

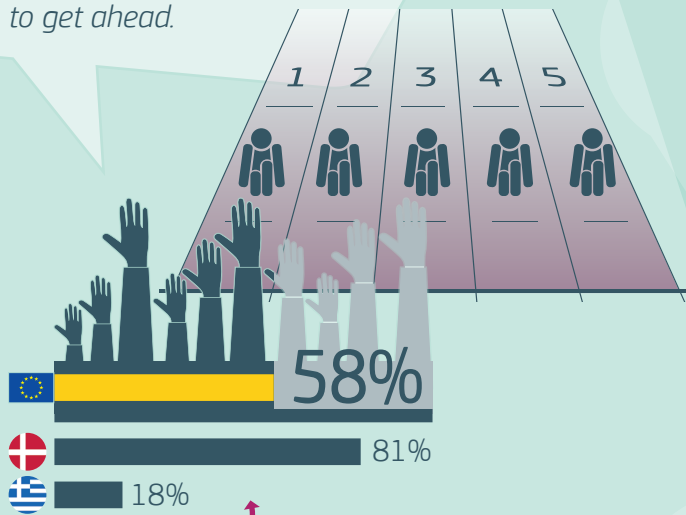


Special Eurobarometer: How fair do Europeans think life in the EU is?

According to the Eurobarometer a majority of Europeans think that most things that happen in their lives are fair and that they have equal opportunities to get ahead. Nevertheless, they have concerns about the equal application of justice and political decisions in their country. The vast majority also feel that income inequalities are too great and governments should address them, while less than half believe that equality of opportunity and their social status have improved over time.

Do we all have the same opportunities in life?

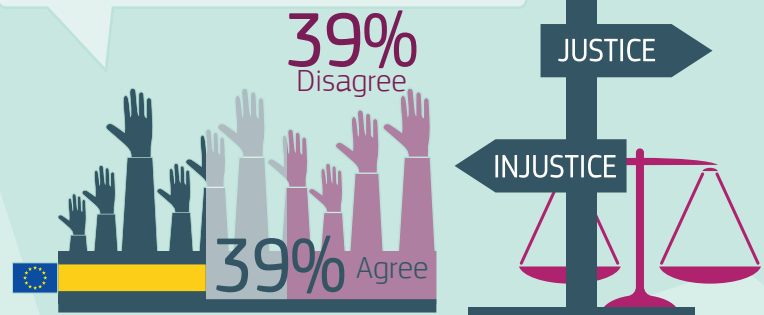
People have equal opportunities to get ahead.



(*) Substantial regional disparities in answers

Respondents are less optimistic about fairness in specific fields.

Justice always prevails over injustice



Political decisions are applied consistently to all citizens

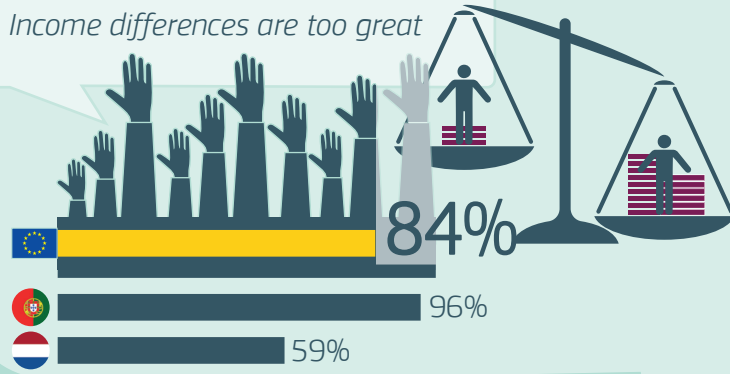


People are more likely to perceive things to be fair if they are better educated, younger, and better-off.

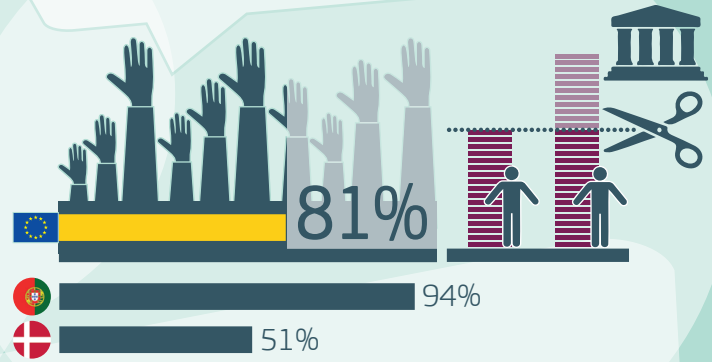


Are differences in income acceptable?

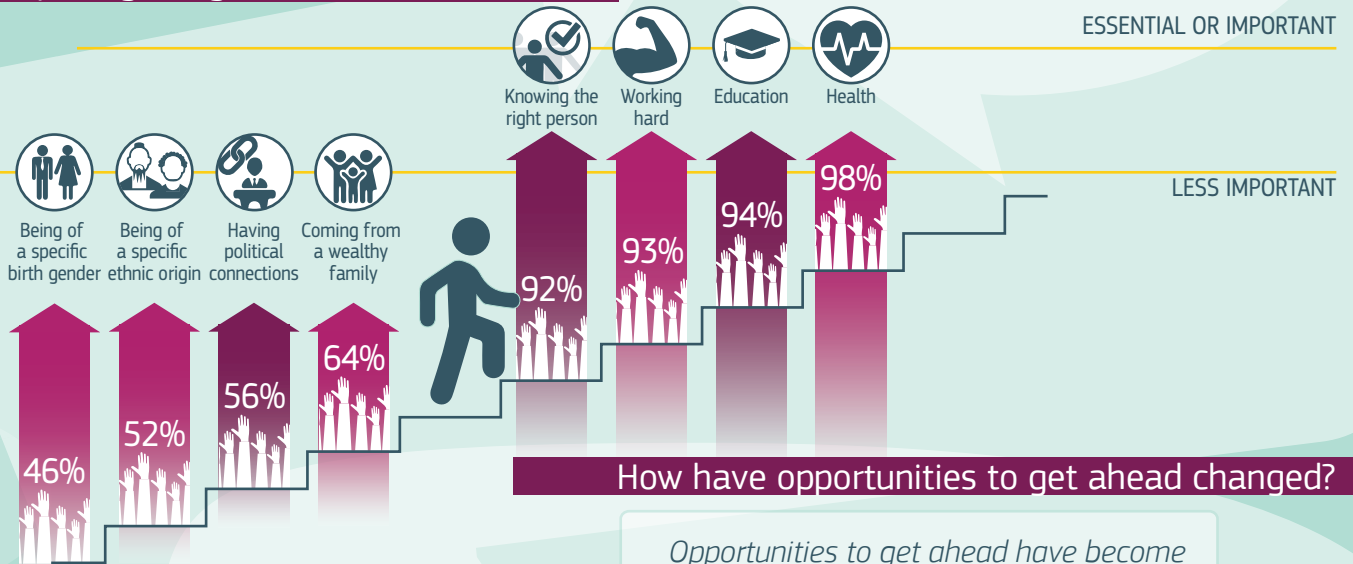
Income differences are too great



Governments should take measures to reduce differences.

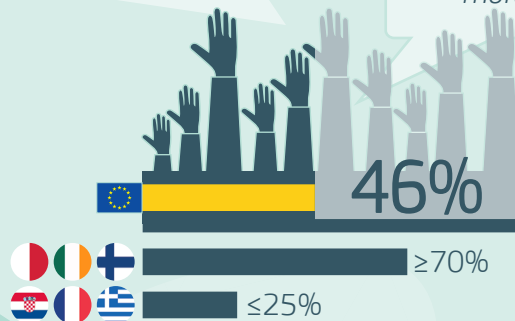


What helps in getting ahead in life?



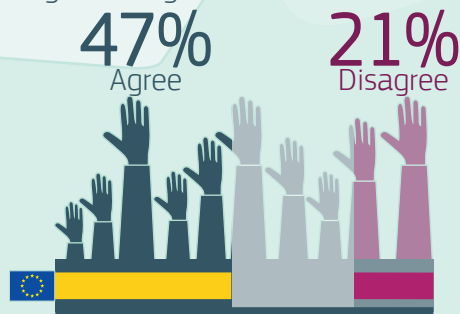
How have opportunities to get ahead changed?

Opportunities to get ahead have become more equal compared to 30 years ago

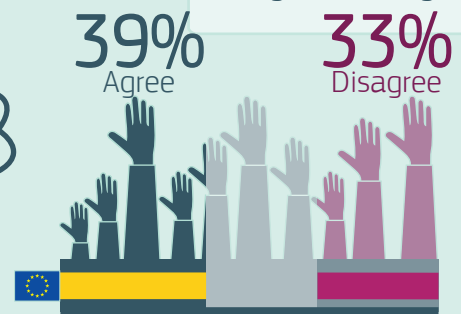


What do citizens think of immigration and globalisation?

Globalisation is a good thing.



Immigration is a good thing



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