

CSaP Cohesive Societies

The BA's Cohesive Societies Programme, Covid19 and Beyond

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Cultural memory and tradition

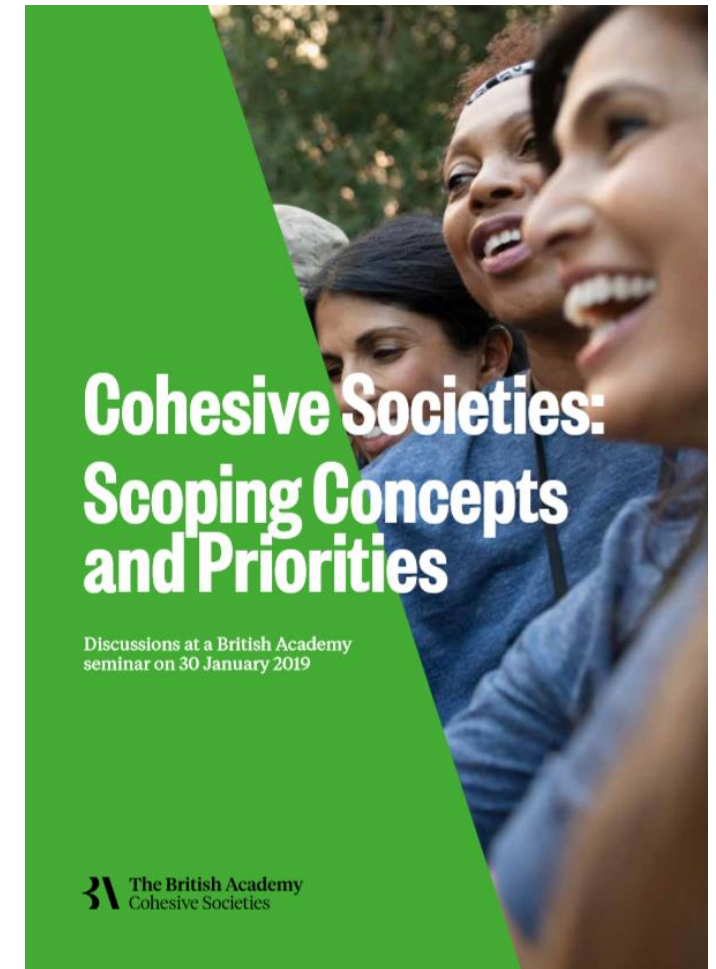
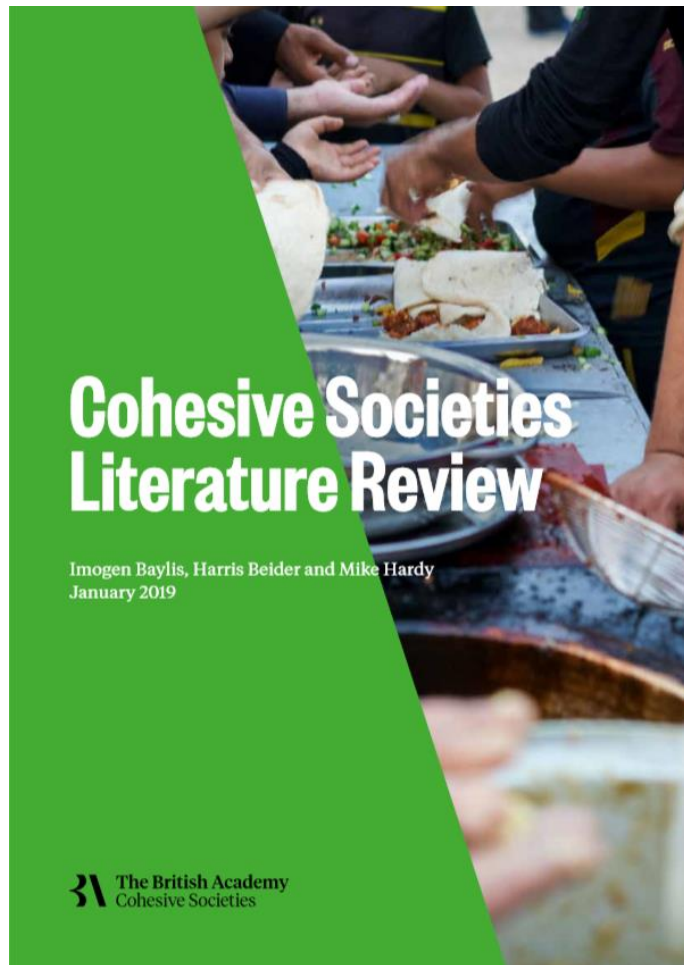
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Meaning and mechanisms of social responsibility

Identity and belonging

Care for the future

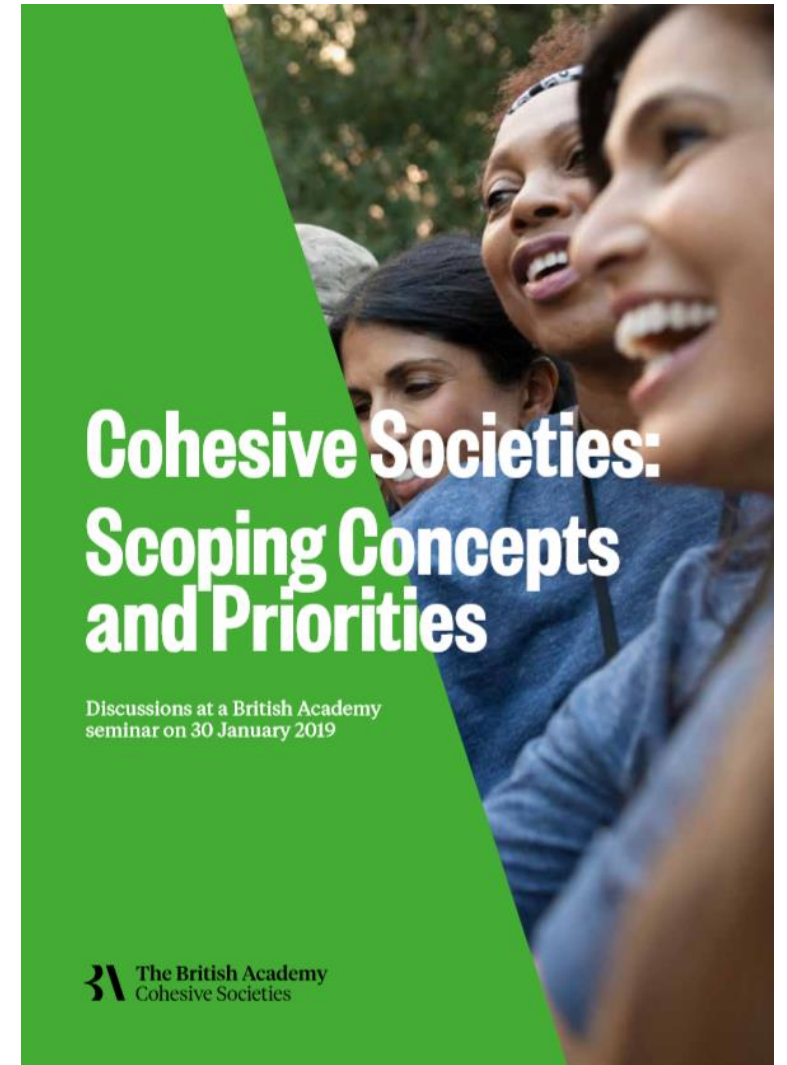
Cohesive Societies landscape reviews



Key findings

- Discussion of societal cohesion is often reactive
- Definitional ambiguity has up and downsides
- Cohesion may be a positive goal in its own right
- Cohesion can be a process or a destination
- Includes social and structural components
- Arises at different geographical/social levels

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It is a vital part of the Big Society that people feel they can give, they can contribute, and they can play a part. To me that is a really important vision for the future of our country.

Prime Minister, David Cameron

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Boris Johnson urges countries to pull together in coronavirus battle



Prime Minister Boris Johnson. Credit: PA

Boris Johnson will urge countries to “pull together” and share their expertise as he co-hosts an international conference to drive the race for **coronavirus** treatments, tests and vaccines.

The Prime Minister will describe the challenge facing humanity as the “most urgent shared endeavour of our lifetimes”.

He will add: “We are in this together and together we will prevail.”

Forms of Cohesion

		Prejudice	
		Low	High
Good Relations	Low	Benign Indifference Atomised, disengaged community, unconcerned about others	Malign Antipathy Fragmented, discontented, disengaged community hostile to both internal and external rivals or enemies
	High	Harmonious Cohesion Cohesive, engaged community, open and flexible	Rivalrous Cohesion Cohesive, engaged community but is competitive towards subordinates, rivals, enemies

'Deliver Brexit and unite the country': Boris Johnson's first speech as Tory leader - video



“We know the mantra of the campaign that has just gone by... It is deliver Brexit, **unite the country**, and **defeat Jeremy Corbyn**, and that’s what we’re going to do....we are going to unite this amazing country and take it forward..”

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▲ A nurse protests outside Downing Street over the government response to Covid-19 for BAME health workers.

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BLM 'band of brothers' hope rescue of counter-protester sends message

'Maybe it will change the views of racists,' says Lee Russell, who assisted Patrick Hutchinson

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▲ L-R: Pierre Noah, Lee Russell, Patrick Hutchinson, Chris Otokito and Jamaine Facey. The five friends helped save the life of a counter-protester at an anti-racism protest in London on Saturday. Photograph: Andy Hall/The Observer

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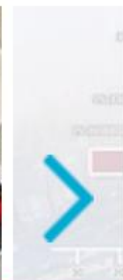
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- About 60 grievers, some swigging beer, were watched by Bedfordshire Police at Dunstable Cemetery at 10am
- The group was blatantly flouting government lockdown rules on social distancing - brought in to tackle Covid

Favouring young over old in Covid-19 treatment justifiable, says ethicist

Prof Arthur Caplan: age a “valid criterion” to use when making the “terrible choice”

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▲ Paramedics transfer an elderly patient with Covid-19 symptoms into a hospital in Brooklyn, New York. Photograph: Braulio Jatar/SOPA Images/REX/Shutterstock

Older people should be denied treatment for the coronavirus if a younger, healthy person needs help, according to Prof **Arthur Caplan**, a prominent US medical ethicist. Age, he said, was a “valid criterion” to use when making the “terrible choice” of who should receive scarce resources during the pandemic.



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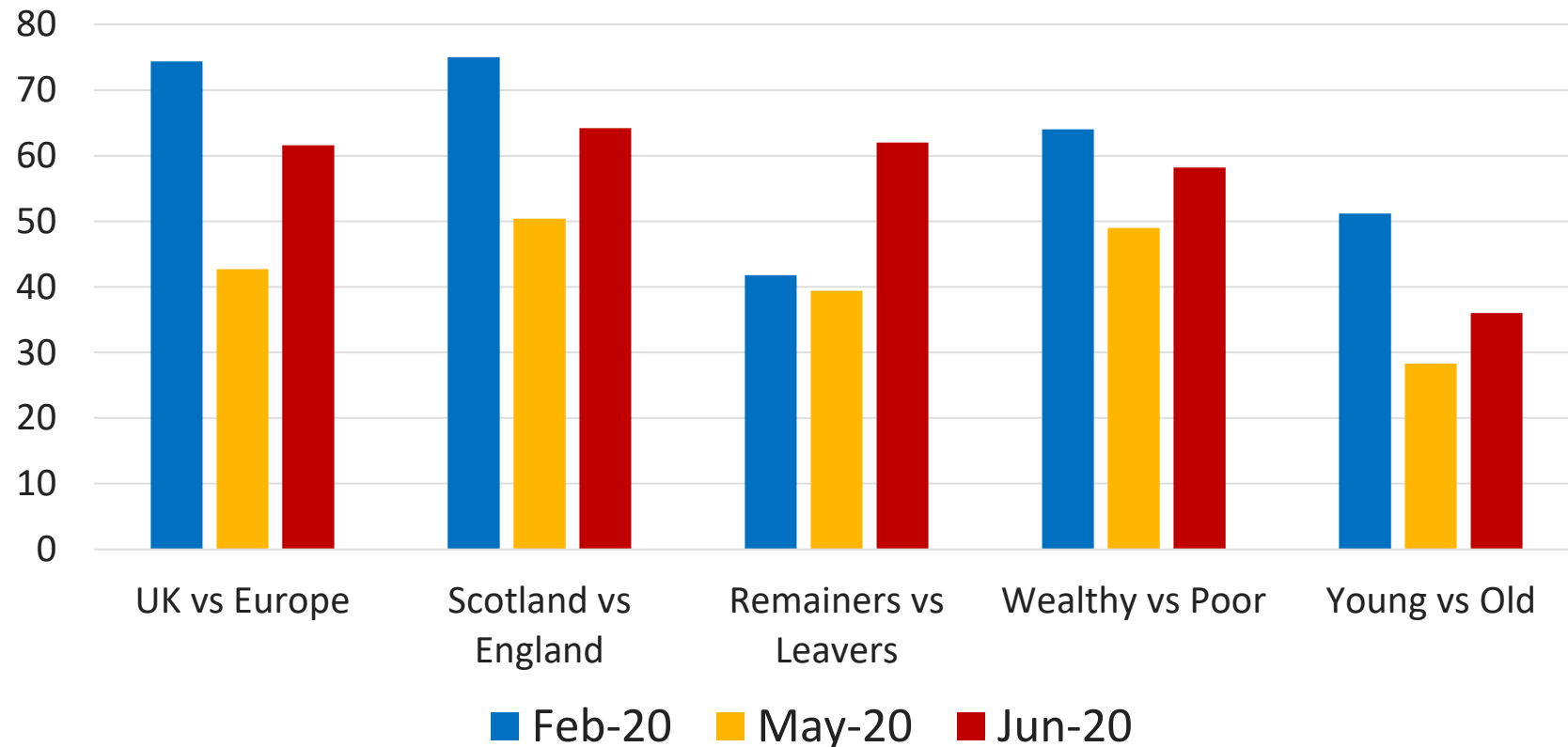
John Harris



In it together?

Views of cohesion as we Brexit via Covid19

% see growing or strongly growing divisions between:



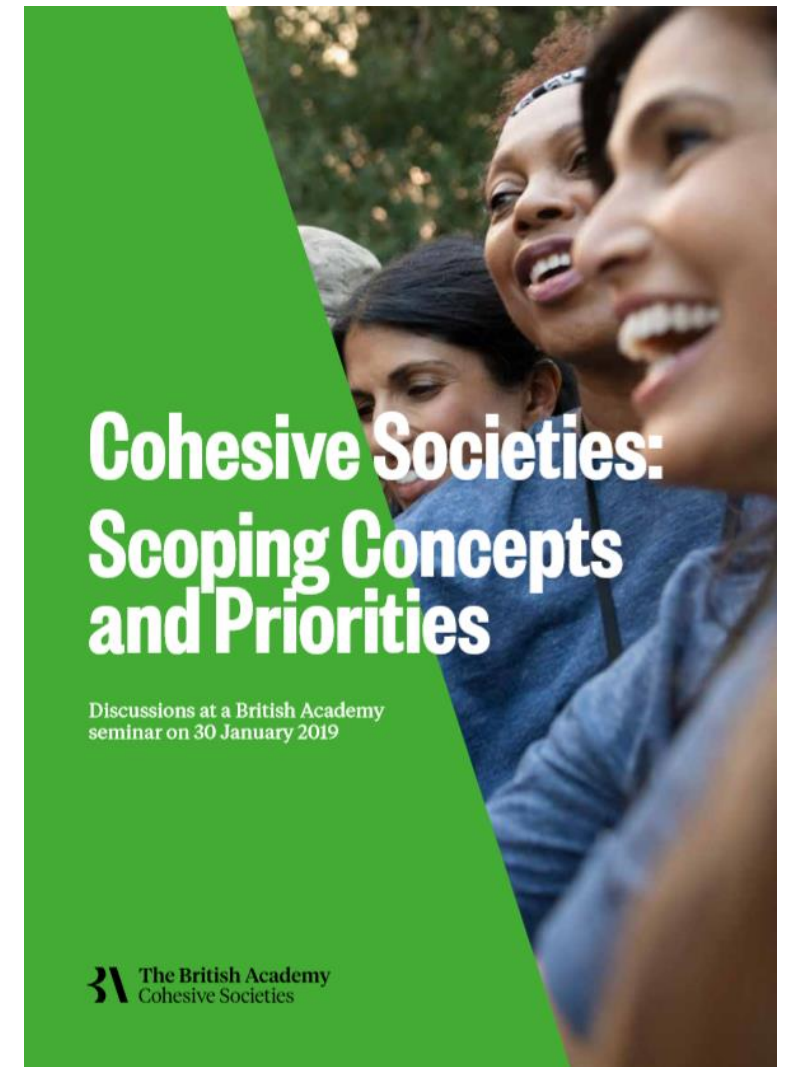
Samples: Representative from Scotland, Wales, Kent, Ns circa 1500, 1500, 370* data for June 2020 are provisional and not ready for wider circulation – contact DA for details.
Source: Abrams, Lalot, Broadwood, 2020 [Nuffield Foundation/University of Kent/Belong]

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Priorities for deeper investigation

- How societal cohesion relates to other social goals
- How it relates to economic and political priorities
- How it works with different identities
- How it changes over time and place
- New and better ways to measure, understand and improve societal cohesion
- More coherent policy involving societal cohesion

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