

Lend-Lease to England:

What Are We Getting?

What Should We Get?



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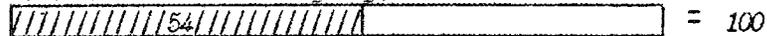
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IN A NATIONAL SURVEY . . .

WHEN THE NATIONAL OPINION RESEARCH CENTER INTERVIEWED A TYPICAL AMERICAN CROSS-SECTION OF OVER 2500 CIVILIAN ADULTS, IT WAS FOUND THAT . . .

Out of every 100 persons interviewed . . .

54 think we are getting something in return for the Lend-Lease materials we are sending England



28 think we are NOT getting anything in return

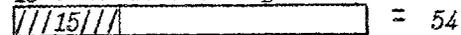


18 don't know

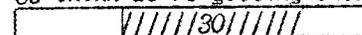


Of the 54 who think we're receiving something in return . . .

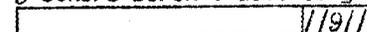
15 think we should get more than we are getting



30 think we're getting enough

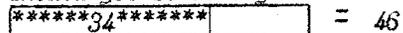


9 others weren't able to give a clear-cut answer

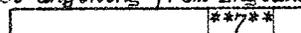


Of the 46 above who said we're NOT receiving anything or don't know . . .

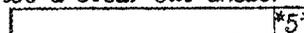
34 think the United States should get something in return



7 think we should not expect anything from England



5 others weren't able to give a clear-cut answer



THUS IT APPEARS . . .

49* persons out of every 100 believe England should pay us back
MORE than she is

////////////////49////////////////

BUT . . .

37** out of every 100 are already satisfied

////////////////37////////////////

AND . . .

14*** persons straddle the fence with indecision

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WHAT THEY THINK WE ARE GETTING . . .

Going back to the 54 out of every 100 who think we're getting something
from England. What do they think we're getting back?***. . .

Two-thirds of the 54 persons name help in winning the war, fighting
on our side, protecting our interests, and cooperation--all intangibles

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And 4 more mention holding out against Germany while we prepared and
keeping the war over there away from our shores--more intangibles

4

WHILE . . .

Tangibles like food, tanks, planes, factories, hospitals, clothing
and housing for American soldiers in England, and other Lend-Lease
in Reverse are named by 14 persons

14

And tangibles like naval and island bases, air bases, Canada, ships and
shipping, money, patents, and training our men are named by 6

6

*The 15 who know we're getting something but think we should get more and the
34 who don't know we're getting anything but think we should.

**The 30 who think we're getting enough and the 7 who think we should not expect
anything.

***The 9 who weren't able to give a clear-cut answer on whether we should get more
and the 5 who weren't able to give a clear-cut answer on whether we should get
anything.

****The list of persons mentioning how we're being repaid totals more than 54
because a few persons, having mentioned more than one way, are included in
more than one group.

UP TO NOW . . .

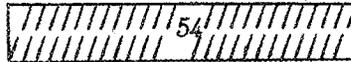
We have examined the various opinions and information held by the total sample of the adult civilian population of the United States. Now let's dissect the 54 persons in every 100 who think we're getting something from England to learn which subgroups in the total are the most and least informed

This was the total cross-section, remember?

INFORMED

Getting Something

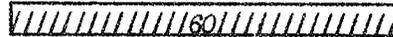
TOTAL



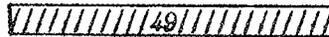
These are the groups which make up the total cross-section

BY AGE:

21-39

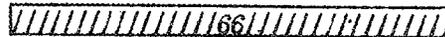


40 and over

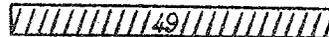


BY OCCUPATION:

Professional

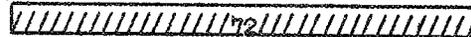


Manual Workers

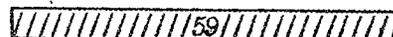


BY EDUCATION:

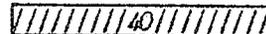
College



High School

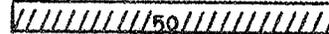


Grammar School

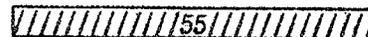


BY SECTION:

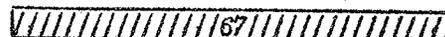
Northeast



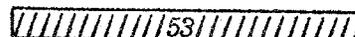
Midwest



West



South



THOSE FAVORING STRICT LEND-LEASE ACCOUNTING GIVE THEIR REASONS

SOME REFER TO THE UNPAID DEBTS OF THE LAST WAR:

"They didn't pay the other time; consequently we had higher taxes."

"We lost enough to them in the last war."

"We have sacrificed for two wars, so we should be paid this time."

"The United States has been taken advantage of in previous wars. We are suckers and they don't think any better of us."

SOME FEEL THAT THE UNITED STATES IS ALREADY DOING MORE THAN HER SHARE:

"Can't put up everything and get nothing but peace."

"We shouldn't have to pay and fight, too."

"It's our material and the people of this country shouldn't have to pay for it."

"We are rationed now and saving all we can, so they should return it some way."

"Because they have more to gain from the war than we have."

"We have suffered enough to want them to repay something."

SOME INDICATE A DISTRUST OF OUR ALLY:

"Why should we give it away? They wouldn't give us anything. They'd expect payment."

"England is re-selling things we ship her."

"Let the Allies help pay. They would be more careful not to allow an aggressor to rise."

"They wouldn't give us a d__ thing for nothing, Britain most of all."

A NUMBER MENTION TAXES AND OTHER DOMESTIC ISSUES:

"Our children and future generations should not be the only ones burdened."

"This country needs the money to pay back the war bonds and money."

"So as to keep us from having a depression."

"We have enough missionary work here; plenty of children are glad to eat from garbage."

A VERY FEW SEE VALUE IN REPAYMENT IN GOODS:

"If they have something we need."

"We need things they can supply."

"They should pay us to help trade."

OTHERS SPEAK OF ETHICAL ASPECTS OF THE ISSUE IN RATHER GENERAL TERMS:

"Because it's called Lend-Lease, it should be paid."

"People don't appreciate what they don't pay for."

"I'd expect some way of payment. It's their duty to pay their just debts."

A RARE COMMENT DIFFERENTIATES PRE-PEARL HARBOR LEND-LEASE:

"We should get payment for Lend-Lease given before the war."

AND FINALLY THERE IS THE INFREQUENT JINGOISTIC TREND OF THOUGHT:

"Make 'em pay, so as to keep 'em under our thumb!"

THESE ARE THE ACTUAL QUESTIONS...

DO YOU THINK WE ARE GETTING ANYTHING AT ALL IN RETURN FOR THE SUPPLIES AND WAR MATERIALS WE ARE SENDING ENGLAND?

Yes	54%
No	28%
Don't Know	<u>18%</u>
	100%

(The 54% answering "Yes" to the above were asked): WHAT ARE WE GETTING?

Cooperation, help in winning, fighting on our side, change in policy, friendship, protection, men (Intangible)	35.1%
Materials (civilian and military), food, tanks, planes, clothing and housing for our men over there, feeding our men, manufacturing plants, hospitals, Lend-Lease in Reverse (Tangible)	13.5%
Holding out against Germany while other nations prepared, time for us to prepare, keeping the fight over there, protection of our shores for the past two years (Intangible)	3.8%
Naval bases, forts, island bases (Tangible)	2.2%
Air bases (Tangible)	1.1%
Money (Tangible)	1.1%
Ships and shipping (Tangible)	0.5%
Patents, experience, designs, training our men (Tangible)	0.5%
Canada, lease on land bases (Tangible)	0.5%
Reciprocal trade (Intangible)	*
Don't Know	<u>3.2%</u>
	61.5%

(The 54% answering the above were asked): DO YOU THINK THIS IS ENOUGH TO GET IN REPAYMENT FOR WHAT WE'RE SENDING ENGLAND, OR DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD GET SOMETHING MORE?

Enough	30%
Something more	15%
Qualified answer	2%
Don't Know	5%
Not ascertainable	<u>2%</u>
	54%

(The 15% answering "Something more" to the above were asked): WHAT MORE DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD GET?

Money (Tangible)	5.4%
Naval and air bases (Tangible)	1.8%
Materials (civilian and military), food, tanks, planes, clothing and housing for our men over there, feeding our men, manufacturing plants, hospitals, Lend-Lease in Reverse (Tangible)	1.4%
Land and colonies (Tangible)	1.1%
Help now, help in continuing to fight, help in winning the war (Intangible)	1.1%
Cooperation after the war, loyalty, our place at the peace conference, credit and recognition for our part in the war (Intangible)	0.8%
Trade concessions (Intangible)	0.6%
Pay first World War debt (Tangible)	0.5%
Canada (Tangible)	*
Other. Should pay cost or a just return, they should share with us what they have, we should have Great Britain (Tangible)	3.9%
Don't Know	<u>0.9%</u> 17.5%**

(The 28% answering "No" and the 18% answering "Don't know" to the first question were asked): DO YOU THINK THE UNITED STATES SHOULD EXPECT TO GET ANYTHING IN RETURN FOR WHAT WE'RE SENDING ENGLAND?

Yes	34%
No	7%
Qualified answer	1%
Don't know	3%
Not ascertainable	<u>1%</u> 46%

(The 34% answering "Yes" to the above were asked): WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD GET?

Money (Tangible)	12.9%
Materials (civilian and military), food, tanks, planes, clothing and housing for our men over there, feeding our men, manufacturing plants, hospitals, Lend-Lease in Reverse (Tangible)	6.1%

Land and colonies (Tangible)	2.0%
Help now, help in continuing to fight, help in winning the war (Intangible)	1.7%
Cooperation after the war, loyalty, our place at the peace conference, credit and recognition for our part in the war (Intangible)	1.4%
Naval and air bases (Tangible)	1.4%
Trade concessions (Intangible)	1.0%
Canada (Tangible)	1.0%
Pay first World War debt (Tangible)	0.7%
Other. Should pay cost or a just return, they should share with us what they have, we should have Great Britain (Tangible)	7.5%
Don't Know	<u>3.7%</u>
	39.4%**

*Less than 0.5 per cent.

**Total more than number of persons asked because a few persons mentioned more than one way.

FACTUAL INFORMATION

The sample population upon which this study was made is representative, within a small degree of error, of the national population 21 years of age and over. Interviews were properly apportioned among the adult civilian population of each of the nine Census Divisions of the United States.

Within each division the interviews were correctly apportioned among metropolitan districts, towns in various size groups, and the rural population; by age, race, and four standard-of-living groupings.

The survey reported here is based upon 2,557 interviews. According to a statistical table copyrighted by the President and Fellows of Harvard College, this number of interviews should give results within 3 per cent correct 997 times in 1,000.

N.O.R.C. will be glad to send additional information regarding the national cross-section and methods used in the survey on which this report is based.

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