

HOW MUCH SOLIDARITY DO WE HAVE?

*A representative survey by ABSTRAKT
of the present and future of solidarity*



I HOW IMPORTANT IS SOLIDARITY?

MORE THAN ONE THIRD OF THE POPULATION WOULD LIKE MORE HELPFULNESS, BUT 42% BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL BE LESS OF IT IN THE FUTURE.

Helpfulness of the Swiss population [n = 1007]

Would you like the Swiss population to be more helpful, or do people already tend to do too much?

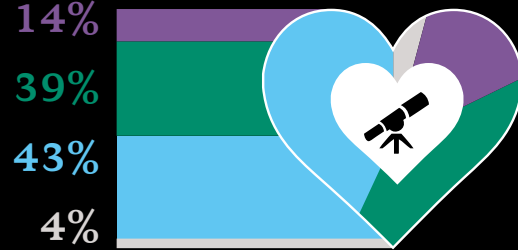
WHAT WE WANT



MORE HELPFUL
THE SAME
ALREADY TEND TO DO TOO MUCH
DON'T KNOW

How will helpfulness develop in reality?

WHAT WE EXPECT



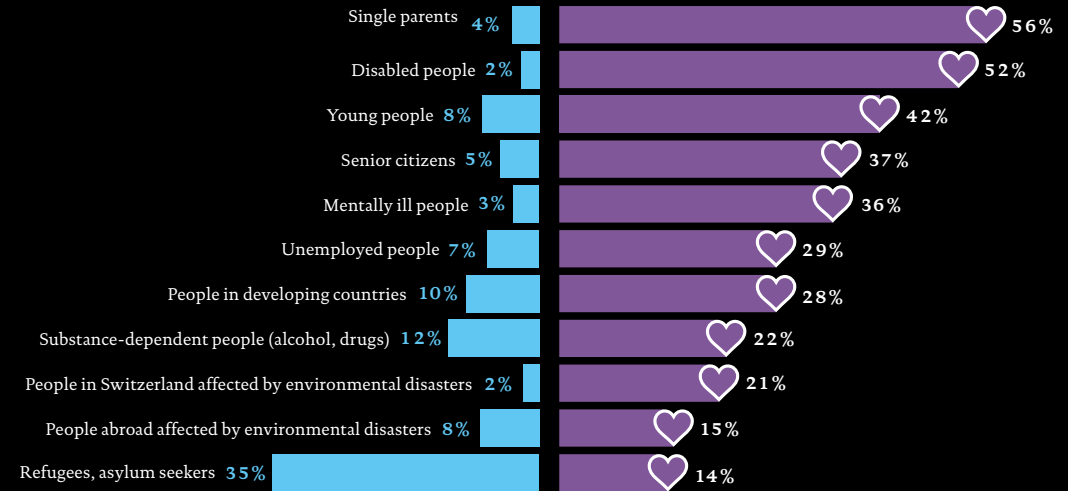
HELPFULNESS WILL TEND TO INCREASE
HELPFULNESS WILL STAY THE SAME
HELPFULNESS WILL DECREASE
DON'T KNOW

II WITH WHOM DO WE FEEL SOLIDARITY?

MORE THAN HALF OF THE SWISS POPULATION FEEL THAT TOO LITTLE IS DONE FOR SINGLE PARENTS. 35% THINK WE DO TOO MUCH FOR ASYLUM-SEEKERS.

Helpfulness by target groups [n = 1007]

For which population groups do we tend to do too much or too little at present?



DO TOO MUCH DO TOO LITTLE

The ranking of the target groups varies very little among the population groups (age, income, education etc.). Single parents and the disabled head the list for all groups, while disaster victims, substance-dependent people (addicts) and asylum-seekers tend to come last.

Comparison of helpfulness of selected population groups

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EDUCATION



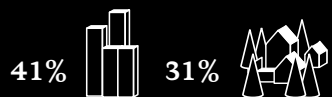
50% of respondents from the most highly educated level would like to see more helpfulness in Switzerland. Among the least educated, 23% say the same.

AGE



3% of young people think people already tend to do too much. The figure among those over 65 is 14%.

RESIDENCE



41% of urban dwellers would like a more helpful population. 31% of country-dwellers feel the same way.

FORECAST

GENDER



49% of women assume that helpfulness will decrease in this country. 37% of men make that assumption.

INCOME



In the highest income bracket, 8% believe that helpfulness will increase. 17% of the lowest earners agree.

LINGUISTIC REGION



48% of German-speaking Swiss expect less solidarity in future. Only 28% of French-speaking Swiss do.

Comparison of selected population groups

SENIOR CITIZENS



48% of young people consider that too little is done for senior citizens in Switzerland. Only 22% of the over-65s themselves are of that opinion.

SINGLE PARENTS



62% of the more highly educated respondents demand more support for single parents. This compares to 42% of the less well educated.

ASYLUM-SEEKERS



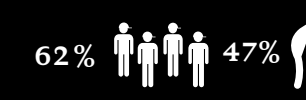
30% of highly educated people and 3% of those with little education think more should be done for asylum-seekers.

UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE



32% of urban dwellers feel that too little is done for the unemployed. 22% of the rural population agree.

SINGLE PARENTS



62% of young people find that single parents receive too little support. Among over-65s, the figure is 47%.

ASYLUM-SEEKERS



39% of the German-speaking Swiss think that too much is done for asylum-seekers. The figure for the French-speaking Swiss is 23%.

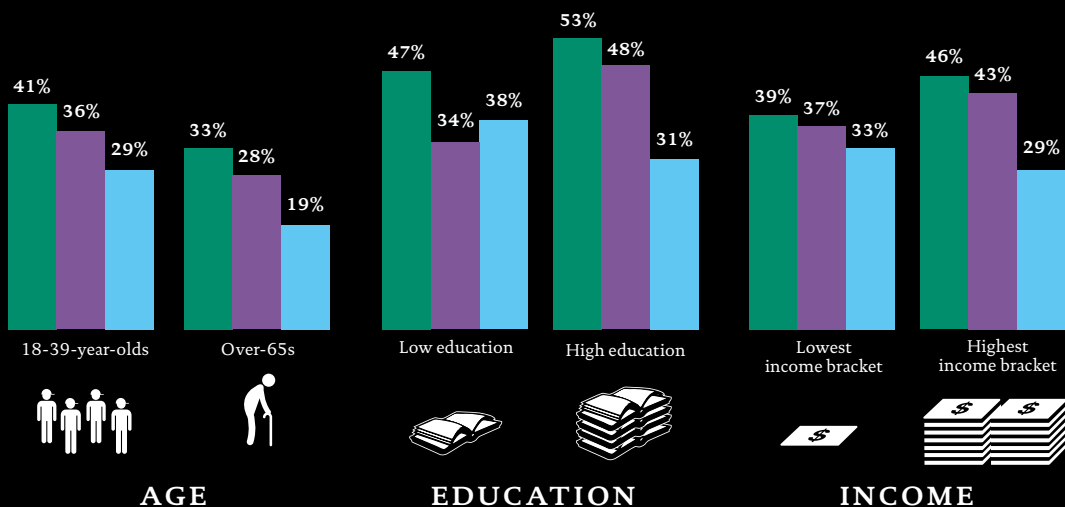
III WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

**43% THINK THE BUSINESS WORLD SHOULD TAKE MORE RESPONSIBILITY.
36% DEMAND THIS OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL.**

Comparison of population groups with regard to responsibility of state, business and population [n = 1007]



Responsibility for support from the point of view of selected population groups



The research institute gfs-zürich was tasked by ABSTRAKT with conducting a total of 1007 telephone interviews in Switzerland from 23 October 2012 to 5 November 2012. The survey is representative of German-speaking and French-speaking Switzerland. The confidence interval of the total sample is close to +/-3.2%.

Data on the following categories was gathered: gender, age (18-39/40-64/65+), linguistic region (German-speaking/French-speaking Switzerland), type of residential area (urban/rural), level of education (low/medium/high), household income (up to CHF 4000/4001 to 6000/6001 to 9000/over 9000), political leanings (party), religion, children (yes/no) and state of health.

BUSINESS POPULATION STATE More than one answer could be given.