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European Parliament Election Study 2019, Voter Study

**Country Questionnaire
United Kingdom**

QUESTIONNAIRE

OF THE

VOTER STUDY

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EUROPEAN ELECTIONS STUDY 2019

UNITED KINGDOM

Q1 What do you think is the most important issue or problem facing the Britain at the moment?

98 Don't know

Q2 Which political party do you think would be best at dealing with this problem?

- 1 Conservative Party
- 2 Labour Party
- 3 Liberal Democrats
- 4 Green Party
- 5 Scottish National Party
- 6 United Kingdom Independent Party (UKIP)
- 7 The Brexit Party
- 8 Change UK – The Independent Group

- 10 other party
- 11 none of the parties
- 98 Don't know

Q3 On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Britain? Are you...

- 1 very satisfied
- 2 fairly satisfied
- 3 not very satisfied
- 4 not at all satisfied
- 98 Don't know

Q4 All in all again, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works in the European Union?

- 1 very satisfied
- 2 fairly satisfied
- 3 not very satisfied
- 4 not at all satisfied
- 98 Don't know

Q5 Let us now come back to the UK. Do you approve or disapprove the government's record to date?

- 1 approve
- 2 disapprove
- 98 Don't know

Q6 The European Parliament elections were held on Thursday 23 May 2019. For one reason or another, some people in the UK did not vote in these elections. Did you vote in the recent European Parliament elections?

- 1 yes, voted
 - 2 no, did not vote
 - 98 Don't know
- } go to Q8

Q7 Which party did you vote for in the European Parliament elections?

- 1 Conservative Party
- 2 Labour Party
- 3 Liberal Democrats
- 4 Green Party
- 5 Scottish National Party
- 6 United Kingdom Independent Party (UKIP)
- 7 The Brexit Party
- 8 Change UK – The Independent Group
- 9 Plaid Cymru
- 10 Sinn Féin
- 11 Democratic Unionist Party
- 12 Ulster Unionist Party
- 13 Social Democratic & Labour Party
- 14 Independent

- 90 other party
- 96 did vote blanc or nil
- 98 do not remember

Q8 How closely did you follow the campaign ahead of the European Parliament elections in the media or on social media? Please indicate using any number on an 11-point-scale. On this scale, where 0 means "not at all" and 10 means "very closely" which number best describes your situation?

- 0 Not at all
- 1
- ...
- 9
- 10 Very closely
- 98 Don't know

Q9 Which party did you vote for at the General Election of 2017?

- 1 Conservative Party
- 2 Labour Party
- 3 Liberal Democrats
- 4 Green Party
- 5 Scottish National Party
- 6 United Kingdom Independent Party (UKIP)
- 9 Plaid Cymru
- 10 Sinn Féin
- 11 Democratic Unionist Party

12 Ulster Unionist Party
 13 Social Democratic & Labour Party
 14 Independent

90 other party
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 97 did not vote
 98 do not remember

Q10 We have a number of parties in Britain each of which would like to get your vote. How probable is it that you will ever vote for the following parties? Please answer on a scale where 0 means "not at all probable" and 10 means "very probable".

	0 not at all probable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 very proba- ble	Don't know the party
Conservative Party	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	98
Labour Party	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	98
Liberal Democrats	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	98
Green Party	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	98
Scottish National Party	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	98
United Kingdom Independent Party (UKIP)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	98
The Brexit Party	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	98
Change UK – The Independent Group	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	98

Q11 In political matters people talk of "the left" and "the right". What is your position? Please indicate your views using any number on an 11-point-scale. On this scale, where 0 means "left" and 10 means "right," which number best describes your position?

	0 Left	1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Right	DON 'T KNO W
	0	1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	99

Q13 And about where would you place the following political parties on this scale

	0 Left	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Right	Don't know how to place the party
Conservative Party	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	99
Labour Party	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	99
Liberal Democrats	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	99
Green Party	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	99
Scottish National Party	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	99
United Kingdom Independent Party (UKIP)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	99
The Brexit Party	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	99
Change UK –The Independent Group	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	99

Q14 Now I would like you to tell me your views on various issues. For each issue, we will present you with two opposite statements and we will ask your opinion about these two statements. We would like to ask you to position yourself on a scale from 0 to 10, where '0' means that you "fully agree with the statement at the top" and '10' means that you "fully agree with the statement at the bottom". Then if your views are somewhere in between, you can choose any number that describes your position best.

Q14.1 What do you think of state regulation and control of the economy

0 You fully favour state intervention in the economy

1

...

9

10 You fully oppose state intervention in the economy

98 Don't know

Q14.2 Redistribution of wealth

0 You fully favour redistribution from the rich to the poor in Britain
1
...
9
10 You fully oppose redistribution of wealth from the rich to the poor in Britain
98 Don't know

Q14.3 Same-sex marriage

0 You fully favour same sex marriage
1
...
9
10 You fully oppose same sex marriages
98 Don't know

Q14.4 Civil liberties

0 You fully support privacy rights even if they hinder efforts to combat crime
1
...
9
10 You fully support restricting privacy rights in order to combat crime
98 Don't know

Q14.5 Immigration

0 You fully favour a restrictive policy on immigration
1
...
9
10 You fully oppose a restrictive policy on immigration
98 Don't know

Q14.6 Environment

0 Environmental protection should take priority even at the cost of economic growth
1
...
9
10 Economic growth should take priority even at the cost of environmental protection
98 Don't know

Q15b Imagine there were a referendum in the United Kingdom tomorrow about the membership of the European Union. Would you vote for United Kingdom to remain a member of the European Union or to leave the European Union?

- 1 Remain a member of the EU
- 2 Leave the EU
- 3 (Would submit a blank ballot paper)
- 4 (Would spoil the ballot paper)
- 5 (Would not vote)
- 6 (Not eligible to vote)

Q16 How important is it for you to live in a country that is governed democratically? On this scale where 0 means it is “not at all important” and 10 means “absolutely important” what position would you choose?

- 0 not at all important
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 absolutely important
- 98 Don't know

Q17 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	Fully agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Fully disagree	DON'T KNOW
1 Independent judges should be able to overrule the decisions of democratically elected government if the decisions violate the rights of individuals or groups in society.	1	2	3	4	5	98
2 Governments should be allowed to prohibit a peaceful protest if many citizens will be offended by its slogans.	1	2	3	4	5	98
3 In order to secure the independence of the public media, elected politicians should have no influence on the content of their broadcasting.	1	2	3	4	5	98
4 Having a strong leader in government is good for the UK even if the leader bends the rules to get things done.	1	2	3	4	5	98
5 The people, and not politicians, should make our most important policy decisions.	1	2	3	4	5	98

Q18 For each of the following statements, please tell me to what extent it corresponds or not to your attitude or opinion.

	Yes, totally	Yes, somewh at	Neither trust or distrust	No, not reall y	No, not at all	Don' t know
1 You trust the British Parliament	1	2	3	4	5	98
2 You trust the European Parliament	1	2	3	4	5	98

Q19 What do you think about the economy? Compared to 12 months ago, do you think that the general economic situation in Britain

- 1 a lot better
- 2 a little better
- 3 stayed the same
- 4 a little worse
- 5 a lot worse
- 98 Don't know

Q20 And over the next 12 months, how do you think the general economic situation in Britain will be? Will it....?

- 1 get a lot better
- 2 get a little better
- 3 stay the same
- 4 get a little worse
- 5 get a lot worse
- 98 Don't know

Q21 To what extent would you say you are interested in politics? Very, somewhat, a little, or not at all?

- 1 very
- 2 somewhat
- 3 a little
- 4 not at all
- 98 Don't know

Q22 Generally speaking, do you think that Britain's membership of the European Union is..?

- 1 good thing
- 2 bad thing
- 3 neither
- 98 Don't know

Q23 Some say European unification should be pushed further. Others say it already has gone too far. What is your opinion? Please indicate your views using a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means unification 'has already gone too far' and 10 means it 'should be pushed further'. What number on this scale best describes you position?

	0 unification has already gone too far	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 unification should be pushed further	DON 'T KNO W
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	99

Q24 And about where would you place the following parties on this scale, where 0 means “already gone too far” and 10 means “should be pushed further”?

	0 unificati on has already gone too far	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 unificati on should be pushed further	Don't know how to place the party
Conservative Party	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	99
Labour Party	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	99
Liberal Democrats	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	99
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Change UK –The Independent Group	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	99

Q25 Do you consider yourself to be close to any particular party? If so, which party do you feel close to?

- 1 No, you do not feel close to any party
- 2 Conservative Party
- 3 Labour Party
- 4 Liberal Democrats
- 5 Green Party

- 6 Scottish National Party
- 7 United Kingdom Independent Party (UKIP)
- 8 The Brexit Party
- 90 Other
- 98 Don't know

Q26 Do you feel yourself to be very close to this party, fairly close or merely a sympathiser?

- 1 very close
- 2 fairly close
- 3 merely a sympathiser
- 98 Don't know

Q27 For each of the following candidates for President of the next European Commission, can you tell me which European Party Group or which [nationality] party supports their nomination?

	Socialists & Democrats / Labour Party	European People's Party	Liberals and Allies Group/ Liberal Democrats	The European Conservative and Reformists/ Conservative Party	D O N' T K N O W
1 Manfred Weber	1	2	3	4	98
2 Frans Timmermans	1	2	3	4	98
3 Jan Zahradil	1	2	3	4	98

Q28 The British have decided to leave the European Union, what do you think the consequences for Britain will be, if any?

- 1 Britain will be better off
- 2 There will be no significant change
- 3 Britain will be worse off
- 98 Don't know

[These questions are specifically for UK respondents and are asked instead of Q29 and Q30 which is asked to EU27 respondents only]

Q29uk As you may recall, the United Kingdom held a referendum about the membership of the European Union in 2016. Did you vote for United Kingdom to remain a member of the European Union or to leave the European Union?

- 1 Remain a member of the EU
- 2 Leave the EU
- 4 Spoiled the ballot paper
- 5 Did not vote
- 98 Don't remember

Q30uk Since the EU referendum last year, some people now think of themselves as Leavers and Remainers, do you think of yourself as:

- 1 A Leaver
- 2 A Remainer
- 3 Neither a Leaver nor a Remainer
- 98 Don't know

Experiment

QT. Treatments [*respondents randomly assigned to three groups*]

Group 1: Britain leaving the EU is expected to reduce growth and may lead to an economic recession in Britain

Group 2: Britain leaving the EU will mean that Britain will have more control over its own laws, including controlling migration

Group 3: [*Control group: no information -> go straight to question*]

If Britain leaves the European Union, what do you think the consequences for Britain will be, if any?

- 1 Britain will be better off
- 2 There will be no significant change
- 3 Britain will be worse off
- 98 Don't know

Suggestive Demographics

D1 Are you yourself a member of a trade union or is anyone else in your household a member of a trade union?

- 1 Yes, you are a member of a trade union
- 2 Yes, someone else in your household is a member of a trade union
- 3 Yes, you and someone else in your household are members of a trade union
- 4 No, no one in your household is a memeber of a trade union

D2 How old were you when you stopped full-time education?

- xy [age in years]
- 97 still studying

D3 Are you ...

- 1 male
- 2 female
- 3 Other

D4 What year were you born?
wxyz [year]

D4a In which country were you born?
1 United Kingdom
2 other, please specify

D4b [IF OTHER]
When did you first come to the United Kingdom?
wxyz [year]

D5 Could you tell me which of these best describes your own current situation?

MARRIED OR REMARRIED
1 Living without children
2 Living with the children of this marriage
3 Living with the children of a previous marriage
4 Living with the children of this marriage and of a previous marriage
SINGLE LIVING WITH A PARTNER
5 Living without children
6 Living with the children of this partnership
7 Living with the children of a previous marriage/partnership
8 Living with the children of this partnership and of a previous marriage/partnership
SINGLE
9 Living without children
10 Living with children
DIVORCED OR SEPARATED
11 Living without children
12 Living with children
WIDOW/ER
14 Living without children
15 Living with children

D6 What is your current work situation? Are you:
1 self-employed
2 employed
3 in school
4 working in the household
5 retired
6 unemployed
7 other

D6a [IF SELF-/EMPLOYED, UNEMPLOYED or RETIRED] Are/were you working in ...
1 agriculture

- 2 state industry
- 3 private industry
- 4 public services
- 5 private services
- 6 other

D7 If you were asked to choose one of these five names for your social class, which would you say you belong to - the working class, the lower middle class, the middle class, the upper middle class or the upper class?

- 1 working class
- 2 lower middle class
- 3 middle class
- 4 upper middle class
- 5 upper class
- 6 other

D8 Would you say you live in a...?

- 1 rural area or village
- 2 small or middle size town
- 3 large town or city

D9 Do you consider yourself to be...?

1. Catholic
2. Orthodox
3. Protestant (e.g. Church of England)
4. Other Christian
5. Jewish
6. Muslim
7. Sikh
8. Buddhist
9. Hindu
10. Atheist
11. Non believer/Agnostic
12. Other

D10 Apart from weddings or funerals, about how often do you attend religious services?

- 1 More than once a week
- 2 once a week
- 3 once a month
- 4 About each 2 or 3 month
- 5. Only on special holy days
- 6 About once a year
- 7 Less often

D11 Taking everything into account, at about what level is your family's standard of living? If you think of a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 means a poor family, 7 a rich family, and the other numbers are for the positions in between, about where would you place your family?

1 poor family	2	3	4	5	6	7 rich family	DON'T KNOW
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	98