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Thinking about your finances, which of the following best reflects your position?

I am very comfortable financially	4	3	7	4	2	6	6
I am relatively comfortable financially	36	22	27	23	21	30	23
I do not often have money for luxuries, but can normally comfortably cover the essentials	37	44	40	47	41	40	33
I can only just afford my costs and often struggle to make ends meet	16	21	21	20	25	16	26
I cannot afford my costs, and often have to go without essentials like food and heating	3	6	2	4	6	2	7
Not sure	3	4	2	2	4	6	4

[asked to those who said they were NOT retired: France N=754; Germany N=760; Spain N=826; Italy N=788; Poland N=826]

Overall, how confident are you that you will have enough money to live comfortably throughout your retirement years?

Very confident	3	4	7	3	1	5	12
Fairly confident	27	21	28	27	19	17	32
TOTAL CONFIDENT	30	25	35	30	20	22	44
Not very confident	30	34	29	44	34	36	22
Not at all confident	27	32	28	20	38	35	26
TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT	57	66	57	64	72	71	48
Don't know	12	10	9	6	8	8	8

What do you think the state pension age should be at the present time?

Less than 60	4	8	3	8	12	19	14
60	20	27	13	21	33	38	20
61	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
62	2	22	4	5	7	2	11
63	1	5	13	4	5	2	2
64	1	15	3	2	4	1	1
65	45	10	34	40	22	26	29
66	5	1	4	3	1	1	2
67	9	2	15	5	6	4	5
68	2	1	2	2	2	0	2
69	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
70	3	1	3	5	2	2	5
71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
75	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Older than 75	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Don't know	6	6	4	3	4	3	7

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And what do you think the state pension age should be for people who are currently in their 30s or 40s?

Less than 60	4	7	3	7	12	17	12
60	17	24	11	21	29	33	18
61	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
62	2	19	3	4	7	2	9
63	1	6	9	3	4	2	2
64	1	12	3	2	5	1	2
65	40	13	32	33	24	28	27
66	4	2	3	3	2	1	1
67	7	4	14	7	3	5	5
68	6	1	5	3	2	1	3
69	1	0	2	1	1	0	1
70	8	1	6	7	4	3	6
71	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
72	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
75	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Older than 75	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Don't know	8	8	8	6	5	6	11

Do you think the value of the state pension in [respondent country] is too high, too low, or about right?

Much too high	2	2	2	4	5	1	1
A little too high	4	3	1	7	5	1	5
TOTAL TOO HIGH	6	5	3	11	10	2	6
About right	20	16	14	21	9	10	23
A little too low	26	33	26	34	33	25	26
Much too low	29	37	51	26	40	58	27
TOTAL TOO LOW	55	70	77	60	73	83	53
Don't know	18	9	5	7	8	5	18

When it comes to the cost of the state pension system for [respondent country], as far as you are aware...

Do you think the state pension system in [respondent country] is affordable or unaffordable at the present time?

Affordable	35	18	27	30	16	26	34
Unaffordable	32	59	55	52	61	45	33
Don't know	33	23	18	19	23	30	33

If kept the same, do you think the state pension system in [respondent country] will be affordable or unaffordable by the time people who are currently in their 30s and 40s retire?

Affordable	19	14	17	18	14	13	20
Unaffordable	52	63	66	66	65	54	49
Don't know	29	23	17	16	21	34	31

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In the event that more money is required in order to be able to afford the state pension system, would you support or oppose each of the following in order to provide extra funding?

Raising the minimum age at which people can get the state pension

Strongly support	4	9	6	6	9	5	13
Tend to support	18	24	19	21	20	17	27
TOTAL SUPPORT	22	33	25	27	29	22	40
Tend to oppose	31	24	30	28	26	28	22
Strongly oppose	32	23	35	30	28	34	23
TOTAL OPPOSE	63	47	65	58	54	62	45
Don't know	16	21	10	15	17	16	15

Reducing or entirely removing the state pension for high-income retired people

Strongly support	15	8	5	9	18	7	20
Tend to support	31	24	18	27	34	19	26
TOTAL SUPPORT	46	32	23	36	52	26	46
Tend to oppose	21	28	31	23	20	28	18
Strongly oppose	16	26	27	29	9	23	16
TOTAL OPPOSE	37	54	58	52	29	51	34
Don't know	17	15	19	13	20	23	20

Increasing tax levels on working age people

Strongly support	2	2	7	2	2	2	5
Tend to support	19	9	25	15	8	15	20
TOTAL SUPPORT	21	11	32	17	10	17	25
Tend to oppose	32	36	34	34	30	31	28
Strongly oppose	33	39	21	40	47	31	29
TOTAL OPPOSE	65	75	55	74	77	62	57
Don't know	14	13	13	9	12	21	17

Introduce a legal obligation for children of working age to financially support their retired parents if they do not have enough money

Strongly support	2	5	4	7	9	6	7
Tend to support	10	18	18	22	25	25	15
TOTAL SUPPORT	12	23	22	29	34	31	22
Tend to oppose	23	30	29	19	26	20	17
Strongly oppose	49	31	38	38	22	23	41
TOTAL OPPOSE	72	61	67	57	48	43	58
Don't know	15	16	12	14	18	25	20

Introduce a legal requirement for working age people to additionally pay into a private or workplace pension, or savings plan

Strongly support	17	7	11	9	9	5	11
Tend to support	40	34	38	28	27	24	28
TOTAL SUPPORT	57	41	49	37	36	29	39
Tend to oppose	14	21	20	19	25	21	19
Strongly oppose	9	16	17	29	21	19	17
TOTAL OPPOSE	23	37	37	48	46	40	36
Don't know	19	22	14	15	19	30	25

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Increase immigration levels so there will be more people of working age paying tax in COUNTRY

Strongly support	7	9	7	11	7	7	15
Tend to support	20	18	25	27	24	27	25
TOTAL SUPPORT	27	27	32	38	31	34	40
Tend to oppose	18	18	22	21	18	18	15
Strongly oppose	37	38	33	25	34	22	22
TOTAL OPPOSE	55	56	55	46	52	40	37
Don't know	18	18	14	16	17	25	23

Reducing the amount all pensioners receive in state pension payments

Strongly support	2	3	2	4	3	2	4
Tend to support	5	10	4	8	12	8	10
TOTAL SUPPORT	7	13	6	12	15	10	14
Tend to oppose	24	21	27	21	25	23	19
Strongly oppose	56	47	57	57	36	53	49
TOTAL OPPOSE	80	68	84	78	61	76	68
Don't know	13	19	9	9	23	14	19

Providing support for older workers to stay in their jobs for longer rather than retiring

Strongly support	10	10	10	15	6	18	14
Tend to support	42	32	32	32	21	39	37
TOTAL SUPPORT	52	42	42	47	27	57	52
Tend to oppose	18	20	25	22	27	14	17
Strongly oppose	12	20	19	21	31	10	12
TOTAL OPPOSE	30	40	44	43	58	24	29
Don't know	17	17	12	10	16	19	19

Reducing funding towards government services supporting older people

Strongly support	2	3	7	3	4	4	4
Tend to support	9	11	13	13	19	10	10
TOTAL SUPPORT	11	14	20	16	23	14	14
Tend to oppose	33	28	27	22	30	29	23
Strongly oppose	38	42	43	51	30	37	45
TOTAL OPPOSE	71	70	70	73	60	66	69
Don't know	17	16	11	12	17	20	17

Reducing funding towards government services supporting people of working age

Strongly support	6	7	13	4	5	6	9
Tend to support	21	22	26	17	19	23	22
TOTAL SUPPORT	27	29	39	21	24	29	31
Tend to oppose	26	22	24	25	32	24	20
Strongly oppose	20	24	16	35	21	14	24
TOTAL OPPOSE	46	46	40	60	53	38	44
Don't know	28	25	20	18	23	33	24

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Would you support or oppose increasing tax on pension income for those with above-average pension incomes, in order to fund more generous state pension payments for the lowest income pensioners?

Strongly support	10	14	17	21	26	7	27
Tend to support	30	31	34	37	40	24	30
TOTAL SUPPORT	40	45	51	58	66	31	57
Tend to oppose	20	19	20	16	12	24	12
Strongly oppose	20	18	16	15	8	22	13
TOTAL OPPOSE	40	37	36	31	20	46	25
Don't know	20	18	13	11	14	24	19

In principle, who do you think should bear more responsibility for funding more generous state pension payments for the lowest income pensioners?

Pensioners with higher than average pension incomes	37	38	40	38	55	28	-
Working people in younger generations	24	28	26	31	15	30	-
Don't know	39	34	33	31	30	42	-