Graham Watson's Big Survey 2012 Results analysis

Summary briefing

I sent out thousands of surveys over the summer of 2012 asking residents of the South West about Europe and related issues. What came back were views from a diverse range of people and places. Here's a breakdown of the results...

General views on European Union

Moderate support for EU membership:

48% said we should be a member of the EU but it could work better

29% said we should leave now

Trade seen by 1 in 3 responders as the issue best dealt with by EU co-operation

I asked about fishing and farming:

8 out of 10 people say our seas are over-fished

9 out of 10 support a ban on fish discards (Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall campaign)

Majority of responders want reform of CAP to concentrate on small farms & rural economy.

I asked about jobs & the economy

43% want to see EU money spent on improving training & skills in the South west

The majority think their economic situation will be about the same next year.

I asked about the environment & Climate Change

82% agree with the statements "The majority of scientists say that our climate is changing"

73% said that nuclear power does have a part to play in reducing CO2 emissions

We asked about crime

96% agreed that "criminals should face justice in the country where they committed their crime"

87% agreed that the EU's European Arrest Warrant should be used to speed up this process

I've sent *Graham Watson's Guide to the EU* to the 450 people who asked for more information. If you would like a copy, please email your request with your postal address to graham@grahamwatsonmep.org

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Britain's place in Europe

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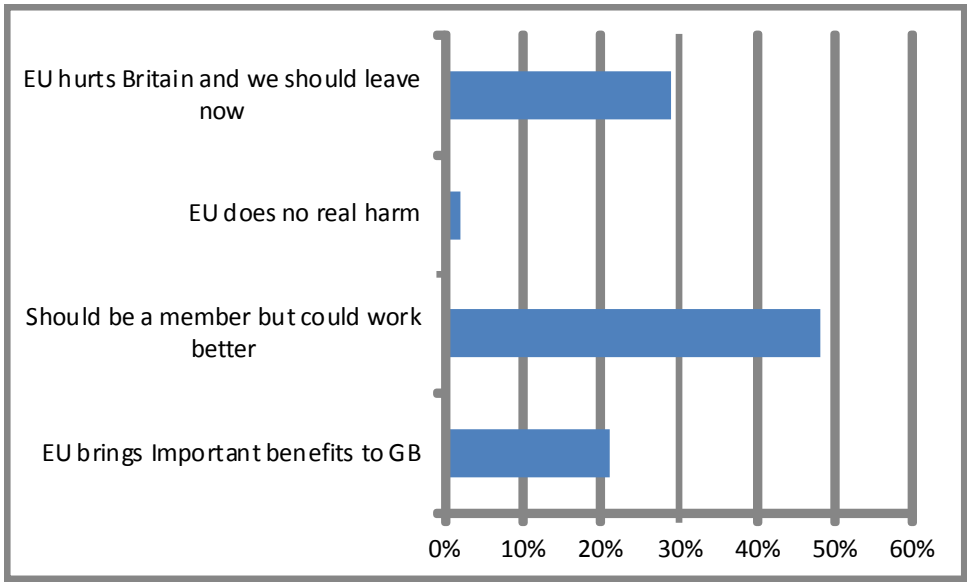
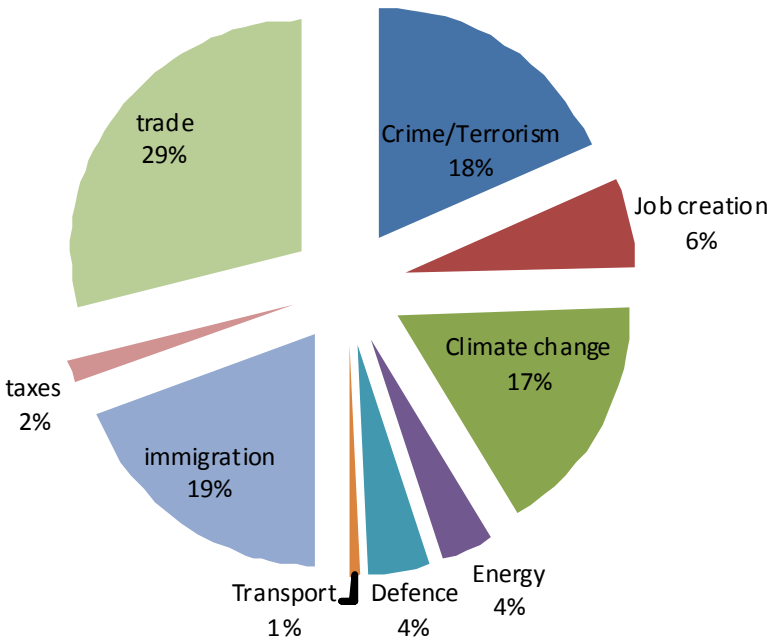


Which issue do you think can be best dealt with by European co-operation



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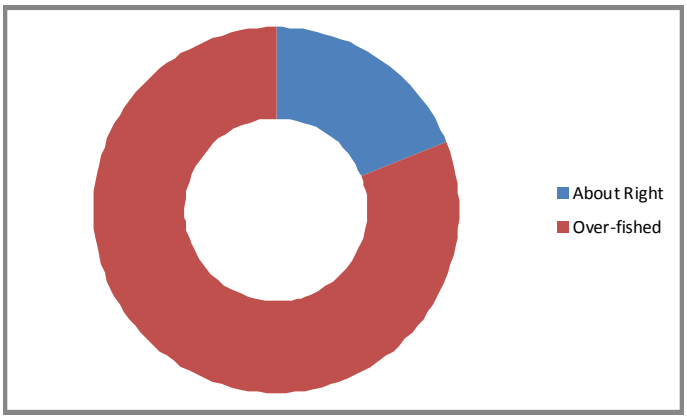
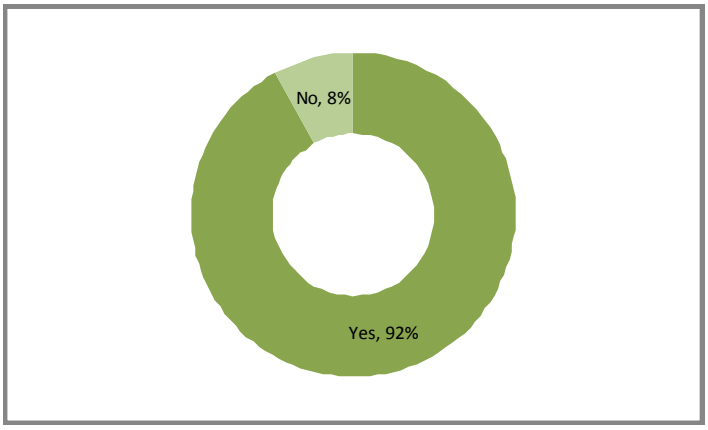
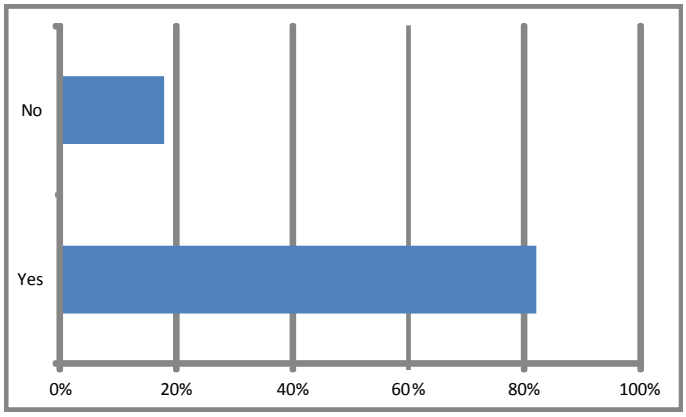
Farming & Fishing

How do you think our seas are being fished?

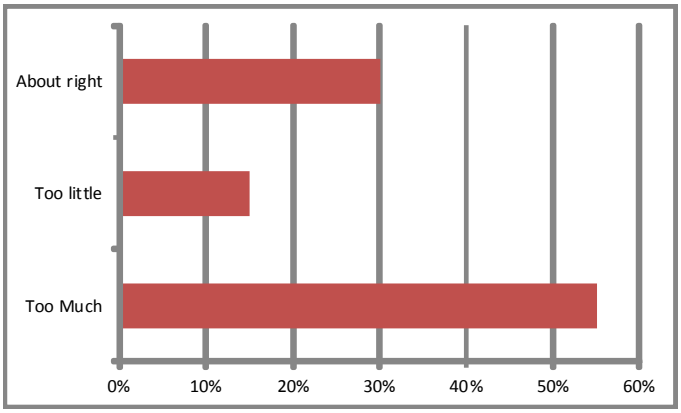




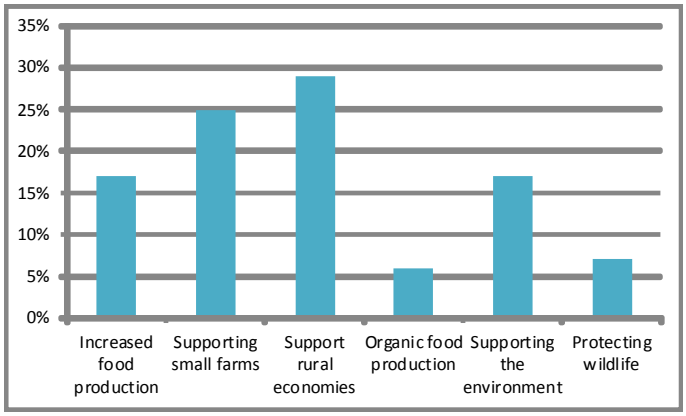
The European Commission wants fish that is caught to be landed and to ban fishermen from discarding dead fish into the sea. Do you support such a ban?



To restore fish stocks to former levels some fishing may have to be reduced temporarily. Should this be done even if this costs fishermen's jobs?



Europe's support for farmers was £45billion per year. Is this:



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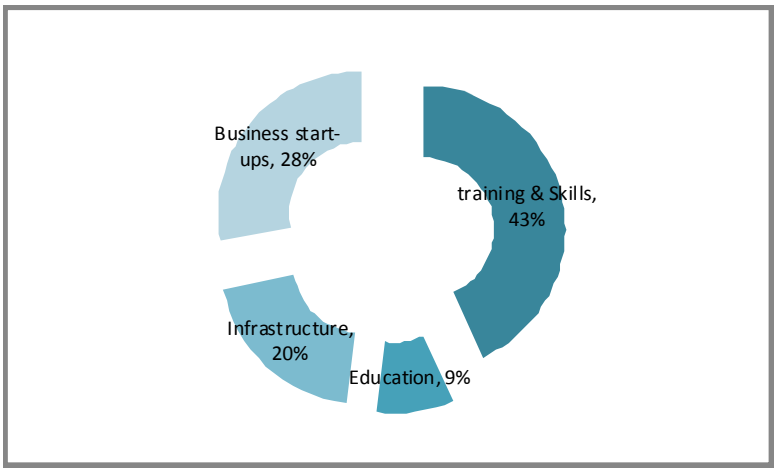
Jobs & the economy



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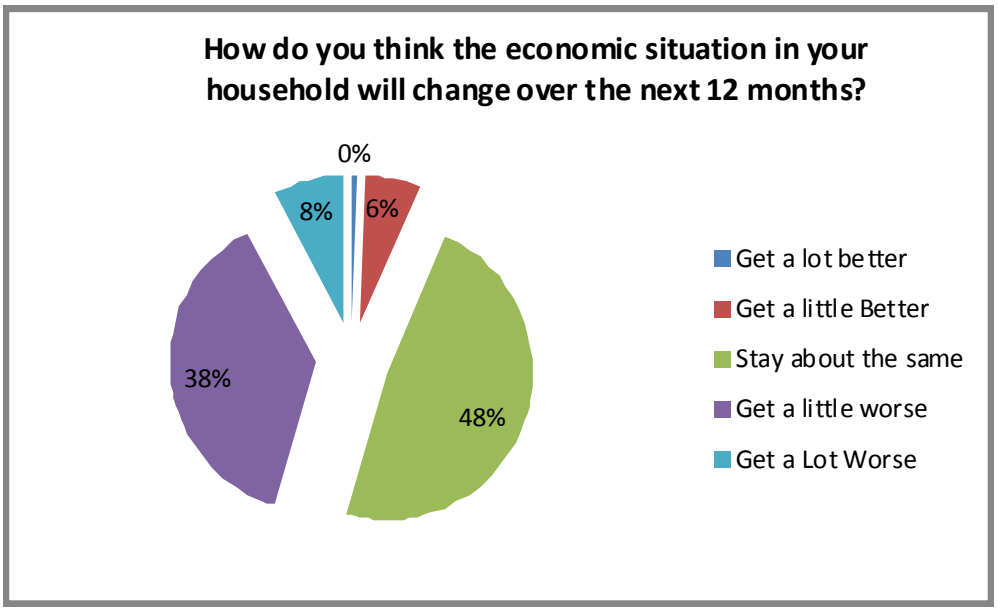

Do you think British jobs should be put under threat by leaving the EU?

Yes 34%

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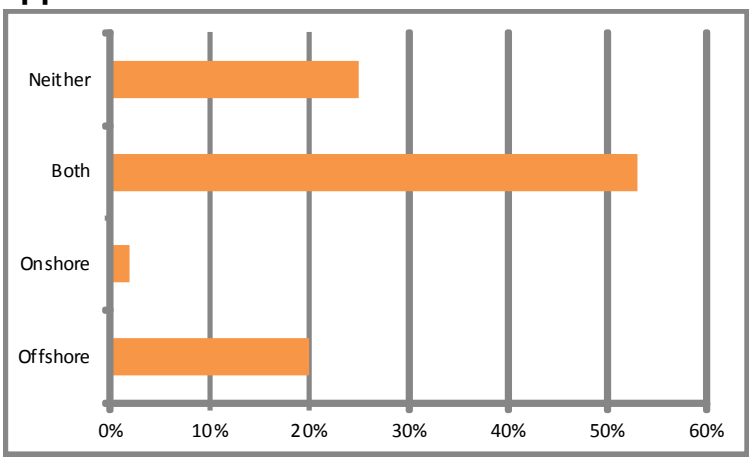
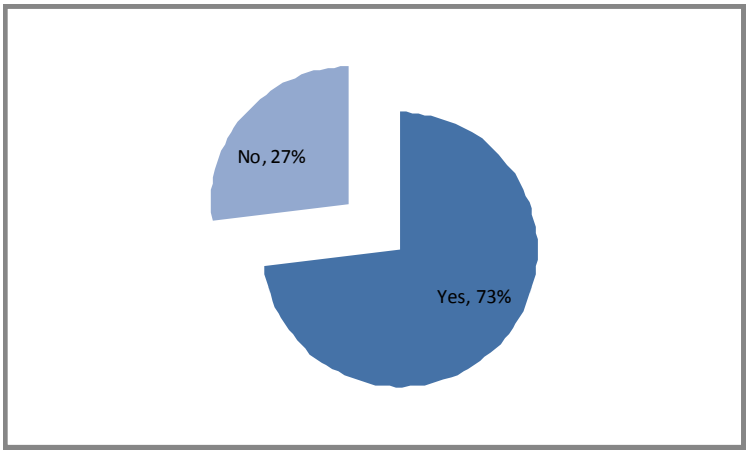
The majority of scientists say that our climate is changing. Do you agree?

The use of wind power is growing. Do you approve of:



Should nuclear power have any part to play in reducing CO_2 emissions?



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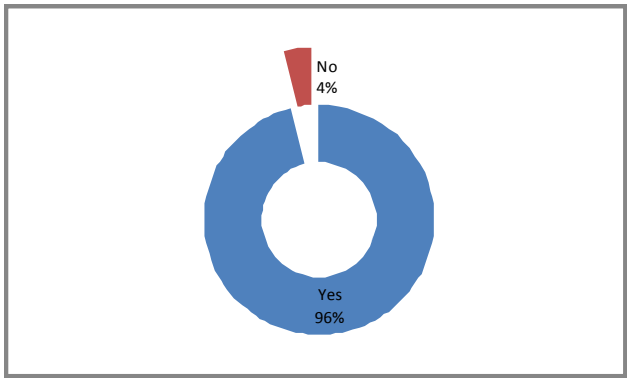
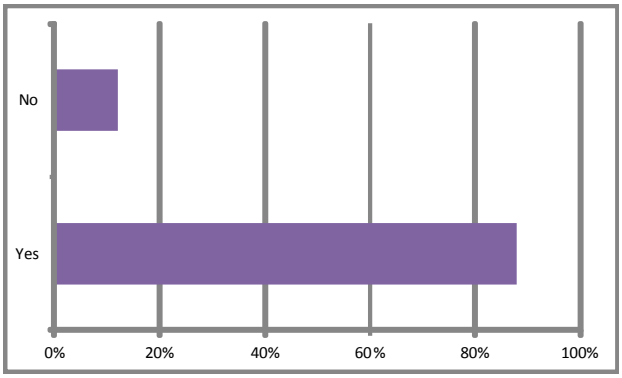


The EU's European Arrest Warrant speeds up this process. Do you agree with its use?



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