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The Paul Burrell Case and The Royal Family

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Do you think Paul Burrell was right or wrong to have sold his story about his time working for Diana, Princess of Wales?	
Right to have sold his story	32
Wrong to have sold his story	62
Don't know	6
Some people have said that Paul Burrell has betrayed Princess Diana in what he has written. Do you agree or disagree with this view?	
Strongly agree	17
Tend to agree	36
Tend to disagree	27
Strongly disagree	11
Don't know	10
Do you think that Paul Burrell's revelations have damaged or improved the reputation of the Royal Family?	
Damaged its reputation	66
Improved its reputation	1
Made no difference	28
Don't know	4
In the light of recent events, which of these statements comes closest to your view?	
'The monarchy and the Royal Family should stay pretty much as they are now'	30
'The monarchy and the Royal Family should continue to exist but should become more 'democratic and approachable' rather like the Monarchy and the Royal Family in the Netherlands'	49
'The Monarchy should be abolished and replaced by a non-executive figurehead president like the ones they have in some continental countries'	19
Don't know	2
Do you think the Queen should, or should not, abdicate in favour of Prince Charles sometime within the new few years?	
Should abdicate soon	22
Should not abdicate soon	70
Don't know	8
In your view, should the Royal Family skip a generation with Prince William becoming King instead of Prince Charles?	
Should	33
Should not	59
Don't know	9
Thinking about the Queen's role in the Burrell case, which of the following comes closest to your view?	
The Queen intervened in the Burrell case in order to prevent damaging revelations about the monarchy from coming out in court	61
The Queen intervened because she remembered her conversation with Burrell and wanted to see justice done	26
Don't know	13

In the aftermath of the Burrell case how much sympathy do you feel for the Queen in general?

I have a lot of sympathy for the Queen	25
I have a fair amount of sympathy for the Queen	23
I have just a little sympathy for the Queen	22
I have no sympathy for the Queen	29
Don't know	2

In the aftermath of the Burrell case, has your estimation of Prince Charles gone up, gone down or stayed the same?

Has gone up	5
Has gone down	21
Has stayed the same	72
Don't know	2

Do you think that the Royal Family has showed Princess Diana's memory too much respect, too little respect, or has it got the balance about right?

Too much respect	10
Too little respect	41
Got the balance about right	39
Don't know	11

Do you think that the Spencer family has showed Princess Diana's memory too much respect, too little respect, or has it got the balance about right?

Too much respect	16
Too little respect	51
Got the balance about right	20
Don't know	14

Do you believe that Diana should or should not have been able to marry whomever she wanted after her divorce from Prince Charles?

She should have been able to marry whomever she wanted	88
She should not have been able to marry whomever she wanted	10
Don't know	2

Some people have said that Diana would still have been alive today had the Monarchy been more supportive towards her. Do you agree or disagree with this view?

Strongly agree	17
Tend to agree	26
Tend to disagree	22
Strongly disagree	26
Don't know	10

Since the Burrell revelations would you say your opinion of Princess Diana has gone up, gone down or stayed the same?

Gone up	5
Gone down	15
Stayed the same	78
Don't know	2

Who do you think should be in charge of looking after Princess Diana's legacy?

Earl Spencer	4
Paul Burrell	2
Prince Charles	5
The Queen	2
William and Harry	67
Frances Shand Kydd	1
None of these	13
Don't know	7

In the light of the Burrell revelations, which of the following Royals would you say you MOST admire?

The Queen	30
Prince Charles	7
Prince William	18
Prince Harry	2
Prince Andrew	1
Prince Edward	0
Sophie Wessex	0
Prince Philip	1
Princess Anne	14
None of these	21
Don't know	7

In the light of the Burrell revelations, which of the following Royals would you say you admire LEAST?

The Queen	10
Prince Charles	20
Prince William	0
Prince Harry	0
Prince Andrew	1
Prince Edward	9
Sophie Wessex	7
Prince Philip	17
Princess Anne	1
None of these	20
Don't know	16

Do you think that Burrell's revelations will have a helpful or harmful effect on the Princes William and Harry, or do you think they will have no effect on them?

Helpful effect	4
Harmful effect	50
No effect at all	35
Don't know	11

Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

'Princess Diana led a very troubled life and she should now be left to rest in peace'	71
'Princess Diana led a privileged life and is a legitimate subject for public debate'	25
Don't know	4

Do you agree or disagree with this statement: 'The rules should be changed so that the Queen is no longer 'above the law' and has the same rights and duties towards the courts as anyone else.'?

Strongly agree	38
Tend to agree	29
Tend to disagree	16
Strongly disagree	15
Don't know	2

Has the recent rape allegations relating to the Royal household damaged or improved your trust in the Monarchy or has it made no difference?

Damaged my trust in the Monarchy	24
Improved my trust in the Monarchy	0
Made no difference	73
Don't know	3

From the following, which do you consider to be the most trustworthy Royal?

The Queen	36
Prince Charles	7
Prince William	15
Prince Harry	2
Prince Andrew	2
Prince Edward	0
Sophie Wessex	0
Prince Philip	1
Princess Anne	13
None of these	16
Don't know	10

In the light of the Burrell revelations, which of the following comes closest to your view of Princess Diana?

'She was a vulnerable woman driven to the edge of despair by her marital breakdown'	48
'She was a manipulative woman who was determined to get revenge on the Windsors after the breakup of her marriage'	37
Don't know	15

In light of the Burrell's revelations, do you think that Charles ever loved Diana?

Yes – he did love her at one time	36
No – he never really loved her	49
Don't know	15

In light of the Burrell's revelations, do you think that Diana ever loved Charles?

Yes – she did love him at one time	73
No – she never really loved him	13
Don't know	14

Do you think that Camilla Parker Bowles is to blame or not to blame for the break-up of the marriage between Princess Diana and Prince Charles?

Camilla is to blame for the break-up	33
Camilla is not to blame for the break-up	50
Don't know	17

From what you know, do you think Prince Charles should, or should not, marry Camilla Parker Bowles?

Should	58
Should not	28
Don't know	14

If Prince Charles does marry Camilla Parker Bowles, should she...?

Become Queen in due course	12
Be given some other title instead	37
Not be given any title at all	47
Don't know	3