#### EC 91/477 Closing remarks



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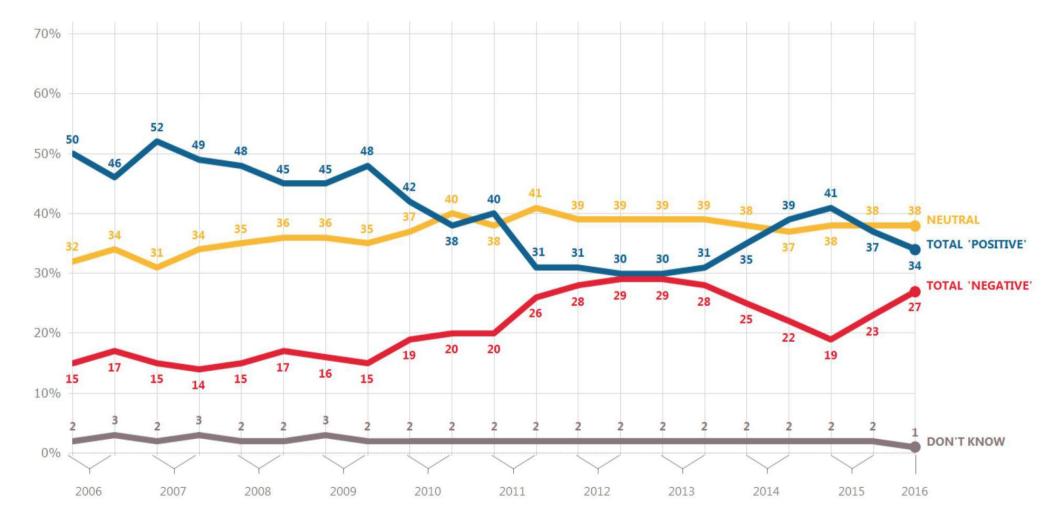
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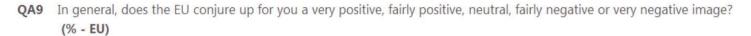
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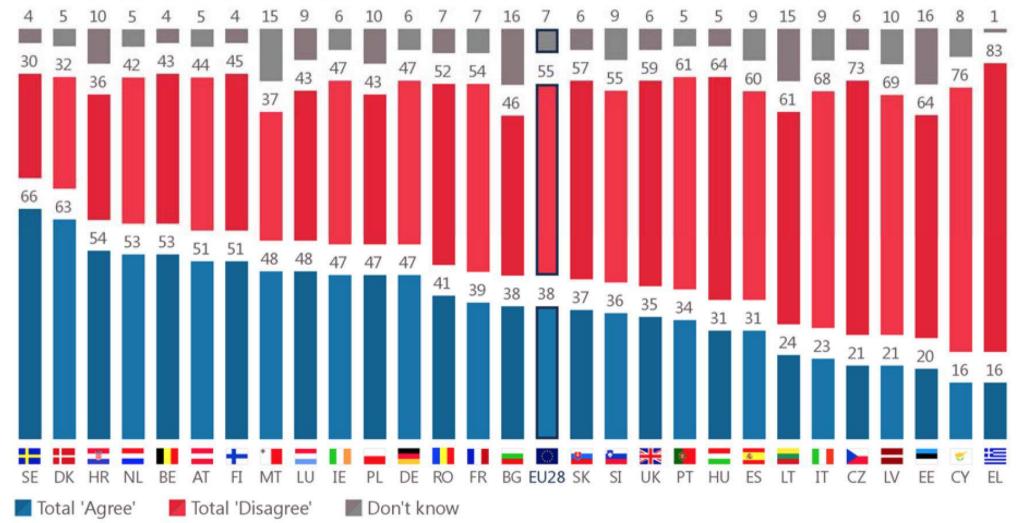
#### **Current political situation**







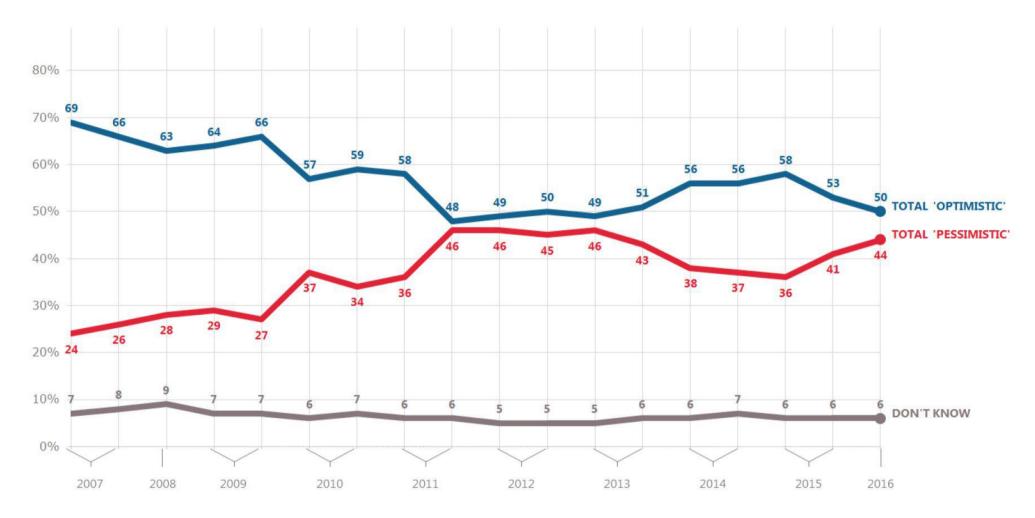
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#### QA20 Would you say that you are very optimistic, fairly optimistic, fairly pessimistic or very pessimistic about the future of the EU? (% - EU)



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# Three basic issues with the proposed Directive



# Original remit for reopening the Directive

The original remit for EC actions was to:

- 1. Create a standard for weapons' deactivation,
- 2. Create a standard for weapons' conversion into replicas/decorative items, and
- 3. Create a standard for acoustic and salute weapons.

# ONLY!



# Logical and legislative issues

Namely:

- 1. Usurping the rights of Member States to deal with legal gun owners;
- 2. Lack of Impact Assessment;
- 3. Using inaccurate data to try to force EC point of view;
- 4. No connection between legal gun owners community and illegal guns used by terrorists in Paris and Brussels attacks;
- 5. Targeting the wrong group legal gun owners, rather than concentrating on illegal gun trafficking;
- 6. Proposals to create rules, which are counterproductive (introduce category A7 and exempt 95% of gun owners from it.....).

And this is just a tip of the iceberg....



### Double standards

The EC is stating that allowing less guns in public hands translates into more security.

Meanwhile, in the real world:















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#### The most probable outcome



### **Public Opinion**

If the EU persists in pushing through with the current version of the Directive it will:

- 1. Introduce new regulations that are not enforceable;
- 2. Divert valuable resources away the fight against illegal arms trafficking;
- 3. Punish 200 million legal gun owners who chose to be EU citizens and alienate them to the point that they will support the break-up of the EU as we know it today.







#### **Final words**



## Failure by political correctness

- 1. I stand before you as a representative of the only group not-covered by political correctness.
- 2. The Ivory towers. Mr. Juncker said: "I believe we'll have two years of wasted time while Mr. Trump tours a world he doesn't know."
- 3. The change is coming.
- 4. The argument principle.
- 5. The PC world you closed the debate. You treat us as freaks, gun nuts, racists, stupid, evil, backwards, what have you. Just because we DISAGREE WITH YOUR WAY OF LOOKING AT THE WORLD!!!





### Thank You

