

'Solidarity in Europe' (SiE) survey on European solidarity

Project overview

The EUI 'Solidarity in Europe' (link [here](#)) is a European Governance and Politics Programme research project, under the Robert Schuman Centre, led by Philipp Genschel (Bremen and EUI) and Anton Hemerijck (EUI), in collaboration with Dietlind Stolle (McGill), Lorenzo Cicchi (EUI), Luis Russo (EUI), Mohamed Nasr (ETH Zürich), Stephan Shakespeare and Jonathan van Parys (YouGov). Since 2018, this project tracks and monitors the development of Solidarity in Europe through a representative, large-N survey, which has been growing over the years. The project explores how support for European solidarity varies by issue (solidarity for what?), instrument (solidarity how?) and by member state (solidarity by whom for whom?), also taking stock of key EU events such as the Covid-19 (included in the 2021 survey) and, more recently, the war in Ukraine (in 2022). The project produces research outputs such as datasets, scientific journal articles, policy briefs and media contributions, and will replicate and expand the survey annually in the upcoming years. All datasets are publicly available on Open Access.

Data conference

Since 2022, a yearly 'EUI-YouGov Data Conference' is organized, preceded by a call for contributions. The 2022 edition took place as a hybrid event on 21 January. In 2023 the Conference will take place on 19-20 January.

Survey overview

The SiE dataset on European solidarity is built on a large survey designed by the EUI 'Solidarity in Europe' research team and implemented by YouGov yearly since 2018, inscribed in quantitative studies concerning European solidarity, European integration, public opinion, political attitudes, individual policy preferences and survey research at large.

The data aims to empirically assess public opinion on the willingness to redistribute resources within the EU and to examine political attitudes that might explain these preferences. The survey design covers a number of issues, particularly concerning attitudes towards European solidarity; preferences for solidarity in the scope of different types of crises (including COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine); satisfaction and trust in national and European institutions; attitudes towards European integration, identity, value of democracy, world politics, security and defence, Russia, NATO and a European army; preferences concerning taxes and policy priorities; the relative salience of different issues and threats facing individuals, countries and the EU; political ideology, religion and voting preferences; as well as other individual attributes such as gender, age and occupation. In 2022, the survey inquired 23.134 adults over 16 EU countries (Denmark, Finland, Sweden, the Netherlands, Spain, Germany, Lithuania, Hungary, Romania, France, Poland, Greece, Italy, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Croatia) and the United Kingdom, from 1 to 25 April 2022. YouGov implemented the survey online using a randomised panel sampling mechanism to ensure it is nationally representative concerning age, gender, social class, region, level of education, voting preference and level of political interest.

Methodology

This survey has been conducted using an online interview administered to members of the YouGov Plc UK panel of 800,000+ individuals who have agreed to take part in surveys. Emails are sent to panellists selected at random from the base sample. The e-mail invites them to take part in a survey and provides a generic survey link. Once a panel member clicks on the link they are sent to the survey that they are most required for, according to the sample definition and quotas. (The sample definition could be "GB adult population" or a subset such as "GB adult females"). More information on the sampling and other methodological aspects can be inspected [here](#). The responding sample is weighted to the profile of the sample definition to provide a representative reporting sample at the national level. The profile is normally derived from census data or, if not available from the census, from industry accepted data.