Understanding public beliefs about equality, inequality, and meritocracy

Fact Sheet

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Project description

Who is worried about income inequality?

Wealth and income inequality have reached levels last seen in the years leading up to the Great Depression – a time of huge disparity between the rich and the poor. A survey of public opinion since the 1980s however reveals little evidence of growing public concern. Why does the concentration of affluence in the hands of a few fail to register public consternation? The EU-funded UnEquality project investigates how people understand economic inequality, and when it worries them. Combining sociological, political science and communication science methodologies, its focus is on the tacit information, assumptions, and experiences underlying people's beliefs...
about inequality. It asks under what conditions people are likely to stick with their beliefs or change their mind.

**Fields of science**

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See other projects for this call

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