BREAKING THE CHINA SUPPLY CHAIN: HOW THE ‘FIVE EYES’ CAN DECOUPLE FROM STRATEGIC DEPENDENCY

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In light of the COVID-19 crisis, to what extent would you support or oppose the UK adopting a tougher trade, investment and security policy towards China as has been adopted by the US over the past several years?

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Undecided (19%)
Don’t Know (8%)

On behalf of the Henry Jackson Society, Survation undertook a survey of 1,001 British adults on 15th and 16th April to ascertain the extent to which they think their country’s approach to trade should be reconsidered, particularly when it extends to authoritarian countries such as China.

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Don’t Know (7%)

The UK has had a policy of allowing the globalization of supply chains in key strategic industries such as manufacturing, agriculture and construction. Which of the following statements do you agree with?

Was Right
Was Wrong
Don’t Know

The Five Eyes are dependent on China for:

- Laptop supplies
- Mobile phone supplies

Each member of the Five Eyes is strategically dependent on China for its supplies of hundreds of categories of goods. Even measured at a higher sector level (which comprises a number of categories) or the highest industry level (which comprises a number of sectors) — in great swathes of the modern economy, members of the Five Eyes are reliant on China for their supplies.

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3. In light of the COVID-19 crisis, to what extent would you support or oppose the UK government continuing to allow Huawei to build a 5G network?

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Undecided (26%)
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4. The UK has had a policy of allowing the globalization of supply chains in key strategic industries such as manufacturing, agriculture and construction. Which of the following statements do you agree with?

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