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**Flash Eurobarometer 269
(Intergenerational Solidarity)**

**Country Specific Questionnaire
Ireland**

FLASH - 269

I would like to ask a few questions with regard to the relationships between the various generations which make up our society.

Q1. I am going to read out a number of statements about relations between younger and older people.

For each one, please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree

[ROTATE ITEMS – READ OUT EACH LINE IN TURN - ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

Strongly agree4
Somewhat agree3
Somewhat disagree2
Strongly disagree.....1
[DK/NA]9

A ... Young people and older people do not easily agree on what is best for society. 4 3 2 1 9
B ... Older people are a burden for society. 4 3 2 1 9
C ... The media are exaggerating the risk of a conflict between generations. 4 3 2 1 9
D ... Because there will be more older voters, political decision making will pay less attention to the needs of young people. 4 3 2 1 9
E ... As older people work until a later age, fewer jobs will be available for younger people. 4 3 2 1 9
F ... Older women are more at risk of poverty than older men in Ireland. 4 3 2 1 9
G ... Companies which employ mostly young people perform better than those which employ people of different ages. 4 3 2 1 9

Q2. Now I would read out a few statements related to pensions.

Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree

[ROTATE ITEMS – READ OUT EACH LINE IN TURN - ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

Strongly agree	4
Somewhat agree	3
Somewhat disagree	2
Strongly disagree.....	1
[DK/NA]	9

A ... In the coming decades, governments will no longer be able to pay for pensions and care for older people.	4 3 2 1 9
B ... People in employment will be increasingly reluctant to pay taxes and social contributions to support older people.	4 3 2 1 9
C ... Our government is spending too little on education and young people compared to older people.	4 3 2 1 9
D ... Older people accept the need for major pension reforms to ease the financial burden on working age people.	4 3 2 1 9
E ... Our government must make much more money available for pensions and care for the elderly.	4 3 2 1 9
F ... Our government should make it easier for older people in Ireland to continue working beyond the normal retirement age, if they wish.	4 3 2 1 9

Q3. Older people are not just receiving from society, they can also give something back.

Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree

[ROTATE ITEMS – READ OUT EACH LINE IN TURN - ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

Strongly agree	4
Somewhat agree	3
Somewhat disagree	2
Strongly disagree.....	1
[DK/NA]	9

- A ... Older people make a major contribution as volunteers in charitable and community organisations in Ireland. 4 3 2 1 9
- B ... The contribution of older people who care for family or other relatives is not appreciated enough in Ireland. 4 3 2 1 9
- C ... The financial help of parents' and grand-parents' is important for young adults who establish their own households and families. 4 3 2 1 9
- E ... There are not enough opportunities for older and younger people to meet and work together in associations and local community initiatives. 4 3 2 1 9
- F ... Developing products and services responding to the needs of older people will become a key driver of the economy in Ireland. 4 3 2 1 9

Q4. Let me read a few statements about problems related to elderly care.

Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree

[ROTATE ITEMS – READ OUT EACH LINE IN TURN - ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

- Strongly agree4
- Somewhat agree3
- Somewhat disagree2
- Strongly disagree.....1
- [DK/NA]9

- A ... Doctors, nurses and professional carers in Ireland are well trained to care for the special needs of older people. 4 3 2 1 9
- B ... People who have to care for older family members at home receive good support from social services in Ireland. 4 3 2 1 9
- C ... In Ireland, there are sufficient social services to support frail older people so that they can stay in their own home. 4 3 2 1 9
- D ... In Ireland, many frail older people cannot live autonomously because their homes are not adapted to their needs. 4 3 2 1 9
- E ... Older people would contribute much more to society if it was easier for them to move around. 4 3 2 1 9

Q5. Finally I would like to ask about the role of public authorities.

Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree

ROTATE ITEMS – READ OUT EACH LINE IN TURN - ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

Strongly agree	4
Somewhat agree	3
Somewhat disagree	2
Strongly disagree.....	1
[DK/NA]	9

A ... Schools should promote better relations between the young and the old.	4 3 2 1 9
B ... Local authorities should support associations and initiatives that foster stronger relations between young people and older people.	4 3 2 1 9
C ... The government is doing a good job in promoting a better understanding between the young and the old.	4 3 2 1 9
D ... There should be public centres where older volunteers are helped to find opportunities for volunteering which match their skills and wishes.	4 3 2 1 9

D1. Gender

[DO NOT ASK - MARK APPROPRIATE]

- [1] Male
- [2] Female

D2. How old are you?

- [][] years old
- [00] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]

D3. How old were you when you stopped full-time education?

[WRITE IN THE AGE WHEN EDUCATION WAS TERMINATED]

- [][] years old
- [00] [STILL IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [01] [NEVER BEEN IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [99] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]

D4. As far as your current occupation is concerned, would you say you are self-employed, an employee, a manual worker or would you say that you are without a professional activity? Does it mean that you are a(n)...

[IF A RESPONSE TO THE MAIN CATEGORY IS GIVEN, READ OUT THE RESPECTIVE SUB-CATEGORIES]

- Self-employed

- i.e. :
- farmer, forester, fisherman..... 11
 - owner of a shop, craftsman 12
 - professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect,...)..... 13
 - manager of a company..... 14
 - other 15

- Employee

→ i.e. : - professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect)..... 21
- general management, director or top management 22
- middle management 23
- Civil servant..... 24
- office clerk 25
- other employee (salesman, nurse, etc...) 26
- other 27

- Manual worker

→ i.e. : - supervisor / foreman (team manager, etc...) 31
- Manual worker 32
- unskilled manual worker 33
- other 34

- Without a professional activity

→ i.e. : - looking after the home..... 41
- student (full time)..... 42
- retired 43
- seeking a job 44
- other 45

- [Refusal]..... 99

D6. Would you say you live in a ...?

- metropolitan zone 1
- other town/urban centre 2
- rural zone..... 3
- [Refusal]..... 9