

## YouGov / Policy Network Survey Results

Sample Size: 1063 British, 1086 US, 1010 Swedish and 1184 German Adults  
Fieldwork: 18th - 22nd March 2011

	Party			
	Labour	Democrat	Social-demokraterna	SPD
Weighted Sample	370	423	241	192
Unweighted Sample	348	417	187	245
	%	%	%	%

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Who you know is usually more important for getting on in life than hard work and playing by the rules.

Agree strongly	16	17	16	13
Tend to agree	50	35	42	40
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>53</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	19	21	24	16
Tend to disagree	9	14	7	23
Disagree strongly	3	10	7	8
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>31</b>
Don't know	4	3	4	1

When in government, [Country Specific] governments tax too much with too little public benefit.

Agree strongly	0	5	3	4
Tend to agree	9	7	3	19
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	23	19	22	26
Tend to disagree	44	27	23	31
Disagree strongly	22	38	44	18
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>49</b>
Don't know	2	5	6	2

In general, big companies in [Country] these days care only about profits - not about the wider community or the environment

Agree strongly	50	51	40	51
Tend to agree	39	31	31	36
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>87</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	7	12	19	8
Tend to disagree	3	2	6	4
Disagree strongly	0	1	2	0
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>
Don't know	0	2	3	0

University degrees are less useful than they used to be. Today, a university education often raises career expectations that cannot be fulfilled.

Agree strongly	24	18	9	20
Tend to agree	53	35	16	45
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>65</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	11	21	33	20
Tend to disagree	8	11	22	10
Disagree strongly	3	11	13	4
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>14</b>
Don't know	0	5	6	1

Which one or two, if any, of the following are the major ADVANTAGES of the Government taking action to change society for the better (please select up to two)?

There are no such advantages	34	12	13	24
The Government can ensure fairness	26	32	22	33
The Government reflects the democratic will of the people	17	23	29	38
The Government can stand up to vested interests	13	28	25	27
The Government can deliver many services more efficiently than private companies	30	33	16	14
Don't know	14	18	27	8

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And which one or two, if any, of the following are the major **DISADVANTAGES** of the Government taking action to change society for the better (please select up to two)?

There are no such disadvantages	3	6	9	5
The state is bureaucratic and inefficient	32	31	35	42
The state is often hijacked by vested interests	46	54	20	60
The state is run by useless politicians	41	33	31	36
The state is powerless in the face of global markets	24	10	13	12
Don't know	10	16	18	3

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

'However critical we are of particular government decisions, it remains the case that governments have the power to transform our society for the better'

Agree strongly	10	29	13	15
Tend to agree	40	39	25	40
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>55</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	16	22	44	18
Tend to disagree	23	6	7	17
Disagree strongly	6	1	5	7
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>
Don't know	4	4	7	2

Thinking about the 'market economy' that is, an economy where most goods and services are provided by private companies in a competitive system, which **TWO** of the following, if any, do you think are **ADVANTAGES** of this system these days (please select up to two)?

Competition keeps prices down	53	41	47	51
It provides consumers with a wide choice of goods and services to buy	45	48	37	53
It is the main way wealth is generated in a modern economy	22	19	12	16
It is the best way of providing jobs and opportunities to individuals	18	26	17	17
None of these	12	11	16	10
Don't know	8	12	13	5

And which **TWO** of the following, if any, do you think are **GREATEST DISADVANTAGES** of a market economy these days (please select up to two)?

The market economy is dominated by large corporations which squeeze out small firms	65	63	45	72
The market economy is too harsh on vulnerable individuals	29	26	51	33
The market economy creates inequalities	32	35	33	37
The market economy raises the cost of living	30	21	18	13
None of the above	2	5	0	2
Don't know	11	13	15	3

Taking everything into account, do you agree or disagree with this statement:

'The market economy, that is, an economy where most goods and services are provided by private companies in a competitive system, is the best way of delivering wealth and prosperity for society.'

Agree strongly	1	7	2	9
Tend to agree	26	29	9	49
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>58</b>
Neither agree or disagree	34	32	44	24
Tend to disagree	24	18	15	13
Disagree strongly	8	5	16	3
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>16</b>
Don't know	7	9	14	2

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Would you personally be prepared to pay higher taxes if there were a guarantee that the extra money would be used to improve healthcare, increase benefits for retired people and provide more money for schools?

Would be prepared	52	68	71	50
Would not be prepared	35	19	20	34
Don't know	12	13	9	16

Suppose the government should need to transfer funding away from one major spending priority in order to spend more on nurseries, early-years schooling and financial support for families with young children. Which of the following spending priorities would you find more acceptable to cut? Please tick one only.

Pensions for retired people	7	9	8	6
Healthcare	9	11	12	7
Unemployment benefits	40	21	18	17
None of the above	45	59	62	70

Suppose you could have TWO of the following – but in return you would have to accept LESS JOB SECURITY (that is, a higher probability that you could lose your job), which, if any, would you choose (please select up to two)?

*[Only those currently working]*

None - job security matters more to me than any of these benefits	43	31	34	40
Higher basic pay	32	34	21	27
A better work-life balance	24	17	19	13
Financial bonus / share in profits if my organization does well	14	15	12	24
Improved training and career development opportunities	12	16	11	13
A stronger social security safety net - e.g. higher cash benefits if I am unemployed	12	21	32	7
A greater voice in my employer's decision-making	4	10	7	11
Don't know	4	6	10	6