

Questionnaire

The Futures Barometer surveys citizens' awareness and attitudes towards the future, different future scenarios and ways of influencing them. For the purposes of the survey, the future refers to things that will happen in the next 10 to 20 years.

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

- I'm interested in the future
- We can influence the way the future is shaped
- I can personally influence the way that my future is shaped
- I'm familiar with the means to influence the future

[Scale: Strongly agree – Somewhat agree – Neither agree nor disagree – Somewhat disagree – Strongly disagree – Don't know]

How do you see the future? Choose the option that best describes your own view.

- I am scared, I see a lot of threats
- I am look forward to it, I see a lot of opportunities
- Sometimes scared, sometimes looking forward to it
- Not interested, I live for today

Follow-up questions based on the answer:

- What about the future scares or worries you?
- What opportunities do you see in the future?

How do you see Finland's future? Compared to the present, do you think the future will be

- Much better
- Better

- Neither better nor worse
- Worse
- Much worse

How strongly has Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine impacted your view of the future?

- Very much
- A lot
- Somewhat
- Only a little
- Not at all
- Don't know

Next, we ask about broad developments that affecting the future.

The carrying capacity of nature is being eroded

The ecological sustainability crisis – meaning climate change, biodiversity loss, resource overconsumption and environmental pollution – is seriously destabilising our society. There is a growing urgency for ecological reconstruction, which means transitioning to a society that improves the state of nature and human well-being.

How much do these developments affect your life?

[Scale: Very much – Quite a lot – Only a little – Not at all – Don't know]

How much do you feel you can impact these developments? [Scale: Very much – Quite a lot – Only a little – Not at all – Don't know]

How closely do these developments match your own view?

[Scale: Very much – Quite a lot – Only a little – Not at all – Don't know]

Why do these developments not match your own view?

Increasing challenges to well-being

Many changes in Finnish society and in the world are challenging human well-being. The population is ageing, diversifying and becoming concentrated in growth centres. Changes in working life, the environmental crisis, the pandemic and general uncertainty about the future are increasing anxiety and mental health problems.

How much do these developments affect your life?

[Scale: Very much – Quite a lot – Only a little – Not at all – Don't know]

How much do you think you can influence these developments? [Scale: Very much – Quite a lot – Only a little – Not at all – Don't know]

How closely do the above developments match your own view?

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Why do these developments not match your own view?

The battle for democracy is intensifying

Social systems are being put to the test as crises accumulate. Democracies are being challenged both from within the society and from the outside – including in Finland. The polarisation of debate, the provocation of confusion and geopolitical power struggles create the need to reform decision-making and strengthen democracy, participation and empowerment.

How much do these developments affect your life?

[Scale: Very much – Quite a lot – Only a little – Not at all – Don't know]

How much influence do you think you can exert on these developments? [Scale: Very much – Quite a lot – Only a little – Not at all – Don't know]

How closely do the above developments match own view?

[Scale: Very much – Quite a lot – Only a little – Not at all – Don't know]

Why do these developments not match your own view?

The competition for digital power is accelerating

Technology is developing rapidly, with new technologies being introduced in new areas of life. More and more data is being collected and used to provide new customised services for individuals and organisations. At the same time, there are disputes about digital power – who collects and uses data, the rules of the digital world, the resources required by technology and, more generally, the direction of technological development.

How much do these developments affect your life?

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How much do you feel you can influence these developments? [Scale: Very much – Quite a lot – Only a little – Not at all – Don't know]

How closely do the above developments match your own view?

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Why do these developments not match your own view?

The foundations of the economy are cracking

Growing global inequalities and the environmental sustainability crisis are creating the need to reform the economy. Wealth is being concentrated among a smaller and smaller number of people, while increasing extreme weather events and the collapse of services provided by nature are eroding the preconditions of the economy. Responsibility is becoming a key element in all activities.

How much do these developments impact your life?

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How much do you feel you can impact these developments? [Scale: Very much – Quite a lot – Only a little – Not at all – Don't know]

How closely do the above developments match your own view?

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Why do these developments not match your own view?

What other important developments affecting Finland's future can you identify? (open question)

Which of the following would you like to see happen in the next 10 years? You can choose up to five things. (Listed in randomised order for respondents)

- We manage to limit global warming at 1.5 degrees
- We manage to stop the loss of biodiversity
- We manage to reduce the growing amount of waste
- Equality is strong in Finland
- Antagonisms between Finns are reduced
- People have a high level of trust in each other and in public authorities
- The welfare state in Finland is preserved
- We find new, democratic means to act and be heard
- The benefits of technology are evenly and equally distributed
- Data use is fair and transparent and people trust digital services
- Wealth is evenly distributed among people
- More jobs are created and there is work for all
- The economic system is reformed to be environmentally sustainable
- Public finances are balanced and debt curbed
- We are better prepared for future pandemics
- There is a high level of national security
- Improved well-being of children and young people
- Other, what_____?
- None
- Don't know

Which of the following are the most important when you decide on who to vote for in the upcoming parliamentary elections? You can choose up to five things. (Listing presented in randomised order to the respondents)

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- Other, what _____?
- None
- Don't know

What adjectives would you use to describe a desirable future for Finland in 10 to 20 years? You can use several adjectives.

What gives you hope when you think about the next 5 years?

Who do you think has interesting things to say about the future and related issues?

Whose is not sufficiently represented in the debate on the future?

If the parliamentary elections were to be organised now, which party or other grouping would you vote for?

National Coalition Party – KOK

Christian Democrats – KD

Movement Now

Finns Party – PS

Swedish People's Party – RKP

Centre Party – KESK

Social Democratic Party – SDP

Left Alliance – VAS

Green League – VIHR

Another party or grouping

I would not vote

Don't want to say

Don't know