

Flash Eurobarometer 435

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Perceived independence of the national justice systems
in the EU among the general public

Basic bilingual questionnaire

TNS Political & Social

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D1 How old are you?

D1 Quel est votre âge ?

(WRITE DOWN - IF "REFUSAL" CODE '99')

(NOTER EN CLAIR - SI "REFUS" CODER '99')

D2 Gender.

D2 Sexe du répondant.

- Male 1
- Female 2

- Homme 1
- Femme 2

ASK ALL

A TOUS

D8 In the last two years, have you been involved in any dispute which has gone to court?

D8 Au cours des deux dernières années, avez-vous été impliqué(e) dans un litige qui a été porté devant un tribunal ?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(UNE SEULE REPONSE)

- Yes 1
- No 2
- DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT) 3

- Oui 1
- Non 2
- NSP/SR (NE PAS LIRE) 3

NEW

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Q1 From what you know, how would you rate the justice system in (OUR COUNTRY) in terms of the independence of courts and judges? Would you say it is very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

Q1 D'après ce que vous en savez, comment évalueriez-vous le système judiciaire en (NOTRE PAYS) en termes d'indépendance des tribunaux et des juges ? Diriez-vous qu'il est très bon, plutôt bon, plutôt mauvais ou très mauvais ?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(LIRE - UNE SEULE REPONSE)

- Very good 1
- Fairly good 2
- Fairly bad 3
- Very bad 4
- DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT) 5

- Très bon 1
- Plutôt bon 2
- Plutôt mauvais 3
- Très mauvais 4
- NSP/SR (NE PAS LIRE) 5

NEW based on FL385 Q5

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ASK Q2a IF 'FAIRLY BAD' (CODE 3) OR 'VERY BAD' (CODE 4) IN Q1 – OTHERS GO TO Q2b

Q2a: ROTATE ITEMS 1 TO 3

Q2a Could you tell me to what extent each of the following reasons explains your rating of the independence of the justice system in (OUR COUNTRY):

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

	Very much	Somewhat	Not really	Not at all	DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)
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1	Interference or pressure from government and politicians	1	2	3	4	5
2	Interference or pressure from economic or other specific interests	1	2	3	4	5
3	The status and position of judges do not sufficiently guarantee their independence	1	2	3	4	5

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POSER Q2a SI 'PLUTÔT MAUVAIS' (CODE 3) OU 'TRES MAUVAIS' (CODE 4) EN Q1– LES AUTRES ALLER EN Q2b

Q2a: ROTATION DES ITEMS 1 À 3

Q2a Pourriez-vous me dire dans quelle mesure les raisons suivantes expliquent votre évaluation de l'indépendance du système judiciaire en (NOTRE PAYS) :

(LIRE - UNE SEULE REPONSE)

	Beaucoup	Assez	Peu	Pas du tout	NSP/SR (NE PAS LIRE)
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1	L'ingérence ou les pressions exercées par le gouvernement et les hommes politiques	1	2	3	4	5
2	L'ingérence ou les pressions d'intérêts économiques ou autres	1	2	3	4	5
3	Le statut et la situation des juges ne garantissent pas suffisamment leur indépendance	1	2	3	4	5

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ASK Q2b IF 'VERY GOOD' (CODE 1) OR 'FAIRLY GOOD' (CODE 2) IN Q1

Q2b: ROTATE ITEMS 1 TO 3

Q2b Could you tell me to what extent each of the following reasons explains your rating of the independence of the justice system in (OUR COUNTRY):

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

		Very much	Somewhat	Not really	Not at all	DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)
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1	No interference or pressure from government and politicians	1	2	3	4	5
2	No interference or pressure from economic or other specific interests	1	2	3	4	5
3	The status and position of judges sufficiently guarantee their independence	1	2	3	4	5

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POSER Q2b SI 'TRES BON' (CODE 1) OU 'PLUTÔT BON' (CODE 2) EN Q1

Q2b: ROTATION DES ITEMS 1 À 3

Q2b Pourriez-vous me dire dans quelle mesure les raisons suivantes expliquent votre évaluation de l'indépendance du système judiciaire en (NOTRE PAYS) :

(LIRE - UNE SEULE REPONSE)

		Beaucoup	Assez	Peu	Pas du tout	NSP/SR (NE PAS LIRE)
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1	Il n'y a pas d'ingérence ou de pression du gouvernement et des hommes politiques	1	2	3	4	5
2	Il n'y a pas d'ingérence ou de pression d'intérêts économiques ou autres	1	2	3	4	5
3	Le statut et la situation des juges garantissent suffisamment leur indépendance	1	2	3	4	5

NEW

D4	How old were you when you stopped full-time education?
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(INT.: IF "STILL STUDYING", CODE '00' - IF "NO EDUCATION" CODE '01' - IF "REFUSAL" CODE '98' - IF "DK" CODE '99')

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D5a	As far as your current occupation is concerned, would you say you are self-employed, an employee, a manual worker or would you say that you are without a professional activity?
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(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Self-employed	1
Employee	2
Manual worker	3
Without a professional activity	4
Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	5

ASK D5b IF SELF-EMPLOYED, CODE 1 IN D5a

D5b	Would you say you are...?
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(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Farmer, forester, fisherman	1
Owner of shop, craftsman	2
Professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect,...)	3
Manager of a company	4
Other\ Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	5

ASK D5c IF EMPLOYEE, CODE 2 IN D5a

D5c	Would you say you are...?
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(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect, ...)	1
General management, director or top management	2
Middle management	3
Civil servant	4
Office clerk	5
Other employee (salesman, nurse, ...)	6
Other\ Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	7

ASK D5d IF MANUAL WORKER, CODE 3 IN D5a

D5d Would you say you are...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Supervisor\ foreman (team manager, ...)	1
Manual worker	2
Unskilled manual worker	3
Other\ Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	4

ASK D5e IF WITHOUT A PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY, CODE 4 IN D5a

D5e Would you say you are...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Looking after the home	1
Student (full time)	2
Retired	3
Seeking a job	4
Other\ Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	5

D12 What county do you live in?

(READ OUT IF NECESSARY - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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D13 Would you say you live in a...?

(READ OUT - SINGLE CODE)

Rural area or village	1
Small or medium-sized town	2
Large town/city	3
DK (DO NOT READ OUT)	4

D18 Have you got a mobile phone?

(DO NOT READ OUT

Yes	1
No	2

D20 Have you got a landline phone?

(DO NOT READ OUT

Yes	1
No	2

D22 Could you tell me how many people aged 15 years or more live in your household, yourself included?

(WRITE DOWN - IF "DK" CODE '98' - IF "REFUSAL" CODE '99')

Number of people aged 15 or more in the household

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Between the 24th and the 25th of February 2016, TNS Political & Social, a consortium created between TNS political & social, TNS UK and TNS opinion, carried out the FLASH EUROBAROMETER 435 survey on request of the EUROPEAN COMMISSION, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers. It is a general public survey co-ordinated by the Directorate-General for Communication, "Strategy, Corporate Communication Actions and Eurobarometer" Unit.

The FLASH EUROBAROMETER 435 survey covers the population of the respective nationalities of the European Union Member States, resident in each of the 28 Member States and aged 15 years and over.

All interviews were carried using the TNS e-Call centre (our centralised CATI system). In every country the respondents were called both on fixed lines and mobile phones. The basic sample design applied in all states is multi-stage random (probability). In each household, the respondent was drawn at random following the "last birthday rule".

TNS has developed its own RDD sample generation capabilities based on using contact telephone numbers from responders to random probability or random location face-to-face surveys, such as Eurobarometer, as seed numbers. The approach works because the seed number identifies a working block of telephone numbers and reduces the volume of numbers generated that will be ineffective. The seed numbers are stratified by NUTS2 region and urbanisation to approximate a geographically representative sample. From each seed number the required sample of numbers are generated by randomly replacing the last two digits. The sample is then screened against business databases in order to exclude as many of these numbers as possible before going into field. This approach is consistent across all countries.

	COUNTRIES	INSTITUTES	N° INTERVIEWS	DATES FIELDWORK		POPULATION 15+	PROPORTION EU28
BE	Belgium	TNS Dimarso	1.007	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	9.693.779	2,25%
BG	Bulgaria	TNS BBSS	1.001	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	6.537.535	1,52%
CZ	Czech Rep.	TNS Aisa	1.000	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	9.238.431	2,14%
DK	Denmark	TNS Gallup DK	1.007	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	4.838.729	1,12%
DE	Germany	TNS Deutschland	1.000	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	70.160.634	16,26%
EE	Estonia	TNS Emor	1.000	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	1.160.064	0,27%
IE	Ireland	IMS Millward Brown	1.000	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	3.592.162	0,83%
EL	Greece	TNS ICAP	1.002	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	9.937.810	2,30%
ES	Spain	TNS Spain	1.001	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	39.445.245	9,14%
FR	France	TNS Sofres	1.000	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	54.097.255	12,54%
HR	Croatia	Hendal	1.001	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	3.796.476	0,88%
IT	Italy	TNS Italia	1.000	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	52.334.536	12,13%
CY	Rep. of Cyprus	CYMAR	503	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	741.308	0,17%
LV	Latvia	TNS Latvia	1.002	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	1.707.082	0,40%
LT	Lithuania	TNS LT	1.000	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	2.513.384	0,58%
LU	Luxembourg	TNS Dimarso	504	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	457.127	0,11%
HU	Hungary	TNS Hoffmann Kft	1.003	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	8.781.161	2,04%
MT	Malta	MISCO	515	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	364.171	0,08%
NL	The Netherlands	TNS NIPO	1.002	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	13.979.215	3,24%
AT	Austria	TNS Austria	1.000	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	7.554.711	1,75%
PL	Poland	TNS Polska	1.000	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	33.444.171	7,75%
PT	Portugal	TNS Portugal	1.000	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	8.480.126	1,97%
RO	Romania	TNS CSOP	1.002	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	16.852.701	3,91%
SI	Slovenia	RM PLUS	1.001	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	1.760.032	0,41%
SK	Slovakia	TNS Slovakia	1.000	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	4.586.024	1,06%
FI	Finland	TNS Gallup Oy	1.003	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	4.747.810	1,10%
SE	Sweden	TNS SIFO	1.000	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	7.998.763	1,85%
UK	United Kingdom	TNS UK	1.001	24/02/2016	25/02/2016	52.651.777	12,20%
	TOTAL EU28		26.555	24/02/16	25/02/16	431.452.219	100%

Readers are reminded that survey results are estimations, the accuracy of which, everything being equal, rests upon the sample size and upon the observed percentage. With samples of about 1,000 interviews, the real percentages vary within the following confidence limits:

Statistical Margins due to the sampling process

(at the 95% level of confidence)

various sample sizes are in rows

various observed results are in columns

	5%	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%	
	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%	70%	65%	60%	55%	50%	
N=50	6,0	8,3	9,9	11,1	12,0	12,7	13,2	13,6	13,8	13,9	N=50
N=500	1,9	2,6	3,1	3,5	3,8	4,0	4,2	4,3	4,4	4,4	N=500
N=1000	1,4	1,9	2,2	2,5	2,7	2,8	3,0	3,0	3,1	3,1	N=1000
N=1500	1,1	1,5	1,8	2,0	2,2	2,3	2,4	2,5	2,5	2,5	N=1500
N=2000	1,0	1,3	1,6	1,8	1,9	2,0	2,1	2,1	2,2	2,2	N=2000
N=3000	0,8	1,1	1,3	1,4	1,5	1,6	1,7	1,8	1,8	1,8	N=3000
N=4000	0,7	0,9	1,1	1,2	1,3	1,4	1,5	1,5	1,5	1,5	N=4000
N=5000	0,6	0,8	1,0	1,1	1,2	1,3	1,3	1,4	1,4	1,4	N=5000
N=6000	0,6	0,8	0,9	1,0	1,1	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,3	1,3	N=6000
N=7000	0,5	0,7	0,8	0,9	1,0	1,1	1,1	1,1	1,2	1,2	N=7000
N=7500	0,5	0,7	0,8	0,9	1,0	1,0	1,1	1,1	1,1	1,1	N=7500
N=8000	0,5	0,7	0,8	0,9	0,9	1,0	1,0	1,1	1,1	1,1	N=8000
N=9000	0,5	0,6	0,7	0,8	0,9	0,9	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	N=9000
N=10000	0,4	0,6	0,7	0,8	0,8	0,9	0,9	1,0	1,0	1,0	N=10000
N=11000	0,4	0,6	0,7	0,7	0,8	0,9	0,9	0,9	0,9	0,9	N=11000
N=12000	0,4	0,5	0,6	0,7	0,8	0,8	0,9	0,9	0,9	0,9	N=12000
N=13000	0,4	0,5	0,6	0,7	0,7	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,9	0,9	N=13000
N=14000	0,4	0,5	0,6	0,7	0,7	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,8	N=14000
N=15000	0,3	0,5	0,6	0,6	0,7	0,7	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,8	N=15000
	5%	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%	
	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%	70%	65%	60%	55%	50%	

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