Fresh Eurobarometer on Robotics: What Do the Citizens Think?

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Compared to the previous wave, people have less positive views on robots

QA4. Generally speaking, do you have a very positive, fairly positive, fairly negative or very negative view of robots?

- Very positive
- Fairly positive
- Fairly negative
- Very negative
- Don't know

Inner pie: EB77.1 Feb.-Mar. 2012
Outer pie: EB82.4 Nov.-Dec. 2014

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9 in 10 agree that robots are forms of technology that need to be carefully managed (89%), where 70% think that they steal jobs.
Over 1/3 respondents say that robots will be able to do their jobs at least partially in the future
No big changes wrt to tasks performed by robots, services to elderly ray of hope

QA7. Here is a list of things that could be done by or with robots. For each of them, please tell me, using a scale from 1 to 10, how you would personally feel about it. On this scale, ‘1’ means that you would feel "totally uncomfortable" and ‘10’ means that you would feel "totally comfortable" with this situation.

- **Having a robot assist you at work (e.g. in manufacturing)**
  - 7-10: 48%
  - 5-6: 19%
  - 1-4: 28%
  - Don't know: 3%

- **Using a robot in school as a means for education (e.g. learning how to programme one)**
  - 7-10: 41%
  - 5-6: 18%
  - 1-4: 36%
  - Don't know: 2%

- **Having a robot to provide services and companionship to elderly or infirm people**
  - 7-10: 29%
  - 5-6: 16%
  - 1-4: 51%
  - Don't know: 2%

- **Having a medical operation performed on you by a robot**
  - 7-10: 25%
  - 5-6: 15%
  - 1-4: 55%
  - Don't know: 3%

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* New items

*Total 'Comfortable (7-10)'*  
*Total 'Fairly comfortable (5-6)'*  
*Total 'Uncomfortable (1-4)'*  
*It depends (SPONTANEOUS)*  
*Don't know*
Nordic and Eastern countries more open to autonomous cars
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