

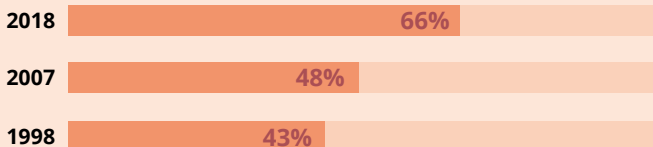
YOUTH BAROMETER 2018:

INFLUENCE ON THE EDGE OF EUROPE

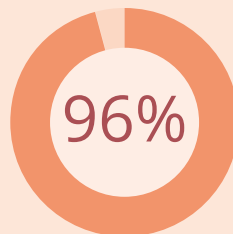
Young people are more interested in politics than before, but their degree of interest varies by level of education. Young people's active involvement in society has increased and a majority believe in traditional forms of civic participation. Trust in social institutions is strong. Almost all young people have positive attitudes towards international mobility, while two out of three feel that EU membership has benefited Finland.

More and more young people think that Finland has benefited from the EU

” EU membership has been beneficial to Finland.”
(Those responding 'Strongly agree' and 'Somewhat agree')

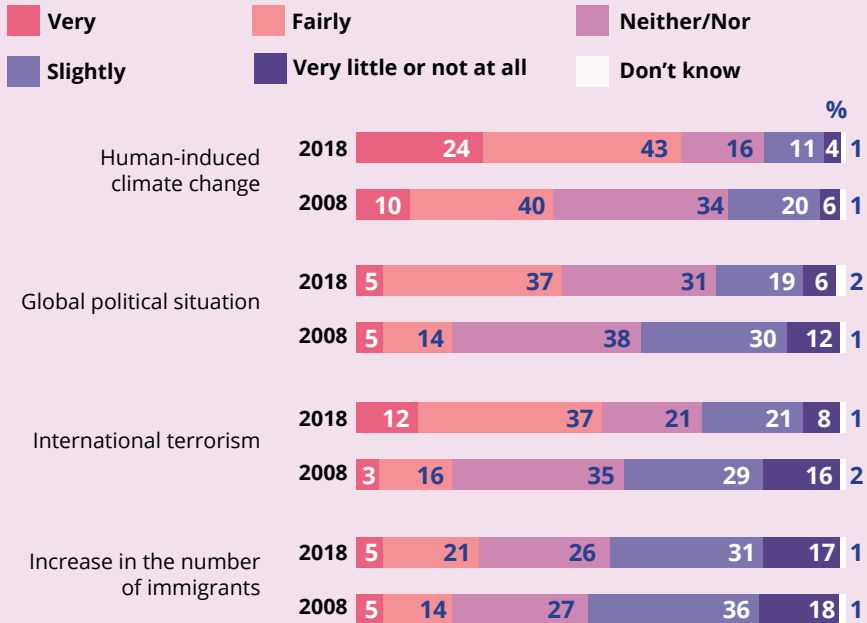


” It is important for people to be able to travel freely and learn about other cultures.”
(Those responding 'Strongly agree' and 'Somewhat agree')



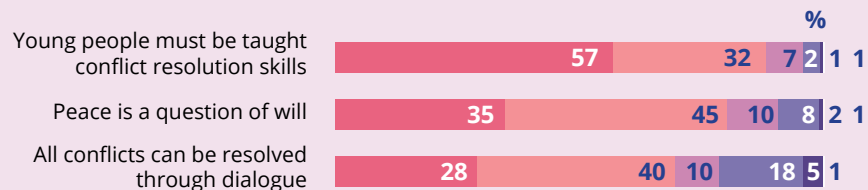
Experiences of uncertainty and insecurity rising sharply...

“How uncertain or insecure do you feel due to the following matters?”



Views on peace and conflict resolution

Strongly agree, Somewhat agree, Neither agree nor disagree, Somewhat disagree, Strongly disagree, Don't know

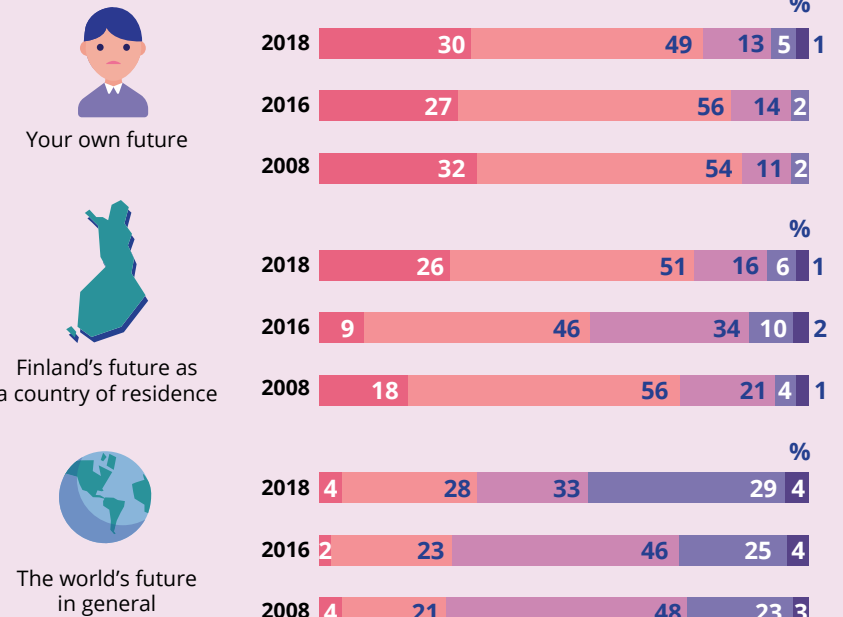


...but optimism is increasing

“How do you feel about the following?”

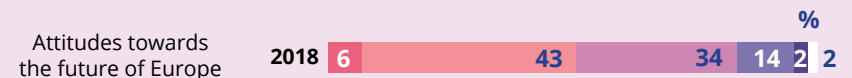


Very optimistic, Optimistic, Neither optimistic nor pessimistic, Somewhat pessimistic, Very pessimistic



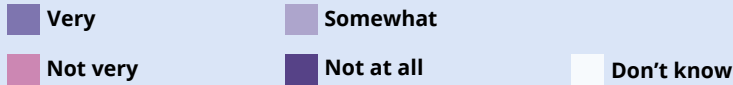
Young people have positive attitudes towards the future of Europe

Very optimistic, Somewhat optimistic, Neither optimistic nor pessimistic, Somewhat pessimistic, Very pessimistic, Don't know

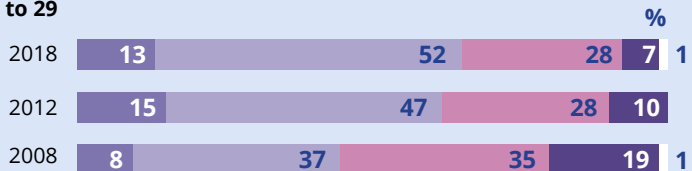


Young people's interest in politics at record high

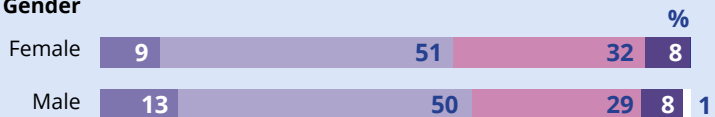
” How interested are you in politics?”



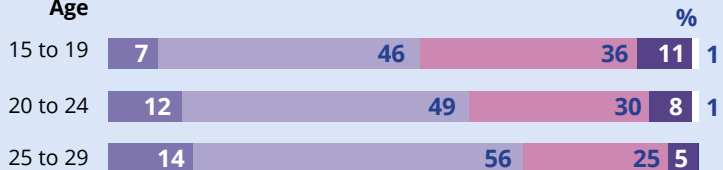
All aged 18 to 29



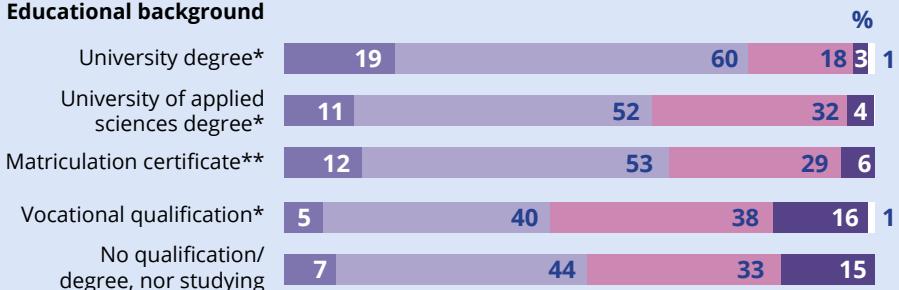
Gender



Age



Educational background



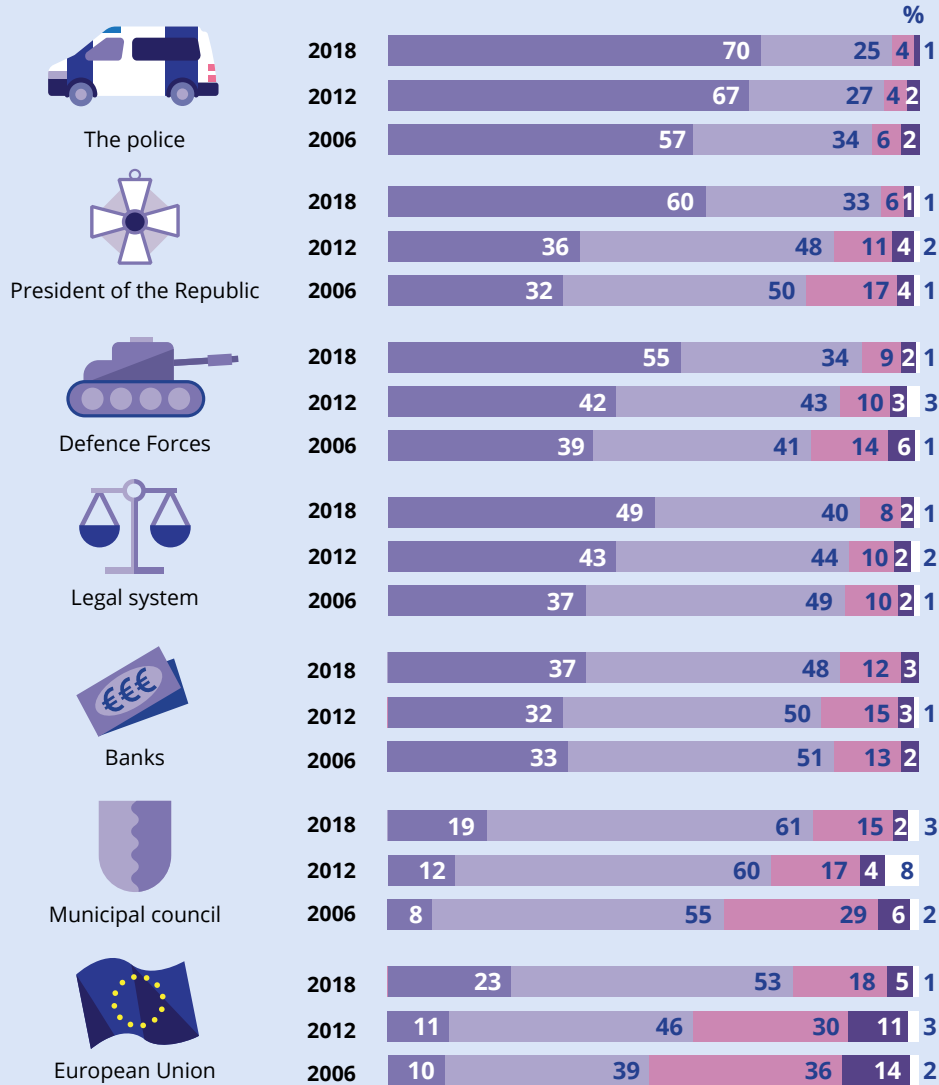
*= or currently studying for a qualification/degree

**= or in general upper secondary education

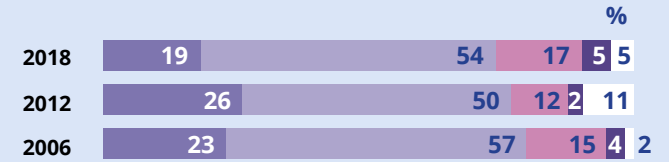
Young people trust in social institutions

“How much do you trust the following institutions?”

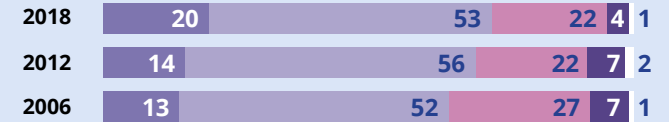
■ A great deal
 ■ Some
 ■ Not much
 ■ Not at all
 ■ Don't know



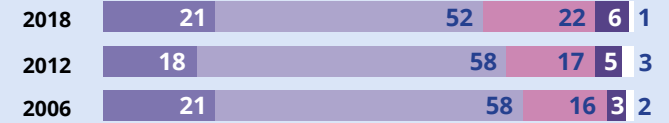
Trade unions



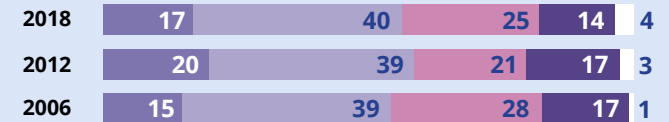
Parliament



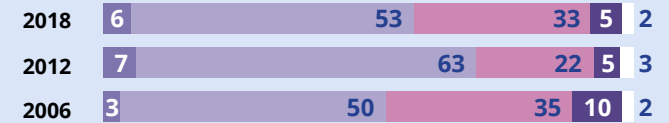
Finnish Government



Church

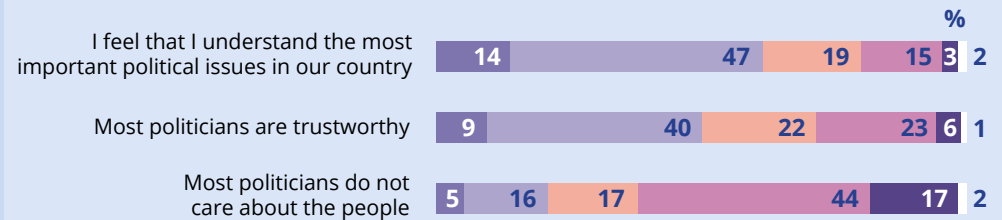


Political parties



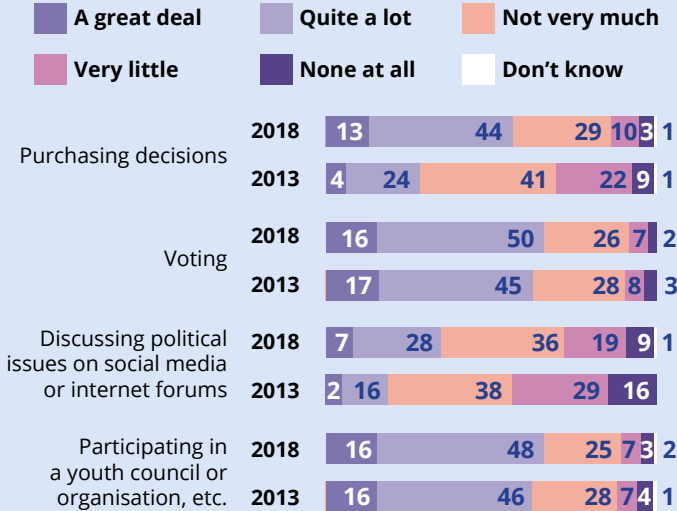
Views on politics and politicians

■ Strongly agree
 ■ Somewhat agree
 ■ Neither agree nor disagree
 ■ Somewhat disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree
 ■ Don't know

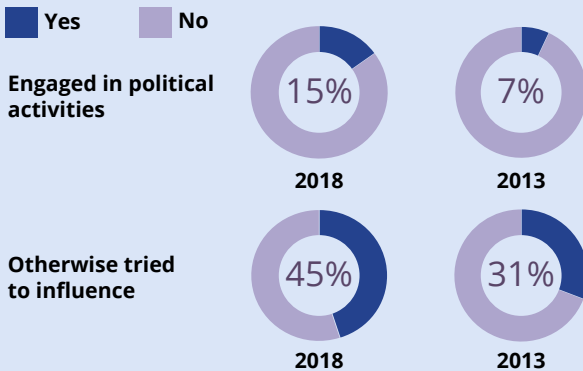


Growing faith in extra-parliamentary forms of participation

“How much influence do you think you can have by the following means?”



“Over the last year, have you engaged in political activities or otherwise tried to influence social issues that are important for you?”



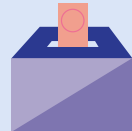
Have you personally exerted influence by means of...?

(Those responding 'Often' and 'Sometimes')



Purchasing decisions

2018 **77%**
2013 **60%**



Voting

2018 **78%**
2013 **75%**



Discussing political issues on social media or internet forums

2018 **35%**
2013 **38%**

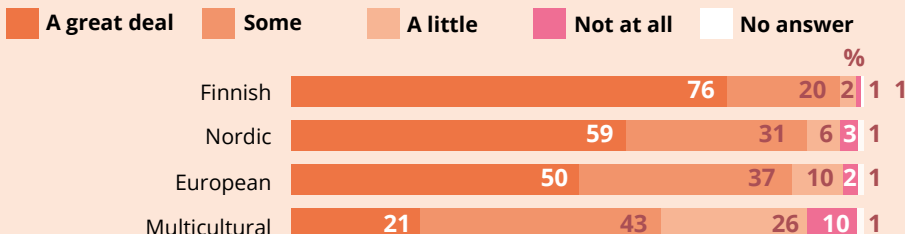


Engaging in NGO activities

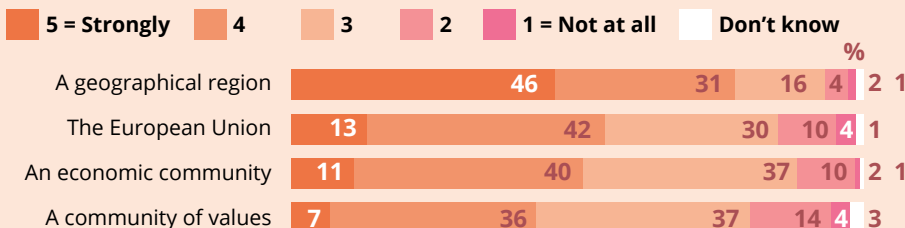
2018 **25%**
2013 **25%**

A generation with positive attitudes towards Europe

” To what extent do you see yourself as...”



” On a scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you feel that Europe means...”



The annual Youth Barometer measures the values and attitudes of young people aged from 15 to 29 living in Finland. The Youth Barometer addresses issues that are topical from young people's perspective, but some survey questions are repeated regularly. The Youth Barometer is published by the State Youth Council in cooperation with the Finnish Youth Research Society and the Finnish Youth Research Network.

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