



Opinion Changes: Before and After Deliberations

Document presents percentage breakdowns for statistically significant questions when comparing “Before Deliberation” attitudes and “After Deliberation” attitudes. Please note that all table items are percentages of total valid responses.

Q1. Some people think that your country’s membership in the EU is an extremely bad thing. Suppose these people are at one end of a 0-to-10 scale, at point 0. Other people think that your country’s membership in the EU is an extremely good thing. Suppose these people are at the other end of the scale, at point 10. People who are exactly in the middle are at point 5, and of course other people have opinions at other points between 0 and 10. Where would you place your views on this scale, or do you have any opinion about that?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	9.4	2.8
6 to 10	79.0	89.9

Q3a Allowing employers more freedom in hiring and firing increases economic growth

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Strongly Disagree	14.2	13.5
Somewhat Disagree	24.9	28.5
Neither Agree or Disagree	14.5	13.8
Somewhat Agree	28.8	32.9
Strongly Agree	17.5	11.2

Q3b Increasing job security allows workers to become more skilled

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Strongly Disagree	4.9	5.6
Somewhat Disagree	11.8	12.9
Neither Agree or Disagree	7.5	14.0
Somewhat Agree	32.9	36.5
Strongly Agree	42.9	30.9

Q4.1. Now think about people who disagree with you on the issue of pension for all retirees. How strongly would you agree or disagree that they usually have good reasons, even if their conclusions are wrong?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Strongly Disagree	9.4	4.8
Somewhat Disagree	22.8	22.9
Neither Agree or Disagree	26.5	28.6
Somewhat Agree	34.6	33.9
Strongly Agree	6.7	9.8

Q5b Making it more attractive to work longer before retiring

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Oppose Strongly	12.6	5.1
Oppose Somewhat	15.8	12.5
Neither Favour nor Oppose	14.0	12.2
Somewhat Favour	29.2	42.3
Strongly Favour	28.4	27.8

Q5c Raising the retirement age

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Oppose Strongly	37.5	16.2
Oppose Somewhat	28.5	25.8
Neither Favour nor Oppose	8.4	18.3
Somewhat Favour	16.0	30.1
Strongly Favour	9.6	9.6

Q5d Encouraging people to have more children

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Oppose Strongly	11.5	8.2
Oppose Somewhat	11.5	10.2
Neither Favour nor Oppose	28.0	26.4
Somewhat Favour	26.5	31.5
Strongly Favour	22.4	23.6

Q6a Keeping the retirement rules the way they are will bankrupt the retirement system

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Strongly Disagree	19.9	7.1
Somewhat Disagree	19.3	18.4
Neither Agree or Disagree	11.0	15.6
Somewhat Agree	23.9	31.4
Strongly Agree	25.9	27.5

Q7b Pressing for stricter international standards regarding child labour and environmental impacts

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Oppose Strongly	3.1	5.4
Oppose Somewhat	2.3	1.1
Neither Favour nor Oppose	2.8	2.0
Somewhat Favour	16.2	15.2
Strongly Favour	75.5	76.3

Q7c Making it easier for workers to move between EU countries

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Oppose Strongly	2.5	2.0
Oppose Somewhat	5.9	5.6
Neither Favour nor Oppose	8.5	9.3
Somewhat Favour	26.6	41.0
Strongly Favour	56.4	42.1

Q7d Lowering barriers to international trade

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Oppose Strongly	6.1	2.0
Oppose Somewhat	16.6	12.9
Neither Favour nor Oppose	23.2	24.7
Somewhat Favour	32.2	35.6
Strongly Favour	22.0	24.7

Q7e Investing in new technologies

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Oppose Strongly	10.3	3.1
Oppose Somewhat	3.3	1.4
Neither Favour nor Oppose	3.3	2.8
Somewhat Favour	20.0	20.9
Strongly Favour	63.0	71.8

Q7f Encouraging foreign investment

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Oppose Strongly	8.3	2.3
Oppose Somewhat	7.7	7.5
Neither Favour nor Oppose	25.6	20.4
Somewhat Favour	27.8	34.5
Strongly Favour	30.6	35.3

Q8.1. Now think about people who disagree with you on the issue of foreign competition in the global economy. How strongly would you agree or disagree that they usually have good reasons, even if their conclusions are wrong?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Strongly Disagree	8.1	3.6
Somewhat Disagree	20.5	20.2
Neither Agree or Disagree	30.4	29.4
Somewhat Agree	33.0	40.4
Strongly Agree	8.1	6.5

Q9a Freer trade expands the markets for our products

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Strongly Disagree	1.5	0.9
Somewhat Disagree	4.7	9.4
Neither Agree or Disagree	6.2	8.2
Somewhat Agree	43.0	51.1
Strongly Agree	44.5	30.4

Q9d Freer trade puts our industries at a disadvantage

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Strongly Disagree	7.9	11.8
Somewhat Disagree	28.9	29.8
Neither Agree or Disagree	26.1	24.9
Somewhat Agree	28.9	28.9
Strongly Agree	8.2	4.6

Q10a On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is none at all, 10 is complete, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how much can the *UN* be relied on to protect your country's peace and security, or do you have any opinion about that?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	25.4	22.4
6 to 10	56.9	63.9

Q10d On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is none at all, 10 is complete, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how much can the *NATO* be relied on to protect your country's peace and security, or do you have any opinion about that?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	21.2	20.0
6 to 10	62.6	66.1

Q11a My country should strengthen its military power

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Strongly Disagree	21.8	26.0
Somewhat Disagree	23.9	25.7
Neither Agree or Disagree	15.5	17.6
Somewhat Agree	20.4	22.0
Strongly Agree	18.4	8.7

Q12a On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is completely unjustifiable, 10 is completely justifiable, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how justifiable would you say military intervention by EU countries for preventing genocide in other countries is, or do you have any opinion about that? (Question was not significant)

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	11.3	12.0
6 to 10	81.8	81.1

Q12b On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is completely unjustifiable, 10 is completely justifiable, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how justifiable would you say military intervention by EU countries for removing the threat of weapons of mass destruction is, or do you have any opinion about that?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	21.1	26.7
6 to 10	69.7	58.5

Q12c On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is completely unjustifiable, 10 is completely justifiable, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how justifiable would you say military intervention by EU countries for defending economic interests is, or do you have any opinion about that? (Question was not significant)

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	54.0	58.9
6 to 10	30.7	29.1

Q12d On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is completely unjustifiable, 10 is completely justifiable, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how justifiable would you say military intervention by EU countries for defending another EU country against military attack is, or do you have any opinion about that? (Question was not significant)

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	10.6	9.5
6 to 10	79.9	83.0

Q15a On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is extremely unimportant, 10 is extremely important, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how important is Europe's dependency on Russian energy supplies?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	4.8	4.5
6 to 10	80.6	83.4

Q15b On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is extremely unimportant, 10 is extremely important, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how important is Russian interference in the affairs of eastern European and central Asian countries?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	11.0	8.8
6 to 10	64.9	73.6

Q16a Additional countries that meet all the political and economic conditions for membership should be admitted to the EU.

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Strongly Disagree	12.0	9.3
Somewhat Disagree	12.0	22.4
Neither Agree or Disagree	10.6	9.3
Somewhat Agree	27.9	37.1
Strongly Agree	37.5	21.8

Q16b If it meets all the political and economic conditions for membership, Turkey should be admitted to the EU.

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Strongly Disagree	22.6	23.0
Somewhat Disagree	16.3	23.0
Neither Agree or Disagree	6.6	8.8
Somewhat Agree	25.1	23.0
Strongly Agree	29.4	22.2

Q16c If it meets all the political and economic conditions for membership, Ukraine should be admitted to the EU.

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Strongly Disagree	10.4	13.3
Somewhat Disagree	11.3	17.6
Neither Agree or Disagree	9.2	14.4
Somewhat Agree	30.1	32.9
Strongly Agree	39.0	21.9

Q16i Adding more countries to the EU would make it more difficult for the EU to make decisions

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Strongly Disagree	11.1	8.2
Somewhat Disagree	19.4	15.9
Neither Agree or Disagree	17.8	13.6
Somewhat Agree	31.1	37.8
Strongly Agree	20.6	24.4

Q17d On a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 means that the individual member states make all the decisions, 10 means that the EU makes all the decisions and 5 is exactly in the middle, how much of the decision-making in *pensions* should be made by the individual member states versus the EU, or do you have any opinion about that? (Question is statistically significant at .10 level)

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	53.8	46.5
6 to 10	31.9	40.5

Q17i On a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 means that the individual member states make all the decisions, 10 means that the EU makes all the decisions and 5 is exactly in the middle, how much of the decision-making in *energy supply* should be made by the individual member states versus the EU, or do you have any opinion about that?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	27.9	21.3
6 to 10	51.7	58.6

Q17j On a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 means that the individual member states make all the decisions, 10 means that the EU makes all the decisions and 5 is exactly in the middle, how much of the decision-making in *diplomatic relations* should be made by the individual member states versus the EU, or do you have any opinion about that?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	22.3	16.8
6 to 10	54.8	62.9

Q18b Some people think all the decisions made at the EU level should require only the agreement of a large majority of member states, representing a large majority of the EU's population. Suppose these people are at one end of a 0-to-10 scale, at point 0. Other people think all the decisions made at the EU level should require the unanimous agreement of all the member states. Suppose these people are the other end of the scale, at point 10. People who are exactly in-between are at point 5, and of course other people have opinions at other points between 0 and 10. Where would you place your views on this scale, when it comes to social policy decisions?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	34.5	38.9
6 to 10	46.7	43.5

Q 28 How much attention have you paid to news about political issues on TV?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
None	15.4	3.4
Very Little	20.1	15.2
Some	25.7	28.2
Quiet a bit	24.6	36.9
A great deal	14.2	16.3

Q 29 How much attention have you paid to news about political issues on TV?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
None	19.2	9.0
Very Little	20.9	17.1
Some	27.9	30.9
Quiet a bit	20.1	31.5
A great deal	12.0	11.5

Q30 And how often would you say you talked about political issues with friends, family, or co-workers?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Not at all	16.5	3.4
Just a few times	46.6	35.7
Fairly Often	24.3	41.9
Very Times	12.6	19.1

Q31 And in your lifetime, how often have you discussed political issues concerning the EU with citizens from other EU countries?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Not at all	32.4	15.1
Just a few times	48.3	55.3
Fairly Often	14.0	20.5
Very Times	5.3	9.1

Q32 People who disagree with me completely often have good reason for their views.

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Strongly Disagree	7.4	2.1
Somewhat Disagree	16.5	13.5
Neither Agree or Disagree	24.2	25.2
Somewhat Agree	33.9	47.8
Strongly Agree	17.9	11.4

Q34 On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is extremely uninterested, 10 is extremely interested, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how interested would you say you are in politics and foreign affairs?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	10.6	9.3
6 to 10	74.7	77.0

Q37a On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is not at all, 10 is completely, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how much would you say you think of yourself as being European?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	10.9	5.4
6 to 10	77.3	84.8

Q37b And on the same 0 to 10 scale, how much would you say you think of yourself as just being from your own country?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	4.5	7.4
6 to 10	89.4	82.5

Q38f On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not at all important, 10 is very important, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how important would you say leaving people and companies free to compete economically is to you?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	10.5	9.5
6 to 10	64.3	74.1

Q38h On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not at all important, 10 is very important, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how important would you say preserving traditions and customs is to you?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	10.0	11.8
6 to 10	80.1	74.8

Q38k On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not at all important, 10 is very important, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how important would you say making our economy competitive in the global arena is to you?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	3.6	3.7
6 to 10	85.4	89.3

Q39e If 0 means disliking as much as possible, 10 means liking as much as possible and 5 is exactly in the middle, how much would you say you like or dislike *Germans* or couldn't you say about that?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	13.2	11.7
6 to 10	60.2	66.9

Q39f If 0 means disliking as much as possible, 10 means liking as much as possible and 5 is exactly in the middle, how much would you say you like or dislike *Spanish* or couldn't you say about that?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	6.6	4.3
6 to 10	72.5	78.6

Q39k If 0 means disliking as much as possible, 10 means liking as much as possible and 5 is exactly in the middle, how much would you say you like or dislike the *EU* or couldn't you say about that?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	1.7	2.4
6 to 10	84.0	86.4

Q39l If 0 means disliking as much as possible, 10 means liking as much as possible and 5 is exactly in the middle, how much would you say you like or dislike the *UN* or couldn't you say about that?

	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
0 to 4	6.5	9.5
6 to 10	74.7	71.8

Notes: All questions are significant at the .05 level, unless otherwise noted. The following questions were only available at time 2, arrival questionnaire, and time 3, after deliberation questionnaire: Q4.1, Q5d, Q7d-f, Q8.1, Q9, Q13b, Q15a-b, Q16i, Q17i-j, and Q38a-Q39l. Therefore, "Before Deliberation" in these questions refers to time 2, arrival questionnaire. The question numbers match up to the "After Deliberation" questionnaire.