	20	36	17	19	20	30	24	26	26	22	24	29	25	24	21	25	25	26	25
Very badly	39	43	11	66	71	24	66	72	63	32	48	37	26	42	47	48	48	36	51	40	39	42	54
TOTAL BADLY	66	68	50	83	91	60	83	91	83	62	72	63	52	64	71	77	73	60	72	65	64	68	79
Don't know	25	23	22	14	7	20	15	8	12	22	18	27	38	30	17	9	19	28	21	23	25	25	17

Do you think MPs should or should not be allowed to do paid work alongside their responsibilities in the House of Commons?

Should be allowed	9	7	12	3	3	10	3	5	5	9	8	6	8	7	6	6	6	8	6	7	8	7	4
Should only be allowed in limited circumstances	39	44	52	49	46	49	47	55	50	43	42	45	33	37	50	54	48	39	42	46	43	42	44
Should not be allowed at all	40	38	29	42	50	35	42	37	39	40	42	35	31	41	38	38	38	39	37	36	39	42	39
Don't know	11	11	7	6	1	6	8	3	6	8	8	14	28	15	5	1	8	15	15	11	10	9	14

How many hours a week, if any, do you think MPs should be allowed to work on second jobs alongside their responsibilities in the House of Commons?

None at all	37	29	41	44	35	42	32	37	39	41	34	27	39	37	39	36	38	35	35	39	41	37
Between 1 and 5 hours per week	13	14	16	16	13	15	22	16	13	12	13	10	11	13	17	14	11	14	13	13	12	9
Between 6 and 10 hours per week	18	21	20	24	20	18	26	22	17	18	18	14	14	21	23	20	15	15	18	17	18	21
Between 11 and 15 hours per week	6	9	7	8	8	4	8	7	6	5	7	8	5	6	8	7	5	5	7	7	5	5
Between 16 and 20 hours per week	3	5	3	2	4	2	2	2	5	4	3	3	3	4	3	2	5	5	4	2	4	2
More than 20 hours per week	2	3	1	2	3	1	1	1	3	3	1	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2
Don't know	21	19	13	6	17	18	9	16	18	18	24	35	26	18	9	19	24	24	21	21	18	23

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Which of the following do you most associate with corruption in Parliament?

Boris Johnson	41	10	77	73	17	75	78	66	21	46	36	45	41	44	37	49	30	55	37	34	42	52
Keir Starmer	5	11	1	0	7	0	1	1	8	5	4	3	4	5	5	3	7	1	5	8	4	2
Both equally	21	27	6	17	31	8	9	11	32	22	19	16	19	19	28	19	23	13	23	20	21	20
Neither	13	31	4	4	25	3	4	8	20	14	12	5	12	16	16	13	14	11	15	16	10	9
Don't know	21	21	12	6	19	14	8	14	19	13	28	31	24	16	15	16	27	19	20	22	23	17

And which of the following do you think would be best to handle the issue of corruption in Parliament?

Boris Johnson	13	37	2	0	26	2	2	5	22	14	11	7	10	15	17	11	15	8	15	16	10	9
Keir Starmer	25	4	63	48	8	53	53	45	11	28	23	20	25	29	24	30	19	37	26	20	23	24
Neither	39	39	20	48	48	26	35	33	46	41	38	39	37	37	46	40	38	35	39	36	42	48
Don't know	23	20	15	4	19	19	9	16	21	17	28	35	27	18	14	18	28	20	20	27	25	19

Boris Johnson has announced plans to prevent MPs working as paid political consultants alongside their responsibilities in the House of Commons.

How likely or unlikely do you think it is that this will happen?

Very likely	3	9	1	3	6	0	2	2	6	4	2	2	3	2	5	3	4	2	3	5	3	3
Fairly likely	18	39	12	12	30	10	10	14	24	18	17	16	14	23	20	18	17	11	22	19	15	16
TOTAL LIKELY	21	48	13	15	36	10	12	16	30	22	19	18	17	25	25	21	21	13	25	24	18	19
Fairly unlikely	38	34	43	45	38	42	55	43	37	38	37	33	36	38	43	41	33	35	40	38	35	38
Very unlikely	22	6	31	33	14	31	28	29	18	24	20	15	22	24	24	22	22	24	19	20	28	24
TOTAL UNLIKELY	60	40	74	78	52	73	83	72	55	62	57	48	58	62	67	63	55	59	59	58	63	62
Don't know	19	13	13	8	12	16	5	12	16	14	23	34	25	13	8	15	24	28	16	18	19	18

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To what extent do you support or oppose a ban on MPs working as paid political consultants alongside their responsibilities in the House of Commons?

Strongly support	39	35	52	47	37	50	48	48	38	48	30	32	36	43	42	44	32	39	39	38	37	41
Tend to support	19	28	18	19	22	16	20	19	19	18	21	15	21	20	17	20	18	14	20	20	21	17
TOTAL SUPPORT	58	63	70	66	59	66	68	67	57	66	51	47	57	63	59	64	50	53	59	58	58	58
Tend to oppose	11	13	8	12	13	8	11	10	14	8	13	8	8	13	13	10	11	9	11	11	9	14
Strongly oppose	12	9	12	15	13	12	12	12	14	12	12	6	9	12	21	11	14	15	11	12	13	12
TOTAL OPPOSE	23	22	20	27	26	20	23	22	28	20	25	14	17	25	34	21	25	24	22	23	22	26
Don't know	19	16	10	8	15	13	8	11	15	15	24	39	26	12	7	15	25	23	19	19	20	17

And thinking generally about the debate around MPs having second jobs, do you think this plan goes too far, does not go far enough, or is about right to handle the issue?

Goes too far	4	6	1	4	6	2	2	2	5	4	3	5	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	3	5	3
Is about right	21	43	17	15	33	14	13	18	25	22	20	19	22	22	21	21	21	18	22	23	20	20
Does not go far enough	40	21	56	55	30	53	56	50	36	47	33	28	34	43	51	42	36	44	40	36	40	40
Don't know	36	30	26	26	31	32	29	29	34	27	44	48	41	31	24	33	39	34	34	38	36	38