

What if I change my mind later on, and what rights do I have?

As long as we can identify your survey responses within the recorded survey data, you have the following rights:

- access to your personal data
- correction of any errors in the personal data we hold
- request deletion of your personal data
- request the restriction on processing of your personal data, that is, to ask us to stop processing while the accuracy of your personal data is checked
- to object to our processing of your personal data.

If you want to stop receiving information or have your data deleted, please contact NatCen. If you have questions regarding your rights, you may contact the ESS ERIC Data Protection Officer.

Please note that as soon as details, such as your name and address, are removed, then it is unlikely that you can be identified with any certainty and therefore it will no longer be possible to delete the remaining information you have provided. You have a right to lodge a complaint with the UK Information Commissioner's Office.

When you contact NatCen to exercise your rights, they might have a legal obligation to keep some of your data for other purposes for a longer period of time. For example, they may be legally obliged to keep a record of who contacted them and how their request was actioned.

Where can I find out more?

To find out more about the study, or if you need further information, there is a freephone helpline for study participants, that is available on Mondays to Fridays from 9am to 5pm. Please contact the National Centre for Social Research on **0800 652 2704** or via opinion2024@natcen.ac.uk.

If you have any complaints or queries, please contact:

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Data Controller

ESS ERIC, c/o ESS ERIC HQ, City, University of London, Northampton Square, London EC1V 0HB, UK, ess@city.ac.uk. (The Controller is responsible for protecting your personal data)

ESS ERIC's Data Protection Officer

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ESS ERIC's GDPR Representative
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If you want to make a complaint, please contact:

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**National Centre
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Data Protection Information



Opinion Study for the UK

**A series of surveys measuring the people's
opinions about life in the UK.**

We are contacting you to request your participation in this study. Protecting your personal information is important to us. This leaflet provides details about how we collect the information, how it will be used and how your rights, as a participant, will be protected.

What happens to my data and who will have access to it?

- Your data will be handled in the strictest confidence, and in accordance with the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the UK GDPR and national data protection laws. **Your personal contact data (e.g. email address) will only be used by us to contact you to provide a web link to each survey, or to send you a paper version of the questionnaire, and to thank you for taking part.**
- All your contact information (e.g. address, email address) will be **deleted no later than 29 February 2028**. If the Opinion Study for the UK continues and gets additional funding, we may ask if you wish to participate in additional surveys. If you decline or the study does not get additional funding, all your contact data will be deleted at the end of project.

- Your contact data will not be passed to anyone outside of the Study team. To begin with, it will be held only by the Opinion Study for the UK team at the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen), and who are responsible for contact data collection. When all respondents have been recruited to the Study, your contact data are sent to Centerdata (the organisation responsible for hosting the survey platform) based at Tilburg University (Netherlands), for survey operations (e.g. storage, sending invitations, and survey administration).
- Staff at Centerdata, NatCen, the ESS ERIC data archive in Norway (Sikt) in Norway, and ESS ERIC Headquarters (at City, University of London, UK) will have access to your survey answers. If you complete a paper questionnaire the answers will be entered into the Centerdata system by NatCen. Once each survey wave is published the paper questionnaires will be destroyed. As ESS HQ will have access to the survey data and is stationed in UK, it will be considered as a transfer of personal data. This transfer is based on the European Commission Adequacy Decision of June 2021 covering the transfer of personal data from the EU to the UK.
- When each single survey is finished, the survey responses are transferred from Centerdata to the ESS ERIC Data Archive in Norway for data processing and publication. Survey data (your answers to the questions), without your name or contact information, will be securely stored indefinitely at the ESS ERIC Data Archive in Norway (Sikt - Norwegian Agency for Shared Services in Education and Research) together with the data from the UK Opinion Study. The same data protection arrangements will apply in Norway. Access to this unpublished data will only be given to researchers after approved applications and confidentiality agreements are in place.

- The survey data collected by the Opinion Study for the UK is made freely available, without contact details, for non-commercial use from www.europeansocialsurvey.org, together with the data from your original UK Opinion interview. These data will be available separately and may be combined. We will make every effort to ensure that no participant is identifiable in the results of the survey or in any publications based on the study.
- For web survey completion we use the in-house software developed by Centerdata, therefore your survey answers are stored in EU. If you complete the survey online, we will also capture additional data, like for how long it took you to answer each question as well as other information such as the type of device you used to complete the survey. The IP address of your device will be captured when you complete the survey but will be anonymised, that is, this information will be deleted during data processing to ensure your answers cannot be linked to the device.

What gives the project team the right to collect my personal data?

The Opinion Study for the UK is undertaken for the purpose of research as part of a research project on social attitudes in Europe (2024-2028). Its legal basis is performance of a task in the public interest for scientific research purposes, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation and national laws.

Who is responsible for this project?

The European Social Survey European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ESS ERIC) is the data controller (contact details of the ESS ERIC Data Protection Officer are below). Its headquarters (ESS ERIC HQ) are at City, University of London, UK.
