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Flash Eurobarometer 206A
Attitudes on issues related to EU Energy Policy

Country Specific Questionnaire
United Kingdom

FLASH EUROBAROMETER ON ENERGY PACKAGE

Q1. Are climate change and global warming a concern for you?

[ONE ANSWER ONLY - READ OUT]

- Yes, very much 1
- Yes, to some degree..... 2
- No 3

- [DK/NA] 9

Q2. Do you think the way we in the United Kingdom produce and consume energy has a negative impact on climate change and global warming?

[ONE ANSWER ONLY - READ OUT]

- Yes, it has a big negative impact 1
- Yes, it has some negative impact..... 2
- No, it has almost no negative impact..... 3
- No, it has no negative impact at all..... 4

- [DK/NA] 9

Q3. What effects do you think the ongoing climate change will have on the way you consume energy in 10 years time? Do you think you will ...

[ONE ANSWER PER LINE - READ OUT]

- Yes..... 1
- No 2
- [DK/NA] 9

- A. ... have to change your everyday energy consumption habits to consume less, e.g. switching off the lights more often, or heat/cool less, or use the car less often? 1 2 9
- B. ... have to change how you heat, light and cool your house or apartment, by installing equipments that save energy? 1 2 9
- C. ... have to pay much more for the energy you use?..... 1 2 9

Q4. There are energy sources, for example the wind energy, that we never run out of. These are the so-called renewable energy sources. Would you agree that the European Union sets a minimum percentage of the energy used in each Member State that should come from renewable sources, or not?

[ONE ANSWER ONLY, DO NOT READ OUT, IF "NO" PROBE FOR THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON]

- Yes..... 1

- no, because that would raise energy prices 2
- no, because we should be able to decide independently of the EU.... 3
- no, because this should not be regulated at all 4
- no, other reasons 5

- [DK/NA] 9

Q5. What do you think the government of the United Kingdom should do to help people to reduce their energy consumption? Please select the most important one!
 [ONE ANSWER ONLY - READ OUT]

- Provide more information on efficient use of energy 1
- Adopt stricter efficiency standards for energy consuming equipment. 2
- Subsidise energy efficient solutions, for example in the homes..... 3
- [Other] 4
- [Nothing]..... 5
- [DK/NA] 9

Q6. Does energy efficiency influence your decision when you buy household appliances?
 [READ OUT]

- Very much..... 1
- To some extent 2
- Not really..... 3
- [DK/NA] 9

Q7. Should the government of the United Kingdom support the development of new and cleaner energy technologies and products?
 [ONE ANSWER ONLY - READ OUT]

- Yes, through public funding for such research 1
- Yes, through tax incentives for energy efficient products or technologies 2
- Yes, with prohibiting the use of products and technologies that are not up to energy efficiency standards 3
- No, the government does not have to deal with this 4
- [DK/NA] 9

Q8. What do you think is the best way to tackle energy-related issues?
 [ONE ANSWER ONLY - READ OUT]

- Through national measures in each Member State 1
- Through measures agreed on EU level..... 2
- [DK/NA] 9

Q9. One third of EU electricity comes from nuclear energy. Regarding nuclear energy there are two fundamental approaches, which one do you tend to agree more?
 [ONE ANSWER ONLY - ROTATE - READ OUT]

- The share of nuclear energy should be increased, as it does not contribute to climate change and global warming, or 1
- The share of nuclear energy should be decreased, as it poses safety problems like nuclear waste, or the danger of accidents..... 2
- [DK/NA] 9

Q10. Do you think that the EU should introduce common high safety requirements for all nuclear installations in the European Union?
 [ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- Yes..... 1
- No 2
- [DK/NA]..... 9

Q11. Which do you think is better to achieve secure supply and favourable prices of the oil and gas obtained from the international markets:
 [ONE ANSWER ONLY - ROTATE - READ OUT]

- if the European Union would negotiate conditions for all Member States, including [COUNTRY], or 1
- if [COUNTRY] government would negotiate conditions independently 2
- [DK/NA]..... 9

Q12. In case there is a sudden shortage of gas or oil in an EU Member State, what would you personally favour:
 [ONE ANSWER ONLY - READ OUT]

- the affected Member State has to rely on its own reserves only, or..... 1
- the affected Member State should be able to rely on the reserves of other EU Member States as well 2
- [DK/NA]..... 9

Q13. Do you think it is important to have a choice of supplier for electricity and gas?
 [ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- Yes..... 1
- No 2
- [DK/NA]..... 9

ASK IF Q13 = 1

Q14. Why do you favour to have a choice of energy suppliers?
 [ONE ANSWER ONLY - PROBE ALL CATEGORIES - DO NOT LET THE RESPONDENT INTERRUPT YOU]

- only because of the price 1
- besides the price you also expect to have better customer care. 2
- besides the price you also expect to have an option to choose a supplier that provides cleaner energy..... 3
- [all three are important aspects]. 4
- [Other]. 8
- [DK/NA]..... 9

D1. Gender [DO NOT ASK - MARK APPROPRIATE]

- [1] Male
- [2] Female

D2. How old are you?

- [][] years old
- [00] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]

D3. How old were you when you stopped full-time education? [Write in THE AGE WHEN EDUCATION WAS TERMINATED]

- [][] years old
- [00] [STILL IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [01] [NEVER BEEN IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [99] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]

D4. 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? Does it mean that you are a(n)...

[IF A RESPONSE TO THE MAIN CATEGORY IS GIVEN, READ OUT THE RESPECTIVE SUB-CATEGORIES - ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- Self-employed

- i.e. : - farmer, forester, fisherman..... 11
- owner of a shop, craftsman..... 12
- professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect,...)..... 13
- manager of a company 14
- other 15

- Employee

- i.e. : - professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect)..... 21
- general management, director or top management..... 22
- middle management..... 23
- Civil servant 24
- office clerk..... 25
- other employee (salesman, nurse, etc...) 26
- other 27

- Manual worker

- i.e. : - supervisor / foreman (team manager, etc...) 31
- Manual worker 32
- unskilled manual worker..... 33
- other 34

- Without a professional activity

- i.e. : - looking after the home..... 41
- student (full time) 42
- retired 43
- seeking a job..... 44
- other 45
- [Refusal] 99

D6. Would you say you live in a ...?

- metropolitan zone 1
- other town/urban centre 2
- rural zone 3
- [Refusal]..... 9