

YouGov Survey Results

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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	15	26	0	26	41	0	31	38	0	13	24	0
A Fair Amount	42	74	0	38	59	0	49	62	0	41	76	0
TOTAL GREAT DEAL / FAIR AMOUNT	57	100	0	64	100	0	80	100	0	54	100	0
Not Very Much	35	0	91	25	0	86	15	0	88	30	0	72
Not At All	4	0	9	4	0	14	2	0	12	12	0	28
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOT AT ALL	39	0	100	29	0	100	17	0	100	42	0	100
Don't know	4	0	0	6	0	0	3	0	0	4	0	0

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	36	43	26	25	25	30	28	30	22	25	31	17
The government is not being tough enough towards people on benefit, and more should be done to force them into work	38	35	45	44	49	38	47	49	46	50	47	56
The current balance is about right	18	16	23	13	11	17	14	13	21	14	13	17
Don't know	8	6	6	18	14	14	11	9	11	11	9	10

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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	5	4	7	5	5	7	6	6	8	4	4	5
I agree with statement A more than statement B	14	11	20	10	9	12	11	12	12	12	10	14
TOTAL AGREE WITH STATEMENT A	19	15	27	15	14	19	17	18	20	16	14	19
I agree with both statements to the same degree	7	7	8	7	6	10	7	6	10	10	11	8
I agree with statement B more than statement A	47	49	46	39	38	44	36	38	34	46	45	48
I agree wholly with statement B, and not at all with statement A	17	21	11	26	34	15	23	25	20	20	21	19
TOTAL AGREE WITH STATEMENT B	64	70	57	65	72	59	59	62	54	66	66	67
I don't agree with either statement	4	2	5	4	4	4	10	10	9	4	5	3
Don't know	7	5	3	9	4	8	8	4	10	5	4	4

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 [AMOUNT RELEVANT TO COUNTRY] a year, do you think it would be acceptable or unacceptable for someone on a top wage (such as people running large companies or organisations) to earn [AMOUNT RELEVANT TO COUNTRY] a year?

Acceptable	36	32	45	44	46	44	20	19	26	22	18	28
Unacceptable - this wage would be too much	47	54	40	31	31	33	65	69	56	62	70	54
Unacceptable - the boss of a successful company should be allowed to earn MORE	6	6	7	9	9	10	6	5	9	6	4	8
Don't know	11	9	8	17	14	14	9	6	9	11	9	10

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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	5	5	5	9	12	5	9	9	9	9	11	7
A little more likely	18	18	19	18	16	24	19	18	19	20	22	18
TOTAL MORE LIKELY	23	23	24	27	28	29	28	28	27	29	33	25
little less likely	12	15	9	12	12	9	14	14	19	19	19	19
Much less likely	14	18	9	14	19	6	20	21	19	12	13	10
TOTAL LESS LIKELY	26	33	18	26	31	15	34	34	38	31	32	29
No change - the same as five years ago	44	38	55	39	36	51	30	31	27	31	26	39
Don't know	7	6	3	8	5	6	8	7	7	10	9	7

Feel anxious

Much more likely	22	31	9	19	26	8	30	32	21	14	21	4
A little more likely	35	39	31	28	34	18	32	33	30	25	28	23
TOTAL MORE LIKELY	57	70	40	47	60	26	62	64	51	39	49	27
little less likely	9	7	12	12	9	16	9	9	11	18	17	20
Much less likely	6	4	9	8	7	11	6	5	8	11	8	15
TOTAL LESS LIKELY	15	11	21	20	16	27	15	15	19	29	25	35
No change - the same as five years ago	24	16	37	26	20	42	18	17	26	23	19	29
Don't know	4	2	3	7	3	5	5	4	5	9	7	9

Argue with family and others

Much more likely	8	11	3	6	7	5	7	8	6	4	6	2
A little more likely	17	20	11	18	22	9	12	12	15	12	15	10
TOTAL MORE LIKELY	25	31	14	24	29	14	19	19	21	16	21	12
little less likely	13	14	14	11	10	13	13	13	15	22	22	23
Much less likely	12	12	13	18	18	19	23	23	21	21	21	21
TOTAL LESS LIKELY	25	26	27	29	28	32	36	36	36	43	43	44
No change - the same as five years ago	46	40	56	40	39	49	35	36	36	30	30	34
Don't know	5	3	3	7	4	5	10	9	6	10	7	10

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

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

Strongly agree	3	3	4	11	13	8	8	8	7	12	11	14
Tend to agree	19	16	24	18	17	22	13	12	16	18	20	15
TOTAL AGREE	22	19	28	29	30	30	21	21	23	30	31	29
Neither agree nor disagree	14	15	12	17	15	18	16	16	15	20	19	22
Tend to disagree	37	36	41	26	28	25	28	28	32	23	21	27
Strongly disagree	23	28	17	24	26	25	33	35	28	22	25	19
TOTAL DISAGREE	60	64	58	50	54	50	61	21	23	45	46	46
Don't know	4	2	2	4	2	2	3	1	2	5	4	3

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

Strongly agree	14	13	16	21	22	23	20	19	22	19	18	22
Tend to agree	43	40	51	34	36	32	41	43	42	39	37	41
TOTAL AGREE	57	53	67	55	58	55	61	61	64	58	55	63
Neither agree nor disagree	19	21	16	20	18	22	19	19	20	24	26	22
Tend to disagree	15	18	12	14	13	16	11	12	12	9	10	9
Strongly disagree	6	7	3	8	9	6	6	7	2	5	6	3
TOTAL DISAGREE	21	25	15	22	22	22	17	61	64	14	16	12
Don't know	4	2	2	4	2	1	3	1	2	4	3	2

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

Strongly agree	17	22	10	16	18	14	23	24	17	17	23	9
Tend to agree	38	40	37	31	32	32	40	40	42	32	34	31
TOTAL AGREE	55	62	47	47	50	46	63	64	58	49	57	40
Neither agree nor disagree	23	21	28	26	24	30	23	22	27	27	23	31
Tend to disagree	13	11	17	14	14	14	7	8	7	10	8	13
Strongly disagree	4	3	4	7	7	7	4	4	4	9	8	11
TOTAL DISAGREE	17	14	21	21	21	21	11	64	58	19	16	24
Don't know	5	3	3	6	4	4	3	2	2	5	4	4

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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	78	83	73	50	50	55	77	78	77	87	88	88
Should not be the government's job	14	10	19	36	39	32	17	17	18	8	10	6
Don't know	9	6	7	14	11	12	7	5	4	5	2	6

Making sure that every family has a decent basic minimum income

Should be the government's job	74	78	72	50	49	55	74	76	70	76	79	73
Should not be the government's job	16	13	21	37	42	32	18	17	21	16	17	17
Don't know	10	9	8	13	9	13	8	7	8	8	5	9

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

Should be the government's job	52	57	46	32	34	31	62	64	61	54	59	50
Should not be the government's job	31	27	40	50	52	50	24	24	26	31	30	36
Don't know	17	16	14	18	14	19	14	12	14	15	12	14