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Do you think people in the following occupations are or are not members of the ruling class in Britain?

Occupation	Response	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
MPs	Are members of the ruling class	69	70	75	76	74	69	71	67	68	69	71	67	73	63	74	69	70	64	73
	Are not members of the ruling class	13	16	10	11	12	16	14	12	5	10	17	18	13	13	12	12	14	14	10
	Don't know	18	14	15	13	14	15	15	21	27	21	12	15	14	23	14	19	17	21	17
Doctors	Are members of the ruling class	24	25	23	19	22	26	23	26	27	24	23	24	25	24	23	24	24	26	23
	Are not members of the ruling class	55	59	57	65	63	55	60	50	45	51	62	57	58	50	57	55	55	51	60
	Don't know	21	17	19	15	15	19	17	25	28	24	15	19	17	27	20	21	21	23	17
Supermarket workers	Are members of the ruling class	3	3	3	1	2	3	2	4	5	3	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	4	2
	Are not members of the ruling class	79	83	82	87	85	82	83	75	72	75	87	82	84	73	83	78	80	76	84
	Don't know	18	13	15	13	13	15	14	21	24	22	11	15	13	24	15	19	17	20	14
Bankers	Are members of the ruling class	52	48	63	58	60	49	56	49	58	53	52	49	56	47	56	53	51	50	58
	Are not members of the ruling class	28	36	21	29	27	33	29	27	16	24	34	34	28	27	30	26	30	28	26
	Don't know	20	16	17	12	14	18	16	24	26	23	14	17	15	26	15	21	20	22	16
Journalists	Are members of the ruling class	18	18	20	15	17	19	18	18	25	21	13	14	20	16	24	17	17	18	20
	Are not members of the ruling class	58	63	58	67	64	60	61	55	45	51	69	66	60	55	53	59	61	57	57
	Don't know	24	18	22	17	19	21	21	26	30	28	17	20	20	29	23	24	21	25	23
Scientists	Are members of the ruling class	20	22	19	12	16	23	18	22	20	20	18	23	19	21	21	19	21	22	18
	Are not members of the ruling class	57	59	61	74	68	56	64	51	51	54	66	57	63	50	57	58	58	54	64
	Don't know	23	19	20	14	16	21	19	27	30	26	16	20	18	29	22	24	22	24	19

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TV personalities

Are members of the ruling class	19	18	18	15	17	18	20	17	33	22	14	11	20	17	22	18	19	17	22
Are not members of the ruling class	59	66	61	67	64	63	61	57	38	51	70	71	62	55	58	58	60	60	58
Don't know	23	16	21	18	19	19	18	26	29	27	16	18	19	28	20	24	21	23	20

Newspaper editors

Are members of the ruling class	40	33	49	51	48	35	43	36	40	45	38	31	45	33	52	38	37	36	46
Are not members of the ruling class	39	50	32	38	36	46	39	39	28	31	47	51	38	41	33	40	43	39	36
Don't know	21	17	19	12	16	19	18	24	32	24	15	18	18	27	16	23	20	25	18

Civil servants

Are members of the ruling class	32	38	30	34	30	38	35	29	27	28	35	38	32	31	36	32	33	30	29
Are not members of the ruling class	45	45	49	47	52	42	46	44	44	45	49	43	49	40	42	45	46	46	50
Don't know	23	17	22	19	18	20	19	27	29	28	16	18	19	28	22	24	21	25	21

CEOs

Are members of the ruling class	56	51	65	63	64	51	58	53	64	58	55	47	61	49	65	56	53	51	61
Are not members of the ruling class	23	32	17	23	21	30	25	22	11	19	30	32	23	24	19	22	27	25	22
Don't know	21	17	18	13	15	19	17	25	25	23	15	21	16	27	16	22	20	24	17

Teachers

Are members of the ruling class	11	13	9	4	8	13	10	11	10	11	8	13	10	12	9	11	10	12	8
Are not members of the ruling class	69	72	74	83	79	69	73	66	64	65	79	69	75	62	74	68	71	66	74
Don't know	20	15	17	13	13	18	16	23	26	23	13	18	15	26	17	21	19	22	17

Police officers

Are members of the ruling class	17	19	16	10	14	21	15	20	16	18	15	20	16	20	15	17	21	19	12
Are not members of the ruling class	61	65	64	77	71	61	67	56	55	58	70	61	68	53	66	61	58	59	69
Don't know	21	16	20	13	16	19	18	24	28	24	15	19	16	28	19	22	21	22	19

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Which of the following individuals, if any, do you consider to be members of the ruling class in Britain?

[Shown to half of respondents, randomly selected;

n=1614]

Boris Johnson

Is a member of the ruling class	68	67	78	72	75	66	72	64	65	71	68	65	73	62	72	67	71	67	67
Is not a member of the ruling class	16	22	10	20	14	20	16	16	10	12	21	23	15	18	19	16	15	14	22
Don't know	16	11	12	8	11	14	12	19	25	17	11	13	12	20	9	17	14	19	11

Jeremy Corbyn

Is a member of the ruling class	31	31	35	29	32	30	31	32	36	37	29	21	34	27	31	32	36	28	30
Is not a member of the ruling class	50	56	51	63	55	54	53	46	33	42	57	66	50	50	49	49	48	51	53
Don't know	19	13	14	8	13	16	15	22	31	21	13	13	16	23	20	19	16	21	17

Nigel Farage

Is a member of the ruling class	35	30	46	32	40	31	36	33	36	40	32	26	37	32	37	33	33	35	40
Is not a member of the ruling class	45	55	39	59	46	51	48	43	34	37	53	59	47	43	42	46	48	44	45
Don't know	20	15	15	9	14	18	16	24	31	23	15	15	17	25	20	21	19	22	15

David Cameron

Is a member of the ruling class	50	44	64	61	60	45	55	45	42	55	51	43	54	43	58	49	46	47	61
Is not a member of the ruling class	32	43	24	33	27	40	31	33	29	25	36	43	31	35	27	33	38	32	25
Don't know	18	13	12	6	13	16	14	22	29	20	13	13	15	22	15	19	16	21	13

Theresa May

Is a member of the ruling class	47	44	58	52	54	44	51	44	46	51	47	41	51	42	48	47	47	45	54
Is not a member of the ruling class	34	42	28	38	32	39	34	34	25	27	40	45	34	35	34	33	36	34	31
Don't know	19	13	14	10	14	16	15	22	29	21	13	14	16	23	17	19	17	21	14

The Queen

Is a member of the ruling class	77	80	83	83	82	77	81	74	69	76	82	79	79	75	81	78	76	74	79
Is not a member of the ruling class	9	10	8	12	8	11	9	9	7	9	9	11	10	9	7	9	11	9	10
Don't know	14	9	9	6	9	12	10	17	24	15	9	10	12	16	12	13	13	17	11

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For each of the following people described below, please say whether or not you would consider them to be a member of the ruling class
[Shown to half of respondents, randomly selected; n=1580]

Someone who went to a private primary school followed by a grammar school. They did not go to university. They became a trade union organiser, then a local councillor and then an MP and a high-level politician.

Is a member of the ruling class	52	54	50	56	57	49	53	52	62	53	50	49	59	45	65	50	53	48	54
Is not a member of the ruling class	25	27	29	31	28	28	30	21	15	20	33	31	24	26	19	27	25	27	27
Don't know	22	19	21	13	15	22	17	27	23	27	16	20	17	29	16	24	22	25	20

Someone who went to Eton and then Oxford University. They became a journalist, a columnist and an magazine editor, before becoming an MP and a high-level politician.

Is a member of the ruling class	68	65	73	77	76	64	70	66	73	67	66	68	75	59	79	64	68	66	73
Is not a member of the ruling class	12	18	10	8	10	16	14	10	4	10	16	16	11	13	9	13	13	12	10
Don't know	20	17	17	15	13	20	16	24	23	23	18	16	14	27	12	23	19	22	17

Someone who attended a private school. They did not go to university. They became a commodities trader, before becoming an MEP and a high-level politician.

Is a member of the ruling class	60	56	66	67	70	54	60	59	62	61	61	55	65	54	66	59	61	54	68
Is not a member of the ruling class	17	26	12	17	14	24	19	14	6	13	19	25	18	16	16	18	15	17	15
Don't know	24	18	22	16	16	23	20	26	32	26	20	20	17	31	18	24	23	29	18

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Someone who went to Eton and then Oxford University. They became a political researcher, a political adviser before becoming an MP and a high-level politician.

Is a member of the ruling class	72	72	76	83	80	69	74	70	77	70	74	70	78	64	81	70	71	70	75
Is not a member of the ruling class	9	12	7	4	7	13	11	7	1	7	11	13	8	10	7	9	9	8	9
Don't know	20	16	17	13	12	19	15	24	22	23	15	17	14	26	12	21	20	22	17

Someone who went to a private primary school followed by a grammar school. They went to Oxford University. They worked at the Bank of England and then as a financial consultant. They became a local councillor and then an MP and a high-level politician.

Is a member of the ruling class	68	68	73	74	76	65	70	67	75	68	67	68	75	61	78	66	71	64	74
Is not a member of the ruling class	11	15	8	11	10	15	12	10	6	8	16	15	10	12	9	12	10	13	10
Don't know	20	16	19	16	14	20	17	23	19	25	17	17	15	27	13	23	19	24	16