


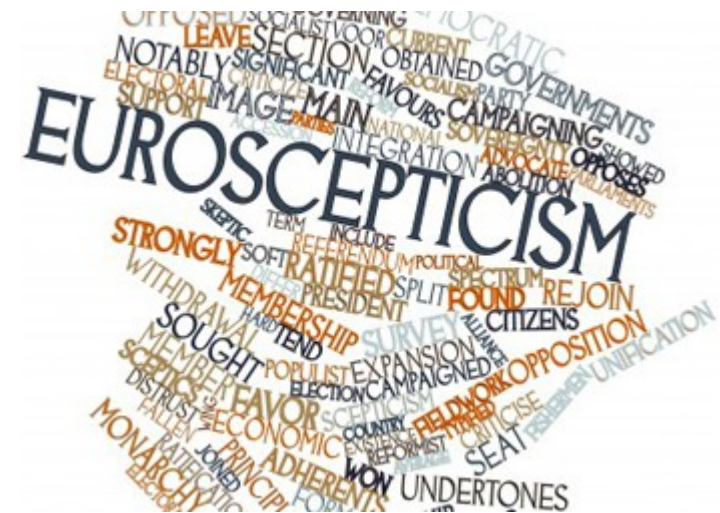


To what extent is France ***Eurosceptic ?***

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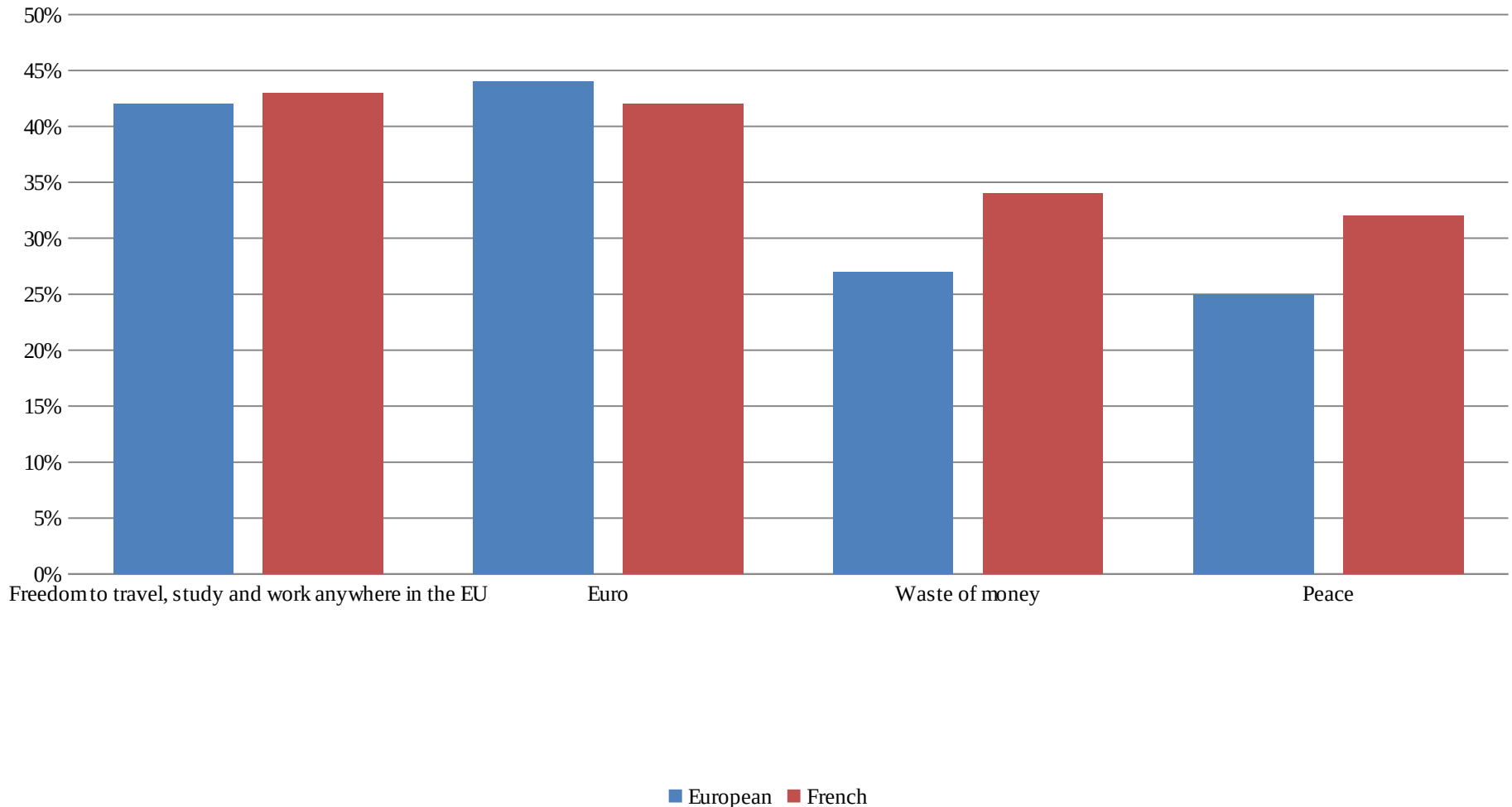
Introduction

- Opposition to the process of European integration
 - Integration weakens the nation state
 - EU being underdemocratic or too bureaucratic
 - Tools for measurement
 - Eurobarometer
 - Press
 - Political parties
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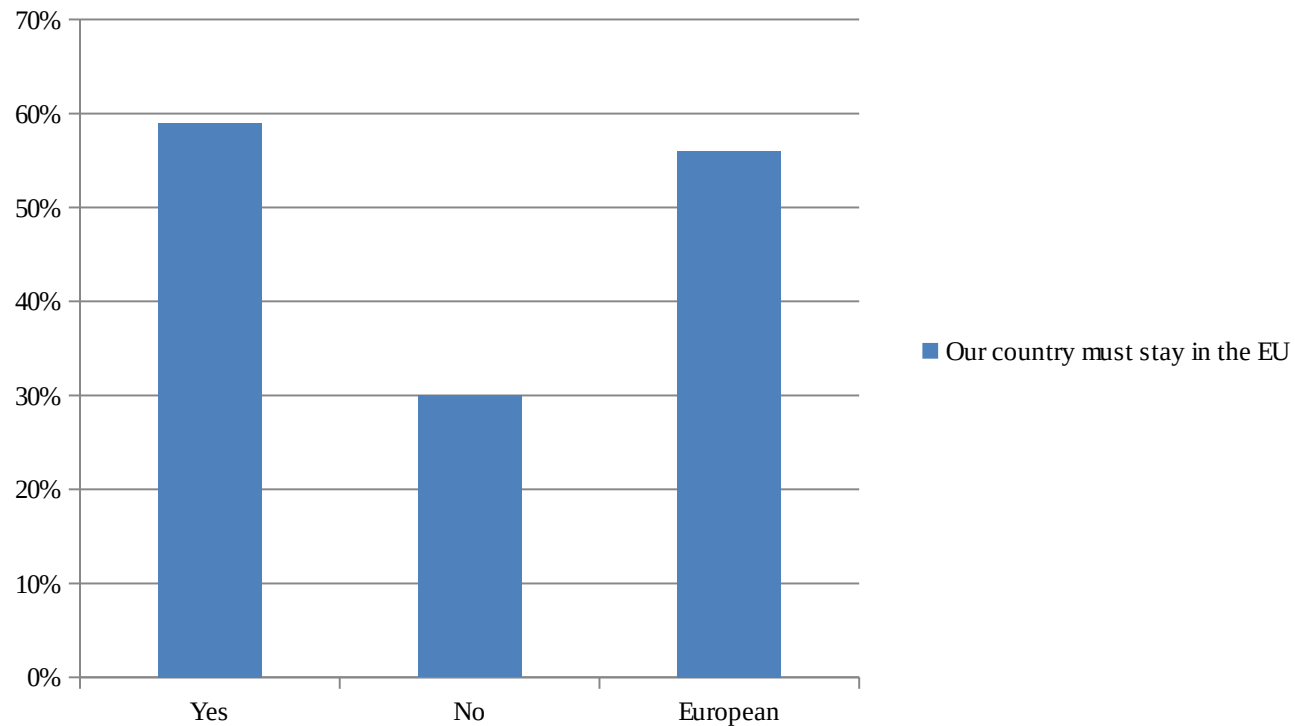
Public Opinion in the EU

1. What does the EU mean for French people ?



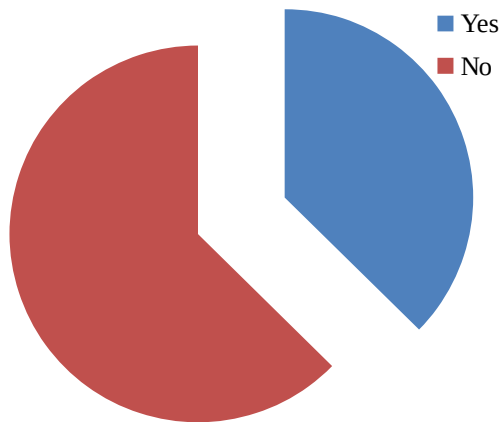
Public Opinion in the EU

2. How to face the future?

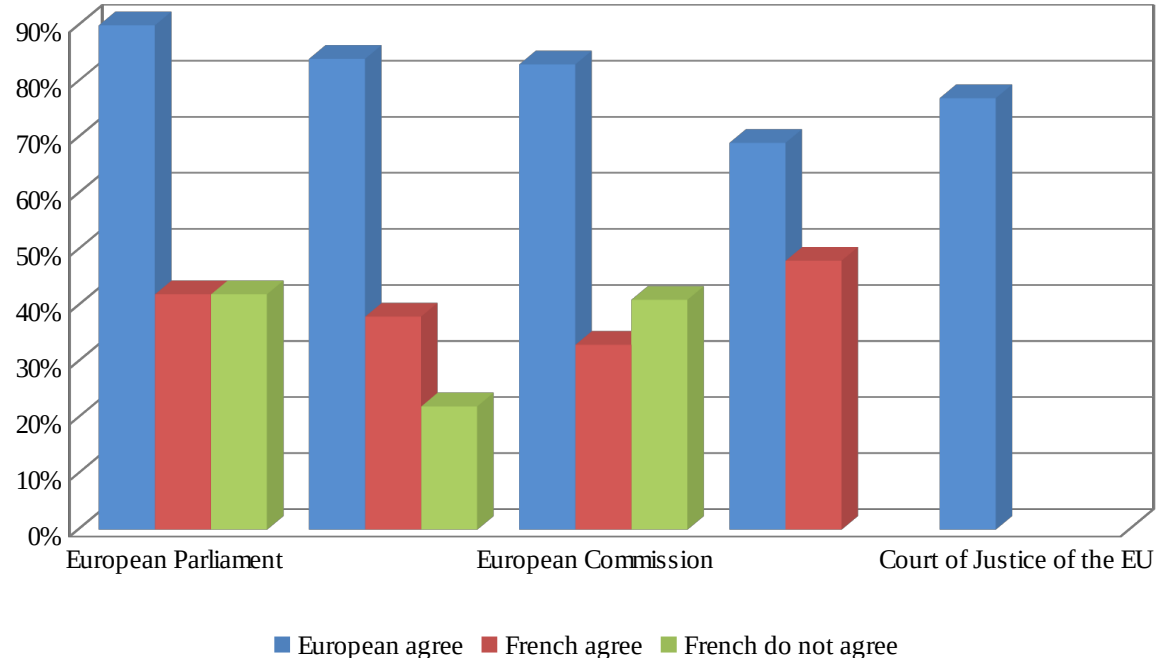


Judgements – Trust in the EU?

1. Are French trusting the EU

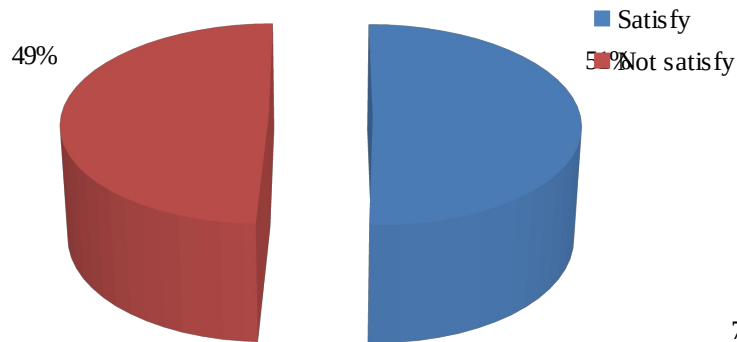


2. Trust in the European institutions

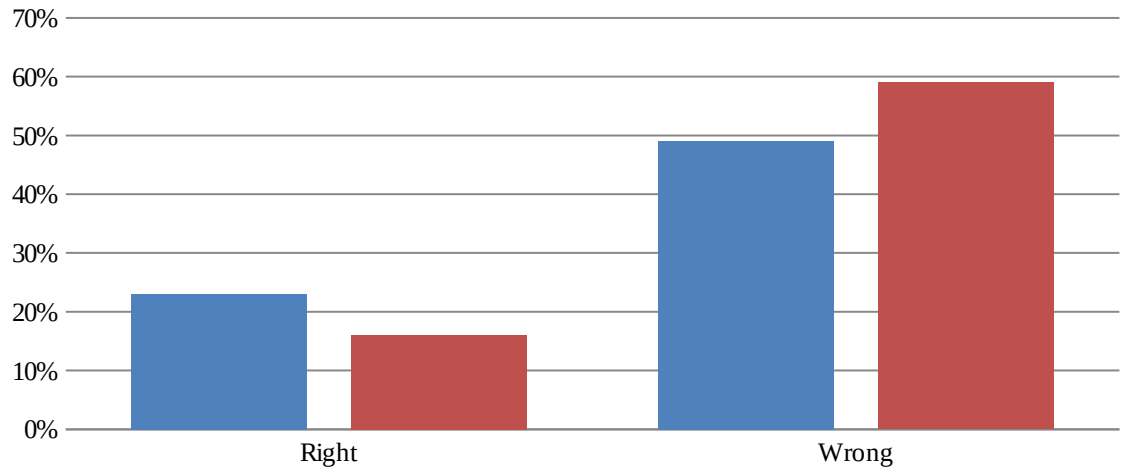


Judgements – Awareness of the EU

1. The proper functioning of the EU



2. Things are going...

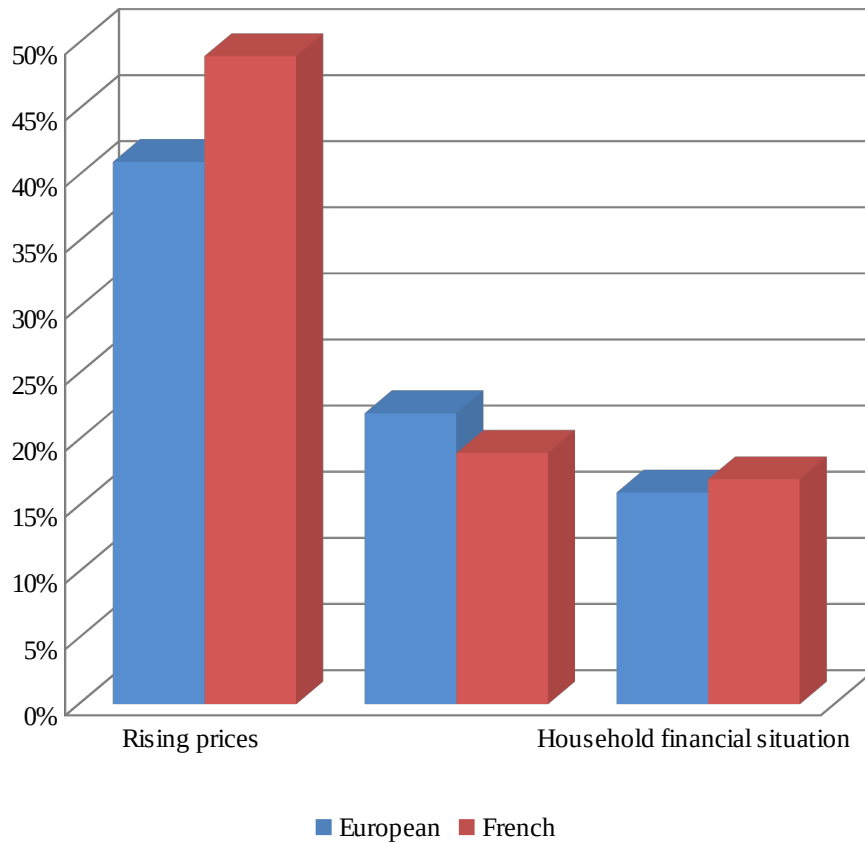


3. Is the EU useful?

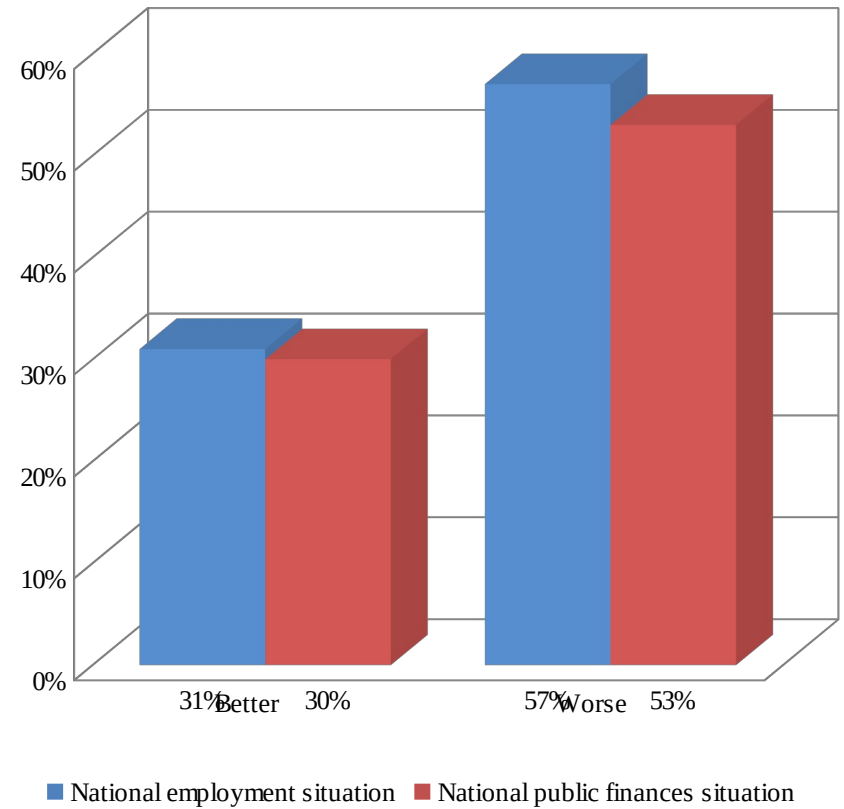
■ European ■ French people

Worries

1. The main concerns

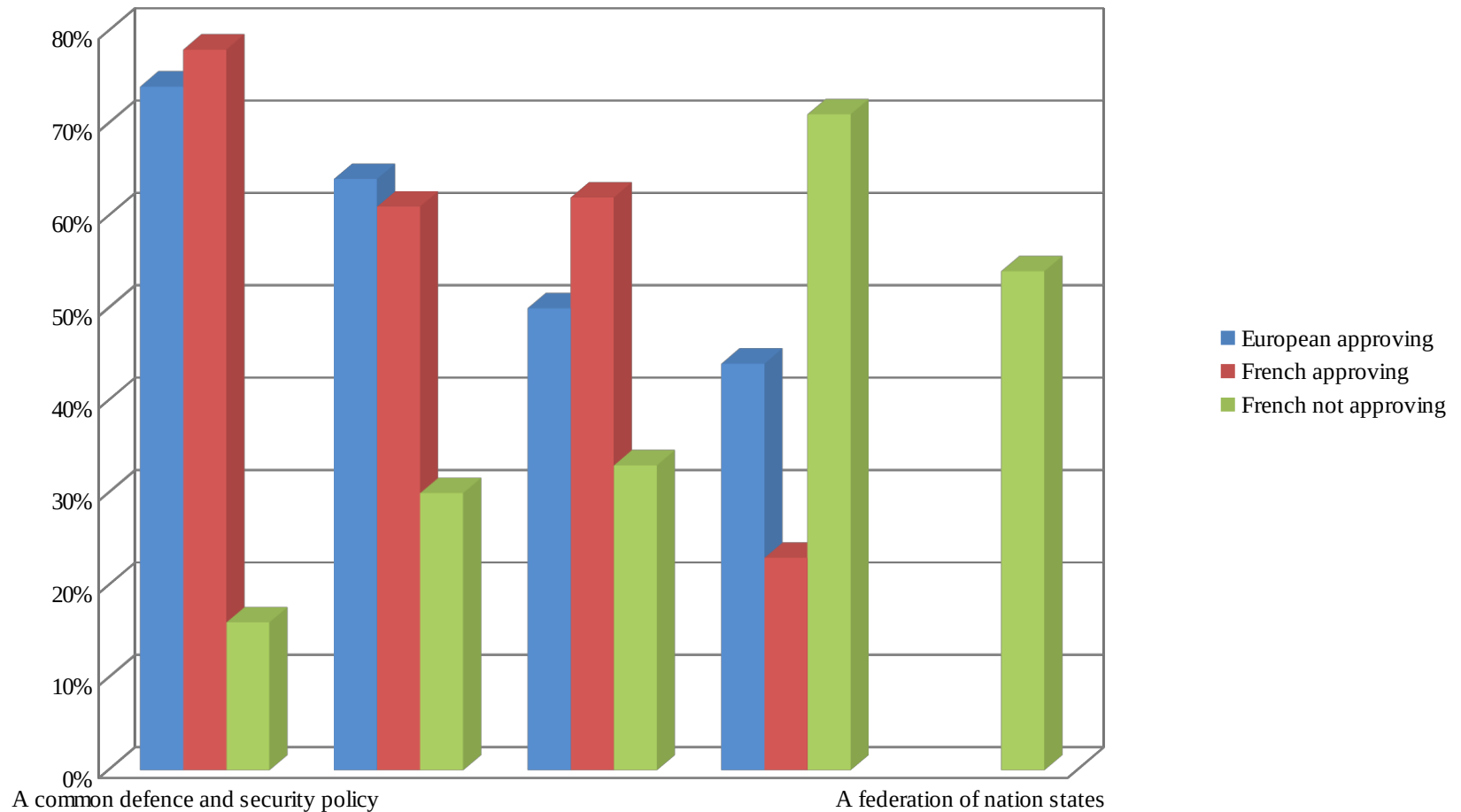


Comparison of the current economic situation compared with the F



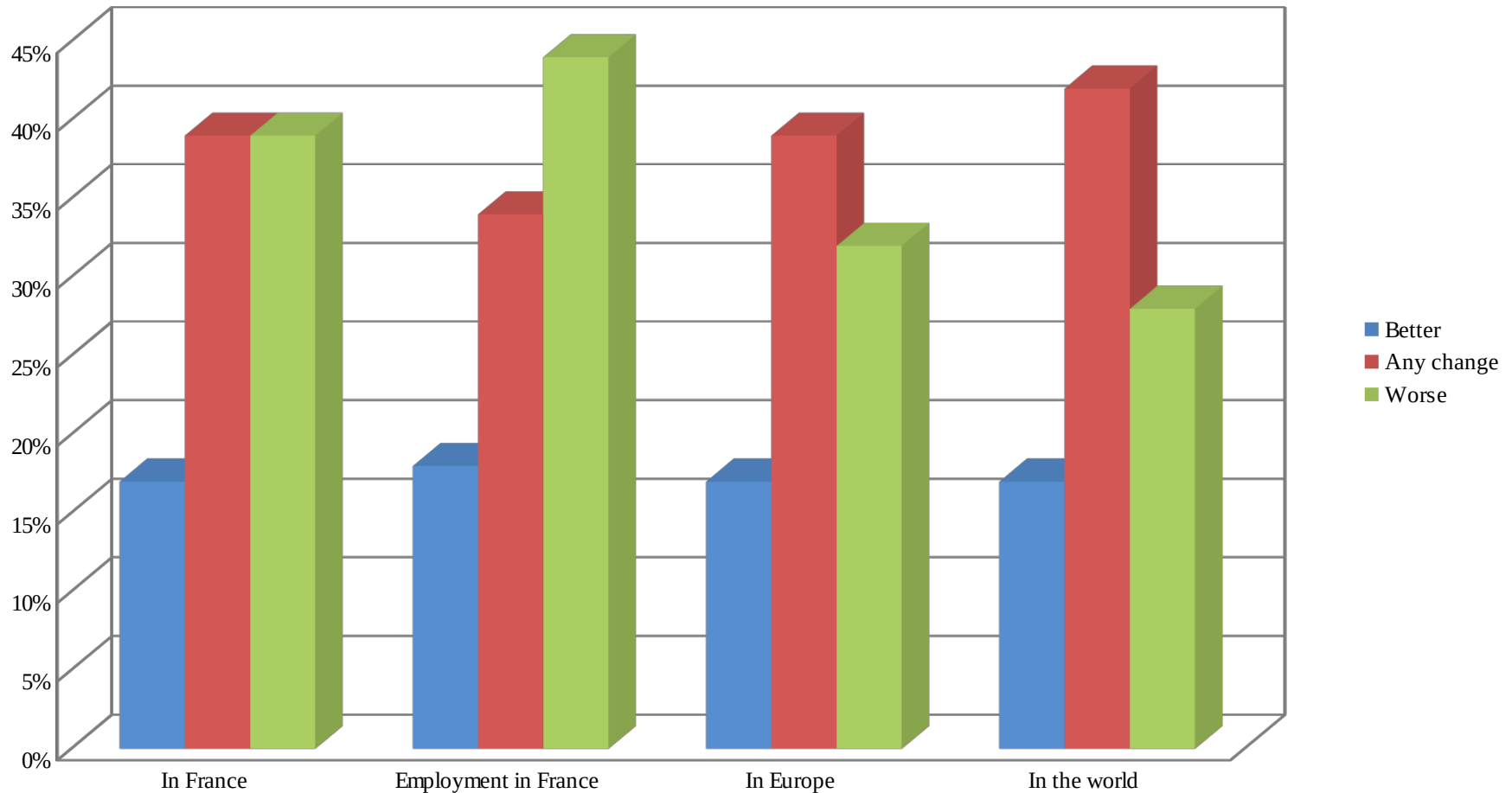
Expectations

The European Construction



Expectations

The expecting economic situation



The EU's image

Positive aspects related

- The EU makes doing business easier in Europe
- The EU tackle global threats and challenges
- The EU helps protect its citizens
- The France wouldn't face the globalization by itself

Negative aspects related

- The EU makes the cost of living more expensive in Europe
- The EU doesn't make the quality of life better in Europe
- The EU needs a clearer message
- The EU doesn't avoid negative aspects of the globalization

Euroscepticism ??

A reality for
52% of
French !



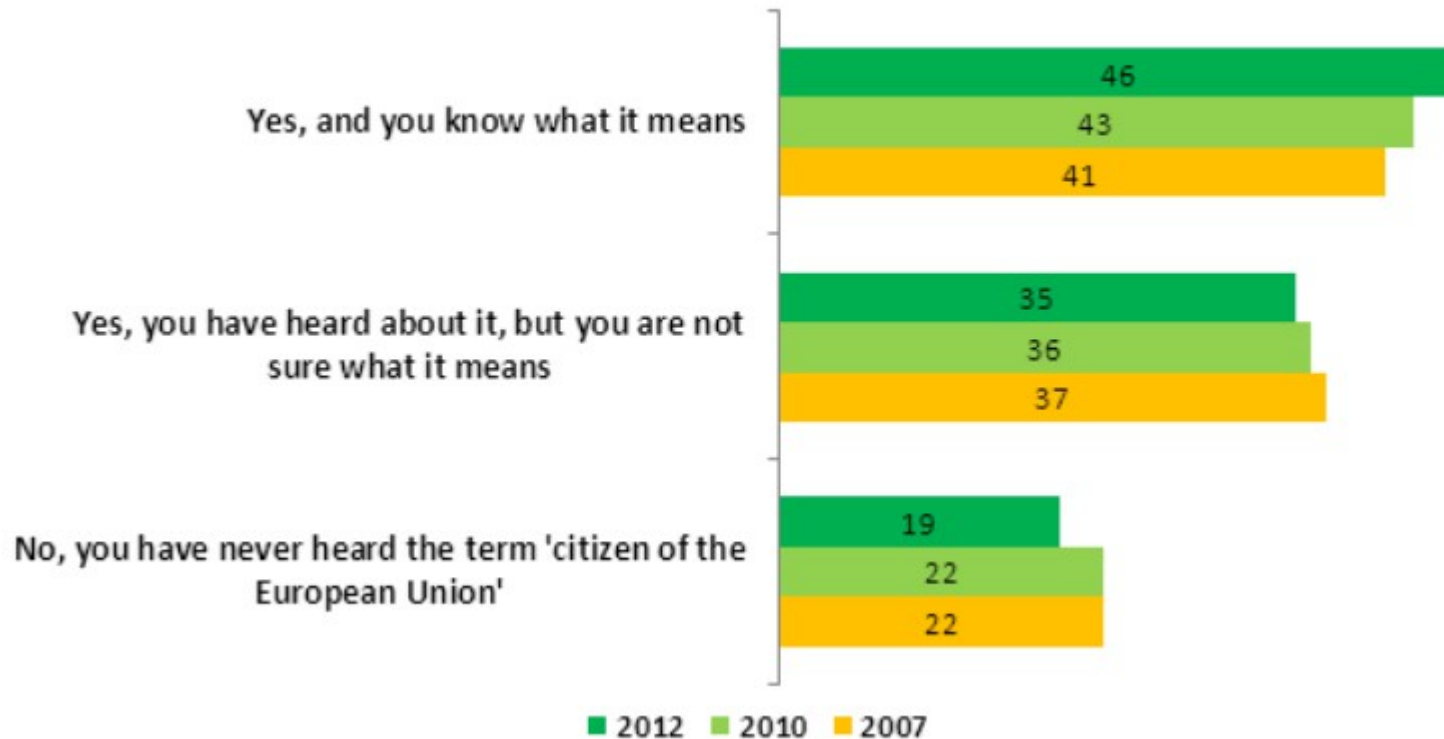
Feelings about EU Citizenship

Source : Flash Eurobarometer 365 – EU
Citizenship Publication : Feb 2013



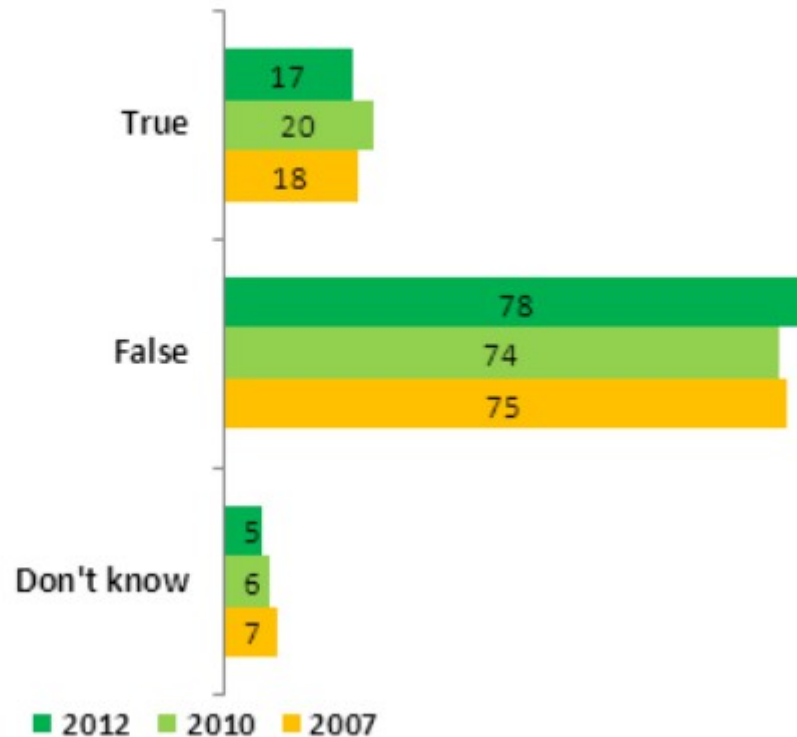
EU Citizenship awareness

Familiarity with the term "citizen of the European Union",
2007-2012



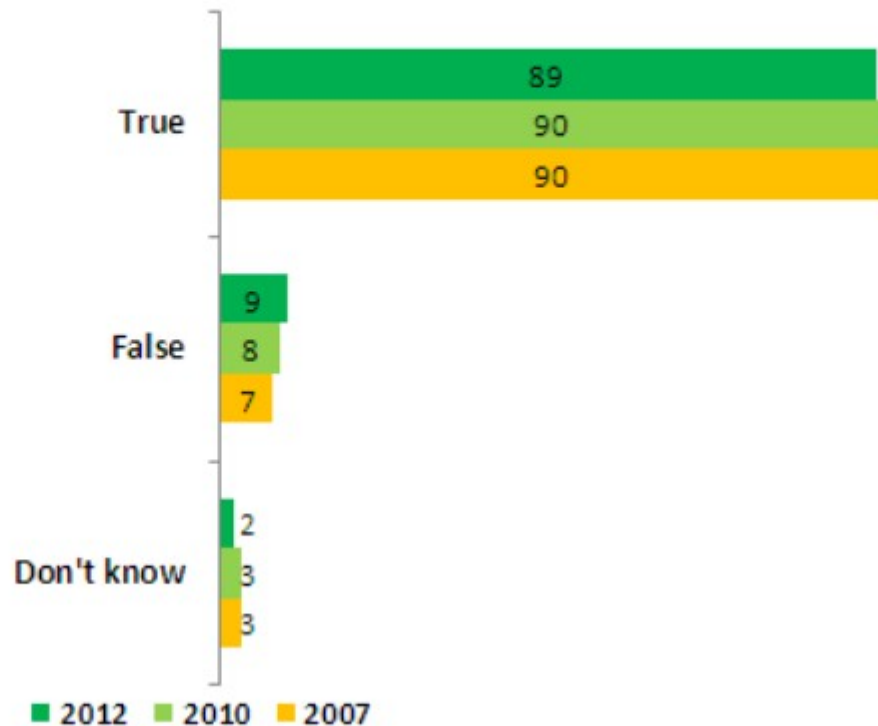
EU Citizenship awareness

You have to ask to become a citizen of the Union, 2007-2012



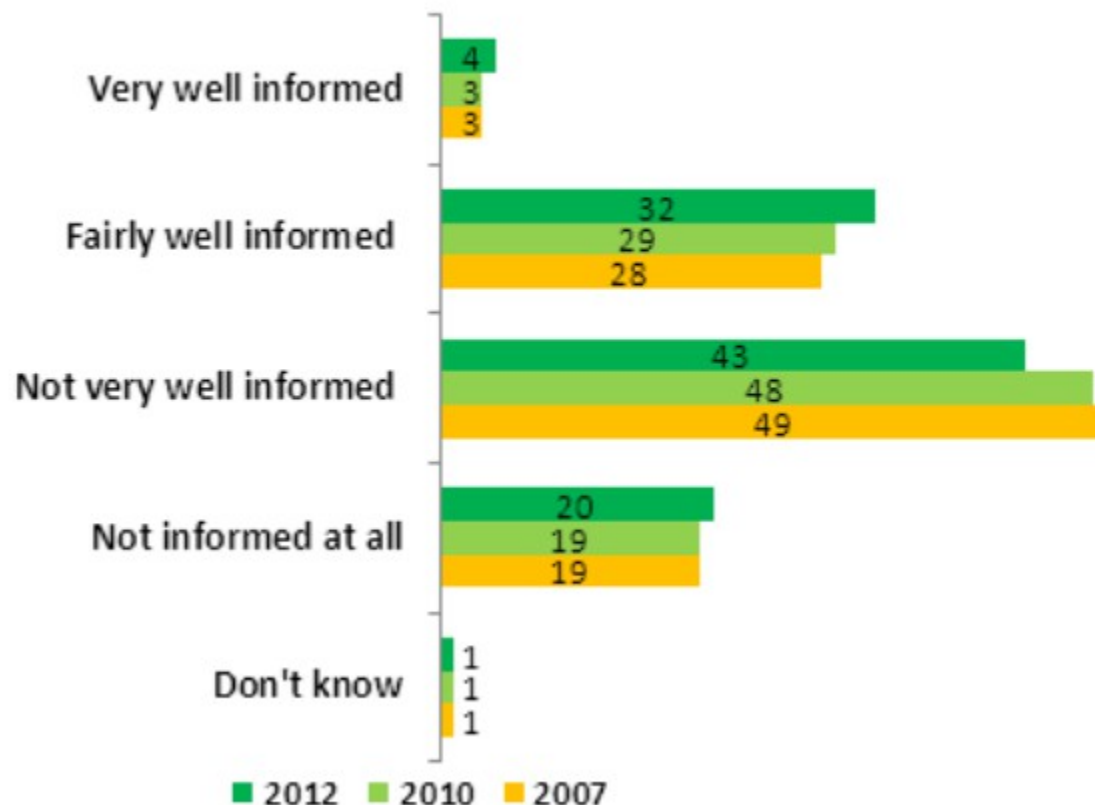
EU Citizenship awareness

You are both a citizen of the Union and (NATIONALITY) at the same time,
2007-2012



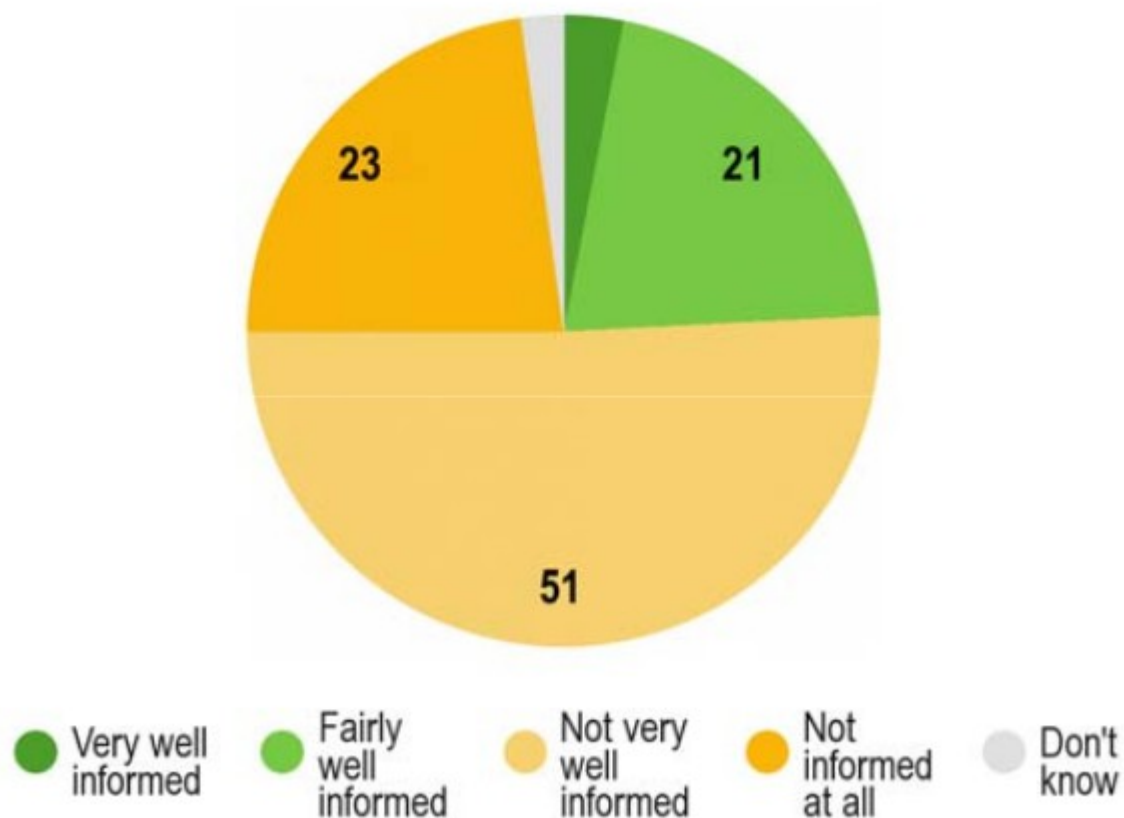
EU Citizen's rights awareness

Being informed about the rights as a citizen of the European Union,
2007-2012



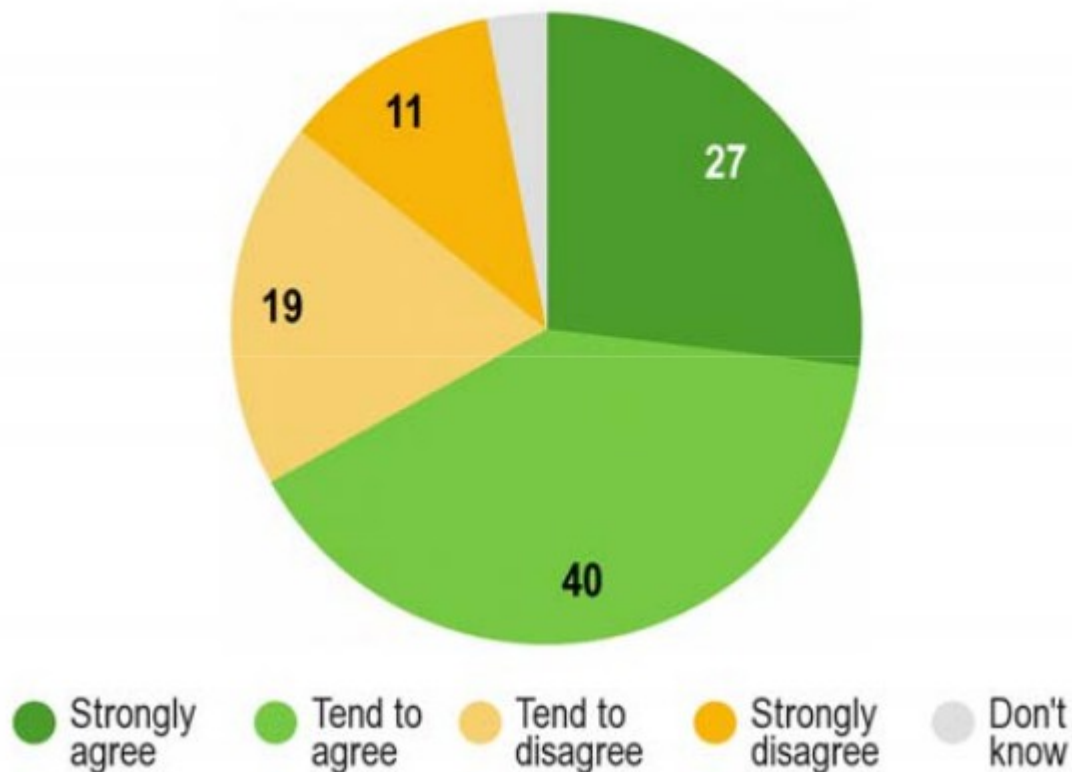
EU Citizen's rights awareness

Q5. How well do you feel informed about what you can do when your rights as an EU citizen are not respected?



EU Citizen's awareness of economic benefits provided by the free movement

Q6. Free movement of people within the EU brings overall benefits to the economy of your country.



Euroscepticism in the press



- Most of the French press articles are pessimistic about the European Union



- Few articles about the benefits of the European Union

Euroscepticism in the press



- French press uses strong sentences and strong messages.
- Comparision of the next European elections with the French « April 21st »

„France-Europe : The Divorce” *Le Figaro, May 2013*

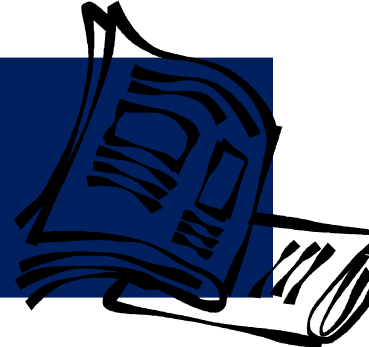
« Towards anti-europe elections? » *Le Monde, June 2013*

Euroscepticism in the press



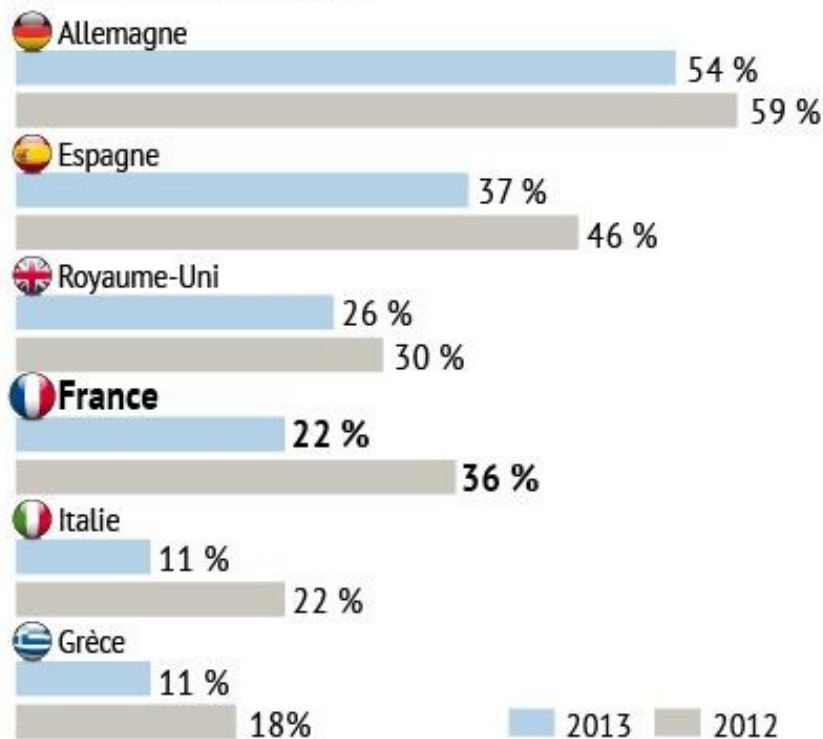
- Press mostly bases its argument on the crisis
- France is placed at the top of the euroscepticism
- French press usually talks about the effects of the EU directly on France

Euroscepticism in the press



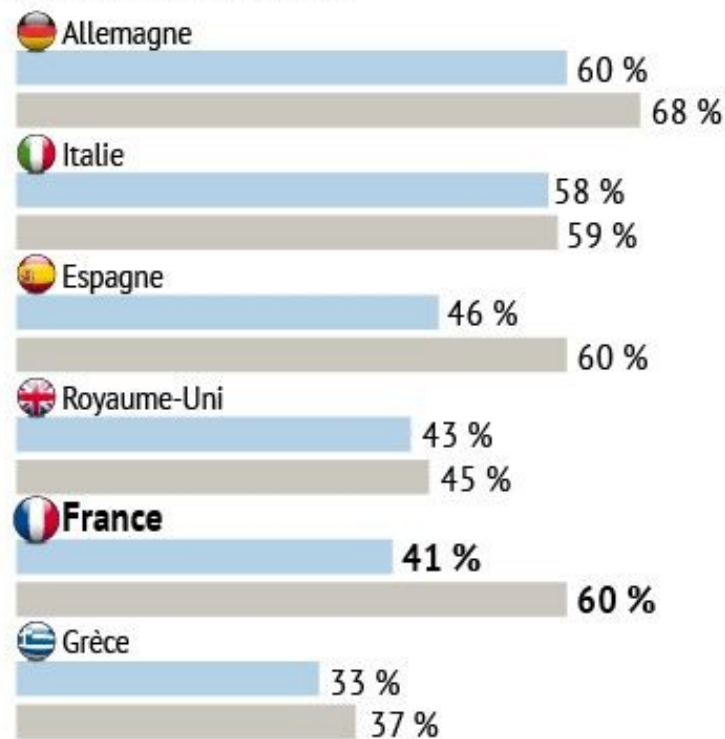
France-Europe le divorce

OPINIONS FAVORABLES À UNE INTÉGRATION ÉCONOMIQUE RENFORCÉE



Source : Pew Research Center

OPINIONS FAVORABLES À L'UNION EUROPÉENNE ?



Infographie **LE FIGARO**

Politics



- Both right & left wings
- From advocating less EU intervention in national affairs to advocating outright withdrawal from the EU
- Opposed to ratification of Treaty of Lisbon
- 40% of French electorate voted in 2009 European Parliament Elections

Front National



- Extreme Right-Wing party; Marine LePen
- “*A strong state*”: Nation state at the centre of power
- Has to impose its authority & recover strategic decision power
- Against globalization
- “*A strong state is a free state*”
- Prevalence of National Laws

2009
European
Parliament
Elections 6%



Front National



- Call the EU « a swindle »
- They want France out of the EU, with tariff barriers, return of the Franc and competitive devaluations
- Relations with extrem parties (pro-nazis), even if Marine Le Pen tries to improve the party's reputation and image



Parti Communiste



- Created in 1943
- More than 138 000 members in 2012
- Want to re-establish Europe with:
 - ✓ Stop austerity
 - ✓ Release the States of the omnipotence of financial markets
 - ✓ restore and promote the democracy
 - ✓ refuse the transatlantic treaty



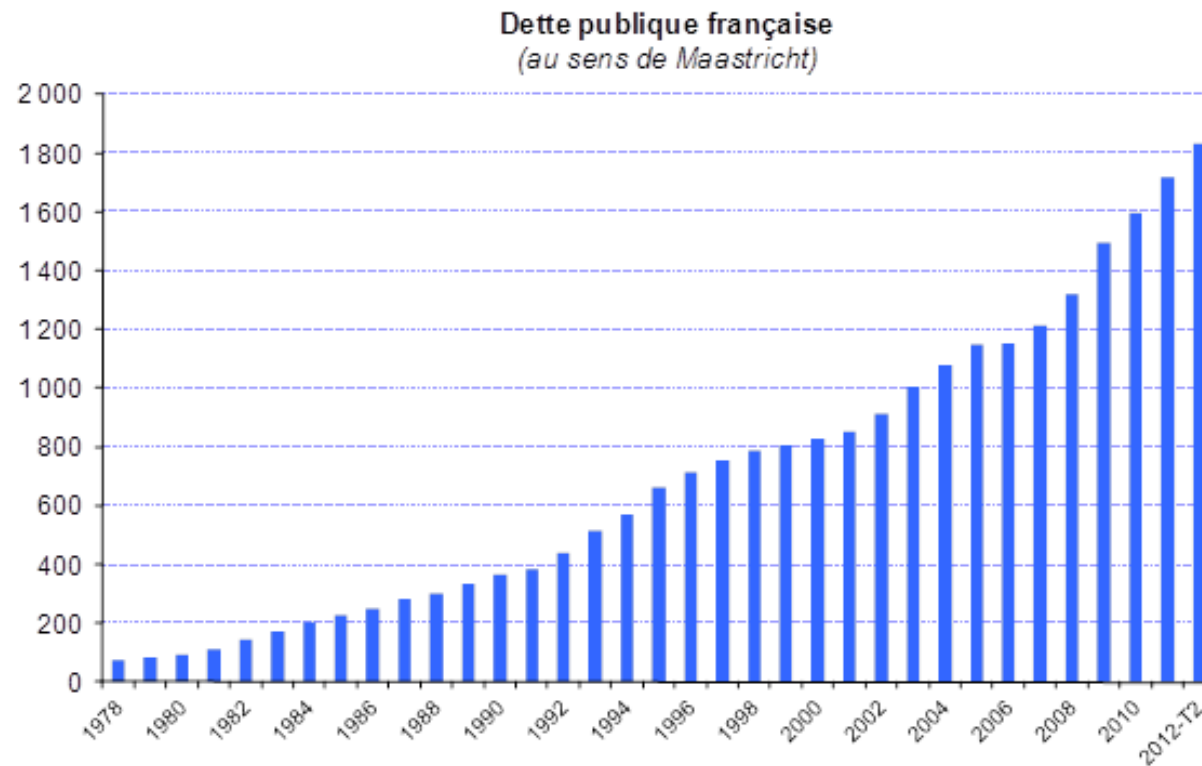
Lutte Ouvrière



- Created in 1939
- Around 8 000 members
- Represented by Nathalie Arthaud
- Replacement of Europe of the capitalists and the bankers, by Europe of the peoples and the workers

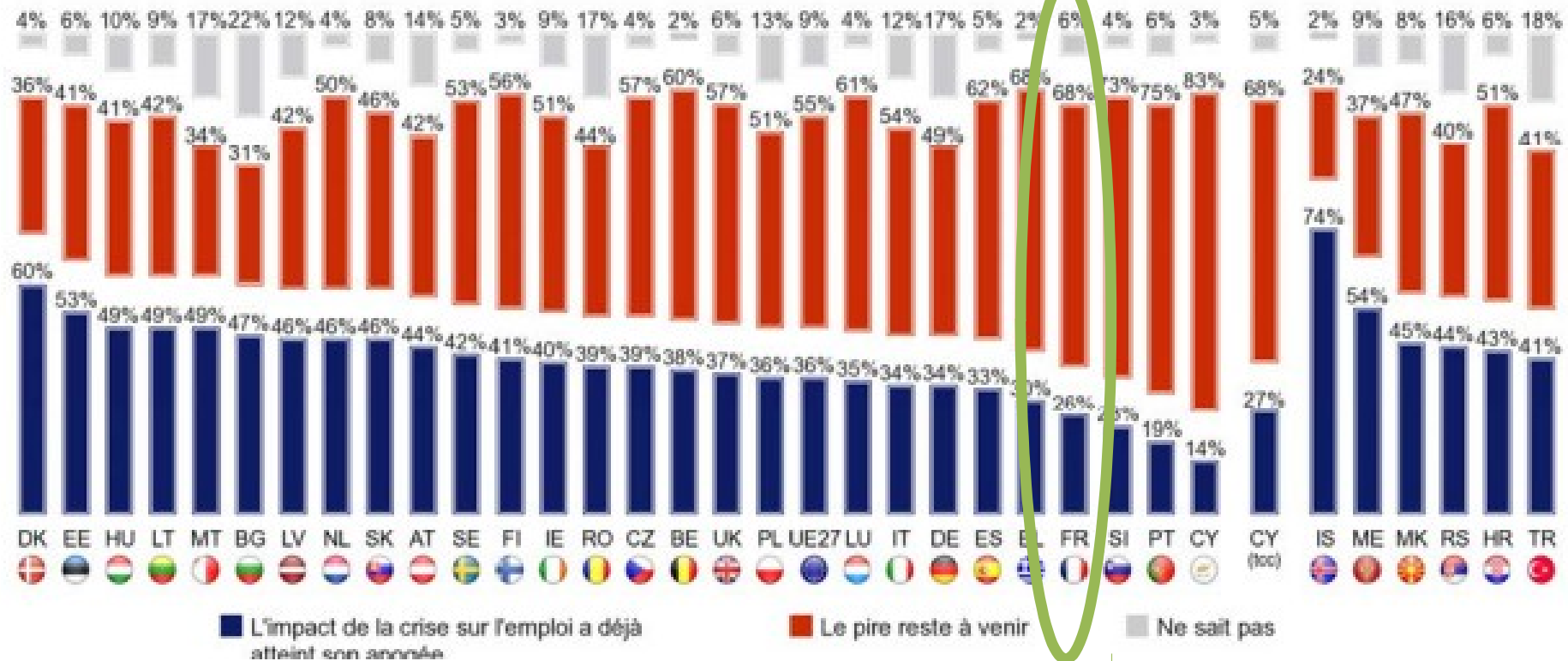


Public Debt in France



- The French public debt hasn't stop increasing to reach more than 100% of the GDP in 2013 (1912,2 billion euros). It totally breaks the Maastricht Treaty rules.

Has the crisis already reach his peak ? (2013)



The opinion is the same refering to last year

The results are depending on :

The worst is still to come



DE	ES	FR	IT	PL	UK	EL	PT		

Gender

Men	51%	63%	68%	56%	51%	55%	67%	75%	48%	86%
Women	48%	61%	68%	53%	51%	60%	69%	75%	55%	81%

Age

15-24	46%	67%	61%	48%	42%	63%	60%	59%	56%	80%
25-39	44%	61%	74%	52%	48%	50%	68%	74%	50%	87%
40-54	52%	63%	72%	56%	50%	58%	73%	82%	53%	84%
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Education (End of)

15-	55%	68%	68%	56%	66%	63%	70%	80%	54%	78%
16-19	51%	61%	76%	54%	53%	61%	72%	76%	56%	90%
20+	46%	58%	62%	50%	46%	48%	68%	71%	47%	83%
Still studying	38%	60%	57%	51%	42%	58%	57%	45%	47%	77%

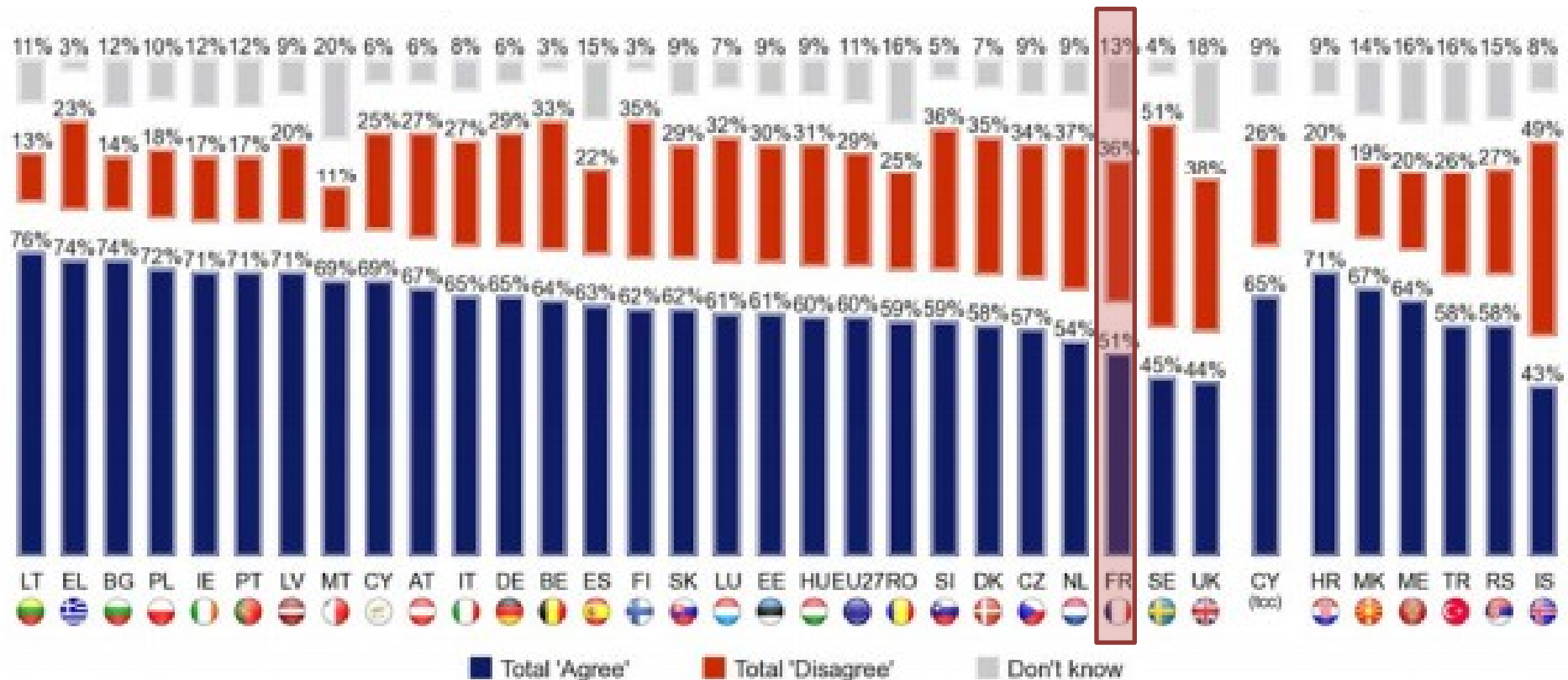
Socio-professional category

Self-employed	57%	63%	59%	54%	46%	57%	64%	82%	48%	85%
Managers	46%	55%	66%	48%	44%	47%	58%	68%	37%	78%
Other white collars	39%	62%	59%	58%	47%	53%	72%	76%	48%	86%
Manual workers	56%	61%	75%	52%	54%	57%	65%	77%	52%	94%
House persons	48%	61%	62%	58%	58%	69%	79%	79%	58%	80%
Unemployed	62%	67%	83%	52%	47%	67%	74%	78%	65%	88%
Retired	50%	61%	68%	52%	58%	58%	69%	77%	49%	79%
Students	38%	60%	57%	51%	42%	58%	57%	45%	47%	77%

Who is
able to
take
effective
actions
against
the crisis
?

		The European Union	Diff. Sp.2013 - Aut.2012	The (NATIONALITY) Government	Diff. Sp.2013 - Aut.2012	The G20	Diff. Sp.2013 - Aut.2012	The International Monetary Fund (IMF)	Diff. Sp.2013 - Aut.2012	The United States	Diff. Sp.2013 - Aut.2012
	EU27	22%	-1	21%	+1	13%	-1	13%	=	8%	=
	EU15	21%	-1	22%	+2	12%	-2	14%	=	8%	=
	NMS12	26%	-1	20%	-1	12%	+2	14%	+4	9%	=
	EURO AREA	23%	-2	18%	+1	12%	-2	15%	+1	8%	=
	NON-EURO AREA	20%	=	27%	=	13%	+1	10%	-2	8%	-1
	BE	32%	+7	15%	-2	17%	=	15%	-1	10%	+3
	BG	31%	=	21%	+3	16%	-2	7%	=	4%	-2
	CZ	10%	+1	4%	+1	43%	+1	12%	-3	15%	-3
	DK	18%	=	13%	+5	24%	=	18%	-2	17%	=
	DE	23%	=	20%	=	17%	-2	15%	+3	4%	=
	EE	22%	+3	12%	-1	21%	=	13%	-2	5%	=
	IE	25%	-3	19%	=	8%	+2	16%	-6	10%	+2
	EL	24%	-6	24%	+2	11%	+1	5%	=	5%	+2
	ES	19%	-9	15%	-2	5%	=	14%	+3	11%	-1
	FR	22%	-3	19%	+3	12%	-4	18%	-1	7%	+1
	IT	25%	-1	18%	+3	7%	-2	14%	=	13%	+1
	CY	18%	-4	25%	+12	12%	-1	11%	-10	7%	+1
	LV	22%	+4	18%	+1	11%	-10	10%	+3	6%	=
	LT	27%	+3	14%	=	11%	-1	7%	-1	9%	-1
	LU	29%	-2	13%	+2	18%	-2	18%	+2	10%	+3
	HU	25%	+3	18%	-4	10%	=	15%	-4	10%	+1
	MT	32%	+1	29%	-1	9%	-1	12%	+1	4%	-3
	AT	24%	+1	18%	+2	11%	-3	14%	-2	5%	-2
	NL	17%	-2	21%	+8	29%	-3	16%	-4	4%	-1
	PL	33%	-3	13%	-1	11%	+1	8%	-1	10%	=
	PT	24%	-1	23%	+9	9%	-3	6%	-2	10%	=
	RO	23%	-1	47%	-1	4%	-3	6%	+1	6%	+2
	SI	24%	-3	10%	-1	10%	+3	15%	+2	10%	-1
	SK	26%	+4	8%	-1	27%	-1	16%	=	5%	-1
	FI	23%	+2	18%	+4	14%	-2	25%	-5	9%	=
	SE	15%	+1	29%	+4	23%	-3	15%	+1	5%	+1

The EU has enough power and tools to defend the interests of Europe in the global economy



Conclusion

- French Euroscepticism > its neighbours
- Disillusion

