

YouGov Survey Results

The Monarchy

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From what you have heard and read, do you believe newspaper allegations about a male rape being committed by a member of the royal household?	
Yes – I do believe the newspaper allegations	38
No – I do not believe newspaper allegations	24
Don't know	38
Buckingham Palace has launched an internal inquiry into these allegations. Do you agree that an inquiry should take place?	
Yes – there should be an inquiry	89
No – there should not be an inquiry	8
Don't know	4
Would you prefer any inquiry to be conducted by Buckingham Palace or by an independent body?	
By Buckingham Palace	16
By an independent body	75
Should not be an inquiry	6
Don't know	4
From what you have heard and read recently, which of the following comes closest to your view of the royal household?	
'It is tawdry and sleazy'	17
'Like any large organisation it has people who can give it a bad name'	77
Neither	6
Don't know	1
Now, thinking about when the Queen intervened in the Paul Burrell case, which of the following comes closest to your view about the main motive for her action?	
She had only just remembered she had important evidence that related to the case	21
She wanted to prevent information embarrassing to the Royal family from coming out in court	67
Don't know	12
How much, if at all, do you think recent revelations have damaged the Royal Family?	
A great deal	17
A fair amount	41
Just a little	31
Not at all	10
Don't know	2
Do you think the Queen has been personally damaged, or not?	
Yes - she has been damaged	47
No - she has not	45
Don't know	8
And has Prince Charles been damaged, or not?	
Yes - he has been damaged	49
No - he has not	42
Don't know	9

Following recent events, do you think Prince Charles should or should not marry Camilla Parker Bowles?

Should	53
Should not	31
Don't know	16

Following recent revelations, which of the following comes closest to your view of the Royal Family?

'They do their best and I still respect them'	40
'They are a strange dysfunctional family and I have lost respect for them'	33
Neither	26
Don't know	1

How much longer do you think the monarchy will last?

The monarchy will end soon as a result of recent events	1
The monarchy will last until the Queen dies or abdicates	13
For another 10 years or fewer after the Queen dies or abdicates	13
For another 10 to 20 years after the Queen dies or abdicates	12
For 20 to 50 years after the Queen dies or abdicates	14
For 50 to 100 years after the Queen dies or abdicates	8
For at least 100 years after the Queen dies or abdicates	26
Don't know	15

Who do you think should succeed the Queen when she dies or abdicates?

Prince Charles	48
Prince William	28
Neither - Britain should have an elected president instead	22
Don't know	2

Thinking about the monarchy in general, which of the following comes closest to your own view?

We should retain the monarchy as it is	29
We should retain the monarchy but it should be reformed	45
We should abolish the monarchy	24
Don't know	1