

YouGov Daily Telegraph Survey Results

Sample Size: 2076

Fieldwork: 22nd - 24th February

Weighted N

Unweighted N

Total	Gender		Age		
	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +
2076	996	1080	625	714	737
2076	1011	1065	502	745	829
%	%	%	%	%	%

Do you believe the present heir to the British throne, before he becomes King, does, or does not, have the right to communicate his views on controversial political matters, in private, to government ministers and other important people?

Yes, he does have that right	75	74	76	73	75	76
No, he doesn't	19	22	16	17	19	21
Don't know	6	4	8	10	6	3

Do you think the heir to the throne does, or does not, have the right to use speeches and articles to make known to the public his views on controversial political matters?

Yes, he does have that right	65	67	64	68	65	63
No, he doesn't	28	29	26	22	29	31
Don't know	7	4	10	10	6	5

We now know that Prince Charles circulated to some twenty friends and members of his staff his views on British and Chinese political leaders and their conduct of Britain's handover of Hong Kong to China.

What is your view about that action by the Prince?

He was perfectly entitled to do that and should not be blamed for the subsequent publicity	49	51	47	50	53	46
He was unwise to do that and has to take some or all of the blame for the subsequent publicity	44	44	44	38	42	51
Don't know	7	4	9	12	5	3

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If the heir to the throne circulates in writing his views on controversial matters to a considerable number of friends and members of staff, is he still entitled to have his views remain private and confidential or is the public entitled to know what his views are?

Even under those circumstances, he is entitled to have his views remain confidential	56	57	55	56	56	57
Under those circumstances, the public is entitled to know what his views are	36	37	35	33	37	37
Don't know	8	6	10	11	7	6

It has been claimed that Prince Charles regards himself as a 'dissident working against the prevailing political consensus'. If that is indeed the way Prince Charles sees himself, do you think it is appropriate, or inappropriate, for the heir to the throne to see himself in that way?

Yes, it is appropriate for him to see himself in that way	40	44	37	36	41	43
No, it is not appropriate	37	42	33	30	37	43
Don't know	23	15	30	34	22	14

In the light of these recent events, has your own view of Prince Charles become more favourable, less favourable, or have the recent events, so far as you are concerned, not made much difference?

My view of him is now MORE favourable	18	21	16	17	18	19
My view of him is now LESS favourable	14	16	13	9	14	20
My view has not changed much	64	60	68	68	65	60
Don't know	3	3	4	6	3	1

From what you know, do you think this most recent controversy has enhanced Prince Charles' reputation with the British public, damaged it or not made a great deal of difference?

It has enhanced his reputation	11	14	8	8	13	12
It has damaged it	22	24	20	19	21	26
It hasn't made a great deal of difference	59	56	61	59	60	57
Don't know	8	6	10	15	6	5

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Thinking of Prince Charles's role in British public life, do you think that, on balance, the Prince does more good than harm or more harm than good?

He does more good than harm	39	43	34	32	38	44
He does more harm than good	14	16	13	13	15	15
He does both good and harm	24	21	26	21	24	26
He does neither good nor harm	17	15	19	22	18	12
Don't know	6	4	8	12	4	2

What is your impression of the Prince's staff? From what you know, are they ...?

Almost invariably well chosen and able	12	13	12	14	14	9
By no means always well chosen and able	50	53	47	32	47	66
Don't know	38	34	42	53	39	25

Is it your impression that the members of the Prince's staff can be counted upon to be loyal to him, or are some of them disloyal?

They can be counted on to be loyal	7	8	5	8	7	5
Some of them are disloyal	74	75	74	62	76	84
Don't know	19	17	21	30	17	11