

YouGov Study on Spying: Part 1

Fieldwork Dates: 16th - 22nd June 2021

Total	Gender		Agegroup 16				Social Grade	
	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE

Do you think being a spy in the UK today is or is not an honourable profession?

Unweighted base	2195	1019	1176	219	546	674	756	1279	916
Base	2195	1065	1130	296	544	665	689	1200	995
It is	43%	51%	36%	47%	45%	46%	38%	46%	39%
It is not	22%	22%	22%	20%	20%	20%	26%	20%	24%
Don't know	35%	27%	42%	33%	35%	34%	37%	33%	37%

Would you ever like to work for GCHQ, MI5 or MI6 (Britain's security services)?

Unweighted base	2195	1019	1176	219	546	674	756	1279	916
Base	2195	1065	1130	296	544	665	689	1200	995
I would	47%	53%	41%	52%	54%	48%	37%	50%	43%
I would not	40%	34%	45%	33%	32%	37%	50%	39%	40%
Don't know	14%	13%	14%	15%	14%	14%	13%	11%	17%

Do you think being a spy is or is not a 'cool' job?

Unweighted base	2195	1019	1176	219	546	674	756	1279	916
Base	2195	1065	1130	296	544	665	689	1200	995
It is a cool job	46%	47%	44%	68%	56%	46%	28%	45%	46%
It is not a cool job	27%	27%	26%	13%	21%	26%	37%	28%	25%
Don't know	28%	26%	30%	19%	24%	28%	35%	27%	29%

If you had proper training, do you think you would make a good spy?

Unweighted base	2195	1019	1176	219	546	674	756	1279	916
Base	2195	1065	1130	296	544	665	689	1200	995
I think I would	43%	46%	39%	51%	48%	42%	35%	41%	44%
I do not think I would	41%	36%	45%	34%	36%	39%	48%	43%	37%
Don't know	17%	18%	16%	15%	15%	19%	17%	15%	19%

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What do you think are the most important characteristics/abilities which a good spy needs to have?
Pick up to four.

	Unweighted base	1019	1176	219	546	674	756	1279	916
Base	2195	1065	1130	296	544	665	689	1200	995
High intelligence	59%	60%	59%	74%	64%	53%	55%	61%	57%
Being well-spoken	6%	7%	6%	16%	6%	5%	4%	5%	8%
Good-looking	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%
To be physically strong	12%	9%	14%	13%	13%	9%	13%	11%	13%
To be persistent	24%	25%	24%	13%	22%	26%	30%	27%	22%
To have basic military training	9%	8%	10%	12%	8%	8%	9%	8%	10%
To have advanced military training	18%	16%	20%	20%	18%	17%	18%	17%	19%
To be analytical	57%	59%	56%	61%	57%	60%	53%	65%	48%
Strong personal skills	45%	45%	45%	36%	46%	49%	45%	50%	39%
To be culturally well rounded / knowledgeable	41%	40%	42%	47%	42%	41%	38%	42%	40%
To be honest / have integrity	21%	19%	24%	20%	18%	21%	25%	23%	19%
To be cunning	27%	31%	24%	18%	26%	28%	32%	27%	27%
To be good with computers	16%	15%	18%	14%	14%	15%	20%	17%	15%
Other	3%	3%	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Don't know	7%	8%	7%	7%	7%	8%	7%	5%	10%

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Which countries from the list below do you think have the best spies? Tick up to five.

	Unweighted base	2195	1019	1176	219	546	674	756	1279	916
Base	2195	1065	1130	296	544	665	689	1200	995	
The USA	39%	45%	33%	44%	36%	38%	40%	41%	37%	
Russia	51%	54%	48%	50%	45%	53%	53%	52%	49%	
China	33%	39%	28%	32%	29%	32%	38%	37%	29%	
The UK	40%	50%	31%	45%	41%	41%	38%	41%	40%	
France	3%	5%	2%	5%	4%	3%	2%	3%	3%	
Germany	8%	8%	8%	10%	7%	9%	6%	7%	9%	
Israel	28%	38%	18%	12%	20%	28%	41%	32%	23%	
Iran	4%	4%	4%	2%	2%	5%	5%	4%	3%	
North Korea	11%	8%	14%	14%	10%	11%	11%	11%	12%	
Cuba	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	
Other	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Don't know	34%	26%	42%	30%	38%	33%	34%	34%	35%	

Do you think the UK should or should be spying on other countries?

	Unweighted base	2195	1019	1176	219	546	674	756	1279	916
Base	2195	1065	1130	296	544	665	689	1200	995	
Should, but not on our allies	19%	22%	16%	26%	18%	17%	19%	21%	16%	
Should, even on our allies	48%	53%	43%	29%	43%	51%	56%	50%	44%	
Should not	9%	8%	10%	15%	10%	7%	8%	9%	10%	
Don't know	24%	16%	31%	30%	29%	24%	17%	20%	29%	

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Which of these countries or organisations do you think the UK should be spying on? Tick all that apply.

Unweighted base	1992	940	1052	185	491	625	691	1168	824
Base	1989	977	1012	251	489	616	632	1094	894
The USA	36%	40%	33%	26%	33%	39%	41%	39%	33%
Russia	70%	77%	63%	56%	63%	70%	80%	73%	65%
China	69%	80%	60%	53%	63%	71%	80%	74%	64%
EU countries	36%	44%	28%	15%	33%	38%	45%	38%	33%
NATO	21%	24%	18%	11%	22%	25%	20%	22%	20%
The UN	24%	29%	19%	15%	25%	27%	24%	25%	23%
None of these	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Don't know	24%	15%	33%	33%	29%	25%	16%	21%	28%

If you are told a personal secret by someone you know, what do you normally do?

Unweighted base	2195	1019	1176	219	546	674	756	1279	916
Base	2195	1065	1130	296	544	665	689	1200	995
Keep it to myself	82%	85%	80%	69%	74%	86%	91%	83%	81%
Tell one other person	12%	7%	16%	19%	17%	9%	8%	13%	10%
Tell a few other people	2%	3%	2%	6%	3%	1%	0%	1%	3%
Tell many other people	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	-	-	0%	0%
Don't know	4%	5%	2%	6%	6%	4%	1%	2%	5%

Do you have a secret that you intend to take to your grave?

Unweighted base	2195	1019	1176	219	546	674	756	1279	916
Base	2195	1065	1130	296	544	665	689	1200	995
I do	49%	49%	49%	38%	45%	52%	55%	52%	45%
I do not	38%	36%	39%	39%	40%	37%	36%	38%	37%
Don't know	13%	15%	12%	22%	16%	11%	10%	10%	17%

When it comes to eavesdropping, which applies to you?

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I actively try to avoid it and ignore other conversations I overhear	20%	24%	16%	12%	16%	22%	25%	17%	23%
I try and ignore conversations I overhear, but can't help paying attention to them	49%	46%	51%	41%	48%	49%	52%	53%	44%
I actively listen to conversations I overhear	25%	23%	28%	37%	27%	25%	20%	26%	25%
Don't know	6%	7%	4%	10%	8%	5%	4%	4%	8%

Do you think you are nosy?

Unweighted base	2195	1019	1176	219	546	674	756	1279	916
Base	2195	1065	1130	296	544	665	689	1200	995
I think I am	40%	29%	51%	51%	44%	37%	35%	43%	36%
I think I am not	51%	62%	40%	38%	47%	54%	56%	49%	53%
Don't know	9%	9%	9%	11%	9%	9%	8%	8%	11%

How secretive are you as a person?

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Base	2195	1065	1130	296	544	665	689	1200	995
Very	13%	15%	11%	17%	15%	15%	9%	12%	15%
Somewhat	48%	50%	46%	43%	45%	50%	49%	48%	48%
Not really	31%	26%	35%	26%	32%	26%	36%	34%	27%
Not at all	4%	3%	5%	6%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Don't know	4%	5%	3%	9%	4%	4%	2%	2%	6%

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Have you ever secretly recorded a conversation without the other person or people knowing?

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Base	2195	1065	1130	296	544	665	689	1200	995
I have	14%	16%	12%	17%	15%	15%	10%	13%	16%
I have not	82%	79%	84%	70%	79%	82%	88%	85%	77%
Don't know	4%	5%	4%	13%	5%	3%	1%	2%	7%

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	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female

Do you think being a spy in the UK today is or is not an honourable profession?

Unweighted base	2195	76	143	255	291	327	347	361	395
Base	2195	149	147	268	277	321	345	327	362
It is	43%	46%	47%	52%	39%	53%	39%	50%	27%
It is not	22%	21%	19%	22%	18%	20%	21%	24%	27%
Don't know	35%	33%	34%	26%	44%	27%	40%	26%	46%

Would you ever like to work for GCHQ, MI5 or MI6 (Britain's security services)?

Unweighted base	2195	76	143	255	291	327	347	361	395
Base	2195	149	147	268	277	321	345	327	362
I would	47%	49%	55%	57%	51%	54%	43%	50%	26%
I would not	40%	35%	31%	31%	33%	34%	41%	36%	63%
Don't know	14%	16%	14%	12%	15%	13%	15%	14%	11%

Do you think being a spy is or is not a 'cool' job?

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It is a cool job	46%	64%	71%	56%	55%	47%	45%	32%	25%
It is not a cool job	27%	17%	10%	22%	19%	30%	23%	35%	40%
Don't know	28%	19%	19%	22%	25%	24%	32%	34%	35%

If you had proper training, do you think you would make a good spy?

Unweighted base	2195	76	143	255	291	327	347	361	395
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I think I would	43%	49%	53%	51%	46%	45%	39%	42%	29%
I do not think I would	41%	33%	36%	31%	41%	36%	42%	41%	54%
Don't know	17%	18%	12%	17%	14%	19%	19%	17%	17%

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What do you think are the most important characteristics/abilities which a good spy needs to have?
Pick up to four.

	Unweighted base	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female
Base	2195	149	147	268	277	321	345	327	362
High intelligence	59%	75%	72%	64%	64%	52%	55%	57%	54%
Being well-spoken	6%	15%	17%	8%	5%	7%	3%	3%	4%
Good-looking	1%	1%	3%	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%	-
To be physically strong	12%	9%	17%	8%	18%	7%	11%	13%	12%
To be persistent	24%	12%	14%	22%	21%	26%	26%	32%	28%
To have basic military training	9%	8%	15%	9%	7%	8%	9%	8%	10%
To have advanced military training	18%	27%	14%	17%	19%	10%	22%	15%	21%
To be analytical	57%	54%	69%	58%	55%	62%	59%	57%	50%
Strong personal skills	45%	37%	36%	48%	44%	43%	53%	47%	43%
To be culturally well rounded / knowledgeable	41%	46%	49%	40%	43%	40%	41%	38%	39%
To be honest / have integrity	21%	14%	26%	17%	20%	19%	22%	22%	28%
To be cunning	27%	21%	14%	28%	24%	32%	24%	35%	28%
To be good with computers	16%	15%	14%	15%	14%	12%	18%	19%	22%
Other	3%	-	1%	4%	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%
Don't know	7%	10%	4%	6%	9%	9%	7%	7%	8%

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Which countries from the list below do you think have the best spies? Tick up to five.

	Unweighted base	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female
	2195	76	143	255	291	327	347	361	395
Base	2195	149	147	268	277	321	345	327	362
The USA	39%	50%	37%	46%	27%	41%	35%	45%	36%
Russia	51%	49%	52%	50%	41%	52%	54%	60%	47%
China	33%	35%	28%	35%	23%	39%	27%	44%	33%
The UK	40%	55%	34%	53%	29%	48%	33%	48%	29%
France	3%	8%	1%	6%	3%	3%	2%	3%	1%
Germany	8%	11%	9%	7%	7%	9%	9%	6%	7%
Israel	28%	19%	5%	29%	11%	37%	19%	56%	27%
Iran	4%	1%	2%	2%	2%	6%	4%	5%	5%
North Korea	11%	11%	17%	7%	13%	9%	13%	8%	14%
Cuba	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Other	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Don't know	34%	23%	38%	27%	48%	28%	38%	24%	44%

Do you think the UK should or should be spying on other countries?

	Unweighted base	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female
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Should, even on our allies	48%	30%	28%	52%	34%	54%	49%	63%	49%
Should not	9%	14%	16%	8%	12%	8%	7%	6%	10%
Don't know	24%	26%	34%	18%	40%	16%	32%	11%	23%

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Which of these countries or organisations do you think the UK should be spying on? Tick all that apply.

Unweighted base	1992	65	120	236	255	302	323	337	354
Base	1989	128	123	247	242	295	321	306	325
The USA	36%	26%	26%	37%	29%	42%	36%	45%	37%
Russia	70%	60%	51%	74%	51%	77%	64%	86%	74%
China	69%	64%	40%	77%	48%	79%	63%	88%	73%
EU countries	36%	16%	14%	43%	21%	45%	32%	55%	35%
NATO	21%	13%	10%	28%	16%	26%	24%	24%	16%
The UN	24%	17%	12%	31%	18%	30%	24%	31%	18%
None of these	2%	5%	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Don't know	24%	24%	42%	16%	43%	17%	32%	9%	23%

If you are told a personal secret by someone you know, what do you normally do?

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Keep it to myself	82%	75%	62%	80%	68%	84%	88%	94%	89%
Tell one other person	12%	11%	27%	9%	25%	7%	10%	4%	11%
Tell a few other people	2%	7%	5%	4%	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%
Tell many other people	0%	-	-	1%	0%	-	-	-	-
Don't know	4%	7%	6%	7%	5%	6%	1%	1%	0%

Do you have a secret that you intend to take to your grave?

Unweighted base	2195	76	143	255	291	327	347	361	395
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I do	49%	42%	35%	46%	43%	50%	55%	54%	55%
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Don't know	13%	23%	22%	17%	14%	13%	10%	12%	7%

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Base	2195	149	147	268	277	321	345	327	362
I actively try to avoid it and ignore other conversations I overhear	20%	16%	7%	19%	14%	27%	17%	29%	21%
I try and ignore conversations I overhear, but can't help paying attention to them	49%	43%	39%	49%	48%	44%	53%	47%	56%
I actively listen to conversations I overhear	25%	27%	48%	24%	31%	22%	27%	20%	19%
Don't know	6%	14%	6%	8%	7%	7%	3%	4%	3%
Do you think you are nosy?									
Unweighted base	2195	76	143	255	291	327	347	361	395
Base	2195	149	147	268	277	321	345	327	362
I think I am	40%	39%	63%	31%	57%	23%	50%	29%	41%
I think I am not	51%	50%	26%	61%	33%	68%	40%	62%	51%
Don't know	9%	11%	11%	8%	10%	9%	9%	9%	7%
How secretive are you as a person?									
Unweighted base	2195	76	143	255	291	327	347	361	395
Base	2195	149	147	268	277	321	345	327	362
Very	13%	17%	16%	15%	14%	18%	12%	12%	6%
Somewhat	48%	45%	41%	50%	41%	52%	49%	51%	47%
Not really	31%	22%	30%	28%	36%	21%	32%	32%	40%
Not at all	4%	5%	6%	2%	6%	4%	3%	2%	5%
Don't know	4%	11%	8%	5%	3%	5%	4%	2%	1%

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Have you ever secretly recorded a conversation without the other person or people knowing?

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Base	2195	149	147	268	277	321	345	327	362
I have	14%	20%	15%	14%	17%	17%	14%	15%	7%
I have not	82%	65%	74%	80%	78%	79%	84%	84%	92%
Don't know	4%	15%	11%	6%	5%	4%	2%	2%	1%

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Total	Region UK							
	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

Do you think being a spy in the UK today is or is not an honourable profession?

Unweighted base	2195	527	349	220	259	497	102	190	51
Base	2195	511	353	212	288	482	105	184	59
It is	43%	49%	45%	40%	43%	43%	40%	33%	35%
It is not	22%	20%	17%	24%	24%	21%	21%	31%	31%
Don't know	35%	31%	37%	36%	34%	36%	39%	36%	34%

Would you ever like to work for GCHQ, MI5 or MI6 (Britain's security services)?

Unweighted base	2195	527	349	220	259	497	102	190	51
Base	2195	511	353	212	288	482	105	184	59
I would	47%	49%	43%	44%	54%	48%	43%	41%	42%
I would not	40%	39%	43%	42%	35%	36%	45%	47%	37%
Don't know	14%	12%	15%	14%	12%	16%	12%	12%	22%

Do you think being a spy is or is not a 'cool' job?

Unweighted base	2195	527	349	220	259	497	102	190	51
Base	2195	511	353	212	288	482	105	184	59
It is a cool job	46%	48%	45%	44%	47%	46%	47%	41%	37%
It is not a cool job	27%	26%	25%	27%	29%	24%	27%	33%	29%
Don't know	28%	26%	30%	29%	25%	30%	26%	26%	35%

If you had proper training, do you think you would make a good spy?

Unweighted base	2195	527	349	220	259	497	102	190	51
Base	2195	511	353	212	288	482	105	184	59
I think I would	43%	40%	42%	45%	42%	47%	39%	44%	33%
I do not think I would	41%	43%	41%	37%	36%	40%	47%	41%	43%
Don't know	17%	17%	17%	19%	21%	14%	15%	15%	24%

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Total	Region UK							
	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

What do you think are the most important characteristics/abilities which a good spy needs to have?
Pick up to four.

	Unweighted base	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Base	2195	511	353	212	288	482	105	184	59
High intelligence	59%	60%	60%	56%	64%	60%	52%	58%	44%
Being well-spoken	6%	6%	7%	5%	8%	6%	7%	7%	3%
Good-looking	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	1%	-	-	-
To be physically strong	12%	14%	12%	15%	11%	8%	11%	12%	7%
To be persistent	24%	25%	26%	19%	25%	25%	19%	27%	29%
To have basic military training	9%	9%	11%	14%	6%	8%	8%	8%	5%
To have advanced military training	18%	18%	19%	16%	18%	16%	19%	20%	29%
To be analytical	57%	56%	60%	49%	56%	64%	51%	61%	46%
Strong personal skills	45%	45%	45%	43%	41%	47%	43%	50%	42%
To be culturally well rounded / knowledgeable	41%	36%	39%	48%	41%	41%	48%	47%	45%
To be honest / have integrity	21%	21%	26%	22%	22%	20%	18%	22%	11%
To be cunning	27%	28%	28%	32%	24%	26%	24%	27%	30%
To be good with computers	16%	15%	16%	18%	19%	15%	21%	18%	13%
Other	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%
Don't know	7%	7%	5%	8%	9%	8%	11%	4%	18%

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Total	Region UK							
	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

Which countries from the list below do you think have the best spies? Tick up to five.

	Unweighted base	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
	2195	527	349	220	259	497	102	190	51
Base	2195	511	353	212	288	482	105	184	59
The USA	39%	38%	41%	37%	43%	37%	39%	43%	25%
Russia	51%	51%	52%	52%	48%	47%	57%	55%	54%
China	33%	36%	32%	32%	32%	33%	33%	36%	26%
The UK	40%	43%	47%	42%	39%	39%	37%	35%	21%
France	3%	3%	2%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	2%
Germany	8%	7%	6%	7%	12%	6%	10%	10%	10%
Israel	28%	27%	30%	29%	27%	26%	20%	34%	25%
Iran	4%	4%	2%	6%	4%	3%	5%	4%	8%
North Korea	11%	10%	9%	10%	11%	12%	14%	17%	16%
Cuba	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	-
Other	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	-
Don't know	34%	33%	33%	38%	32%	37%	34%	34%	39%

Do you think the UK should or should be spying on other countries?

	Unweighted base	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
	2195	527	349	220	259	497	102	190	51
Base	2195	511	353	212	288	482	105	184	59
Should, but not on our allies	19%	20%	19%	19%	19%	18%	22%	15%	21%
Should, even on our allies	48%	51%	51%	48%	41%	49%	38%	44%	45%
Should not	9%	10%	7%	8%	12%	9%	10%	14%	7%
Don't know	24%	20%	23%	25%	27%	24%	30%	27%	27%

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Total	Region UK							
	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

Which of these countries or organisations do you think the UK should be spying on? Tick all that apply.

	Unweighted base	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
	1992	477	326	204	226	454	92	165	48
Base	1989	462	330	196	252	440	95	159	55
The USA	36%	37%	41%	39%	31%	35%	31%	37%	41%
Russia	70%	72%	74%	69%	64%	68%	65%	71%	65%
China	69%	70%	75%	68%	65%	68%	63%	74%	59%
EU countries	36%	38%	40%	34%	31%	38%	20%	34%	33%
NATO	21%	25%	27%	16%	17%	21%	11%	14%	22%
The UN	24%	27%	28%	16%	22%	26%	13%	21%	26%
None of these	2%	1%	1%	1%	5%	1%	3%	3%	4%
Don't know	24%	23%	21%	28%	25%	26%	28%	20%	27%

If you are told a personal secret by someone you know, what do you normally do?

	Unweighted base	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
	2195	527	349	220	259	497	102	190	51
Base	2195	511	353	212	288	482	105	184	59
Keep it to myself	82%	81%	84%	85%	78%	82%	90%	82%	88%
Tell one other person	12%	12%	13%	9%	13%	14%	5%	13%	2%
Tell a few other people	2%	3%	0%	2%	3%	2%	-	2%	2%
Tell many other people	0%	0%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-
Don't know	4%	4%	3%	4%	6%	2%	6%	3%	9%

Do you have a secret that you intend to take to your grave?

	Unweighted base	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
	2195	527	349	220	259	497	102	190	51
Base	2195	511	353	212	288	482	105	184	59
I do	49%	49%	49%	56%	48%	48%	46%	48%	55%
I do not	38%	38%	38%	30%	41%	39%	34%	39%	26%
Don't know	13%	12%	14%	14%	11%	13%	21%	14%	19%

When it comes to eavesdropping, which applies to you?

	Unweighted base	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
	2195	527	349	220	259	497	102	190	51

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	Total	Region UK							
		North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Base	2195	511	353	212	288	482	105	184	59
I actively try to avoid it and ignore other conversations I overhear	20%	21%	17%	18%	21%	19%	27%	26%	16%
I try and ignore conversations I overhear, but can't help paying attention to them	49%	49%	49%	50%	48%	48%	47%	48%	46%
I actively listen to conversations I overhear	25%	25%	29%	28%	24%	26%	18%	21%	25%
Don't know	6%	4%	5%	5%	7%	7%	8%	5%	13%

Do you think you are nosy?

Unweighted base	2195	527	349	220	259	497	102	190	51
Base	2195	511	353	212	288	482	105	184	59
I think I am	40%	42%	39%	45%	38%	42%	34%	34%	37%
I think I am not	51%	48%	50%	49%	52%	51%	57%	56%	53%
Don't know	9%	10%	11%	7%	10%	7%	9%	10%	10%

How secretive are you as a person?

Unweighted base	2195	527	349	220	259	497	102	190	51
Base	2195	511	353	212	288	482	105	184	59
Very	13%	14%	10%	13%	17%	11%	15%	14%	20%
Somewhat	48%	48%	47%	52%	41%	52%	52%	45%	34%
Not really	31%	29%	34%	29%	31%	31%	24%	36%	28%
Not at all	4%	5%	4%	2%	6%	4%	3%	4%	7%
Don't know	4%	5%	4%	3%	5%	2%	7%	1%	11%

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Total	Region UK							
	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

Have you ever secretly recorded a conversation without the other person or people knowing?

Unweighted base	2195	527	349	220	259	497	102	190	51
Base	2195	511	353	212	288	482	105	184	59
I have	14%	15%	15%	14%	16%	15%	6%	10%	15%
I have not	82%	80%	81%	84%	79%	81%	85%	87%	79%
Don't know	4%	5%	4%	3%	5%	4%	8%	2%	6%

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Total	Working for the UK security services	
	Would work	Would NOT work

Do you think being a spy in the UK today is or is not an honourable profession?

Unweighted base	2195	1026	875
Base	2195	1026	868
It is	43%	65%	26%
It is not	22%	11%	37%
Don't know	35%	24%	37%

Would you ever like to work for GCHQ, MI5 or MI6 (Britain's security services)?

Unweighted base	2195	1026	875
Base	2195	1026	868
I would	47%	100%	-
I would not	40%	-	100%
Don't know	14%	-	-

Do you think being a spy is or is not a 'cool' job?

Unweighted base	2195	1026	875
Base	2195	1026	868
It is a cool job	46%	67%	29%
It is not a cool job	27%	15%	44%
Don't know	28%	18%	27%

If you had proper training, do you think you would make a good spy?

Unweighted base	2195	1026	875
Base	2195	1026	868
I think I would	43%	65%	22%
I do not think I would	41%	22%	64%
Don't know	17%	13%	14%

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	Working for the UK security services	
Total	Would work	Would NOT work

What do you think are the most important characteristics/abilities which a good spy needs to have?
Pick up to four.

	Unweighted base	1026	875
	2195	1026	868
High intelligence	59%	63%	58%
Being well-spoken	6%	7%	6%
Good-looking	1%	1%	2%
To be physically strong	12%	10%	13%
To be persistent	24%	28%	21%
To have basic military training	9%	9%	10%
To have advanced military training	18%	16%	23%
To be analytical	57%	66%	50%
Strong personal skills	45%	50%	40%
To be culturally well rounded / knowledgeable	41%	49%	34%
To be honest / have integrity	21%	26%	17%
To be cunning	27%	27%	31%
To be good with computers	16%	15%	18%
Other	3%	2%	3%
Don't know	7%	2%	10%

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Total	Working for the UK security services	
	Would work	Would NOT work

Which countries from the list below do you think have the best spies? Tick up to five.

	Unweighted base	1026	875
	2195	1026	868
Base	2195	1026	868
The USA	39%	47%	33%
Russia	51%	58%	46%
China	33%	41%	28%
The UK	40%	53%	30%
France	3%	4%	2%
Germany	8%	8%	7%
Israel	28%	34%	22%
Iran	4%	4%	4%
North Korea	11%	11%	13%
Cuba	1%	1%	1%
Other	1%	2%	1%
Don't know	34%	22%	43%

Do you think the UK should or should be spying on other countries?

	Unweighted base	1026	875
	2195	1026	868
Base	2195	1026	868
Should, but not on our allies	19%	22%	19%
Should, even on our allies	48%	61%	36%
Should not	9%	4%	17%
Don't know	24%	13%	28%

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Total	Working for the UK security services	
	Would work	Would NOT work

Which of these countries or organisations do you think the UK should be spying on? Tick all that apply.

Unweighted base	1992	987	732
Base	1989	985	724
The USA	36%	45%	28%
Russia	70%	81%	62%
China	69%	82%	61%
EU countries	36%	46%	27%
NATO	21%	28%	14%
The UN	24%	32%	15%
None of these	2%	1%	3%
Don't know	24%	14%	30%

If you are told a personal secret by someone you know, what do you normally do?

Unweighted base	2195	1026	875
Base	2195	1026	868
Keep it to myself	82%	86%	79%
Tell one other person	12%	11%	14%
Tell a few other people	2%	1%	3%
Tell many other people	0%	-	0%
Don't know	4%	1%	3%

Do you have a secret that you intend to take to your grave?

Unweighted base	2195	1026	875
Base	2195	1026	868
I do	49%	57%	45%
I do not	38%	34%	42%
Don't know	13%	8%	12%

When it comes to eavesdropping, which applies to you?

Unweighted base	2195	1026	875
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	Total	Working for the UK security services	
		Would work	Would NOT work
Base	2195	1026	868
I actively try to avoid it and ignore other conversations I overhear	20%	17%	23%
I try and ignore conversations I overhear, but can't help paying attention to them	49%	48%	52%
I actively listen to conversations I overhear	25%	32%	21%
Don't know	6%	3%	4%

Do you think you are nosy?

Unweighted base	2195	1026	875
Base	2195	1026	868
I think I am	40%	46%	36%
I think I am not	51%	48%	56%
Don't know	9%	6%	8%

How secretive are you as a person?

Unweighted base	2195	1026	875
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Very	13%	18%	8%
Somewhat	48%	52%	46%
Not really	31%	25%	38%
Not at all	4%	3%	6%
Don't know	4%	2%	3%

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