

## Question in Project:

PaCo - Mechanisms of panel conditioning in longitudinal surveys: Questions on social desirability, gender roles, and environment (English Version)

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## Question Topic:

Survey methodology/ Response behavior

## Construct:

Response confidence

## General Information:

**\*Note: This item was tested in German. This is an English translation of the original German wording.\***

## Question Text:

The previous question was about whether full-time employment is the best way for a woman to be financially independent. Do you have a clear opinion on this or are you rather unsure of your opinion on this topic?

*[Bei der vorherigen Frage ging es darum, ob eine Vollzeitbeschäftigung der beste Weg für eine Frau ist, finanziell unabhängig zu sein. Haben Sie dazu eine eindeutige Meinung oder sind Sie sich Ihrer Meinung zu diesem Thema eher unsicher?]*

## Answer Categories:

1 I have no clear opinion about it at all *[Ich habe keine klare Meinung dazu]*

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5

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7 I have a clear opinion on this *[Ich habe eine klare Meinung dazu]*

## Cognitive Techniques:

General Probing, Difficulty Probing

## Findings for Question:

### Do the test persons have problems understanding or answering the question?

None of the ten test persons had problems understanding or answering the question. The test persons' answers were largely consistent with their answers to probing question N7\_F1 (see appendix) from question 1, that is, those who had previously indicated that they had a firm opinion on the subject also chose a scale point between 5 and 7 here:

- *"In my opinion, that's the best way to go, unless you work full time for very little money. Due to that, I already have a definite opinion on that."* (TP 02; response: scale point 6)
- *"That follows on from the previous [probing] question, after all. I am not at all unsure here because I know this from my own experience."* (TP 09; response: scale point 7)

Test person 01, who first had to think about how to answer question 1, also stated in question 2 that she had no clear opinion on the subject (scale point 2): *"I don't have a clear opinion on this, because I find that it always varies from person to person, and I find that you can't say that across the board."*

Only the two answers given by test person 04 did not agree one hundred percent. While she stated that she did not have a definite opinion on question 1, she stated that she had a rather clear opinion on question 2 (scale point 5). According to this test person, answering question 1 was rather difficult due to the fact that she had never dealt with the topic before. She understood question 2 to mean whether she had reached a clear opinion, which she tended to answer in the affirmative. She did not choose the outer scale point "I have a clear opinion on this" because she did not have this opinion in advance. Her response behavior therefore does not indicate a misinterpretation of the question.

## Recommendations:

Question: No changes recommended.

Response format: No changes recommended.