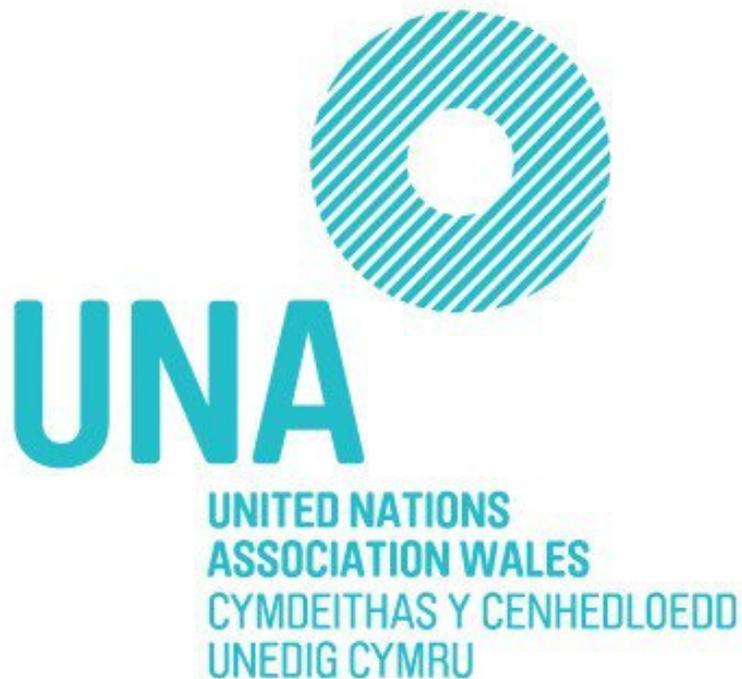


Results of the UNA Wales Nuclear Disarmament Survey



UNA Wales, as part of the Nuclear Disarmament campaign, created a short 7 question survey relating to both domestic and international nuclear weapons.

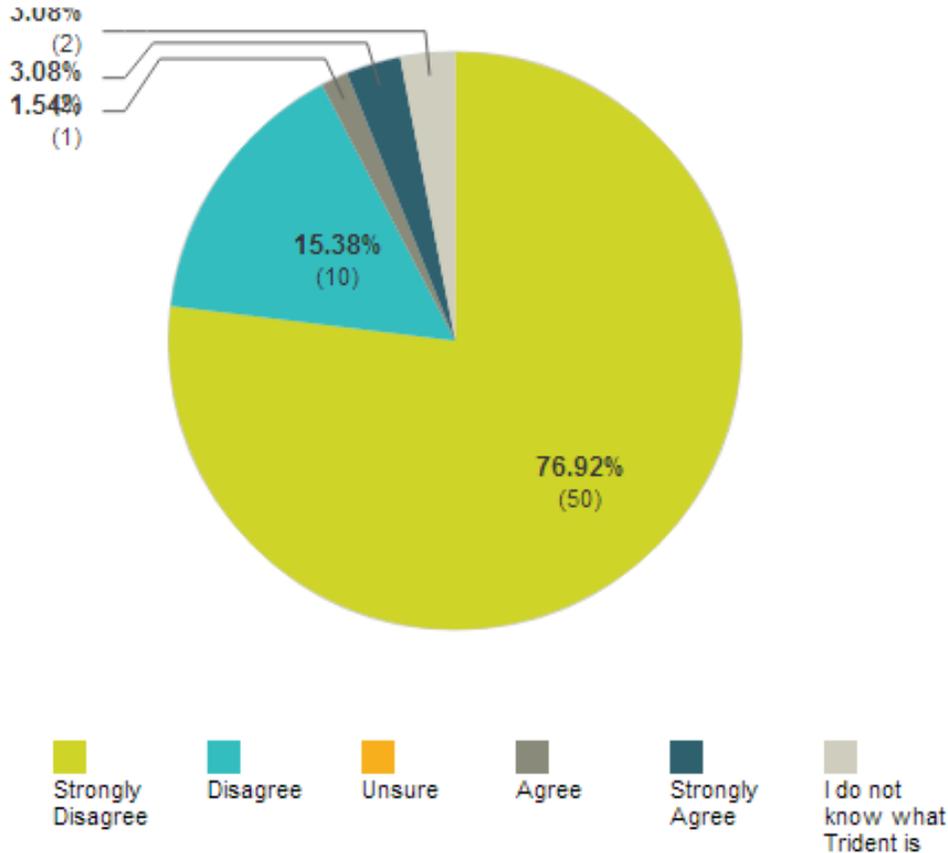
The aim of the survey was to gauge public opinion on the UK's proposed renewal of our 'Trident' nuclear defence system as well as on global nuclear capabilities.

The questions were designed to provoke a response from the participants and prompt an additional comment to the statement.

In total we received 66 responses over the course of a one month period from May-June 2013.

What do you think of the UK government's proposal to renew the Trident project (nuclear arsenal) at a cost of over £100 billion over the next 30 years?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 1



Question 1 tried to explore how much the respondents knew about the Trident project and its potential costs and led on to an assessment of their support for the UK's nuclear arsenal.

Additional Comments

1 - We've just had a recession, yet the government claims to have £100 billion to spend on weapons that will more than likely cause the wars they are supposed to deter?

2- Unfortunately this country needs updated means of defending itself against extreme/terrorist beliefs.

3 - It is an absurd move which will only serve to further aggravate those who oppose the Western regime and thus will not 'defend' the country as it proclaims to be its purpose.

4 - Total waste of taxpayers' money

5 - If there were a box to the left of strongly disagree I would be ticking that! I think that this money should be used for constructive rather than destructive use. The use of all weapons but especially nuclear ones is totally the wrong

way to deter or resolve conflict.

6 - It's immoral!

7 - Trident can never be used and is a complete waste of money which could be spent on health, education, cutting the deficit and many other things. It is immoral to keep it.

8 - The country and the world cannot afford nuclear arms

9 - UK people are suffering greatly from all the cuts in health, education & welfare, & our Government has no right to spend our money on preparation to murder innocent people.

10 - Waste of money and wrong response to main threat, i.e. terrorism

11 - This project is a wicked and dangerous use of money and in breaking the Non-proliferation Treaty encourages other countries to develop nuclear weapons.

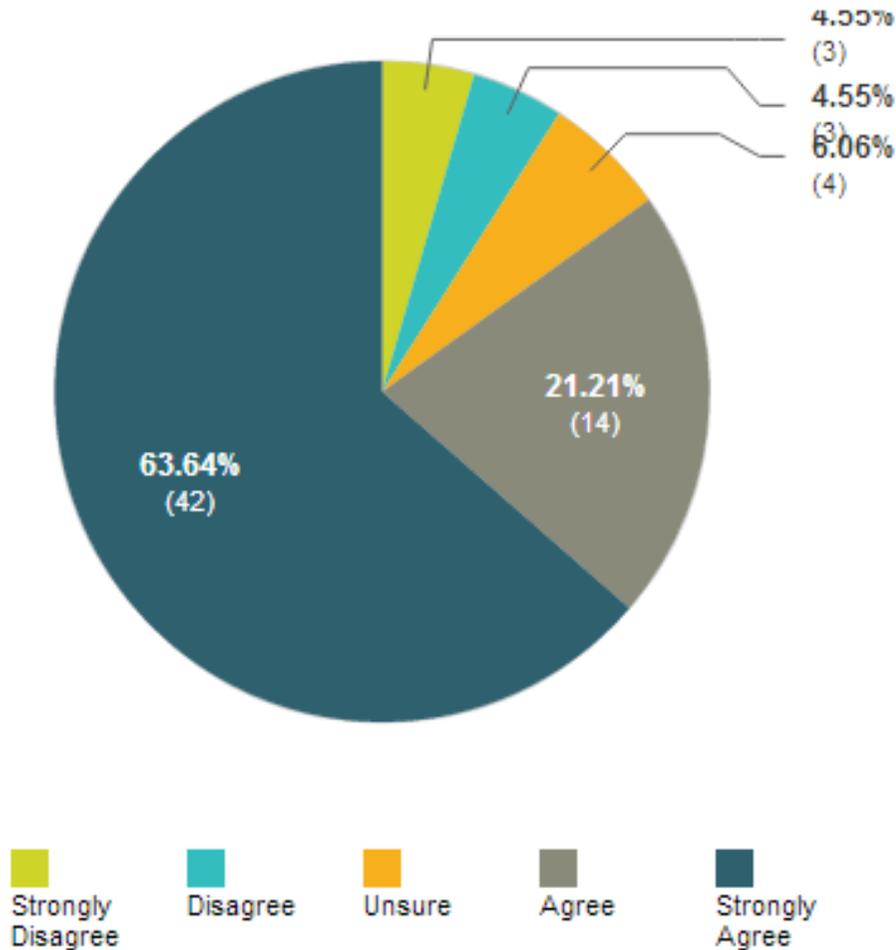
12 - The money could be put to better use by paying for the increasing cost of the country's health service and improving the country's education service.

13 - I think it is very expensive and there must be better ways of ensuring our national security. I also believe in the general utility of non-proliferation, and think that we have to lead by example, be the change we hope to see.

14 - Complete waste of money which could be better spent on public services which actually benefit the population.

The need for a nuclear arsenal is outdated

Answered: 66 Skipped: 0



This statement was designed to be controversial as it pushes people to think about whether there was ever a need for a nuclear arsenal and what factors could make it necessary.

Additional Comments:

- 1 - Most people are killed by so-called small arms - and landmines - fired by criminals, rebels, terrorists
- 2 - I don't like your wording "no longer relevant" as it gives me no choice other than to agree that it was at one time good in some way and relevant.
- 3 - After the twentieth century, the bloodiest in the history of mankind, we need peace implementing measure, not war deterrents.
- 4 - It very much seems that modern threats do not come from fellow sovereign states with nuclear weapons, rather from non-state terrorist organisations and paramilitaries. I say this with one small but growing caveat: the situations in North Korea and Iran are looking increasingly uncertain.
- 5 - The kind of threat that we face as a country, i.e. terrorist activity, cannot be addressed by nuclear weapons. Given the current international system, we're not likely to face a

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Unsure	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total
4.55% 3	4.55% 3	6.06% 4	21.21% 14	63.64% 42	66

nuclear threat from another state, so why would we need a nuclear arsenal?

6 – I think there is only a need for nuclear weapons whilst every other country is also equipped with them. Perhaps we should be the first to make a stand and others will follow suit.

7 – Mae'r cwestiwn braidd yn od. Nid oedd yn 'amserol' i gael y fath arfau 50 mlynedd yn ol chwaith, a felly cwestiwn o egwyddor yn hytrach na chyfnod o hanes ydyw ef.

8 – Credaf nad oedd angen yr arfau o gwbl. I believe that the arsenal was never needed. .

9 – The need for a nuclear arsenal should never be justified.

10 - Yes and should never have been developed in the first place.

11 – It never has been 'dated'!

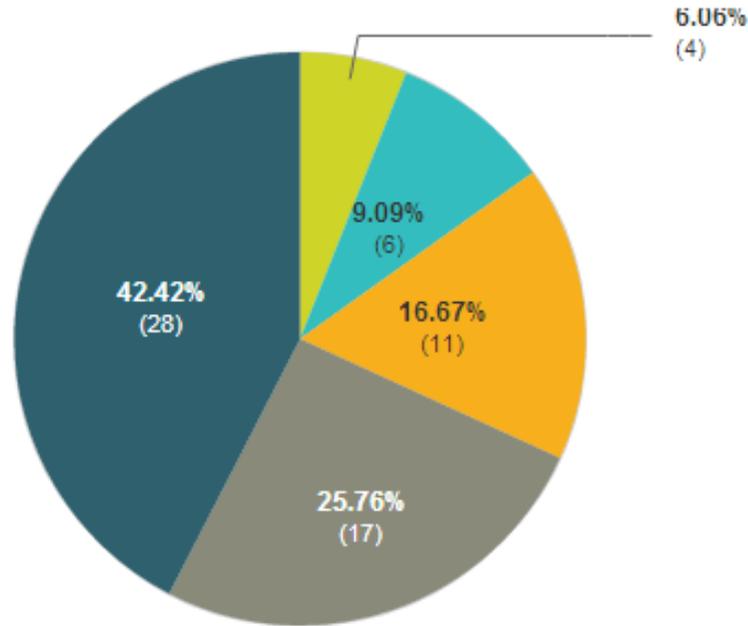
12 – There are no circumstances in which the UK could use nuclear weapons.

13 - I'm not convinced there ever was a need for a nuclear arsenal!

14 - Not so much outdated as totally immoral from the beginning, as well as being illegal in international law.

In terms of nuclear disarmament Scottish independence will be a positive thing as Trident will no longer have a base and the UK government will have to rethink its plans to renew our nuclear arsenal

Answered: 66 Skipped: 0



■ Strongly Disagree
 ■ Disagree
 ■ Unsure
 ■ Agree
 ■ Strongly Agree

There have been claims by Scotland that if they achieve independence then they will no longer house the UK's nuclear arsenal. This can be seen by some as a positive side of the proposed independence but also it can be seen as having little real impact on the future of Trident.

Additional Comments:

1 - Nid wyf yn credu bydd annibyniaeth i'r Alban o reidrwydd yn arwain at ail-leoli Trident, ond credaf bod annibyniaeth i'r Alban yn peth da ynddo'i hun.

2 – If Scotland votes for independence then we must ensure that Trident does not come to Wales

3 – It will be beneficial to both Scotland and the UK, as Scotland will be able to choose whether they want to keep trident on their lands or not, and therefore the remaining Britain won't have it on their lands either. However it could mean that the British government will choose to place it elsewhere, i.e. Wales or Northern Ireland, whose devolved governments will not have a say in the matter.

4 – If they think they can relocate in Wales I will be doing my utmost to prevent them.

5 – I am not sure that the UK government wouldn't just send

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Unsure	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total
6.06%	9.09%	16.67%	25.76%	42.42%	
4	6	11	17	28	66

Trident to Milford Haven instead, which would be a disaster for me as I live in south Wales!

6 – If the government tries to site it in Wales, it will get a surprise.

7 – But I am still opposed to Scottish independence.

8 – I doubt whether the government of an independent Scotland would have the guts to do this

9 – And the sooner the better.

10 – They should use the Scott Independence debate to set up an open public consultation within England, Wales and N Ireland on whether people would choose to abandon Trident in the event of a 'yes' vote.

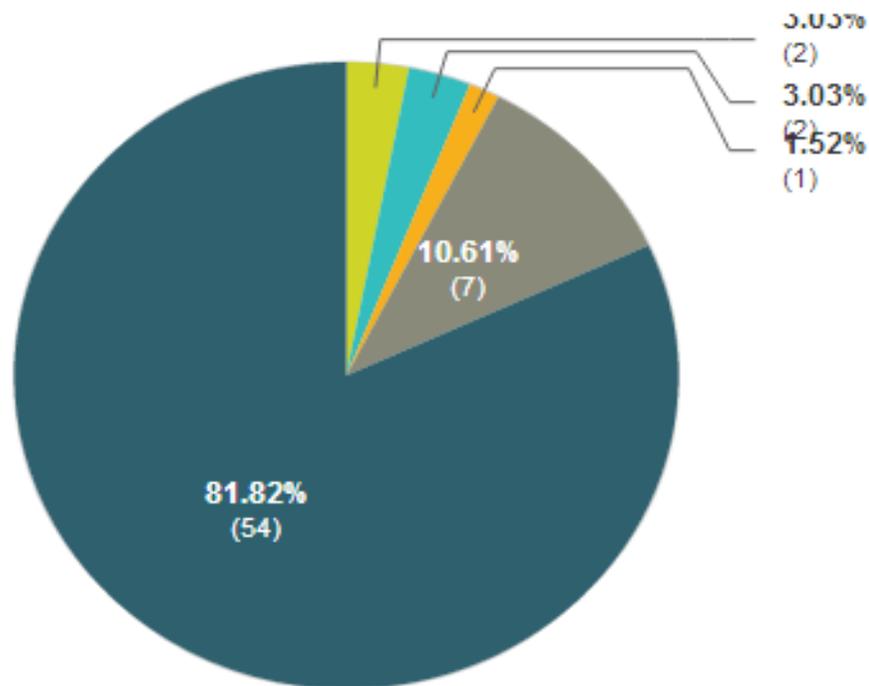
11 – That is an interesting and perhaps fortuitous side-effect yes.

12 – I doubt that the lack of a base will deter the current government from renewing Trident. I also think that the UK government could negotiate a lease from the Scottish government, the terms of which could be highly persuasive.

13 - Losing Faslane and the Clyde resources would be a severe blow to the UK's nuclear programme. But at the end of the day, when the UK government can 'happily' spend £100 Billion and more on Trident, I don't believe they will be that concerned with having to relocate the base to England or Wales. I think they will be far more concerned with having to explain to the Queen which one of them lost her Scotland!

There should be total global nuclear disarmament

Answered: 66 Skipped: 0



■ Strongly Disagree
 ■ Disagree
 ■ Unsure
 ■ Agree
 ■ Strongly Agree

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Unsure	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total
3.03%	3.03%	1.52%	10.61%	81.82%	66
2	2	1	7	54	

Although this seems a basic question it is interesting to see the differing views concerning this issue.

This raises the issue of nuclear weapons as a deterrent and the maintenance of nuclear weapons by just a handful of states.

Additional Comments:

1 - Wrth wneud hynny, all gwledydd a dynol ryw symud ymlaen i ganolbwyntio ar heriau arall, megis datblygiad rhyngwladol a chwestiynau amgylcheddol.

2 - Of course there should be, because the excuse for forming a nuclear arsenal in order to 'defend the nation from other nuclear attacks' will no longer be relevant, and, without sounding cliché, the world would be a much safer place.

3 - Even if this cannot be achieved immediately there should be attempts to disarm as many countries as possible.

4 - Yes but we should do our part too.

5 - The world has been under this shadow too long already. We need to start the clean-up urgently.

6 - We could solve most world problems with the money, instead of creating them.

7 - Nuclear weapons have no place in a civilised world

8 – It is hypocritical for some to have and others not.

9 – The calibre of weapons currently in place are a reasonable form of deterrent and encouraged more negotiation between nuclear owners and less drive to embark upon conventional warfare.

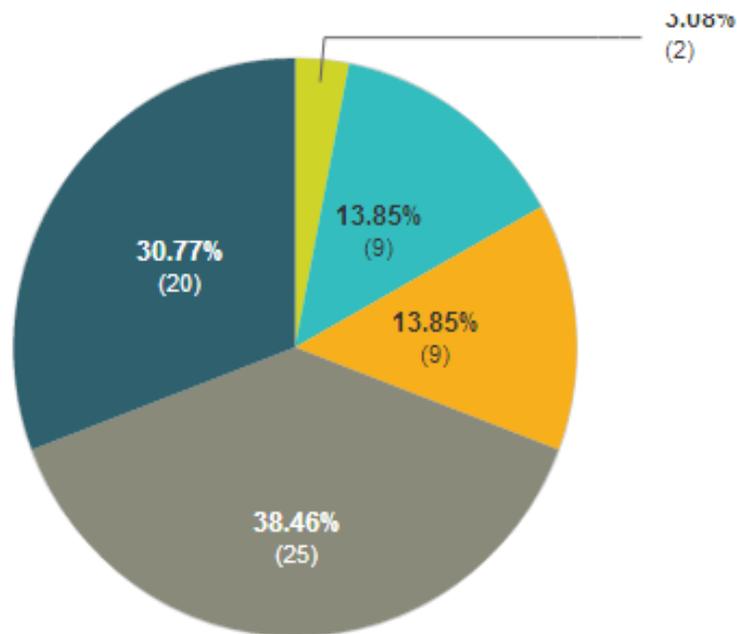
10 – With nuclear weapons, war simply becomes too dangerous for the non-combatant.

11 – I would love to see total global nuclear disarmament, but it's completely unrealistic.

12 - But this won't happen!

It is the responsibility of the US (who hold the most nuclear weapons) to lead the way for nuclear disarmament?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 1



Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Unsure	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total
3.08%	13.85%	13.85%	38.46%	30.77%	65
2	9	9	25	20	

This relates to the debate on whether nuclear disarmament would progress if smaller states such as the UK were to disarm their nuclear arsenals first.

Additional Comments:

1 – Although the US is the most powerful country and holds the most nuclear weapons I think if other countries take the action of nuclear disarmament it may show the US that there is no need for them to hold nuclear weapons.

2 – We should look to our own behaviour, not wait for others.

3 – Dylai pob gwlad ddarfogi cyn gynted a phosib heb ddisgwyl am wlad arall i ddechrau'r broses. Each country should disarm as soon as possible - there is no need to wait for another.

4 – Yes, however Britain should not follow blindly in their footsteps either.

5 – But if they don't another country could attempt to do this.

6 – It is the responsibility of all nuclear powers

7 – As well as all other nuclear states.

8 – I agree but the UK should join them in leading the way.

10 – I don't think it matters who leads the way, but the US is

obviously an influential player.

11 – We could take the first step.

12 – We need to act independently of the US which is a highly militarised and aggressive state, unlikely to take a leadership role in this direction. The only significant nuclear disarmament achieved so far has been unilateral.

13 – What I disagree with is 'lead the way'. If the question had asked whether they should embark on nuclear disarmament, I would have strongly agreed. But for their leadership we may have to wait too long.

14 – it's not only the US but the US must be involved and help lead us in that direction

15 – The suggestion that one nation - whichever is named - has a responsibility to "lead" is dangerous as it implies that others have less responsibility.

16 – They should lead from the front.

17 – And Russia

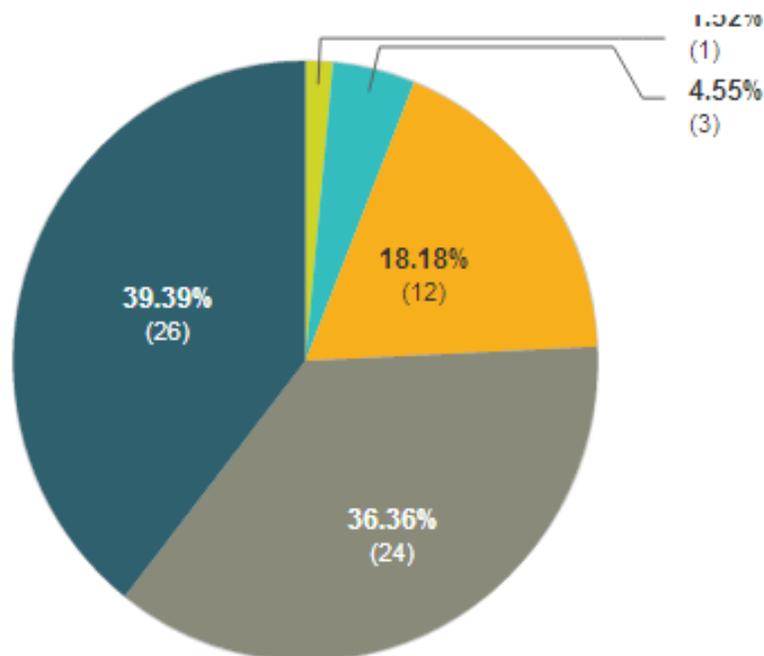
18 – You cannot expect other states to disarm if you refuse to.

19 – I think that because of the status afforded to countries with a nuclear arsenal, and in particular the status afforded to the US, they are unlikely to lead the way. I think that disarmament by other states might encourage the US, but I am not hopeful. After all, the majority of the international community has signed the Convention on the Rights of the Child: the US is among the few who haven't, despite pressure.

20 - In theory yes, but in reality the pivotal move could well come from other avenues.

World leaders with nuclear capabilities do not seem interested in public opinion with regards to nuclear disarmament

Answered: 66 Skipped: 0



Strongly Disagree Disagree Unsure Agree Strongly Agree

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Unsure	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total
1.52%	4.55%	18.18%	36.36%	39.39%	66
1	3	12	24	26	

Question 6 tried to gauge whether the public felt their opinions were ignored by world leaders with regards to nuclear weapons and relates to the idea of whether nuclear weapons are seen as a status symbol rather than as a desired defence measure.

Additional Comments:

1 - I think a lot of people here, in the US and other countries think that nuclear weapons are a deterrent bring security. It's our job to get the message out that the opposite is the case.

2 - Public opinion isn't clear enough

3 - Some do, some don't

4 - Power corrupts.

5 - Difficult to say. They pay attention to public opinion that fits in with their overall defense strategies

6 - I think that those that lead the 'nuclear pack' really don't care whether the public is with them or against them. Nuclear weapons are about status and power, and are often spun as part of a national narrative. It's not going to lose them votes!

7 - Mae'n dibynnu ar y wlad - y fwy democrataidd ydyw, yna'r fwy o bwyslais ar wrando (i raddau) i farn y cyhoedd.

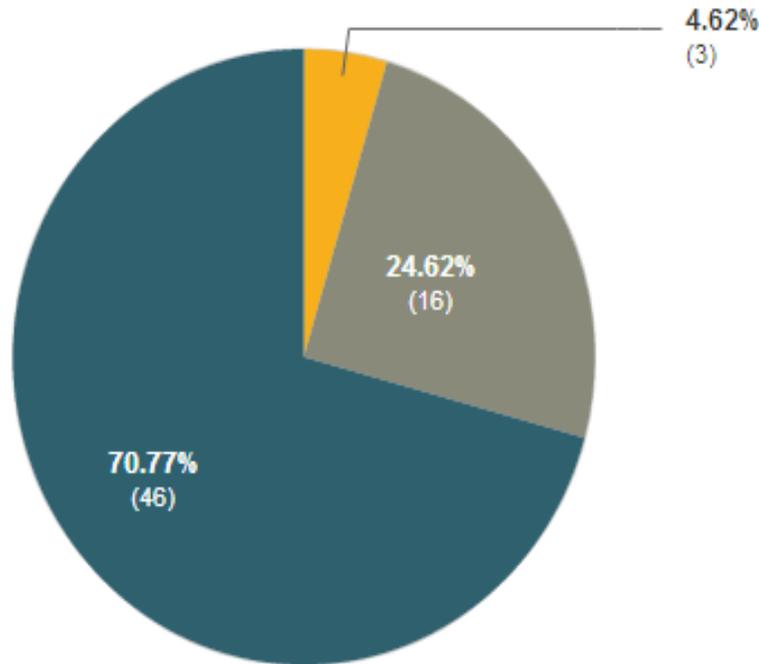
8 - This serves to be the only survey of any kind I have seen where I have been able to express my opinion regarding this

matter. Britain's government, anyhow, does not involve public opinion in any of their military moves even though their actions are what causes the deaths of our men and women and furthermore jeopardizing the country's security.

9 - I don't strongly agree because I think protesting will have an influence.

The continued existence of nuclear weapons is simply fuelling the desire for others to acquire nuclear weapons

Answered: 65 Skipped: 1



■ Strongly Disagree
■ Disagree
■ Unsure
■ Agree
■ Strongly Agree

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Unsure	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total
0%	0%	4.62%	24.62%	70.77%	
0	0	3	16	46	65

This question aimed to learn whether people felt the reluctance on the part of various Nuclear Weapon States to disarm their nuclear arsenals was leading to resurgence in the desire of other states to acquire nuclear weapons for themselves.

Additional Comments:

1 – Mae hyn wedi bod yn factor o'r cychwyn yn y 1940au, a nid yw wedi newid rhyw lawer ers hynny.

2 – This has always been the case.

3 – There have been arms races before and there is one now

4 – In the struggle for power it's exactly like keeping up with the Joneses. If they have it, we have to have it.

5 – This is how some states might justify it. However there are other factors other than the mere existence of nuclear weapons that fuel their maintenance such as their historic association with great power status etc. Also depends on who (which states) possesses the nuclear weapons.

6 - Yes, it's also fuelling states' desire for nuclear weapons. Nuclear is a status; it sends a message to the international community about the economic and social progress of that particular country. States want to be a part of the very exclusive circle of nuclear states.

