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QUESTIONNAIRE: FSD4004 RELATIVE INCOME: ONLINE EXPERIMENT 2021

TÄMÄ KYSELYLOMAKE ON OSA YLLÄ MAINITTUA YHTEISKUNTATIEDELLISEEN TIETOARKISTOON ARKISTOITUA TUTKIMUSAINESTOA.

KYSELYLOMAKETTA HYÖDYNTÄVIEN TULEE VIITATA SIIHEN ASIANMUKAISESTI LÄHDEVIIITTEELLÄ.

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You can guarantee yourself a payment of 15 euros by completing the survey. It takes on average 20 minutes to complete.

To log in the survey, please write your username (for a second time) and your password in the fields below. You can find them both in the invitation letter. After you have filled in your username and password, click "Next".

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Password:

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In this section, we will ask some background questions.

What is your year of birth?

▼

What is your gender?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Non-binary (other)
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Who do you currently live with?

- ☐ I live alone
- ☐ Together with my spouse
- ☐ I live with my spouse and child(ren)
- ☐ Alone with a child/children
- ☐ Some other situation

For the following questions, we ask that you think of your situation **in the end of 2018**. We are interested in your situation in 2018 because it is the most recent year when Statistics Finland has finished collecting register data.

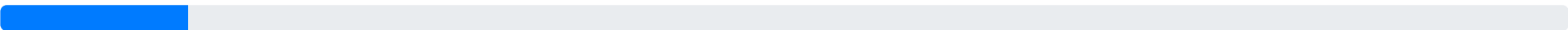
What was your level of education? Please choose the option that best describes the highest level of education you had completed.

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What was your occupation (or mention if you were unemployed or not part of the labour force)? Please write your answer in the field below.

Where did you live? Please write the name of your municipality of residence in the field below.

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FOR NO-INCENTIVE:
THE PARAGRAPH "YOU CAN EARN MONEY..." AND THE PARAGRAPH "YOUR ANSWER IS CORRECT..." ARE DROPPED.

First, we would like to know about your assessment of the relationship between your income and the incomes of other Finns in 2018. Please give the most accurate and truthful assessment.

When answering the questions, we ask that you think of your situation **in the end of 2018**. We are interested in your situation in 2018 because it is the most recent year when Statistics Finland has finished collecting register data.

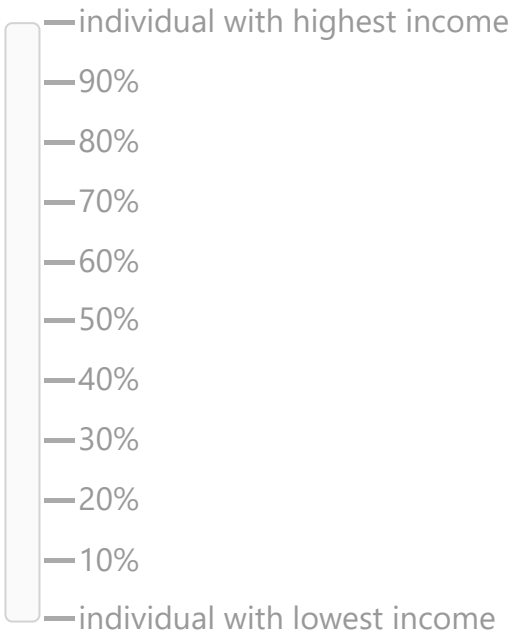
Suppose that Statistics Finland lines up individuals in the following 5 groups from the lowest income on the bottom to the highest income on the top based on their disposable incomes in 2018. **By income, we refer to the individual total annual disposable income, which contains income from labor and capital, as well as all transfers and subsidies like public unemployment payments and pensions (i.e. disposable income).**

You can earn money for the accuracy of your assessment. Notice: The survey program will randomly select one of the five questions below, and if your answer to the selected question is correct, you will receive 5 euros (in addition to the 15 euros you can secure by completing the study). You will be notified of the correct answer at the end of the survey.

Your answer is correct if you hit the correct 5%-point interval among 0-5%, 6-10%, 11-15%, ..., 91-95%, 96-100%. I.e if the true value is 7%, then you will be compensated with 5 euros if your guess is 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10%, and any other guess is incorrect.

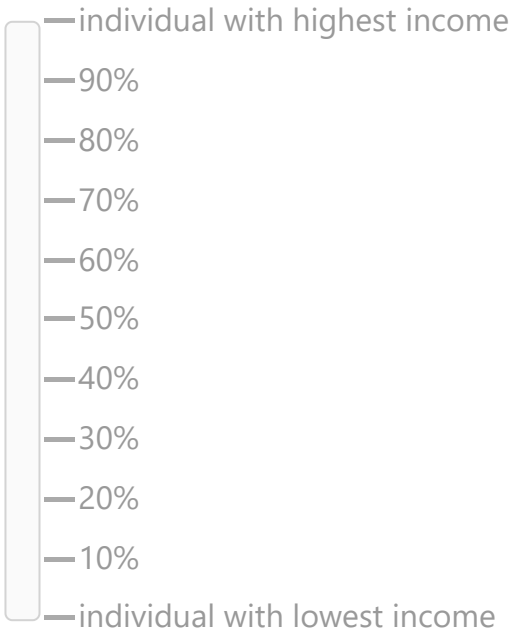
What was the proportion of **all adult (18 yrs or older) Finns** who had lower disposable income than you? Please tap on the bar below to indicate your assessment.

"% of all Finns had lower income than I."



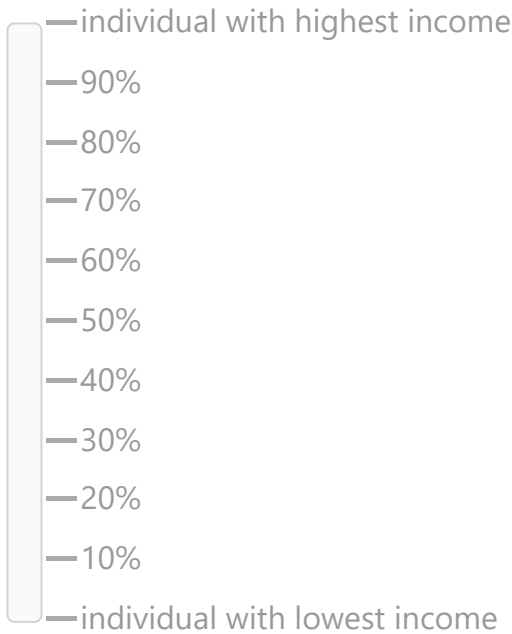
What was the proportion of **people with the same occupation as you**, who had lower disposable income than you? Based on register data, your occupational group was [Teollisuuden ja rakentamisen avustavat työntekijät](#). Please tap on the bar below to indicate your assessment.

"% of people with the same occupation had lower disposable income than I."



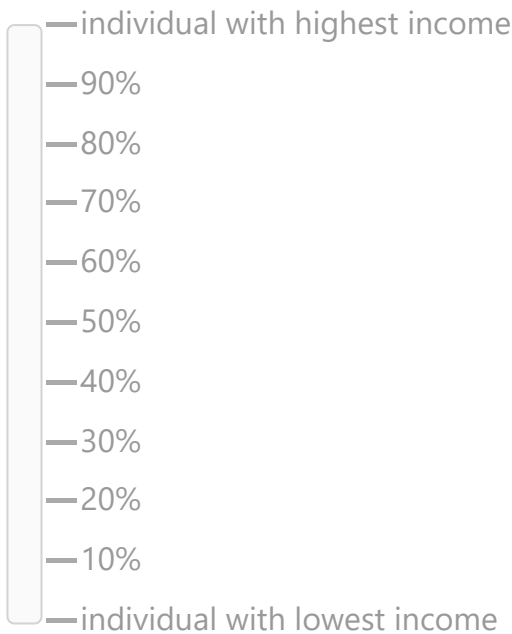
What was the proportion of **adults living in the same municipality (18 years or older)**, who had lower disposable income than you? Please tap on the bar below to indicate your assessment.

"% of people living in the same municipality had lower income than I."



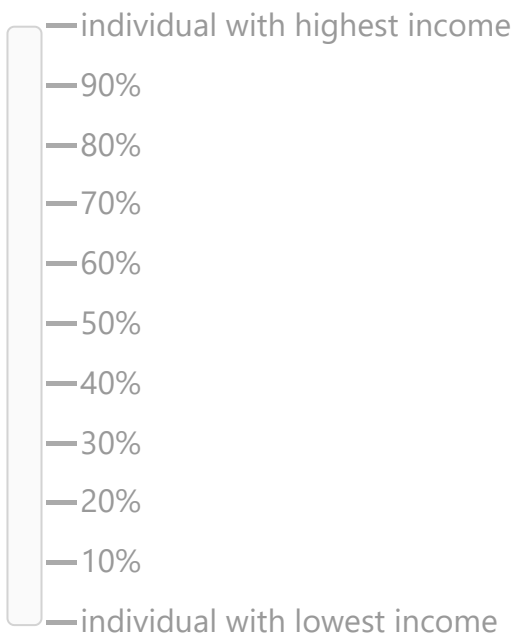
What was the proportion of **people born in the same year as you** who had lower disposable income than you? Please tap on the bar below to indicate your assessment.

"% of people born in the same year had lower disposable income than I."



What was the proportion of **people with the same educational degree**, who had lower disposable income than you? You indicated your educational degree was [Upper secondary level education](#). Please tap on the bar below to indicate your assessment.

"% of people with the same educational degree had lower disposable income than I."

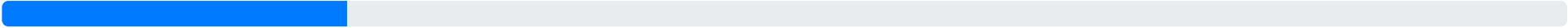


Which of the following would you most like to know about? You will receive this information later in the survey. (All pieces of information are drawn from the 2018.)

By income, we refer to the individual total annual disposable income, which contains income from labor and capital, as well as all transfers and subsidies like public unemployment payments and pensions (i.e. disposable income).

- ☐ my income relative to those who had the same level of education
- ☐ my income relative to all adult (18 yrs or older) Finns
- ☐ my income relative to those adults (18 years or older) who lived in the same municipality
- ☐ my income relative to those who had the same occupation
- ☐ my income relative to those who are born in the same year

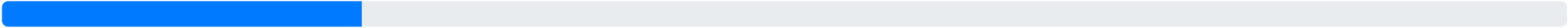
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In a previous question, you indicated that you would like to learn about your income relative to **those who lived in the same municipality**. What is your motivation for wanting to know about your income relative to this group? Please, tell us by checking one or more of the options listed below.

- ☐ I expect to use this information.
- ☐ I knew relatively little about my position in this group.
- ☐ This piece of information is difficult to find elsewhere.
- ☐ This piece of information is most important to me.
- ☐ I expected my income to be relatively high and wanted to check whether it holds true.
- ☐ I expected my income to be relatively low and wanted to check whether it holds true.
- ☐ I am not interested in comparing my income to others' incomes.
- ☐ Some information in the registers was incorrect, which affected my choice.
- ☐ Some other reason, what?

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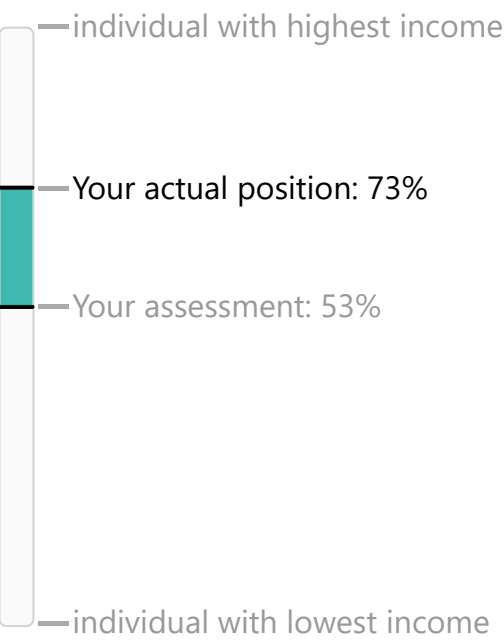


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In this section we would like to give you information about the relationship between your income and the incomes of **those who had the same level of education** in 2018.

By income, we refer to the individual total annual disposable income, which contains income from labor and capital, as well as all transfers and subsidies like public unemployment payments and pensions (i.e. disposable income).



According to your assessment, 53% of people who had the same level of education had lower income than you in 2018.

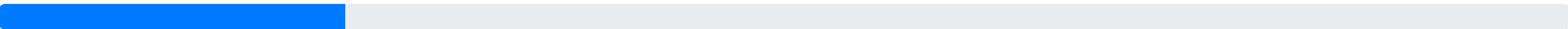
Actually, based on register data, 73% of people who had the same level of education had lower income than you in 2018.

The guess above may not be the one that determines your bonus payment. One of the five guesses will be randomly selected to determine whether you get a bonus of 5 euro in addition to the 15 euro compensation.

Please choose the correct statement according to the information you see above. (This question is just to verify that you have understood the information in the figure.)

- ☐ The actual proportion of people with lower income than I is **larger** than I thought.
- ☐ The actual proportion of people with lower income than I is **smaller** than I thought.
- ☐ The actual proportion of people with lower income than I is the **same** as I thought.

Next

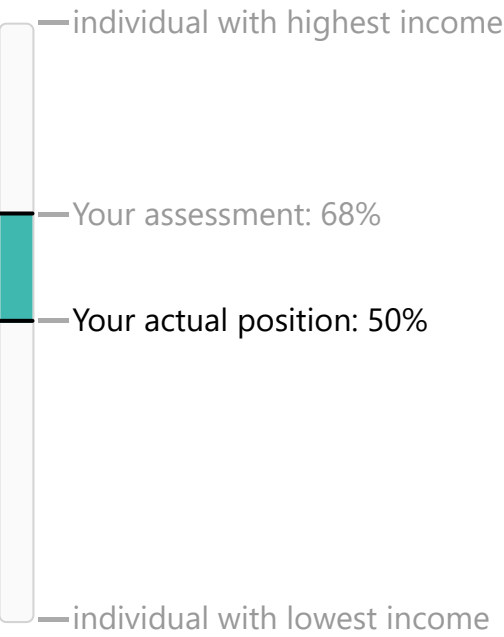


ONLY FOR TREATMENT 7 CHOICE

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In this section we would like to give you your chosen information about the relationship between your income and the incomes of **those who lived in the same municipality** in 2018.

By income, we refer to the individual total annual disposable income, which contains income from labor and capital, as well as all transfers and subsidies like public unemployment payments and pensions (i.e. disposable income).



According to your assessment, 68% of people who lived in the same municipality had lower income than you in 2018.

Actually, based on register data, 50% of people who lived in the same municipality had lower income than you in 2018.

The guess above may not be the one that determines your bonus payment. One of the five guesses will be randomly selected to determine whether you get a bonus of 5 euro in addition to the 15 euro compensation.

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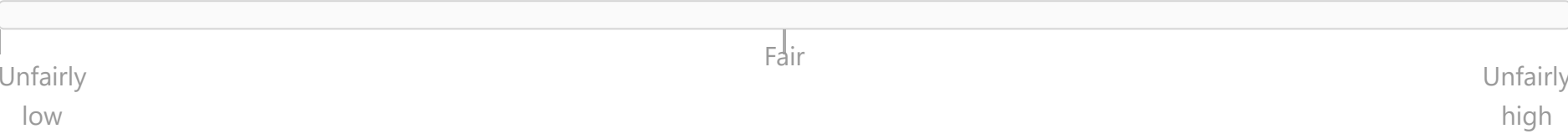


In this section, we ask about your life satisfaction and future plans.

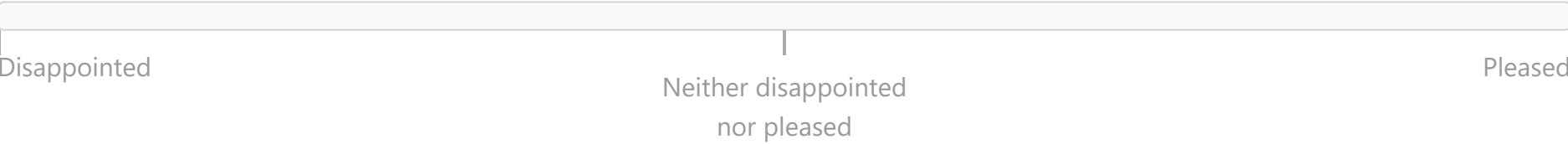
In a previous part, you saw information about the relationship between your income and the incomes of those who had the same level of education in 2018.

By income, we refer to the individual total annual disposable income, which contains income from labor and capital, as well as all transfers and subsidies like public unemployment payments and pensions (i.e. disposable income).

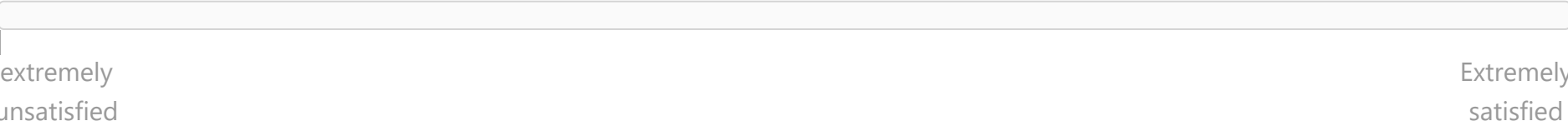
How would you evaluate the fairness of the level of your disposable income?



How do you feel about your disposable income?



All things considered, how satisfied are you with your life as a whole nowadays?



How likely is it that you will search for a new job in the next six months?

- ☐ Very unlikely
- ☐ Somewhat unlikely
- ☐ Somewhat likely
- ☐ Very likely

How likely is it that you will buy or sell stocks or assets (excluding the house you are living right now) during the next six months?

- ☐ Very unlikely
- ☐ Somewhat unlikely
- ☐ Somewhat likely
- ☐ Very likely

How likely is it that you will engage in gambling activities provided by Veikkaus during the next six months? By gambling activities, we mean for example buying tickets for the weekly national Lotto, playing slot machines and sports betting.

- ☐ Very unlikely
- ☐ Somewhat unlikely
- ☐ Somewhat likely
- ☐ Very likely

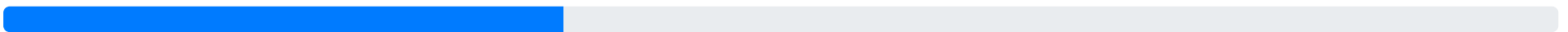
Which of the following best describes your **current** situation?

- ☐ employed
- ☐ self-employed or entrepreneur
- ☐ furloughed
- ☐ unemployed
- ☐ not part of the labor force (e.g. student, on parental leave, pensioner)

Are you a member of any labor union or unemployment fund?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Next



The next questions concern your job or your primary occupation.

How satisfied are you with how much you earn on your current job? Please tap the bar to mark your answer.

Not at all satisfied

Very satisfied

How satisfied are you with your job in general? Please tap the bar to mark your answer.

Not at all satisfied

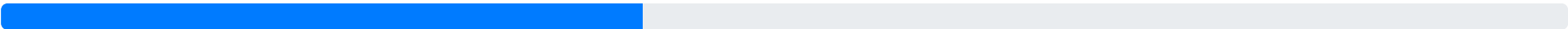
Very satisfied

Does your work feel meaningful to you? Please tap the bar to mark your answer.

Not at all meaningful

Very meaningful

Next



In this section, we ask about your views on various societal and political issues.

How much do you trust the following institutions in Finland? Please tap on the bar to indicate your views.

How much do you trust labor unions?

Very little

Very much

How much do you trust politicians in general?

Very little

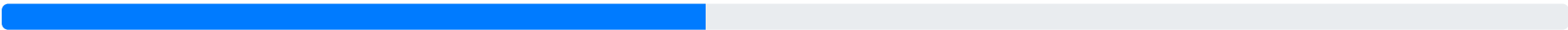
Very much

How much do you trust public agencies?

Very little

Very much

Next



In this section, we ask about your views on various societal and political issues.

In your opinion, what should be done about foreign imports to promote jobs in Finland?

Make imports more difficult

Make imports easier

There are different opinions about immigrants from other countries living in Finland. By "immigrants", we mean people who come to settle in Finland. Do you think the number of immigrants to Finland nowadays should be increased or decreased. Please answer separately for each of the two following groups:

Work-based immigration should be:

By employment-based immigration we mean skilled workers, professionals, and other workers who immigrate to enter into an employment contract with an employer in Finland.

reduced a lot

increased a lot

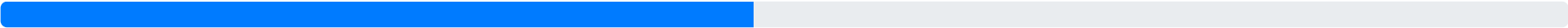
Humanitarian immigration should be:

By humanitarian immigration we mean people have been persecuted or fear they will be persecuted on account of race, religion, nationality, and/or membership in a particular social group or political opinion.

reduced a lot

increased a lot

Next



In this section, we ask about your views on various societal and political issues.

In Finland, there has been talk of introducing a basic income scheme. A basic income scheme is a social security system in which all citizens are paid a monthly income unconditionally to guarantee a minimum standard of living. It replaces many social benefits. The amount of basic income does not decrease as income from other sources increases. As income increases, the benefit derived from basic income is recovered through taxation. Would you be against or in favour of this kind of scheme?

Strongly against Strongly in favor

Are you against or in favour of the idea that unemployment benefits should depend on job search effort during unemployment?

Strongly against Strongly in favor

Next



In this section, we ask about your views on income redistribution. Economic redistribution means that the state, through taxes and subsidies, make income in society more equal between the citizens that would have been the case without these taxes and subsidies.

Do you agree with the following statement: "People should take full advantage of the tax code to minimize their tax burden."

Completely disagree

Completely agree

In your opinion, should there be more or less redistribution of income in Finland than there currently is?

A lot less redistribution

A lot more redistribution

In your opinion, what is the minimum disposable **monthly** income those worst off in Finland's society should have?

By disposable income, we refer to the total after tax monthly income which contains income from labor and capital, as well as transfers and subsidies like public unemployment payments and pensions (i.e. disposable income).

Please think of a household of one adult and no children. Use the text box below to write your answer.

euros

To tax inheritance means that those who inherit pay a certain percent of the inherited amount in tax. In Finland, spouses and direct heirs face a tax of 19% on each additional euro of inheritance after 1 million euros. Should this top inheritance tax rate be increased or decreased?

Decreased a lot

Kept the same

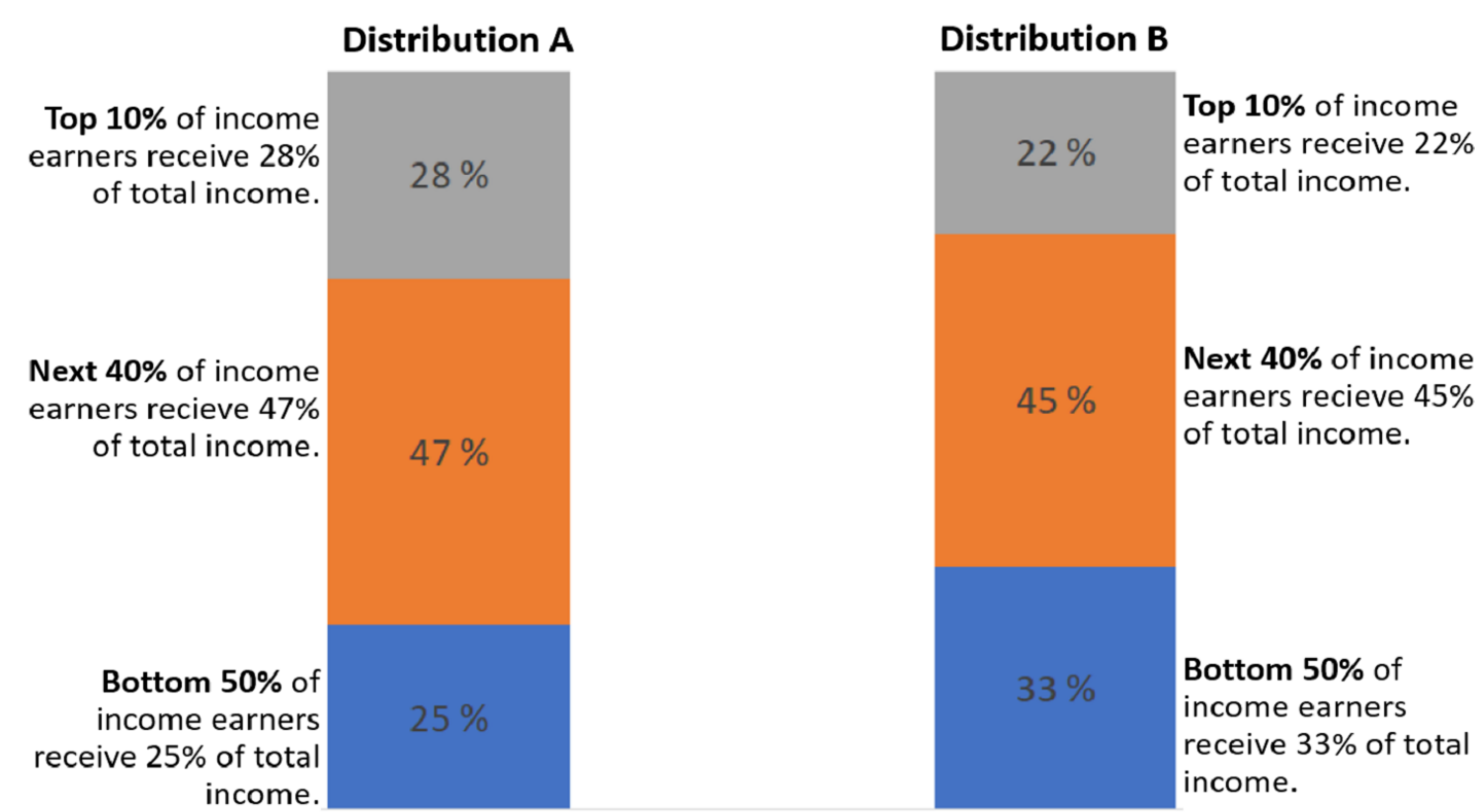
Increased a lot

Think of tax rate as the percentage of the total capital and labor income that an individual directly pays to tax authorities. (For example, if you receive 30 000 euros of capital and labor income in total and pay 3000 euros in income taxes, your income tax rate is 10 %.) Please use the slider below to tell us how much you think the highest earning 1% of Finns should pay as a percentage of their total income.

I think % of income of the highest earning 1% of Finns should be paid in income tax.

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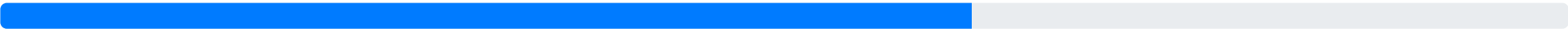
The figure below shows two alternative ways in which the incomes of all Finns might be distributed. Please examine the figure, and answer the question below it.



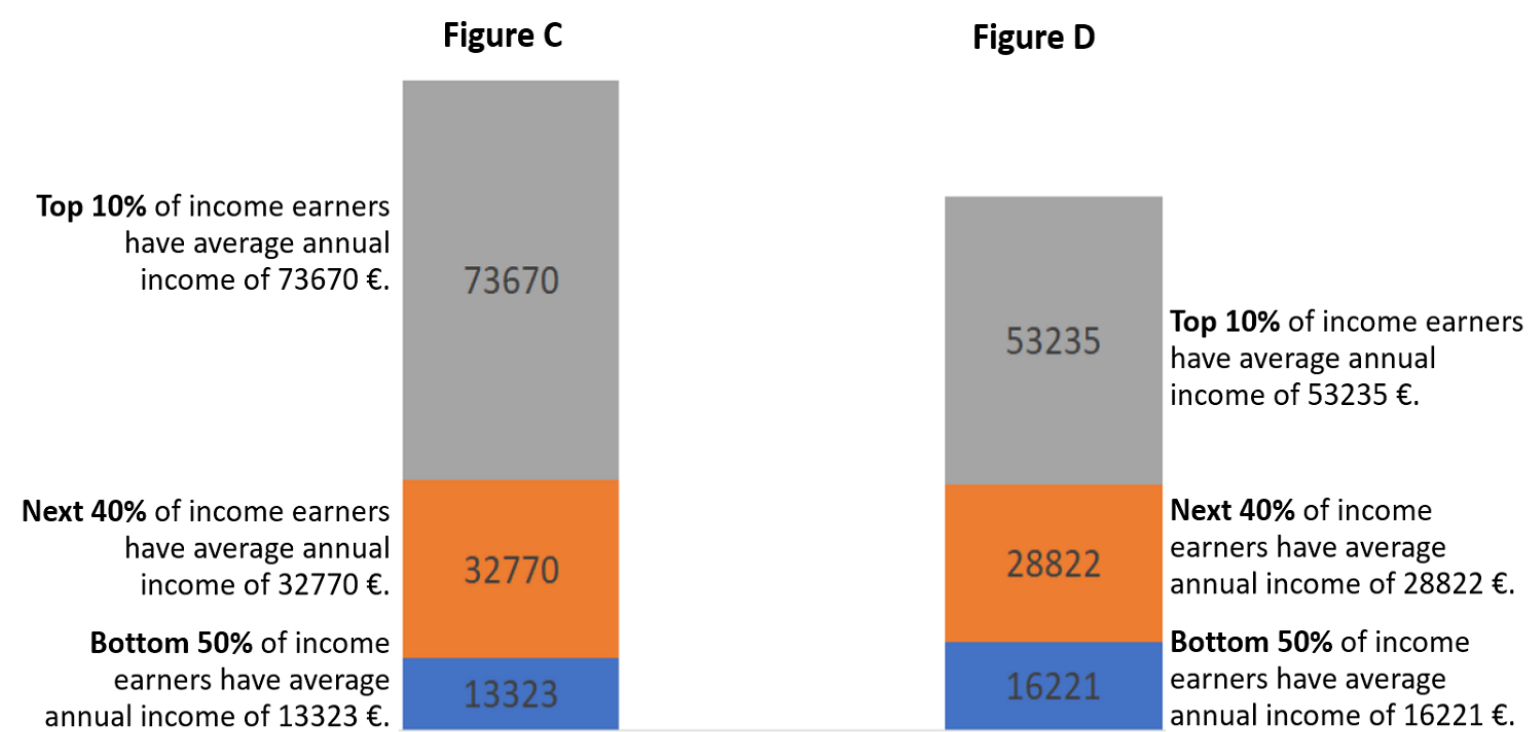
Which income distribution among Finns would you prefer?
Consider income as disposable income like in the rest of this survey.

- ☐ Income distribution A
- ☐ Income distribution B

Next



The figure below shows two alternative ways in which the incomes of all Finns might be distributed. Please examine the figure, and answer the question below it.



Which income distribution among Finns would you prefer?
Consider income as disposable income like in the rest of this survey.

- ☐ Income distribution C
- ☐ Income distribution D

Next



In this section, we ask about your views concerning opportunities in Finland.

To what extent do you think the following statements apply in Finland? Please tap the bars below to mark your answer.

"Overall, everyone in Finland has a fair chance of getting the jobs they seek."

Does not apply at all

Applies completely

"Overall, everyone in Finland has a fair chance of achieving the level of education they seek."

Does not apply at all

Applies completely

Do you think hard work usually brings a better life, or is success more a matter of luck and connections? Please tap the bar to mark your answer.

Luck and connections

Hard work

Next



In this section, we ask how you would describe yourself. Please use the sliders to tell us how well the following statements describe you as a person.

"It is important to me to perform better than others on a task."

Does not describe me at all

Describes me perfectly

"If I am treated very unjustly, I will take revenge at the first occasion, even if there is a cost to do so."

Does not describe me at all

Describes me perfectly

"When someone does me a favor I am willing to return it."

Does not describe me at all

Describes me perfectly

"I enjoy working in situations involving competition with others."

Does not describe me at all

Describes me perfectly

"I assume that people have only the best intentions."

Does not describe me at all

Describes me perfectly

Next

In this section we ask about your willingness to act in a certain way. Please use the sliders below to indicate your answers.

How willing are you to give up something that is beneficial for you today in order to benefit more from that in the future?

Completely
unwilling

Very
willing

In general, how willing or unwilling are you to take risks?

Completely
unwilling

Very
willing

How willing are you to give to good causes without expecting anything in return?

Completely
unwilling

Very
willing

Next

In this section, we ask about your views on various societal and political issues.

In politics, people sometimes talk of "left" and "right" on economic matters. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

People sometimes talk of conservative and liberal values. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

Which party would you most likely vote for, if there would be an election today? (Parties are listed in alphabetical order.)

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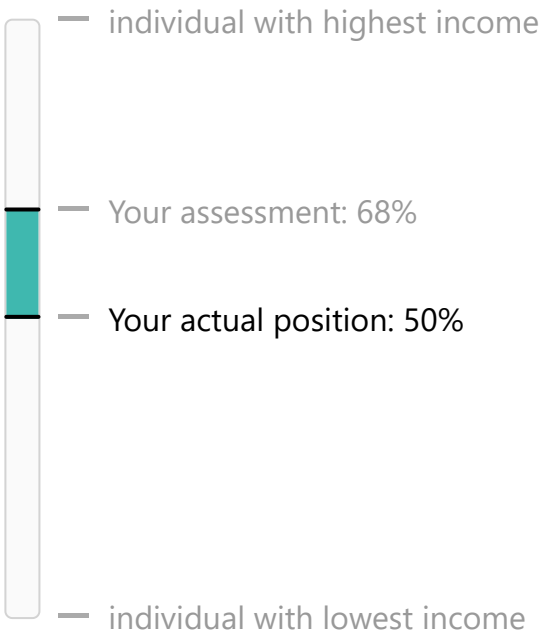


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In this survey you received information about the relationship between your disposable income and the disposable incomes of those who lived in the same municipality in 2018.

According to your assessment, 68% of people who lived in the same municipality had lower income than you in 2018.

Actually, based on register data, 50% of people who lived in the same municipality had lower income than you in 2018.



If this particular guess is randomly selected as the payoff relevant one, you would receive an additional 5 euros if your guess hit the correct 5%-point interval among 0-5%, 6-10%, 11-15%, ..., 91-95%, 96-100%. You will learn which guess was randomly chosen at the end of the survey. Notice yet that the guess above has only 20% chance of being randomly selected in which case you will be rewarded for this guess if correct. Each of the four other guesses may be randomly selected for payment as well.

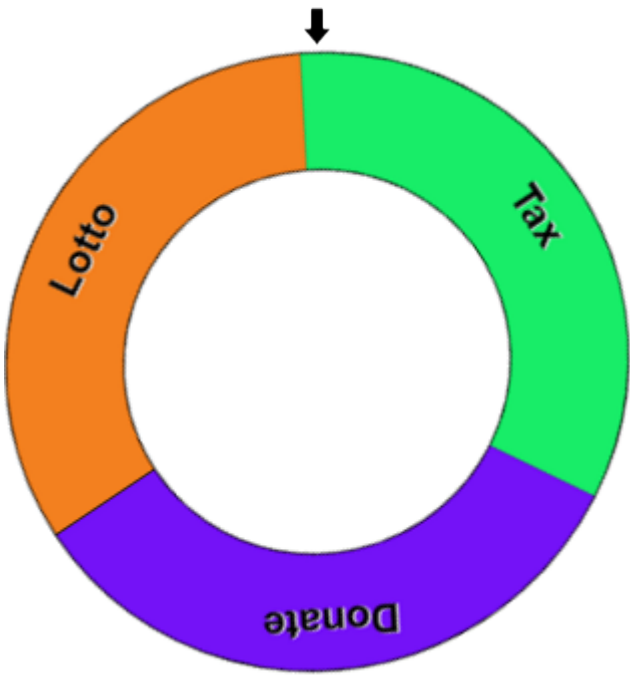
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In addition to the potential payment for a correct guess, you also receive 15 euros for taking part in this survey.

We will now present you with three separate economic decisions, where you can decide to spend part of the payment that you received: *donation* to Save the Children charity, *voluntary* tax payment, and purchase of Veikkaus *Lotto* lottery tickets. **One of these three decisions will be randomly selected, and only that decision will be implemented.**

Here is the illustration of the random draw. The illustration may not work with some browsers, e.g. internet explorer; in that case you will see an empty space in place of the illustration.



The random choice between Tax, Lotto, and Charity will happen in the final stage of the survey. There is an equal chance for each of the three causes to be selected. The amounts you spend in each decision have no effect on the selection.

Before the final stage, on the following page, we will ask you to indicate the amount (0, 5, 10 or 15 euros) that you would like to spend on Tax, Lotto, and Charity separately.

You can spend different sums of money, or not spend any money at all, in the three different decisions. For example, you could choose to spend 10 euros on Lotto, 10 euros on Tax and 10 euros on Charity. **There is no reason for these to add to 15, as only one of these will actually be implemented.**

Next



We will now present you with three separate hypothetical economic decisions: *donation* to Save the Children charity, *voluntary* tax payment, and purchase of Veikkaus *Lotto* lottery tickets.

On the following page, we will ask you to indicate the amount (0, 5, 10 or 15 euros) that you would like to spend on Tax, Lotto, and Charity separately.

You can spend different sums of money, or not spend any money at all, in the three different decisions. For example, you could choose to spend 10 euros on Lotto, 10 euros on Tax and 10 euros on Charity. **There is no reason for these to add to 15.**

These decisions are hypothetical and will not be implemented for real.

Next



Once you have marked the amounts that you would like to spend on Lotto, Tax and Charity and clicked NEXT, you will move to a new page where one of the decisions will be randomly selected and the sum you indicated will be spent accordingly on that cause. You will get to keep the rest of the 15 euros that you decided not to spend on that particular randomly chosen cause. In case Veikkaus Lotto is randomly selected, we will send you the lottery tickets by mail.

Please, indicate the amount (0, 5, 10 or 15 euros) that you would like use to buy Veikkaus *Lotto* lottery tickets if the Lotto decision is selected on the next page.

0

5

10

15

euros as lotto and euros as payment

Please indicate the amount (0, 5, 10 or 15 euros) that you would like to *donate* to Save the Children, and how much you would like to keep yourself if the donation decision is selected on the next page.

0

5

10

15

euros to Charity and euros as payment

Please, indicate the amount (0, 5, 10 or 15 euros) that you would like to pay as a *voluntary tax* to the Finnish state, and how much you would like to keep yourself , if the voluntary tax decision is selected on the next page.

0

5

10

15

euros as tax and euros as payment

Next



These decisions are hypothetical and will not be implemented for real.

Please indicate the amount (0, 5, 10 or 15 euros) that you would like to *donate* to Save the Children, and how much you would like to keep yourself.

0

5

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euros to Charity and euros as payment

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euros as tax and euros as payment

Please, indicate the amount (0, 5, 10 or 15 euros) that you would like use to buy Veikkaus *Lotto* lottery tickets .

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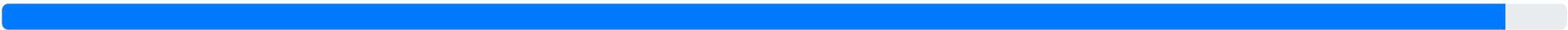
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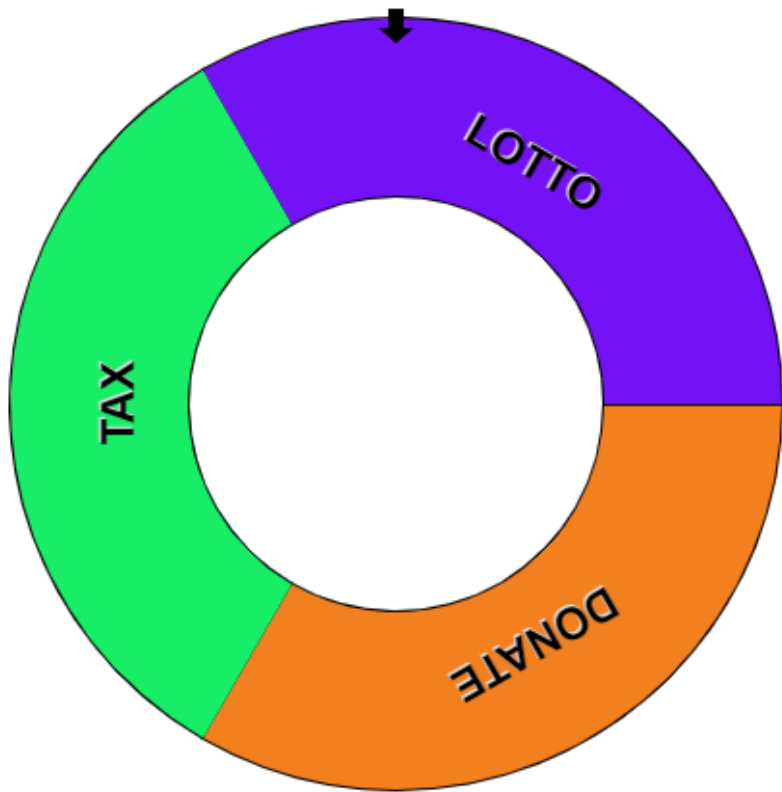
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Please press the "spin" button to carry out the random draw between the three causes Save the Children charity, voluntary tax donation, and Lotto tickets. The chosen cause will be indicated by the marker when the wheel stops.

The spin wheel may not work with some browsers, e.g. internet explorer; in that case you will see an empty space in place of the wheel. However, you may continue to finish the survey if you copy the link of this page to a different browser, or, you enter the survey link in a different browser, type your username and you will continue from this page.

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The randomly drawn cause is VÄLGÖRENHET. The indicated amount 0 euro will be spent on VÄLGÖRENHET.

Your guess about the % of people among those who lived in the same municipality had lower income than you in 2018 was randomly selected. The actual % is 85. Your guess was 68.

You would receive an additional 5 euros if your guess hit the correct 5%-point interval among 0-5%, 6-10%, 11-15%, ..., 91-95%, 96-100%.

Your assessment does not hit the correct 5%-point interval and thus you will not receive 5 euros in addition.

In total, you will be sent 15 euros as a gift card for R-kioski by a text message to your mobile phone.

After this page you will get a link that directs you to a separate website at Statistics Finland, in which you may enter a mobile phone number. The experts at Statistics Finland will extract the information regarding your payment from the anonymous survey data sent to Statistics Finland. They then connect your payment data with the mobile phone number and send you the gift cards by text-message, and lottery tickets by mail.

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