

Appendix 1. List of the primary questions

0. Introduction (warm-up questions Q1 and Q2)

1. When you think about the present time, and life with the coronavirus - how have you managed to limit isolation and close contacts? To what extent has technology changed the way you live, and how has it affected you?

2. Next, we would like to talk about technology in our lives, such as self-driving cars, parcel delivery robots, and so forth. What do you think about them? What do you think about the safety of such cars? How would you feel about being a passenger in a self-driving car?

(The focus group participants then watch a short video of an unmanned ground system)

3. What are your first thoughts when you see this video? Feel free to say the first keywords that come to mind.

4. How do you see the armed forces worldwide developing and using various unmanned vehicles? Why do you think it is necessary or unnecessary?

5. To what extent should people retain control of such machines? For example, what things should a machine be allowed to do independently and what should it not be allowed to do?

6. As you saw in the previous video, these machines are currently controlled by humans. What would you think if these machines were able to operate entirely independently? What problems or advantages do you see in this case when the machine operates autonomously?

7. Imagine seeing such an unmanned ground vehicle moving in your direction. To what extent do you feel that you can trust the behavior of this machine and how confident would you be in predicting its actions?

8. How do you define artificial intelligence? What does this mean for you? Some people have compared the development of artificial intelligence to raising a child or to animal behavior. What are your thoughts? Do you think such a comparison with AI is appropriate?

9. What do you see as the difference between human and machine decisions? In which situations would you trust the machine more, and in which situations would you trust human decisions? What about life and death decisions made by the machine? In this case, who should be responsible for the consequences of the decisions made by the autonomous machine?

10. Suppose a war breaks out: 1) Would you prefer your country to be defended by human soldiers or unmanned ground vehicles? 2) Would you prefer to have soldiers or unmanned ground vehicles on the enemy side?

11. Do you think the development of armed unmanned ground vehicles seen in this video is right or wrong? Is it ethical or unethical?

12. Several countries have argued that the development of unmanned ground vehicles should be banned, while others believe that their development should continue. What do you think?