WHERE MPs GET THEIR NEWS: NEWSPAPERS, BLOGS AND FAVOURITE JOURNALISTS
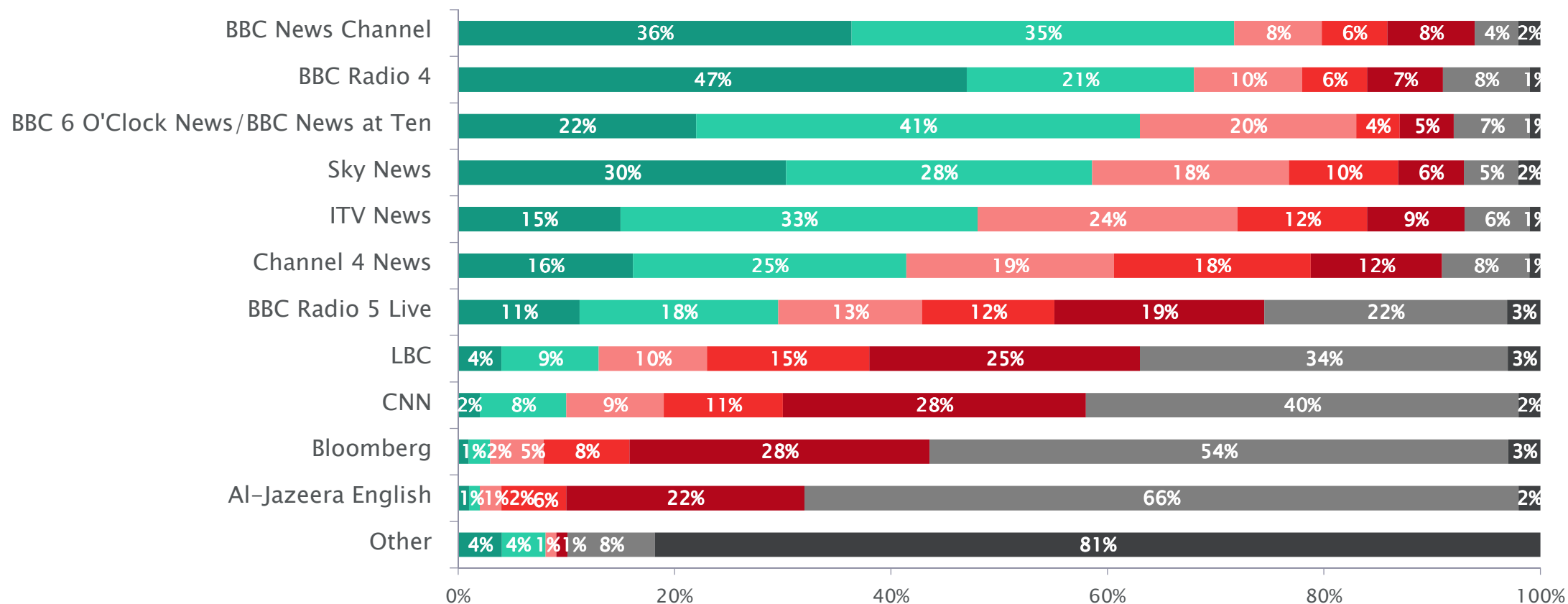
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BBC NEWS IS THE MOST POPULAR NEWS PROGRAMME FOR MPs

Legend: Daily | At least twice a week | Weekly | Monthly | Less than monthly | Never | No Response

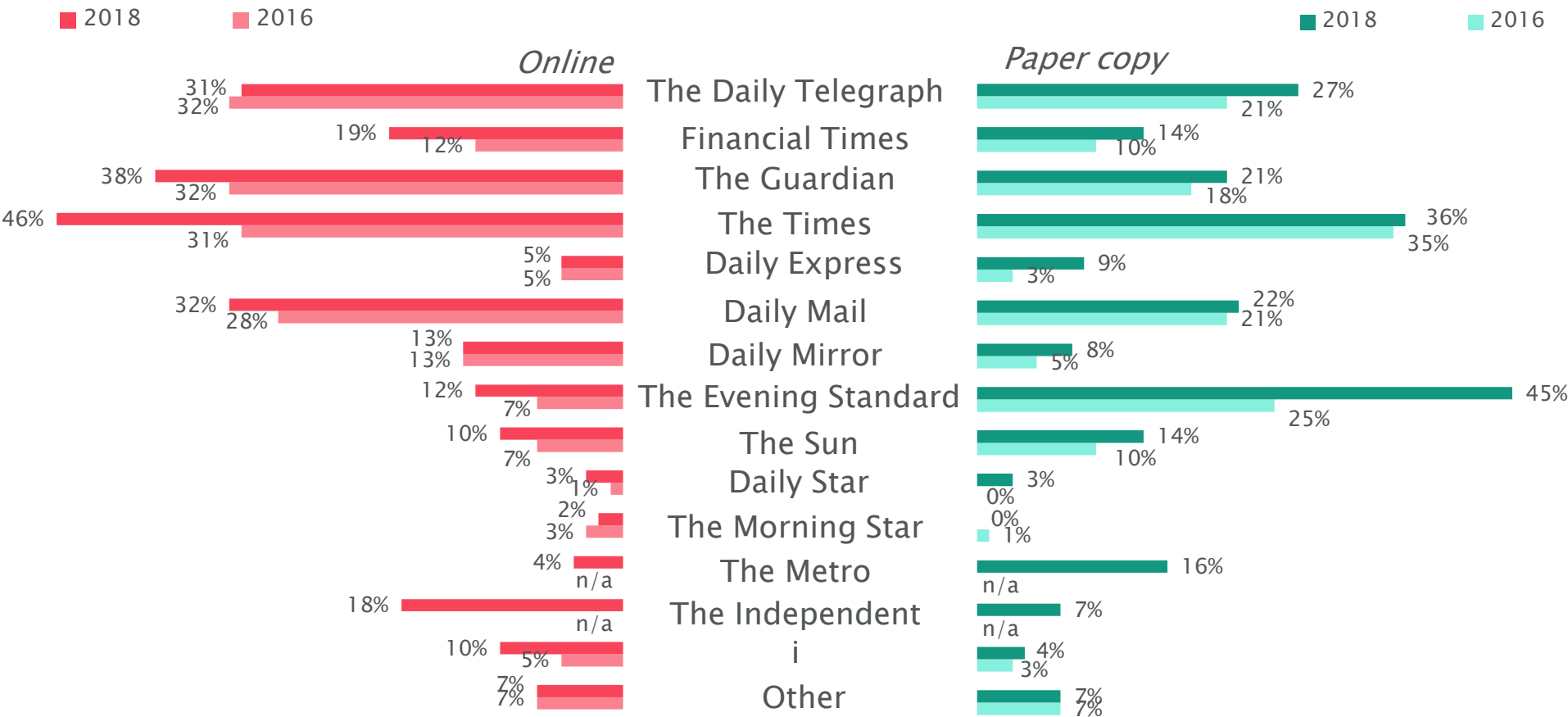| Programme	Daily	At least twice a week	Weekly	Monthly	Less than monthly	Never	No Response
BBC News Channel	36%	35%	8%	6%	8%	4%	2%
BBC Radio 4	47%	21%	10%	6%	7%	8%	1%
BBC 6 O'Clock News/BBC News at Ten	22%	41%	20%	4%	5%	7%	1%
Sky News	30%	28%	18%	10%	6%	5%	2%
ITV News	15%	33%	24%	12%	9%	6%	1%
Channel 4 News	16%	25%	19%	18%	12%	8%	1%
BBC Radio 5 Live	11%	18%	13%	12%	19%	22%	3%
LBC	4%	9%	10%	15%	25%	34%	3%
CNN	2%	8%	9%	11%	28%	40%	2%
Bloomberg	1%	2%	5%	8%	28%	54%	3%
Al-Jazeera English	1%	1%	2%	6%	22%	66%	2%
Other	4%	4%	1%	1%		8%	81%

The most popular **daily** news programme for Labour MPs is **BBC News** (45%)

The most popular **daily** news programme for Conservative MPs is **Sky News** (33%)

Q. How frequently, if at all, do you watch or listen to the following news programmes? Base: April 2018 all MPs (n=151).

THE TIMES IS READ ONLINE 'AT LEAST TWICE A WEEK' BY 46% OF MPs

Daily Newspapers

Online — 2018 / 2016

Paper copy — 2018 / 2016

Newspaper	Online 2018	Online 2016	Paper 2018	Paper 2016
The Daily Telegraph	31%	32%	27%	21%
Financial Times	19%	12%	14%	10%
The Guardian	38%	32%	21%	18%
The Times	46%	31%	36%	35%
Daily Express	5%	5%	9%	3%
Daily Mail	32%	28%	22%	21%
Daily Mirror	13%	13%	8%	5%
The Evening Standard	12%	7%	45%	25%
The Sun	10%	7%	14%	10%
Daily Star	3%	1%	3%	0%
The Morning Star	2%	3%	0%	1%
The Metro	4%	n/a	16%	n/a
The Independent	18%	n/a	7%	n/a
i	10%	5%	4%	3%
Other	7%	7%	7%	7%

The Times is most regularly read by MPs online, with nearly half reading it at least twice a week (46%). The Times online readership has increased significantly since April 2016 (46% vs 31%).

The Evening Standard is the most popular paper newspaper as it is read at least twice a week by 45% of MPs, up from a quarter in 2016 (25%).

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Q. Which, if any of the following daily newspapers do you read at least twice a week? Base: April 2018 all MPs (n=151), April 2016 all MPs (n=150).

THE SUNDAY TIMES IS MOST WIDELY READ WITH ONLINE READERSHIP UP FOR ALMOST ALL TITLES

Paper copy

Two in five Conservative MPs read The Sunday Times at least twice a month (42%)
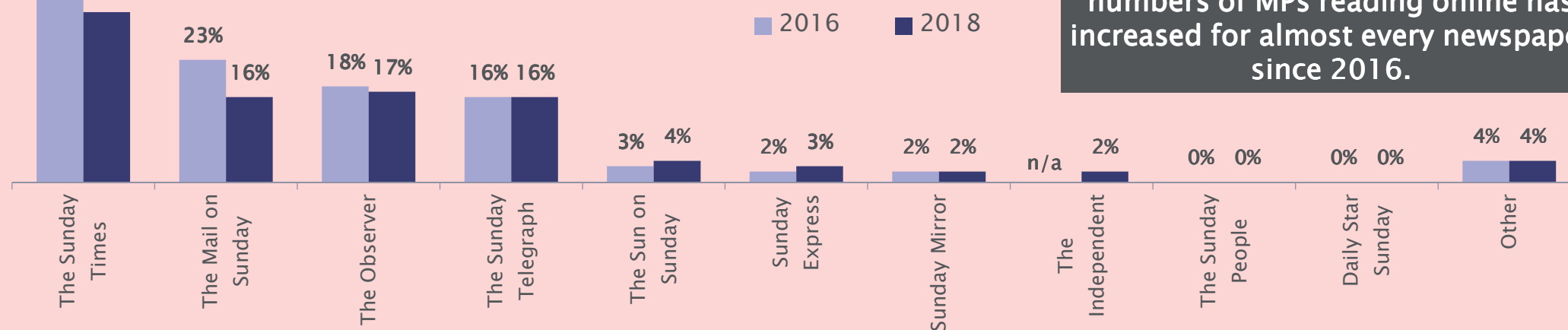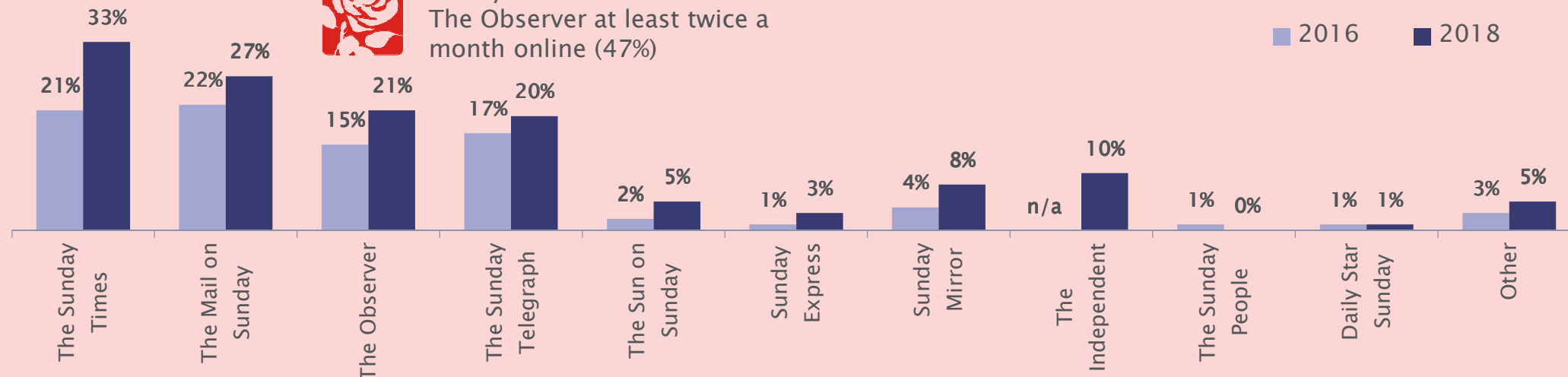
MPs are increasingly likely to read their Sunday newspapers online, as the numbers of MPs reading online has increased for almost every newspaper since 2016.
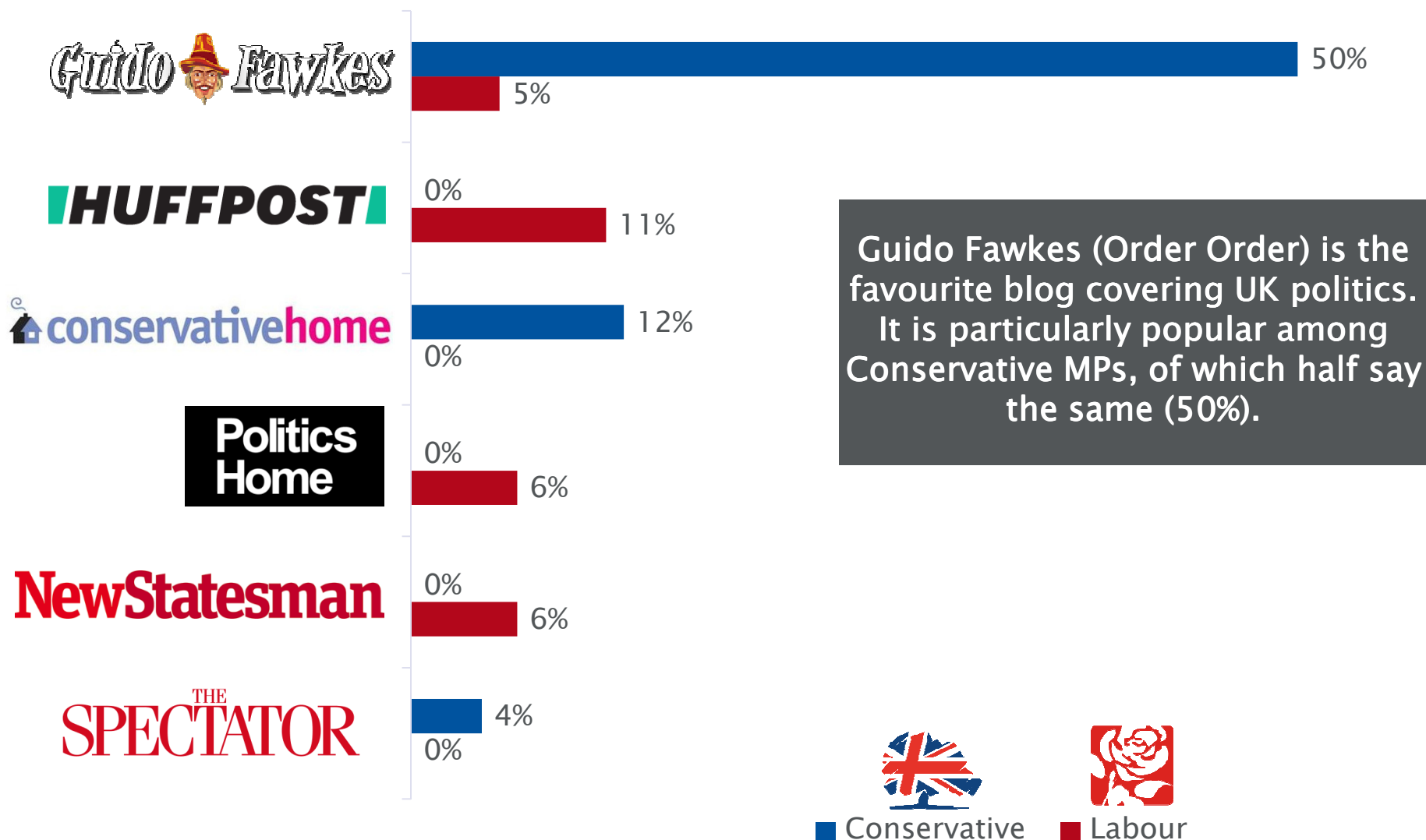
■ 2016 ■ 2018

	The Sunday Times	The Mail on Sunday	The Observer	The Sunday Telegraph	The Sun on Sunday	Sunday Express	Sunday Mirror	The Independent	The Sunday People	Daily Star Sunday	Other
2016	35%	23%	18%	16%	3%	2%	2%	n/a	0%	0%	4%
2018	32%	16%	17%	16%	4%	3%	2%	2%	0%	0%	4%

Online

Nearly half of Labour MPs read The Observer at least twice a month online (47%)

■ 2016 ■ 2018

	The Sunday Times	The Mail on Sunday	The Observer	The Sunday Telegraph	The Sun on Sunday	Sunday Express	Sunday Mirror	The Independent	The Sunday People	Daily Star Sunday	Other
2016	21%	22%	15%	17%	2%	1%	4%	n/a	1%	1%	3%
2018	33%	27%	21%	20%	5%	3%	8%	10%	0%	1%	5%

Q. Which, if any of the following Sunday newspapers do you read at least twice a month? Base: April 2016 all MPs (n=150), April 2018 all MPs (n=151).

THE FAVOURITE BLOG COVERING UK POLITICS IS GUIDO FAWKES

	ALL MPs
Guido Fawkes — Conservative: 50%, Labour: 5%	28%
HUFFPOST — Conservative: 0%, Labour: 11%	7%
conservativehome — Conservative: 12%, Labour: 0%	6%
Politics Home — Conservative: 0%, Labour: 6%	3%
NewStatesman — Conservative: 0%, Labour: 6%	3%
THE SPECTATOR — Conservative: 4%, Labour: 0%	2%

Guido Fawkes (Order Order) is the favourite blog covering UK politics. It is particularly popular among Conservative MPs, of which half say the same (50%).

■ Conservative ■ Labour

Q. Please write in the name of your favourite Blog covering politics in the UK. Base: all MPs (n=151).

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ANDREW NEIL IS THE FAVOURITE BROADCAST JOURNALIST COVERING UK POLITICS

	Andrew Neil	Laura Kuenssberg	Robert Peston	Nick Robinson	Adam Boulton	Faisal Islam	John Humphries	Mishal Husain	John Pienaar	Michael Crick
ALL MPs:	21%	17%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%

MPs most commonly say that Andrew Neil is their favourite broadcast journalist (21%) and he is more popular among Conservative than Labour MPs (36% vs. 5%).

■ Labour ■ Conservative

	Andrew Neil	Laura Kuenssberg	Robert Peston	Nick Robinson	Adam Boulton	Faisal Islam	John Humphries	Mishal Husain	John Pienaar	Michael Crick
Labour	5%	18%	7%	3%	0%	2%	1%	1%	4%	4%
Conservative	36%	15%	0%	4%	6%	0%	2%	2%	0%	0%
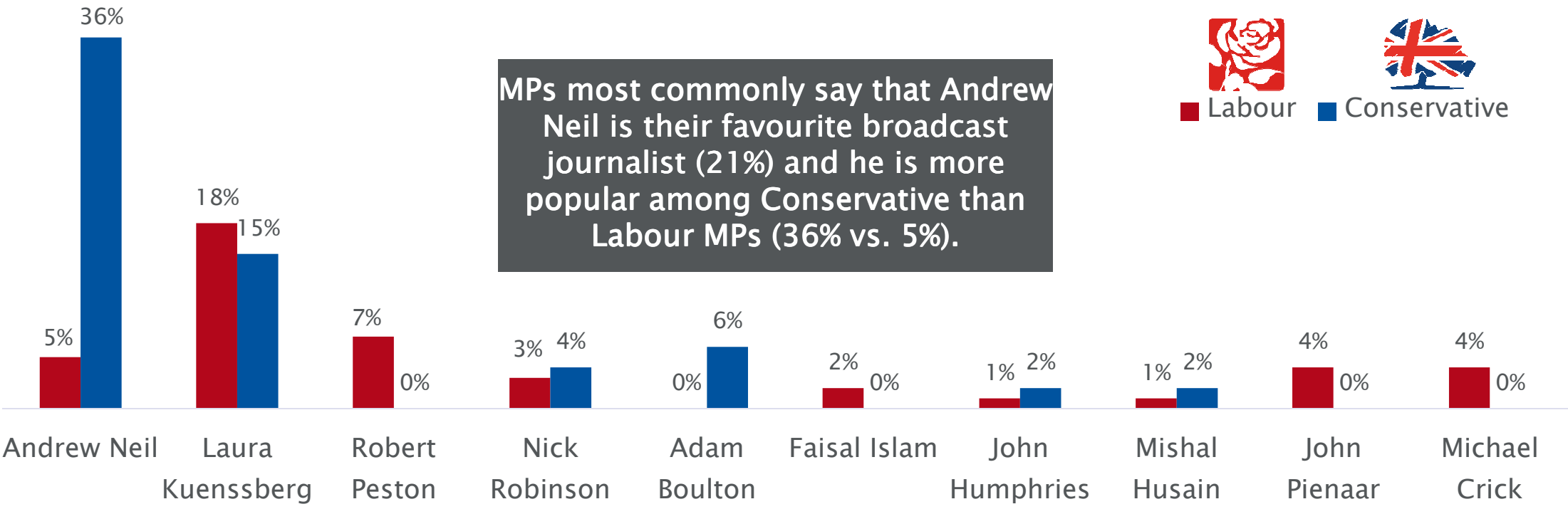
Q. Please write in the name of your favourite broadcast journalist covering politics in the UK. Base: all MPs (n=151).

QUENTIN LETTS IS THE FAVOURITE PRINT JOURNALIST FOR UK POLITICS

	ALL MPs:	Conservative	Labour
Quentin Letts	5%	7%	1%
Matthew Parris	4%	6%	1%
Daniel Finkelstein	4%	8%	0%
Fraser Nelson	4%	8%	0%
Kevin Maguire	3%	0%	6%
Dan Hodges	3%	6%	0%
Charles Moore	3%	6%	0%
Sam Coates	2%	2%	1%
Andrew Rawnsley	2%	0%	5%
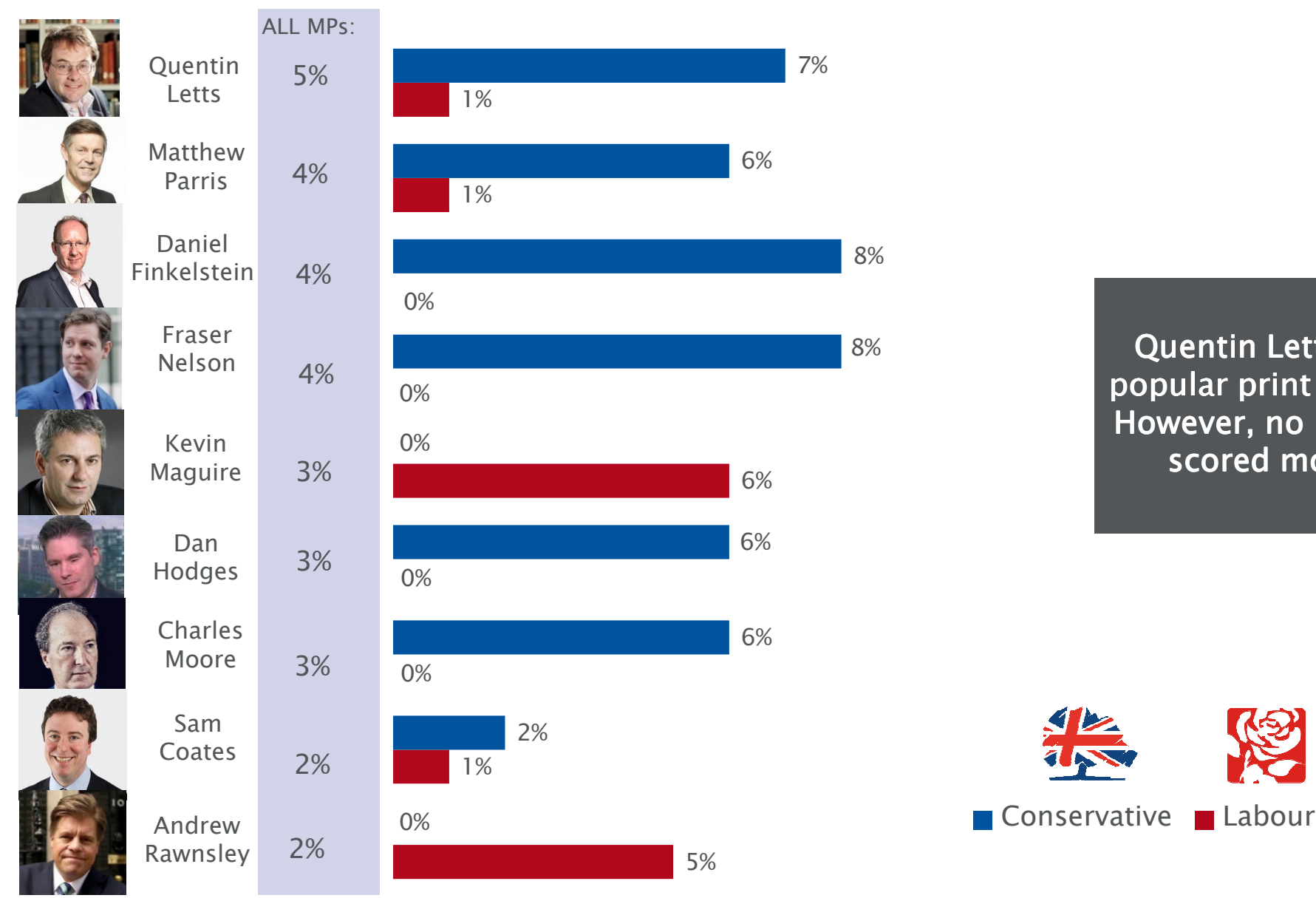
Quentin Letts is the most popular print journalist (5%). However, no print journalist scored more than 8%

■ Conservative ■ Labour

Q. Please write in the name of your favourite Print journalist covering politics in the UK. Base: all MPs (n=151).

METHODOLOGY

This research was conducted using the **ComRes MPs Panel**. ComRes surveyed 151 MPs between 16th April and 14th May 2018. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules. Data were weighted by party and region to be representative of the House of Commons. Through this panel we offer unparalleled quality and value, which makes our MPs Panel an industry-leading research tool:

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