

PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY WHAT KIND OF EUROPE?¹

Technical specifications.

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**.- 1 Generally speaking, we all feel more connected to some places. To what extent do you feel attached to the following places?
To a great extent, To some extent, Almost nothing, Nothing**

- Your city or town.
- Your region.
- Spain
- The European Union
- The world in general

2 .- Could you tell me whether you agree or disagree with Spain being a member of the EU?

- Agree
- Disagree
- NA

2.a. – Personally speaking, do you think that mass media provide enough information about the European Union policies and politics?

- Provide enough information,
- Do not provide enough information
- NA

3 .- For each of the following organizations and groups, could you tell me whether the EU constitute a benefit? Express your opinion according to the following scale in which 0 means not benefited and 10 means totally benefited (READ AND ROTATE):

- Citizens in general

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- Big companies
- Medium-sized companies
- Farmers and fishermen
- Professionals in general
- Workers/Employee

4 .- The Spanish EU presidency will start on January 2010. In your opinion, what level of priority should be given to the following areas? Express your opinion on a scale of 0 to 10 in which 0 means nothing and 10 to fully benefit (READ AND ROTATE):

- Migration policy
- Energy
- Environment and climate change
- Research
- Education
- Social policies
- Competitiveness
- Gender equality
- Communication and citizen participation

5 .- Which of the following ideas better represents the EU?

- A common culture (history, traditions, art, thinking...).
- A community of values (democracy, rule of law, ...)
- A social model (social protection, welfare system)
- A common market

6 .- In your opinion, what kind of progress is the most needed in the EU over the next three or four years? (INTERVIEWER: READ AND ROTATE)

- Political integration.
- Economic integration
- Both (DO NOT READ)
- Other / None (NOT READ)
- Do not know (DO NOT READ)
- No answer (NOT READ)

7 .- For each of the following countries could you tell me whether or not they should become a member of the EU?

- Turkey
- Ukraine
- Croatia
- Morocco

8 .- The Treaty of Lisbon must be ratified by all Member States. Ireland has voted against it recently. Considering the current situation, which of the following statements do you agree the most with? (interviewer: READ AND ROTATE)

- All European Union countries must move forward in integration at the same pace.
- If some EU countries want to move faster than others should be able to do so.
- Do not know (DO NOT READ)
- No answer (NOT READ)

9 .- For each of the following areas, do you think that decisions should be made by the national government, the EU or jointly? (READ AND ROTATE)

- Immigration
- Environment
- Defence and Security
- Scientific research
- Education
- Development aid
- Tax policy

10 .- Which of the following statements do you agree the most with?

- European citizens have enough participation mechanisms at the European level.
- European citizens have participation mechanisms but they are not enough.
- The European citizens do not have mechanisms to participate in the decisions making process at the European level.
- Do not know (DO NOT READ)
- No answer (NOT READ)

11 .- For each of the following statements, to what extent do you agree with? Totally agree, Tend to agree, neither agree nor disagree, tend to disagree, totally disagree.

- The European Parliament elections should be held on the same day in all countries.
- Political parties should endorse a single list of candidates in the European elections.
- Citizens should directly elect the Presidents of the Council and the European Commission.

- The European Union should held referenda on important topics.
- Nowadays, there are great political leaders at the European level.

12 .- Citizens of any EU country can vote and be elected in the local elections of the EU country they live. In your opinion, Should they vote in regional elections? And in nation-wide elections?

12.1 .- And be elected in regional elections?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know (DO NOT READ)
- No answer (NOT READ)

13 .- Considering legal residents immigrants, should they vote in local elections?

13.1 .- And should they be elected in local elections?

13.2 .- What should they vote in regional elections?

13.3 .- And should they be elected in regional elections?

13.4 should they vote in European elections?

13.5 .- And should they be elected in European elections?

14 .- In your opinion, what level of influence should the following organizations and groups have in the formulation of European policies? Express your opinion with a score between 0 and 10, where 0 means it should have no influence and 10 who should have much influence. (READ AND ROTATE)

- Large Enterprise
- Small and medium enterprises
- Political parties
- Media
- NGOs
- Unions
- Citizens
- Self-employed persons
- Churches.

15 .- Which of the following statements do you agree the most with?

- Social protection is an obstacle to economic growth and competitiveness.
- Social protection does not restrain economic growth and competitiveness.
- Do not know (DO NOT READ)
- No answer (NOT READ)

16 .- In your opinion, should the European Union require the member states to comply with minimum social benefits in terms of (READ AND ROTATE):

- Health
- Education
- Unemployment Insurance
- Pensions
- Minimum wage

17 .- The European institutions are discussing a directive that allows the employer and the employee agree on the working time up to 60 hours per week. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this measure? Totally agree, Tend to agree, neither agree nor disagree, tend to disagree, totally disagree.

18 .- For each of the following statements, could you tell me the extent to which you agree or disagree?

- Spain would be more influential in the world if Spain were not a member of the European Union.
- Spain is more influential in the world as a member of the European Union.

19 .- which of the following statements do you agree the most with? (READ AND ROTATE)

- The European Union must have a common foreign policy for all Member States.
- Each member state must have its own foreign policy.
- Do not know (DO NOT READ)
- No answer (NOT READ)

20 .- For each of the following geographic areas, what do you think the EU should give priority. Scale 0-10 in which 0 means no priority and 10 top priority:

- Latin America
- Maghreb
- Africa
- Asia
- Russia
- China
- USA

21 .- In your opinion, What importance should be given to the following policies in the external action of the European Union? Express your opinion by using a scale from 0 to 10 in which 0 means no significance, and 10 represents maximum importance (READ AND ROTATE)

- Immigration
- Security
- Environment
- Development aid
- Intervention in Humanitarian Crises
- Trade

22 .- In your opinion, should the EU foreign policy be very, fairly or nothing dependent on U.S. foreign policy?

22.A. – And now considering China´s foreign policy?

- Very dependent
- Fairly dependent
- Somewhat dependent
- Nothing dependent
- NA

23 .- Would you be in favour of creating an European diplomatic service?

- In favour.
- Not in favour
- NA

24 .- Are you in favour of the commitment by which EU countries defend themselves collectively against a third country armed attack?

- In favour.
- Not in favour
- NA

25 .- Are you in favour of a European army?

- In favour.
- Not in favour
- NA

25A .- Do you think that EU member states should:

- Increase defence expenditure.
- Maintain defence expenditure with a better coordinated management.

- Reduce defence expenditure.

26 .- In your opinion, the EU must ensure its security and defence ... (READ AND ROTATE)

- Always within NATO
- In cooperation with NATO in some cases, and independently from NATO in others
- Always independently from NATO
- NA

27 .- The European Union is not self-sufficient in energy, and the EU needs other countries' resources in order to guarantee supply. What countries should the EU give preference? (READ)

- Russia
- Arab countries
- Latin America (Mexico, Venezuela)
- All equally
- NO / OTHER OPTIONS (NOT READ)

28 .- The Spanish government has set a ceiling of 3,000 soldiers regarding international missions. In his view, the Spanish government should:

- Increase that number.
- Reduce that number.
- Maintain that number.
- In disagreement with the fact of Spanish soldiers participating in international missions.
- NA

29 .- Are you in favour of giving funds to Member States with less economic resources?

- In favour → 29A
- Not in favour → 30
- NA → 30

29A .- (WHO ONLY ANSWER TO "MORE GOOD FOR" IN P.29) In your opinion, these funds are sufficient?

- Sufficient.
- Not sufficient.
- NA

30 .- Would you be in favour of expanding these funds to developing countries that are not members of the European Union?

- Yes
- No
- NA

**31 .- Which of the following statements do you agree the most with?
(READ AND ROTATE)**

- The European Union should make development aid conditional on the protection of Democracy and Human Rights.
- There should be no conditions on development aid.
- NA

32 .- Do you think the EU should intervene in order to solve international crises even using military forces?

- Yes → 32A
- No,
- NA

32A .- Should this intervention be authorized by United Nations?

- Yes.
- No.

33 .- To what extent do you agree with the following statements? Totally agree, Tend to agree, neither agree nor disagree, tend to disagree, totally disagree.

- The European Union should protect the environment even if that would determine the economic development of Member States.
- The European Union should lead the global fight against climate change even if that implies economic costs for its Member States.
- The European Union should apply sanctions to those Member States which do not adequately protect the environment.

34 .- What source of energy should the EU give priority in the years to come?

- Nuclear
- Renewable energy (solar / wind, etc.).
- Biomass (biodiesel, etc)
- Oil
- Gas
- Other (specify) _____.
- DK/NA

35 .- What kind of impact does globalization have on the following groups. Express your opinion by using a scale in which 0 is a totally

negative impact and 10 a totally positive impact.

- Citizens in general.
- Large companies
- Small and medium-sized companies
- Farmers, fishermen.
- Professionals
- Employees

36 .- For each of the following measures to govern globalization, can you tell me what priority should be given to each of them. Express your opinion according to the following scale in which 0 means no priority and 10 top priority:

- Combating internationally financial speculation and tax havens
- Increase investment in R & D and education in the European Union
- Take effective measures to achieve global redistribution of wealth (more investment, trade and aid to developing countries)
- Create a global authority with capacity of imposing sanctions to those actors that do not comply with international standards preventing climate change
- Fight against organized crime and international terrorism

37 .- Europe is made of different cultures. Which of the following statements do you agree most with? (READ AND ROTATE)

- This situation is a threat to Europe
- This is an opportunity for Europe
- The only limit to culture should be the national law.
- NA

38 .- To what extent do you agree or disagree with this measure?
Totally agree, Tend to agree, neither agree nor disagree, tend to disagree, totally disagree.

- We need to protect European cinema against the United States competition through quotas, that is, requiring a minimum number of European films.
- Protect European cinema by giving subsidies instead of imposing quotas
- Protect European cinema by giving subsidies and imposing quotas.
- Nothing should be done in this regard.

39 .- What do you think are the main issues facing the EU in the next four or five years?

SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONNAIRE.

- **Gender**
- **Age**
- **Social class**
- **Studies of the interviewee**
- **Studies of the householder**
- **Vote in the last general elections**
- **Ideological position (scale measured variable 0-10; 0 extreme left).**