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PAPARAZZI – ‘A NECESSARY EVIL’

Reader sentiment on celebrity lifestyles revealed

The paparazzi are essential but need to know when to leave celebrities alone according to 58 per cent of respondents to a news.com.au/entertainment survey.

Just over two thirds of respondents would look at a photo of a nude photo of a celebrity if leaked while 28 per cent think that celebrities have chosen a life in the limelight and have to live with the consequences.

Entertainment editor of news.com.au, Myles Wearing said Australia’s fascination with celebrities stemmed from a willingness to escape their own lives.

“When asked what it was about celebrities that kept respondents interested, almost half said that it was because a celebrity’s life was so far removed from their own that it was exciting to see what a world so unlike theirs was like.

“Our readers enjoy reading about celebrities and use stories about them as a diversion to their own everyday life. They do also acknowledge that they are human and are allowed to make mistakes.”

A huge 81 per cent of respondents don’t think celebrities should be criticised after a big night out and 85 per cent believe celebrities have a right to be rude to the paparazzi.

Conducted by CoreData for news.com.au/entertainment, the survey that attracted over 1000 respondents also found:

- Are celebrities someone who is recognisable or successful? Respondents were divided with 38 per cent classifying a celebrity as someone recognisable by the majority of the population and 34 per cent saying they were someone who had achieved success through the entertainment industry.
- Most respondents were sick of reading about Paris Hilton, followed by Amy Winehouse
- Wanting to believe fairytales can come true, most respondents (25 per cent) wish the media would stop churning stories about Princess Mary and Prince Fredrik’s trouble in paradise. Anything Britney related was second, closely followed by Lindsay Lohan’s out of control lifestyle.
- Brangelina were the celebrities respondents were most fascinated with. Angelina Jolie was the most fascinating female celebrity and Brad Pitt was second in the most fascinating male celebrity category after Australia’s own Hugh Jackman.
- Brangelina were voted most favourite celebrity couple with Portia De Rossi and Ellen DeGeneres second.

Myles continued: “You just can’t go wrong with a Brangelina story and Jennifer Aniston always proves popular. Almost a quarter of the respondents said that they would most want a story on Jennifer Aniston finally getting married again to come true.”

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