

YouGov/IPPR Survey Results

Sample size: 1038 French adults
Fieldwork: 10th - 21st August 2012

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There are three commonly used ways to decide who should be able to access different benefits and services.

Which ONE of these do you think is BEST suited to decide who should be able to obtain the following benefits or services? (Please tick one option per row)

State pension

They should be targeted at those in need regardless of their payment into the system	22	12	24	13	13	20	21	42	23	21	36	44	16	15	15	17	37	27	12	15	10
They should only be available to those who have contributed into the system (e.g. by working or caring for someone) regardless of their need level	44	58	36	59	62	37	32	22	45	43	25	27	42	45	52	57	36	41	51	45	55
They should be provided equally to every citizen affected, regardless of their need or contribution to the system	29	27	34	22	21	41	44	23	26	32	31	25	36	26	30	25	26	28	32	29	31
Don't know	6	3	5	6	3	3	3	12	7	5	8	3	5	15	3	1	2	4	5	11	4

Social housing

They should be targeted at those in need regardless of their payment into the system	39	33	44	34	27	43	57	43	32	45	39	35	38	40	41	36	24	41	38	52	35
They should only be available to those who have contributed into the system (e.g. by working or caring for someone) regardless of their need level	31	40	24	31	50	18	20	26	38	25	19	43	29	26	32	35	39	29	31	25	36
They should be provided equally to every citizen affected, regardless of their need or contribution to the system	22	20	26	28	16	31	20	18	23	22	35	19	27	16	22	23	33	25	22	10	21
Don't know	8	7	7	7	7	8	3	12	8	8	7	4	6	18	5	6	3	5	9	14	8

Unemployment benefits

They should be targeted at those in need regardless of their payment into the system	17	11	23	13	12	23	30	12	13	20	7	25	15	15	16	19	15	21	13	18	11
They should only be available to those who have contributed into the system (e.g. by working or caring for someone) regardless of their need level	57	69	43	53	68	43	54	60	62	52	55	55	51	52	62	60	65	48	62	54	56
They should be provided equally to every citizen affected, regardless of their need or contribution to the system	19	13	25	30	15	31	14	15	17	22	33	16	27	18	17	16	16	25	19	16	23
Don't know	7	6	9	3	6	3	3	12	8	6	6	4	7	15	5	5	3	6	6	12	10

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Thinking about the country's public finances and the current economic climate, which ONE, if any, of the following do you think should be the MAIN response from the government?

Scale back benefits that currently go to those on higher incomes	46	31	52	44	28	59	48	69	48	45	65	46	32	39	58	36	49	47	42	53	32
Limit benefits only to those who have contributed into the system	17	28	9	18	31	2	19	6	18	16	8	14	17	13	15	33	19	14	19	11	23
Target benefits more towards those with the greatest need	16	20	19	18	21	24	14	0	15	17	10	10	25	19	16	13	17	20	22	8	14
Reduce benefits for everyone	5	11	2	4	7	3	3	0	4	5	5	3	4	6	4	8	4	4	5	4	10
Increase taxes to maintain benefits at their current level	4	2	8	6	2	5	9	0	5	2	2	2	7	3	4	6	3	3	4	3	10
None of the above	5	6	6	3	8	6	6	0	4	5	3	7	11	4	2	4	4	7	7	2	5
Don't know	7	2	5	7	3	1	2	25	6	9	8	17	4	15	2	0	4	4	1	20	5

In which, if any, of the following areas would you support a reduction in public spending so that other areas could receive extra funding? (Please tick all that apply)

Defence	36	23	48	38	26	46	45	38	48	25	39	45	35	34	36	30	47	38	36	26	35
Housing, community	33	38	26	38	40	30	26	31	31	35	33	24	36	29	34	44	23	33	33	39	40
Child benefits	19	29	11	17	31	12	20	12	23	15	37	9	14	19	19	27	22	17	24	14	23
Unemployment benefits	15	24	7	9	17	5	14	19	13	17	8	28	12	8	13	20	16	13	15	18	10
Sickness/disability benefit	12	14	6	6	7	6	1	30	19	5	31	24	11	5	8	9	30	7	8	5	7
Maternity/paternity leave	12	20	11	16	17	8	19	0	14	11	4	2	14	10	16	23	9	17	16	7	15
Social housing	11	19	8	9	24	7	8	0	13	9	7	8	15	10	10	19	11	11	13	7	19
Public transport	9	13	8	23	13	8	8	0	11	7	8	7	13	8	8	15	8	13	6	7	17
Pre-school childcare	8	6	6	3	12	8	4	12	12	4	34	2	9	5	7	4	16	6	8	3	7
Policing	8	7	13	4	10	11	10	0	9	7	7	5	11	8	8	7	7	9	9	5	10
Health service	7	10	7	3	11	6	9	0	7	6	2	5	13	6	7	7	7	8	8	4	7
Universities/colleges	6	5	5	14	10	6	4	0	6	5	5	3	8	6	6	7	5	8	7	3	7
Primary/secondary education	5	4	8	4	7	9	7	0	7	3	2	2	11	4	6	4	5	5	7	3	7
State pension	5	7	7	1	5	6	4	0	6	3	3	2	7	4	6	5	6	7	4	3	3
Other	5	5	3	6	10	7	9	0	5	5	2	2	6	4	6	7	5	7	5	3	5
Not applicable - I don't think there should be reductions in public spending in any area	12	13	17	12	13	18	13	0	6	17	9	6	15	13	12	15	8	18	17	7	9
Don't know	8	4	5	12	3	5	0	21	10	6	7	3	3	16	8	4	3	6	2	18	7

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In which, if any, of the following areas would you support receiving extra funding gained from reductions made elsewhere? (Please tick all that apply)

State pension	33	34	39	36	46	41	44	6	34	33	14	19	30	41	38	44	37	38	38	18	39
Health service	32	32	45	36	33	40	41	9	30	35	36	12	32	36	36	40	25	38	41	24	38
Policing	29	33	22	21	44	19	18	31	32	26	7	27	24	23	37	38	34	23	36	26	23
Primary/secondary education	23	18	28	37	24	32	37	9	21	25	37	14	31	20	24	20	16	25	28	20	31
Social housing	19	12	27	24	15	36	26	9	17	21	30	10	25	20	18	19	15	19	25	18	21
Pre-school childcare	16	13	17	20	10	14	8	26	17	15	26	25	15	9	11	21	23	13	19	13	10
Sickness/disability benefit	14	11	15	16	18	15	9	12	11	17	5	21	18	15	11	11	12	19	9	16	11
Child benefits	13	11	18	8	12	19	14	9	12	14	31	8	26	12	7	8	9	17	11	14	12
Universities/colleges	11	12	15	15	11	17	8	0	11	11	15	4	15	11	9	14	10	10	17	6	14
Unemployment benefits	10	7	19	10	8	14	6	0	10	9	5	9	14	11	9	8	7	13	11	6	14
Defence	7	10	6	9	13	3	4	0	8	5	4	3	10	6	8	8	9	8	6	5	8
Housing, community	6	8	8	14	7	4	5	0	8	5	3	3	8	6	7	10	6	9	7	3	10
Public transport	6	6	9	7	6	12	9	0	8	5	9	3	8	8	6	6	4	9	11	4	4
Maternity/paternity leave	4	5	6	6	3	5	5	0	4	4	2	4	4	4	7	6	7	4	1	5	
Other	2	3	1	1	3	3	8	0	2	2	0	2	4	3	1	3	1	4	2	1	2
Not applicable – I don't think there should be reductions in public spending in any area	10	10	9	9	9	15	15	9	8	12	5	17	9	9	9	9	6	11	9	12	14
Don't know	11	8	7	4	3	6	1	33	15	7	33	7	6	16	9	6	13	8	3	19	7

For which, if any, of the following situations or events do you think the current welfare system does or does not offer people sufficient protection? (Please tick one option per row)

Becoming unemployed																					
Does offer sufficient protection	42	57	33	44	43	20	45	44	44	40	16	57	38	35	46	45	44	34	52	42	38
Does not offer sufficient protection	58	43	67	56	57	80	55	56	56	60	84	43	62	65	54	55	56	66	48	58	62
Having a house repossessed or being evicted from the house																					
Does offer sufficient protection	47	61	36	50	58	32	41	41	51	42	51	46	38	44	50	50	44	48	46	46	56
Does not offer sufficient protection	53	39	64	50	42	68	59	59	49	58	49	54	62	56	50	50	56	52	54	54	44
Having a child																					
Does offer sufficient protection	80	81	78	83	77	76	76	88	81	80	84	85	66	71	87	86	85	80	77	79	81
Does not offer sufficient protection	20	19	22	17	23	24	24	12	19	20	16	15	34	29	13	14	15	20	23	21	19
Relationship/family breakdown																					
Does offer sufficient protection	70	78	67	75	68	76	79	61	75	66	37	77	59	60	81	85	69	72	68	69	77
Does not offer sufficient protection	30	22	33	25	32	24	21	39	25	34	63	23	41	40	19	15	31	28	32	31	23
Getting sick or becoming disabled																					
Does offer sufficient protection	33	35	24	35	29	19	27	55	32	34	65	34	25	22	36	32	30	25	30	49	28
Does not offer sufficient protection	67	65	76	65	71	81	73	45	68	66	35	66	75	78	64	68	70	75	70	51	72
Retiring from work																					
Does offer sufficient protection	32	38	30	39	26	24	39	29	35	29	17	41	26	23	33	47	23	30	33	40	37
Does not offer sufficient protection	68	62	70	61	74	76	61	71	65	71	83	59	74	77	67	53	77	70	67	60	63