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Objet: BRITISH ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE COMMON MARKET

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Ci-joint photocopie d'un rapport que j'avais demandé au Gallup britannique. Ce rapport a été établi à partir des sondages réalisés par cet institut sur les attitudes du public britannique à l'égard du Marché Commun. Tous ces sondages ont déjà été publiés en tout ou partie, mais il est plus commode de les consulter sous cette forme.

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Trend questions

If the British Government were to decide that Britain's interest would best be served by joining the European Common Market, would you approve or disapprove?

		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>Don't know</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	
July	1960	49	13	38	Feb	1965	59	19	22
June	1961	46	20	34	Mar	"	65	14	21
"	"	44	20	36	Apr	"	51	25	24
July	"	38	22	40	May	"	60	19	21
"	"	36	22	42	May/June	"	55	21	24
"	"	38	23	39	June	"	56	20	24
"	"	40	24	36	July	"	56	22	22
Aug	"	44	22	34	Aug	"	47	18	35
"	"	48	20	32	Sept	"	55	15	30
"	"	46	20	34	Oct	"	54	18	28
"	"	45	20	35	Nov	"	60	17	23
"	"	49	19	32	Dec	"	66	15	19
Sept	"	52	18	30	Jan	1966	60	15	25
"	"	51	18	31	Feb	"	59	18	23
Oct	"	48	18	34	Mar	"	68	14	18
"	"	48	18	34	May	"	70	10	20
Nov	"	52	19	29	June	"	61	16	23
Dec	"	53	19	28	July	"	71	12	17
Jan/Feb	1962	47	22	31	Aug	"	70	12	18
Mar	"	49	23	28	Sept	"	67	13	20
Apr	"	47	27	26	Oct	"	68	14	18
May	"	47	21	32	Nov	"	65	14	21
June	"	37	31	32	"	"	67	17	16
"	"	36	30	34	Dec	"	66	16	18
July	"	42	25	33	Jan	1967	65	18	17
Aug	"	39	29	32	Feb	"	61	20	19
"	"	40	34	26	"	"	58	28	14
Sept	"	44	32	24	Mar	"	57	27	16
"	"	46	30	24	Apr	"	43	30	27
Oct	"	44	27	29	May	" *	49	34	17
"	"	41	26	33	May/June**	"	35	44	21
"	"	49	27	24					
"	"	58	22	20					
Nov	"	45	27	28					
"	"	42	31	27					
"	"	50	23	27					
Dec	"	48	26	26					
"	"	37	29	34					
Jan	1963	41	30	29					

* The Government has decided that Britain's interests would best be served by applying to join the European Common Market; do you approve or disapprove?

** The Government has decided that Britain's interest would best be served by joining the Common Market and they have applied for membership. Do you approve or disapprove of their application to join?

Trend questions

Do you think there is a good chance or a poor chance that Great Britain will be able to join the European Common Market?

	<u>Good chance</u>	<u>Poor chance</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Dec 1962	62	9	29
Nov 1966	58	23	19
Jan 1967	42	30	28
Feb "	49	27	24
" "	44	37	19
Mar "	42	35	23
May "	59	23	18
" "	38	37	25
May/June 1967	40	41	19
June "	41	38	21
Sept "	44	39	17
Nov "	32	45	23
Nov "	31	52	17
Nov "	30	48	22
Dec "	26	56	18

Do you approve or disapprove of the Government applying for membership of the European Common Market?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't know</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
May 1967	36	41	23	Jan 1971	22	58	20
May "	36	41	23	Mar "	19	60	22
June "	40	39	21	Apr "	22	60	19
June "	40	45	15	May "	23	59	18
Sept "	40	41	19	" "	20	57	22
Oct "	46	34	20	June "	27	58	15
Nov "	37	44	19	" "	21	58	21
Nov "	44	37	19	" "	24	60	16
Dec "	43	40	17				
June 1968	36	43	21				
Nov 1969	36	45	19				
Feb 1970	22	57	21				
Apr "	19	59	22				
July "	24	55	21				
" "	22	57	20				
Sept "	21	56	23				
Oct "	22	56	22				
Nov "	16	66	18				

Trend questions

If an opportunity occurs for Britain to join the Common Market, would you like to see us try or drop the idea altogether?

	<u>Try to join</u>	<u>Drop the idea</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Feb/Mar 1963	42	37	21
June "	46	25	29
July "	46	29	25
Sept "	46	36	18
Nov "	49	32	19
Dec "	42	34	24
Jan 1964	36	40	24
Feb "	42	33	25
July "	41	37	22
Nov "	44	28	28
Jan 1965	48	30	22
Feb "	53	25	22
Mar "	57	22	21
May 1969	41	44	15
June "	34	45	21
Sept "	26	57	16

On the facts as you know them at present, are you for or against Britain joining the Common Market?

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Oct 1962	41	28	31
Nov "	29	37	34
Dec "	32	34	34
" "	36	26	38
Jan 1963	33	31	36
" "	39	30	31
July 1971	25	57	18
" "	33	49	17
" "	33	46	20
" "	35	44	20

1	Some people say that if Britain joins the European Common Market scheme we may lose control of our own economy and be at the mercy of the market conditions largely determined by other countries. Do you agree with them or not? (September 1957)	Agree	28
		Disagree	24
		Don't know	48
2	Other say that the European Common Market scheme will give us many opportunities to expand our trade, and that countries like Germany will dominate it and out do us economically if we don't join in. Do you agree with them or not? (September 1957)	Agree	30
		Disagree	23
		Don't know	47
3	Do you think it is important or not important that Britain should move into closer partnership with other European countries? (September 1957)	Important	58
		Not important	8
		Stay outside	7
		Don't know	27
4	Taking everything into account do you think Britain should or should not join the European Common Market scheme? (September 1957)	Should	38
		Should not	20
		Don't know	42
5	Have you heard or read about the European Common Market?	Benelux countries	28
		Britain	20
		France	35
		Germany	27
		Italy	13
		Scandinavia	9
		Switzerland	4
		Other countries	2
		Don't know	19
		All	61
		Not heard of	39
6	Six countries on the Continent are joining together for the purpose of trade. Do you think that it would be a good idea or a bad idea for Britain to try to join the Common Market? (March 1959)	Good idea	54
		Bad idea	12
		Don't know	34
7	What do you think should be Britain's policy: (July 1960)		
	To work with the Outer Seven and keep it entirely separate from the European Common Market		11
	Stay with the Outer Seven and try to negotiate with the European Common Market to set up one European organisation containing both groups		33
	Leave the Outer Seven and apply for membership of the European Common Market		2
	Keep out of both the Outer Seven and European Common Market		5
	Don't know		49
8a	Have you read or heard anything about:		
	a) the European Common Market (the Six)		49
	b) the European Free Trade Area (the Outer Seven)		51
b	If aware of either group: Do you know whether or not Britain is a member of either of these groups? If Yes Which? (July 1960)		
	Outer Seven		33
	European Common Market		5
	Not member of either		11
	Don't know		6
	All aware of either		55

9	What do you think should be Britain's trade policy in Europe? (April 1961)		
	To work with the Outer Seven and keep it entirely separate from the European Common Market		8
	Stay with the Outer Seven and try to negotiate with the European Common Market to set up one European organisation containing both groups		33
	Leave the Outer Seven and apply for membership of the European Common Market		8
	Keep out of both the Outer Seven and the European Common Market		8
	Don't know		43
10	What do you see as the main argument in favour of Britain joining the European Common Market? (June 1961)		
	The advantages which Britain may gain by joining		30
	or The disadvantages which Britain may suffer if she does not join		19
	Don't know		51
11	Which one of these considerations calls for most attention in the discussion about Britain joining the European Common Market? (June 1961)		
		Employment	21
		Farmers	7
		Commonwealth	14
		Relations with America	3
		Wages and salaries	13
		Social and welfare	4
		Britain's power	8
		Cultural standards	2
		Food prices	24
		Other prices	6
		Party politics	2
		Position of T.U.S.	3
		None of them, not worried	6
		Don't know	23
12	Which do you think is the stronger argument <u>for</u> going into the European Common Market?		
		<u>July '61</u>	<u>Sept '61</u>
	- That Britain stands to gain a lot by joining, or	30	45
	- That Britain stands to lose if she does not join?	19	41
	Don't know	51	14
13	Would you be prepared or not to work in another of the European Common Market countries? (September 1961)		
		Prepared	28
		Not prepared	55
		Don't know	17
14	Do you think it would be a good thing for Europe to be independent, or should Europe try to form an association with either America or Russia? (September 1961)		
		Independent	46
		Association with:	
		America	27
		Russia	6
		Don't know	23

15	How likely do you think it is that the European Common Market will develop its own independent, nuclear force, apart from U.S.A.? (September 1961)	Very likely Fairly likely Not likely Don't know	19 19 24 38
16	Do you think that a United Europe should or should not try to be a third nuclear power along with America and Russia? (September 1961)	Should Should not Don't know	30 45 25
17	Do you think that joining the European Common Market will have a great effect, a little effect or no effect at all on defence policy? (September 1961)	Great effect Little effect None at all Don't know	22 30 17 31
18	If Britain has to join the European Common Market sooner or later, should we join now while it is still possible to influence the development of the European Common Market, or should we wait and see? (September 1961)	Join now Wait and see Don't know	48 30 22

19 Should the idea of the European Common Market include or not include:

- a) the Commonwealth?
b) America?

	<u>Commonwealth</u>	<u>America</u>
Should include	72	36
Should not	7	36
Don't know	21	28

(September 1961)

20 Are any of these difficulties so overriding that you would not support Britain joining the European Common Market unless they agreed to a satisfactory solution? If Yes: Which of these difficulties do you regard of such importance? (September 1961)

British farming interests	25
The Commonwealth interests	39
The interests of other EFTA countries	4
No, none of them overriding	25
Don't know	24

21 How important do you think it is for Britain to have a close relationship with: (September 1961)

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not very important</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
a) other Commonwealth countries ?	62	21	4	13
b) America ?	39	37	11	13
c) other European countries ?	34	37	12	17

22 If Britain were to join the European Common Market, there would be more competition for British industries. Do you think that this would be good or bad for each of these: (September 1961)

	<u>Good</u>	<u>Bad</u>	<u>No difference</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
a) Car manufacturers?	45	25	7	23
b) Steel manufacturers?	44	14	12	30
c) Clothing and textile manufacturers?	39	17	13	31
d) Domestic appliance manufacturers?	38	14	13	35
e) Insurance companies?	29	5	18	48
f) The film, TV and entertainment industry?	36	6	22	36

23	Which of these are having the greatest effect on your attitude? (September 1961)			
	The introduction of more competition into the British industry			26
	Danger from Soviet aggression			21
	Less dependence of Britain on the U.S.A.			20
	Some anticipated economic changes			13
	None of these			9
	Don't know			24
24	Before a British Government finally joins or rejects the European Common Market, do you think they should have a party vote in the House of Commons, a free vote in the House of Commons, or have a general election on the issue? (September 1961)			
		Party vote		10
		Free vote		38
		General election		35
		Don't know		17
25	Which political party can best handle the problem of Britain's relations with Europe? (September 1961)			
		Conservative		35
		Labour		25
		Liberal		9
		Other		1
		Don't know		30
26	On the whole, would you say the Conservatives are in favour or not in favour of Britain joining the European Common Market? And how about the Labour Party, is that in favour or not in favour of Britain joining the European Common Market. And the Liberal Party?			
		<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Labour</u>	<u>Liberal</u>
	Favour	49	24	30
	Do not favour	9	18	5
	Party undecided	18	24	13
	Don't know	24	34	52
	(September 1961)			
27	Do you think that a Frenchman (an Italian) doing a job similar to the one that you (your husband) are (is) doing is better off or worse off: (October/November 1961)			
		<u>Frenchman</u>	<u>Italian</u>	
	a) for the amount of money he earns?			
	Better off	13	18	
	Worse off	29	25	
	Same	21	20	
	Don't know	37	37	
	b) the benefits he enjoys in the way of sickness pay, unemployment benefits, health services, pensions etc.,?			
	Better off	12	17	
	Worse off	43	33	
	Same	12	14	
	Don't know,	33	36	
	c) general standard of living?			
	Better off	10	17	
	Worse off	34	31	
	Same	21	18	
	Don't know	35	34	

- 28 Do you think that a person in Holland/Sweden/America doing a job similar to the one that you (your husband) are (is) doing is better off or worse off: (Holland, December 1961; Sweden, February 1962; America, February 1962)

	<u>Holland</u>	<u>Sweden</u>	<u>America</u>
a) for the amount of money he earns?			
Better off	13	24	56
Worse off	19	9	10
Same	15	12	17
Don't know	53	55	17

- b) the benefits he enjoys in the way of sickness pay, unemployment benefits, health services, pensions etc?

Better off	6	14	12
Worse off	33	21	63
Same	8	9	5
Don't know	53	56	20

- c) general standard of living?

Better off	12	23	54
Worse off	17	9	10
Same	20	18	20
Don't know	51	50	16

- 29 In the light of the discussion on the Common Market, would you approve or disapprove if Australia and New Zealand looked to other countries for trading purposes, e.g. to Japan? (April, 1962)

Approve	35
Disapprove	38
Don't know	27

- 30 Do you think that wages will go up or go down in this country?

	<u>Sept 1961</u>	<u>May 1962</u>
Go up	20	15
Go down	18	18
Remain same	38	35
Don't know	24	32

- 31 Supposing we could only get into the European Common Market at the price of a political union with France and Germany, should we join or should we stay out of such a political union? (July 1962)

Join	21
Stay out	53
Don't know	26

- 32 If the price of Britain getting into the Common Market was higher than the Government wanted to pay, which of these things should the Government do? (July 1962)

Be willing to continue negotiations but not give way any further	41
Meet the demands the Six are making	8
Break off all negotiations	29
Don't know	22

- 33 Do you think that there should or should not be a General Election to see whether the country supports the Government in whatever decision it makes about the Common Market? (July 1962)

Should	63
Should not	25
Don't know	12

34 Which party can best handle Britain's negotiations about going into the Common Market? (July 1962)

Conservative	32
Labour	22
Liberal	11
Other	3
Don't know	32

35 If the negotiations on the European Common Market were to fail, do you think the Government was right not to give way, or will you be inclined to blame the Government? (August 1962)

Government right	62
Blame Government	11
Don't know	27

36 What sort of people in Britain would benefit if Britain were to join the European Common Market?

	<u>Sept 1961</u>	<u>Sept 1962</u>
Manufacturers and exporters	41	20
Financiers, bankers, commerce	33	19
The housewife	30	5
Workers	25	8
Professionals	19	4
Farmers	10	2
Others	1	3
Everybody	12	21
Nobody	4	9
Don't know	25	28

37 What sort of people in Britain would suffer if Britain were to join the European Common Market?

	<u>Sept 1961</u>	<u>Sept 1962</u>
Farmers	47	19
Workers	20	21
The housewife	13	15
Manufacturers and exporters	10	3
Professionals	7	1
Financiers, bankers, commerce	4	1
Others	2	3
Everybody	3	8
Nobody	8	17
Don't know	31	29

38 If you disagreed with your party on whether or not Britain should join the European Common Market, would you still vote for it or not?

	<u>Sept 1961</u>	<u>Sept 1962</u>
Still vote for it	64	65
Not vote for it	15	16
Don't know	21	19

39 How would you vote if an election were held on this issue? (October 1962)

Conservative	30½
Labour	35
Liberal	13
Other	½
Don't know	21

40 Do you have the feeling that Mr. Macmillan and his team are or are not doing their utmost to get the best possible terms for us if we should go into the Common Market? (October 1962)

Are	59
Are not	24
Don't know	17

41 If after further negotiations Mr. Macmillan says we should go into the European Common Market but Mr. Gaitskell says that there should be a general election, who would you support, Macmillan or Gaitskell? (October 1962)

Macmillan	34
Gaitskell	48
Don't know	18

42 If the Government recommend that we should not join the European Common Market, how would you vote then? (December 1962)

Conservative	34½
Labour	38½
Liberal	8½
Other	½
Don't know	18

43 If you had to choose between entering the Common Market or closer association with Russia which would you choose? (February 1963)

Common Market	49
Russia	22
Don't know	29

44 Do you think Britain should or should not try to get:

	<u>Feb 1964</u>	<u>July 1964</u>	<u>Apr/May 1965</u>
a) political association with Europe?			
Should	39	38	47
Should not	28	30	23
Don't know	33	32	30
b) economic association with Europe?			
Should	57	54	60
Should not	14	17	13
Don't know	29	29	27

45 If we have to weaken our trade link with the Commonwealth in order to try to join the European Common Market, would you approve or disapprove of such a weakening? (May 1965)

Approve	12
Disapprove	62
Don't know	26

46 If France announces that she will leave the Common Market, do you think that Britain should or should not try to make special economic arrangements with France? (July 1965)

Should	27
Should not	33
Don't know	40

- 47 Do you think Britain should or should not try to get into political association with; (October 1965)
- | | | |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| a) Europe? | | |
| b) America? | <u>Europe</u> | <u>America</u> |
| | Should | 48 45 |
| | Should not | 26 29 |
| | Don't know | 26 26 |
- 48 Which party do you think can best handle the problem of Europe and the Common Market? (March 1966)
- | | | |
|--|--------------|----|
| | Conservative | 42 |
| | Labour | 29 |
| | Liberal | 5 |
| | Other | # |
| | Don't know | 24 |
- 49 Do you think that Britain should or should not try to get into political association with the other European countries?(July 1966)
- | | | |
|--|------------|----|
| | Should | 48 |
| | Should not | 27 |
| | Don't know | 25 |
- 50 Do you know whether or not Britain is a member of:
- | | | |
|---|------------------|-----------------|
| a) the European Free Trade Area or Outer Seven? | | |
| b) the European Common Market | | |
| | <u>Sept 1961</u> | <u>Nov 1966</u> |
| Yes, EFTA, Outer Seven | 31 | 41 |
| Yes, Common Market | 4 | 3 |
| No, not member of either | 17 | 27 |
| Don't know | 49 | 29 |
- 51 France might agree to our entry into the Common Market if we in exchange would agree to sharing with her our nuclear weapons and "know-how". Would you approve of such an agreement or not? (November 1966)
- | | | |
|--|------------|----|
| | Approve | 30 |
| | Disapprove | 51 |
| | Don't know | 19 |
- 52 Mr. Jay has stated some economic arguments against Britain joining the Common Market. Do you think that these are good arguments or bad arguments? (February 1967)
- | | | |
|--|------------|----|
| | Good | 31 |
| | Bad | 21 |
| | Don't know | 48 |
- 53 If Mr. Jay feels like that about Britain and the Common Market do you think he should stay in the Government or should he resign? (February 1967)
- | | | |
|--|------------|----|
| | Stay | 39 |
| | Resign | 25 |
| | Don't know | 36 |
- 54 If you had to choose between entering the Common Market or an Atlantic Union, with America and Canada, which would you choose? (February 1967)
- | | | |
|--|----------------|----|
| | Common Market | 42 |
| | Atlantic Union | 27 |
| | Don't know | 31 |

55 If Britain does join the European Common Market which of these effects do you think it will have?

	<u>Oct 1962</u>	<u>Feb 1967</u>	<u>Apr 1967</u>
Raise prices of food	58	65	76
Restrict the power of the trade unions in wage negotiations	23	13	18
Cause unemployment	28	17	21
Reduce the power of Parliament	19	10	18
Take away our (political) independence	28	20	22
The Commonwealth will collapse	13	14	22
Raise our exports	42	42	39
Increase the efficiency of our industries	35	32	28
Give us a wider choice of goods (in the shops)	54	46	38
Give us a chance of going abroad for a job	31	20	20
Raise our standard of living	23	22	19
Make Britain's voice more powerful in international affairs	23	28	26
Don't know	4	5	5

56 If the Government decided not to apply for membership in the Common Market would you approve or disapprove of this decision? (April 1967)

Approve	39
Disapprove	32
Don't know	29

57 On the question of Britain going into the European Common Market, how should the problem be settled - by the Government through Parliament, or on the basis of a General Election?

	<u>Apr 1962</u>	<u>July 1962</u>	<u>Apr 1967</u>
By Government	28	29	38
General Election	49	53	49
Don't know	23	18	13

58 To get into the Common Market, Britain may have to do certain things. I would like to ask you about them, and whether you would approve or disapprove if: (May 1967)

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
a) We would have to devalue the £, so that it is not worth so much abroad?	14	63	23
b) We would have to break any special relationship we have with the USA?	25	56	19
c) We would have to get rid of our commitments east of Suez?	39	30	31

59 If you had to choose between entering the Common Market or close association with America, which would you choose?

	<u>Jan 1963</u>	<u>Nov 1966</u>	<u>June 1967</u>
Common Market	39	56	42
America	30	24	40
Don't know	31	20	18

- 60 If the British Government cannot get the terms they want and decide not to enter the European Common Market, would you approve or disapprove of the Government's decision?

	<u>Dec 1962</u>	<u>July 1967</u>
Approve	51	71
Disapprove	18	11
Don't know	31	18

- 61 How much harm will it do to Britain if we do not succeed in getting into the European Common Market, a lot, a little, or none at all?

	<u>Apr 1967</u>	<u>July 1967</u>
Lot	21	16
Little	29	31
None at all	33	38
Don't know	17	15

- 62 If Britain goes into the European Common Market, there will be much greater opportunity to go to a country on the Continent and find work. Is this an attractive idea to you personally or not?

	<u>July 1962</u>	<u>Nov 1967</u>
Attractive idea	25	24
Not attractive	59	61
Don't know	16	15

- 63 Should the Government do its best to keep alive the question of Britain entering the Common Market, or should they just wait events?

	<u>July 1963</u>	<u>Jan 1968</u>
Do its best to keep alive	38	33
Await events	35	48
Don't know	27	19

- 64 Do you think that Mr. Wilson is more interested in getting Britain into the Common Market or more interested in achieving a closer relationship with the U.S.A.? (April 1968)

Common Market	56
Closer to U.S.A.	23
Don't know	21

- 65 How important do you think it is for Britain to have a close relationship with: (February 1969)

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Quite important</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
a) Commonwealth countries?	54	31	8	7
b) America?	45	41	7	7
c) European countries?	38	43	11	8

66 And which of these three, Europe, the Commonwealth, or America is the most important to Britain?

	<u>Sept 1961</u>	<u>Feb 1969</u>
Europe	18	21
Commonwealth	48	34
America	19	34
Don't know	15	13

67 If Britain has to join in with other countries in order that she may hold her place in the world, would you rather see her join with America or with Europe?

	<u>Sept 1961</u>	<u>Aug 1966</u>	<u>Dec 1966</u>	<u>Apr 1967</u>	<u>Nov 1969</u>
America	36	29	25	29	28
Europe	42	55	53	46	44
Don't know	22	16	22	25	28

68 Now that Britain is applying for membership of the European Common Market, here are some issues which will have to be settled between Britain and the members of the European Common Market.

Taking each one separately, do you think it would be a good thing or a bad thing for Britain to agree to it?

	<u>Sept 1961</u>	<u>Nov 1966</u>	<u>Nov 1969</u>
a) Gradual removal of all trade barriers between members			
Good thing	61	66	51
Bad thing	12	9	17
Don't know	27	25	32
b) The removal eventually of all subsidies and other protection to industries, like agriculture			
Good thing	39	39	28
Bad thing	34	33	40
Don't know	27	28	32
c) Unemployment policies and social services to be brought more into line with each other			
Good thing	53	66	50
Bad thing	13	11	18
Don't know	34	23	32
d) Inviting workers here from other member countries, to take up jobs which cannot be filled by our own labour			
Good thing	38	37	34
Bad thing	43	47	42
Don't know	19	16	24
e) Supporting a common tariff for customs barrier against all countries not in European Common Market			
Good thing	35	46	35
Bad thing	18	20	23
Don't know	47	34	41

Con't.....

68 Now that Britain is applying for membership of the European Common Market, here are some issues which will have to be settled between Britain and the members of the European Common Market. Taking each one separately, do you think it would be a good thing or a bad thing for Britain to agree to it? (Con't.....)

		<u>Sept 1961</u>	<u>Nov 1966</u>	<u>Nov 1969</u>
f)	To have as the goal achieving closer political relationships			
	Good thing	63	68	55
	Bad thing	11	10	13
	Don't know	26	22	32
g)	Adopting the principle of 'equal pay for equal work' as between men and women			
	Good thing	51	64	55
	Bad thing	30	23	23
	Don't know	19	13	22
h)	Pooling our resources to develop atomic energy for peaceful uses			
	Good thing	78	80	67
	Bad thing	7	7	12
	Don't know	15	13	21

69 How important would you say these difficulties are in the way of Britain joining the European Common Market?

a) The difficulties facing our agriculture if the Government subsidies have to be withdrawn?

	<u>Sept 1961</u>	<u>Nov 1969</u>
Very important	42	49
Important	27	25
Not very important	19	4
Not at all important	6	2
Don't know	6	20

b) The difficulties for the Commonwealth if Britain has to end the preference which she now gives to Commonwealth goods?

Very important	49	40
Important	29	26
Not very important	12	9
Not at all important	3	2
Don't know	7	22

c) The difficulty of getting the European Common Market to meet the problems of the other European countries now with Britain in the European Free Trade Area?

Very important	21	28
Important	37	31
Not very important	21	8
Not at all important	9	2
Don't know	12	31

70 Would you say you are becoming more favourably inclined towards the European Common Market or less favourably inclined?

	<u>Sept 1961</u>	<u>Nov 1969</u>
More favourably inclined	40	21
Less favourably inclined	13	46
Same	24	23
Don't know	23	11

71 As far as you, yourself, and your family are concerned, do you think it will be a good thing or a bad thing if Britain decides to join the European Common Market, or won't it make any difference to you one way or the other?

	<u>June 1961</u>	<u>Nov 1966</u>	<u>Nov 1969</u>
Good thing	28	46	21
Bad thing	19	12	41
No difference	20	24	23
Don't know	33	18	15

72 If Britain joined the Common Market, do you think she would become the leader, would she have to take a back seat to some other country, or do you see the Common Market as a group in which all countries are equal? If back seat: To which country?

	<u>Sept 1961</u>	<u>Apr 1967</u>	<u>Nov 1969</u>
Britain the leader	12	9	9
All equal	55	49	36
<u>Take back seat to:</u>			
France	8	26	26
Germany	12	8	19
Italy	2	3	3
Other	1	1	1
Don't know	16	14	16
Total	39	52	65
All saying 'back seat'	33	42	55

73 What do you think would be the effects on the general standard of living and economic well-being of people in this country - to raise the standard of living, lower it, or leave things as they are?

	<u>Sept 1961</u>	<u>May 1962</u>	<u>Nov 1969</u>
Raise	34	22	30
Lower	15	21	28
Leave as they are	24	27	20
Don't know	27	30	21

74 Do you think that Mr. Wilson really wants to get Britain into the Common Market, or is it just a political move on his part?

	<u>Nov 1966</u>	<u>Feb/Mar 1970</u>
Wants to get in	49	47
Political move	31	30
Don't know	20	23

75 What do you think will be the effects of Britain joining the Common Market - would it raise the standard of living in Britain, lower it or leave things as they are? (October 1970)

Raise	35
Lower	32
Leave	10
Don't know	22

76 What effect do you think joining the European Common Market would have on the prices we pay in Britain for:

	<u>Sept 1961</u>	<u>May 1962</u>	<u>Nov 1969</u>	<u>Oct 1970</u>
a) Food?				
Rise a lot	9	20	72	73
Rise a little	23	26	19	19
Stay same	17	13	3	1
Go down a little	29	11	1	#
Go down a lot	3	1	#	#
Don't know	19	29	5	7
b) Other goods?				
Rise a lot	5	13	42	44
Rise a little	16	22	24	24
Stay same	19	14	12	10
Go down a little	30	17	9	7
Go down a lot	5	2	1	1
Don't know	25	32	12	15

77 Britain is now negotiating in Brussels about possible entry into the European Common Market. Do you think we should continue these negotiations or should we withdraw from them? (January 1971)

Continue	22
Withdraw	62
Don't know	16

78 Which party do you think can best handle the problems of Britain and the European Common Market?

	<u>June 1961</u>	<u>Oct 1966</u>	<u>Nov 1966</u>	<u>Feb 1967</u>	<u>Apr 1967</u>	<u>Oct 1969</u>	<u>May 1971</u>
Conservative	33	37	36	29	33	36	30
Labour	21	28	30	39	31	24	31
Liberal	6	4	5	4	4	2	3
Other	1	1	1	#	1	1	1
All equal	16	15	14	14	17) 37	34
Don't know	23	15	14	14	14		

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79 If there were a General Election on the issue of the Common Market, and the Conservatives and Liberals were supporting entry while Labour were opposed - which party would you support? (May 1971)

Conservative	28
Labour	48
Liberal	6
Other	1
Don't know	17

80 About how many years do you think it will be before Britain becomes a member of the European Common Market, or will she never (be invited to) join it?

	Jan 1968	May 1969	Nov 1969	Sept 1970	Mar 1971	May 1971	June 1971
1 year	1	6	3	3	3	15	13
2 years	5	13	12	9	10	16	20
3 years	5	7	8	7	5	8	7
4 years	2	2	3	3	1	3	1
5 years or more	20	14	14	16	11	13	6
Join but don't know when	20	19	19	16	19	13	18
Never join	20	15	13	15	20	12	12
Don't know if join or not	26	23	29	30	31	20	24

81 What do you think would be the advantages to Britain of joining the European Common Market,? Any other advantages or arguments for joining the European Common Market.

	Sept 1961	Nov 1969	July 1971
Keep down the cost of living, cheaper goods	39	8	6
Closer <u>political</u> links with European countries	26	11	6
British industries/agriculture will benefit/expand	23	16	20
Less travel restrictions in European Common Market countries	21	10	4
Full employment will be maintained	19	6	4
Wider range of goods in the shops	NA	12	4
Closer <u>military</u> links with European countries	16	6	4
Better wages/working conditions	10	7	8
Good in the long run for the Commonwealth	10	4	1
Social/medical/educational services will improve	7	3	1
Other advantages	6	7	9
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Total mentioned	177	90	67
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All mentioning an advantage	65	47	48
No advantages at all	10	32	36
Don't know	25	21	16

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And what would be the disadvantages of joining the Common Market?
Any other disadvantages or arguments against joining the Common Market?

	<u>Sept 1961</u>	<u>Nov 1969</u>	<u>July 1971</u>
Commonwealth will be affected	27	12	12
British industries/agriculture will suffer	20	11	8
Cut in wages/working conditions	12	5	1
Employment, labour imported from Europe	15	11	10
Cost of living/prices will go up	11	67	68
Increased competition for British industry	NA	8	2
Social/medical/educational services will suffer	7	5	2
Loss of political identity/sovereignty	9	10	9
Too close <u>political</u> links with European countries	6	5	3
Too close <u>military</u> links with European countries	5	4	1
Other disadvantages	5	7	7
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Total mentions	117	145	123
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All mentioning a disadvantage	16	80	86
No disadvantages at all	12	5	5
Don't know	32	15	9

- 83 Before a British Government finally joins or rejects the European Common Market, do you think they should have a party vote in the House of Commons, a free vote in the House of Commons, have a General Election on the issue or hold a national referendum?

	<u>Feb 1962</u>	<u>Nov 1970</u>	<u>May 1971</u>	<u>July 1971</u>
Party vote	9	6	6	7
Free vote	24	15	14	20
General Election	31	23	27	29
Referendum	16	42	42	36
Don't know	20	14	11	9

- 84 Leaving on one side whether you yourself are for or against British entry, do you think we will in fact join the Common Market? (July 1971)

Will join	82
Will not	8
Don't know	10

- 85 Do you think that the agreement now reached is or is not the best that could be achieved for Britain (July 1971)

Is	24
Is not	42
Don't know	35

- 86 If there was a General Election on the issue and you disagreed with your party's policy on British entry, would you still vote for the party or not? (July 1971)

Still vote	49
Not vote	33
Don't know	18

- 87 If we are to join the Common Market, which party do you think can best handle the problem of entry? (July 1971)

Conservatives	35
Labour	30
Liberal	1
Other	2
Don't know	32

88 Leaving on one side whether you yourself are for or against British entry, do you think we will or will not join? (July 1971. See also Q 84)

Will join	80
Will not	6
Don't know	14

89 What do you think would be the advantages to Britain if we join the Common Market? Any other advantages or arguments for joining? (July 1971. See also Q 81)

British industries/agriculture will benefit/expand	23
Less travel restrictions in Europe	12
Wider range of goods in the shops	12
Closer <u>political</u> links with Europe	11
Closer <u>military</u> links with Europe	10
Better wages/working conditions	10
Full employment will be maintained	9
Keep down the cost of living, cheaper goods	5
Good for the Commonwealth (in the long run)	3
Social/medical/education services will improve	2
Other advantages	12
No advantages	27
Don't know	19

90 And what do you think would be the disadvantages to Britain of joining? Any other disadvantages or arguments against joining? (July 1971. See also Q 82)

Cost of living/prices will go up	63
Commonwealth will be affected	15
More unemployment/labour imported	11
Increased competition for British industry	8
British industries/agriculture will suffer	7
Loss of political identity/sovereignty	7
Too close <u>political</u> links with Europe	4
Too close <u>military</u> links with Europe	3
Cut in wages; poorer working conditions	3
Social/medical/education services will suffer	3
Other disadvantages	9
No disadvantages	7
Don't know	15

91 As far as you, yourself, and your family are concerned, do you think it will be a good thing or a bad thing if Britain joins the Common Market or won't it make any difference one way or the other? (July 1971. See also Q 71)

Good thing	25
Bad thing	35
No difference	25
Don't know	14

- 92 What sort of people in Britain would benefit if we were to join the Common Market? (July 1971)
- | | |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Manufacturers and exporters | 36 |
| Financiers, bankers, commerce | 26 |
| Well-to-do; upper class | 19 |
| Professional people | 13 |
| Farmers | 8 |
| Working people | 8 |
| Housewives | 2 |
| Fishermen | 1 |
| Other | 9 |
| Everybody | 11 |
| Nobody | 6 |
| Don't know | 18 |
- 93 What sort of people in Britain would suffer if we were to join the Common Market? (July 1971)
- | | |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Working people | 39 |
| Housewives | 31 |
| Farmers | 22 |
| Fishermen | 22 |
| Manufacturers and exporters | 2 |
| Financiers, bankers, commerce | 1 |
| Professional people | 1 |
| Well-to-do; upper class | 1 |
| Other | 17 |
| Everybody | 5 |
| Nobody | 8 |
| Don't know | 12 |
- 94 Do you think that in general the number of unemployed will be higher or lower if we join or won't it make any difference? (July 1971)
- | | |
|------------|----|
| Higher | 29 |
| Lower | 28 |
| Same | 25 |
| Don't know | 18 |
- 95 Do you think that British workers will have more or less paid holidays if we join, or won't it make any difference? (July 1971)
- | | |
|------------|----|
| More | 38 |
| Less | 4 |
| Same | 40 |
| Don't know | 18 |
- 96 In general, do you think that the number of hours in the standard working week, excluding overtime, will increase, decrease or stay the same, if we join? (July 1971)
- | | |
|------------|----|
| Increase | 12 |
| Decrease | 24 |
| Same | 46 |
| Don't know | 18 |
- 97 Do you think that social security benefits will be higher or lower if we join, or won't it make any difference? (July 1971)
- | | |
|------------|----|
| Higher | 25 |
| Lower | 10 |
| Same | 43 |
| Don't know | 22 |

98 What effect, if any, will joining the Common Market have on our national identity? Will we lose a lot of our national identity, a little or none at all? (July 1971)

A lot	27
A little	35
None at all	27
Don't know	11