

**ZA5209**

**Flash Eurobarometer 269  
(Intergenerational Solidarity)**

**Country Specific Questionnaire  
Great Britain**

# FLASH - 269

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I would like to ask a few questions with regard to the relationships between the various generations which make up our society.

**Q1. I am going to read out a number of statements about relations between younger and older people.**

**For each one, please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree**

***[ROTATE ITEMS – READ OUT EACH LINE IN TURN - ONE ANSWER PER LINE]***

Strongly agree .....4  
Somewhat agree .....3  
Somewhat disagree .....2  
Strongly disagree.....1  
[DK/NA] .....9

A ... Young people and older people do not easily agree on what is best for society. 4 3 2 1 9  
B ... Older people are a burden for society. 4 3 2 1 9  
C ... The media are exaggerating the risk of a conflict between generations. 4 3 2 1 9  
D ... Because there will be more older voters, political decision making will pay less attention to the needs of young people. 4 3 2 1 9  
E ... As older people work until a later age, fewer jobs will be available for younger people. 4 3 2 1 9  
F ... Older women are more at risk of poverty than older men in the UK. 4 3 2 1 9  
G ... Companies which employ mostly young people perform better than those which employ people of different ages. 4 3 2 1 9

**Q2. Now I would read out a few statements related to pensions.**

**Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree**

***[ROTATE ITEMS – READ OUT EACH LINE IN TURN - ONE ANSWER PER LINE]***

Strongly agree .....	4
Somewhat agree .....	3
Somewhat disagree .....	2
Strongly disagree.....	1
[DK/NA] .....	9

- A ... In the coming decades, governments will no longer be able to pay for pensions and care for older people. 4 3 2 1 9
- B ... People in employment will be increasingly reluctant to pay taxes and social contributions to support older people. 4 3 2 1 9
- C ... Our government is spending too little on education and young people compared to older people. 4 3 2 1 9
- D ... Older people accept the need for major pension reforms to ease the financial burden on working age people. 4 3 2 1 9
- E ... Our government must make much more money available for pensions and care for the elderly. 4 3 2 1 9
- F ... Our government should make it easier for older people in the UK to continue working beyond the normal retirement age, if they wish. 4 3 2 1 9

**Q3. Older people are not just receiving from society, they can also give something back.**

**Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree**

***[ROTATE ITEMS – READ OUT EACH LINE IN TURN - ONE ANSWER PER LINE]***

Strongly agree .....	4
Somewhat agree .....	3
Somewhat disagree .....	2
Strongly disagree.....	1
[DK/NA] .....	9

- A ... Older people make a major contribution as volunteers in charitable and community organisations in the UK. 4 3 2 1 9
- B ... The contribution of older people who care for family or other relatives is not appreciated enough in the UK. 4 3 2 1 9
- C ... The financial help of parents' and grand-parents' is important for young adults who establish their own households and families. 4 3 2 1 9
- E ... There are not enough opportunities for older and younger people to meet and work together in associations and local community initiatives. 4 3 2 1 9
- F ... Developing products and services responding to the needs of older people will become a key driver of the economy in the UK. 4 3 2 1 9

**Q4. Let me read a few statements about problems related to elderly care.**

**Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree**

***[ROTATE ITEMS – READ OUT EACH LINE IN TURN - ONE ANSWER PER LINE]***

- Strongly agree .....4
- Somewhat agree .....3
- Somewhat disagree .....2
- Strongly disagree.....1
- [DK/NA] .....9

- A ... Doctors, nurses and professional carers in the UK are well trained to care for the special needs of older people. 4 3 2 1 9
- B ... People who have to care for older family members at home receive good support from social services in the UK. 4 3 2 1 9
- C ... In the UK, there are sufficient social services to support frail older people so that they can stay in their own home. 4 3 2 1 9
- D ... In the UK, many frail older people cannot live autonomously because their homes are not adapted to their needs. 4 3 2 1 9
- E ... Older people would contribute much more to society if it was easier for them to move around. 4 3 2 1 9

**Q5. Finally I would like to ask about the role of public authorities.**

**Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree**

***ROTATE ITEMS – READ OUT EACH LINE IN TURN - ONE ANSWER PER LINE]***

Strongly agree .....	4
Somewhat agree .....	3
Somewhat disagree .....	2
Strongly disagree.....	1
[DK/NA] .....	9

A ... Schools should promote better relations between the young and the old.	4 3 2 1 9
B ... Local authorities should support associations and initiatives that foster stronger relations between young people and older people.	4 3 2 1 9
C ... The government is doing a good job in promoting a better understanding between the young and the old.	4 3 2 1 9
D ... There should be public centres where older volunteers are helped to find opportunities for volunteering which match their skills and wishes.	4 3 2 1 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]*

**- 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