

## YouGov Survey Results

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<b>Weighted Sample</b>	<b>1193</b>	593	600	100	351	440	303	469	273	328	774	342
Unweighted Sample	1220	555	665	43	270	503	404	446	308	349	815	344
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Thinking about your life in the last few years: how much, if at all, have you personally been affected by the economic problems in your country in this period?

A Great Deal	26	28	25	18	19	31	31	17	30	34	41	0
A Fair Amount	38	39	38	39	40	40	34	41	39	38	59	0
<b>TOTAL GREAT DEAL / FAIR AMOUNT</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>
Not Very Much	25	25	24	25	24	21	30	33	22	20	0	86
Not At All	4	3	5	2	5	4	4	4	4	4	0	14
<b>TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOT AT ALL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>
Don't know	6	6	7	15	11	4	2	5	6	4	0	0

Do you support an increase in the funding of government programs for helping the poor and the unemployed with education, training, employment, and social services, even if this might raise your taxes?

Strongly support	29	33	26	23	31	31	27	48	6	25	29	33
Somewhat support	23	19	27	20	24	23	22	27	18	26	22	27
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>60</b>
Neither support nor oppose	14	12	16	24	13	14	10	14	12	15	13	13
Somewhat oppose	9	10	7	10	10	7	9	4	13	12	9	10
Strongly oppose	20	23	18	13	15	20	29	4	46	19	24	14
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>24</b>
Don't know	5	4	7	11	7	5	3	4	5	3	3	2

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**Which of the following best reflects your view?**

The government is being too harsh towards people on benefit, most of whom would like to work if they could	<b>25</b>	23	27	12	28	24	28	42	8	21	25	30
The government is not being tough enough towards people on benefit, and more should be done to force them into work	<b>44</b>	48	40	52	38	43	50	26	71	49	49	38
The current balance is about right	<b>13</b>	13	12	19	15	12	9	16	9	13	11	17
Don't know	<b>18</b>	16	20	17	20	21	12	17	13	17	14	14

Here is a pair of statements. Please indicate whether you agree more with Statement A or statement B.

**Statement A - Statement A - 'Despite today's economic problems, I am basically confident that our children's generation will end up enjoying a better standard of living than our generation, just as our generation has mostly been better off than our parents.'** **Statement B - 'I am not at all confident that the pattern will continue, of each generation becoming better off. I fear the younger generation will find it harder than ours to enjoy a reasonable standard of living.'**

Please indicate whether you agree more with Statement A or statement B

I agree wholly with statement A, and not at all with statement B	<b>5</b>	6	4	14	7	3	4	9	7	0	5	7
I agree with statement A more than statement B	<b>10</b>	9	11	9	11	10	9	12	8	10	9	12
<b>TOTAL AGREE WITH STATEMENT A</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>
I agree with both statements to the same degree	<b>7</b>	5	9	8	11	6	4	12	2	5	6	10
I agree with statement B more than statement A	<b>39</b>	40	37	34	38	37	43	37	38	47	38	44
I agree wholly with statement B, and not at all with statement A	<b>26</b>	28	24	18	20	28	35	19	35	27	34	15
<b>TOTAL AGREE WITH STATEMENT B</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>59</b>
I don't agree with either statement	<b>4</b>	3	5	1	4	6	3	4	4	4	4	4
Don't know	<b>9</b>	8	9	16	9	10	3	8	6	6	4	8

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Thinking about the gap in income between those in the highest earning jobs and those in the lowest earning jobs: generally speaking, if someone on a low wage is earning \$20,000 a year, do you think it would be acceptable or unacceptable for someone on a t

Acceptable	<b>44</b>	50	37	39	40	45	47	34	58	46	46	44
Unacceptable - this wage would be too much	<b>31</b>	29	33	21	36	28	33	42	17	30	31	33
Unacceptable - the boss of a successful company should be allowed to earn MORE	<b>9</b>	11	7	8	6	10	10	8	13	6	9	10
Don't know	<b>17</b>	10	23	33	18	17	10	16	11	18	14	14

Thinking about your life compared to five years ago, would you say you are more likely or less likely to do each of the following?

Get involved with social clubs or community groups

Much more likely	<b>9</b>	8	10	9	12	8	8	11	14	6	12	5
A little more likely	<b>18</b>	19	17	29	19	18	13	20	16	16	16	24
<b>TOTAL MORE LIKELY</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
A little less likely	<b>12</b>	11	12	14	14	11	9	12	9	10	12	9
Much less likely	<b>14</b>	15	14	7	10	17	16	11	15	19	19	6
<b>TOTAL LESS LIKELY</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15</b>
No change - the same as five years ago	<b>39</b>	37	41	32	33	38	48	39	37	41	36	51
Don't know	<b>8</b>	10	7	8	12	8	5	8	8	7	5	6

Feel anxious

Much more likely	<b>19</b>	19	20	18	19	21	19	17	22	21	26	8
A little more likely	<b>28</b>	29	26	35	26	30	25	27	26	33	34	18
<b>TOTAL MORE LIKELY</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>26</b>
A little less likely	<b>12</b>	10	14	21	18	8	8	16	11	6	9	16
Much less likely	<b>8</b>	10	6	5	5	10	10	8	8	7	7	11
<b>TOTAL LESS LIKELY</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>27</b>
No change - the same as five years ago	<b>26</b>	24	28	13	24	25	34	26	26	28	20	42
Don't know	<b>7</b>	8	6	9	9	6	4	6	7	5	3	5

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**Argue with family and others**

Much more likely	6	7	6	12	6	7	3	8	5	6	7	5
A little more likely	18	19	16	14	21	19	14	14	19	20	22	9
<b>TOTAL MORE LIKELY</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>
A little less likely	11	8	13	15	15	9	7	13	7	11	10	13
Much less likely	18	19	17	27	13	19	19	20	22	12	18	19
<b>TOTAL LESS LIKELY</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>
No change - the same as five years ago	40	40	41	25	35	40	52	40	40	44	39	49
Don't know	7	7	7	7	9	7	4	6	7	6	4	5

**Thinking about the opportunities available to young people in your country today, to what extent, if at all, would you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

**Children have similar opportunities, regardless of their family's income**

Strongly agree	11	9	13	7	14	9	12	12	15	6	13	8
Tend to agree	18	18	18	24	12	20	19	13	29	18	17	22
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	17	17	17	29	17	17	13	17	18	14	15	18
Tend to disagree	26	25	26	23	23	25	30	26	24	27	28	25
Strongly disagree	24	27	21	13	27	24	24	28	11	30	26	25
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>50</b>
Don't know	4	4	5	5	6	4	2	4	3	4	2	2

**Wherever you start in life, enough hard work will bring you success**

Strongly agree	21	22	21	18	18	22	26	18	33	15	22	23
Tend to agree	34	32	35	44	28	35	34	27	43	37	36	32
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>55</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	20	19	20	14	22	22	15	26	12	20	18	22
Tend to disagree	14	14	14	11	17	11	16	19	4	14	13	16
Strongly disagree	8	9	7	8	8	7	8	7	5	11	9	6
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>
Don't know	4	4	4	5	7	3	2	3	3	4	2	1

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**The best jobs almost always end up filled by those from the best-off families**

Strongly agree	16	17	16	16	19	17	12	21	10	16	18	14
Tend to agree	31	31	30	41	29	30	30	37	19	31	32	32
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	26	26	26	21	26	24	30	23	33	24	24	30
Tend to disagree	14	15	13	11	13	15	16	9	21	15	14	14
Strongly disagree	7	6	8	3	5	8	8	4	9	7	7	7
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>
Don't know	6	5	7	9	9	6	4	5	8	6	4	4

**Do you think it SHOULD or SHOULD NOT be the governments job to do the following things?**

**Ensuring that rich and poor children have the same chances to get ahead**

Should be the government's job	50	46	53	46	58	49	43	71	22	47	50	55
Should not be the government's job	36	40	33	33	28	35	49	16	68	37	39	32
Don't know	14	14	14	21	14	16	9	13	9	16	11	12

**Making sure that every family has a decent basic minimum income**

Should be the government's job	50	50	50	55	56	50	41	70	25	47	49	55
Should not be the government's job	37	40	33	36	29	34	51	17	67	40	42	32
Don't know	13	10	17	9	15	17	8	13	8	13	9	13

**Redistributing from the better-off to the less well-off, right across the income range**

Should be the government's job	32	31	32	43	38	31	23	50	13	27	34	31
Should not be the government's job	50	54	45	42	39	50	64	26	80	55	52	50
Don't know	18	14	23	15	23	19	13	23	7	18	14	19

*\*Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 50 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures will be italicised.*