

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2047 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 25th - 26th March 2013

	Voting intention					2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region				
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	UKIP	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample 2047	X	X	X	X	621	503	469	995	1052	248	522	700	577	1167	880	262	665	438	504	178	
Unweighted Sample 2047	458	631	164	234	626	498	474	994	1053	160	492	798	597	1356	691	290	736	392	465	164	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

At the weekend Boris Johnson was questioned on the BBC about some of his past behaviour as a journalist and politician and whether, beneath his public image, he was a "nasty piece of work". The interview has since attracted some criticism. How closely are you following this story?

Very closely	6	8	6	7	8	7	7	7	8	4	7	4	7	6	6	6	7	5	5	8	4
Fairly closely	17	18	18	16	22	20	20	14	21	13	15	12	17	21	19	14	22	17	16	12	22
Not very closely	22	26	23	23	25	26	22	20	22	22	13	21	24	24	22	22	25	19	20	27	18
I am aware of the stories but am not following them	25	24	24	28	21	24	22	30	23	28	26	25	25	26	25	25	22	29	25	22	27
I am not aware of the stories	30	23	27	26	24	23	28	30	26	34	39	37	27	24	28	33	24	30	33	31	29

In the interview Eddie Mair asked Mr Johnson about whether he has once made up a quote when working as a journalist in the 1980s, whether he has lied about having an affair in 2004, and about a phone conversation in 1990 when he had said he would give the address of a journalist to someone who wanted them beaten up. Mr Mair then asked Mr Johnson if he was, in fact, "a nasty piece of work?". Some people have said the questions were a legitimate look at Mr Johnson's integrity and past behaviour. Other people have said they were digging up dirt from Mr Johnson's private life in the distant past. Mr Johnson himself has not complained and said Eddie Mair did a "splendid job".

Do you think it was or was not acceptable for Eddie Mair to ask questions like these?

Was acceptable	55	41	68	66	63	43	68	62	62	49	47	55	62	51	57	53	60	50	54	55	71
Was not acceptable	23	42	13	18	28	41	11	18	23	24	26	19	18	32	24	22	19	29	23	22	14
Don't know	22	18	19	17	9	17	21	20	15	28	27	27	20	17	20	24	21	21	23	23	15