

## YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1994 GB Adults  
Fieldwork: 2nd - 3rd April 2013

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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	<b>19</b>	32	19	14	21	4
Somewhat support	<b>35</b>	28	38	37	23	18
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>22</b>
Neither support nor oppose	<b>27</b>	21	25	30	24	65
Somewhat oppose	<b>13</b>	9	14	14	22	0
Strongly oppose	<b>6</b>	10	4	5	10	13
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>13</b>

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>36</b>	59	38	27	13	25
The government is not being tough enough towards people on benefit, and more should be done to force them into work	<b>38</b>	26	39	45	49	9
The current balance is about right	<b>18</b>	9	18	22	31	3
Don't know	<b>8</b>	7	6	6	8	63

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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	<b>5</b>	5	3	7	17	0
I agree with statement A more than statement B	<b>14</b>	11	11	21	10	0
<b>TOTAL AGREE WITH STATEMENT A</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>
I agree with both statements to the same degree	<b>7</b>	4	8	8	5	6
I agree with statement B more than statement A	<b>47</b>	41	52	46	48	15
I agree wholly with statement B, and not at all with statement A	<b>17</b>	29	19	12	7	2
<b>TOTAL AGREE WITH STATEMENT B</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>17</b>
I don't agree with either statement	<b>4</b>	4	2	4	8	11
Don't know	<b>7</b>	5	5	3	5	66

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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 £15,000 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 £300,000 a year?

Acceptable	<b>36</b>	24	34	45	44	6
Unacceptable - this wage would be too much	<b>47</b>	59	52	41	26	22
Unacceptable - the boss of a successful company should be allowed to earn MORE	<b>6</b>	7	6	6	13	4
Don't know	<b>11</b>	10	8	7	17	68

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>5</b>	8	4	5	3	3
A little more likely	<b>18</b>	14	20	20	6	4
<b>TOTAL MORE LIKELY</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>
little less likely	<b>12</b>	14	15	9	9	8
Much less likely	<b>14</b>	25	16	8	16	10
<b>TOTAL LESS LIKELY</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>
No change - the same as five years ago	<b>44</b>	33	40	55	60	20
Don't know	<b>7</b>	7	6	3	7	54

Feel anxious

Much more likely	<b>22</b>	60	21	9	3	11
A little more likely	<b>35</b>	22	45	32	18	18
<b>TOTAL MORE LIKELY</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>
little less likely	<b>9</b>	4	8	12	8	5
Much less likely	<b>6</b>	3	4	8	21	0
<b>TOTAL LESS LIKELY</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b>
No change - the same as five years ago	<b>24</b>	8	19	36	48	16
Don't know	<b>4</b>	2	3	3	1	50

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**Argue with family and others**

Much more likely	<b>8</b>	21	8	3	5	6
A little more likely	<b>17</b>	23	19	12	7	15
<b>TOTAL MORE LIKELY</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>
little less likely	<b>13</b>	12	14	14	8	4
Much less likely	<b>12</b>	10	12	13	15	3
<b>TOTAL LESS LIKELY</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>
No change - the same as five years ago	<b>46</b>	32	43	55	64	21
Don't know	<b>5</b>	3	3	3	1	51

**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	<b>3</b>	6	2	3	10	0
Tend to agree	<b>19</b>	13	17	23	33	5
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>5</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	<b>14</b>	13	16	12	17	15
Tend to disagree	<b>37</b>	25	40	43	25	17
Strongly disagree	<b>23</b>	39	24	18	12	13
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>30</b>
Don't know	<b>4</b>	4	2	2	2	49

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

Strongly agree	<b>14</b>	16	12	14	28	2
Tend to agree	<b>43</b>	25	45	51	54	20
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>22</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	<b>19</b>	17	22	17	7	17
Tend to disagree	<b>15</b>	25	15	12	9	4
Strongly disagree	<b>6</b>	14	5	4	0	9
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>
Don't know	<b>4</b>	3	2	2	2	48

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

Strongly agree	17	38	16	11	8	4
Tend to agree	38	30	44	37	35	16
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>20</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	23	16	22	28	28	17
Tend to disagree	13	8	12	18	12	2
Strongly disagree	4	4	3	4	11	3
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>5</b>
Don't know	5	4	3	3	8	57

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	86	82	76	47	36
Should not be the government's job	14	8	11	17	42	5
Don't know	9	6	6	7	11	59

Making sure that every family has a decent basic minimum income

Should be the government's job	74	83	77	73	60	38
Should not be the government's job	16	9	14	20	29	4
Don't know	10	8	9	7	11	58

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

Should be the government's job	52	69	52	47	35	27
Should not be the government's job	31	21	29	38	52	5
Don't know	17	10	18	15	13	68