

Match the words and phrases to the sentences and write them into the gaps in the correct form:

keep one's own counsel rather than integrity commence embark outspoken blunt
back someone/something up conversely upfront sincerity home truths claim frank
aggravate supportive

- 1) Giving his first speech as the domestic spy agency's director general, Ken McCullum focused on risks from hostile states, including undermining "the _____ of UK research" on a coronavirus vaccine. (_____)
- 2) "I must say in all _____ that the silence of the representatives of the colossal Made-in-Italy brands left a lasting bitter and embarrassing impression," Jean said. (_____)
- 3) That global halt will, _____, hurt China's efforts to get back on track, creating a difficult economic puzzle for top leaders in Beijing. (_____)
- 4) Eleven new teams _____ on a journey around the world in Season 32 of this Emmy Award-winning series, competing for a \$1 million prize. (_____)
- 5) He offered _____ advice to older people who are often seen as easy marks for dubious dialers. (_____)
- 6) Judge insists he is _____ talking to Jones about his play, and doesn't sugar-coat anything. (_____)
- 7) Even with those she loves most, Ginny tends to _____. They know next to nothing. (_____)
- 8) The majority of Republicans, 83%, approve of Trump's overall job performance, fewer, 70%, are _____ of his handling of the pandemic. (_____)
- 9) An elderly woman with lung disease _____ she was removed from an Alaska Airlines flight over a face mask dispute. (_____)
- 10) I'll _____ if they don't believe you. (_____)
- 11) After the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the court's most _____ advocate for abortion rights... (_____)
- 12) Some activists struggled to forgive her for that but it was an early sign of her willingness to deliver unpalatable _____. (_____)
- 13) I'd recommend being _____ about the arrangement to avoid assumptions and hurt feelings. (_____)
- 14) She uses lemon _____ vinegar in her salad dressings. (_____)
- 15) The opponents say the Canadian tar sands oil that the new line would carry would _____ climate change, while threatening pristine waters in northern Minnesota where Native Americans harvest wild rice. (_____)
- 16) Tenured at M.I.T. by the time she was 36, she _____ a lifelong hunt for a second Earth. (_____)