# Official development assistance and private donations: where do people stand?

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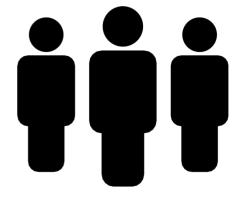


What do people think about private donations and government aid?

And the appropriate balance between the two?





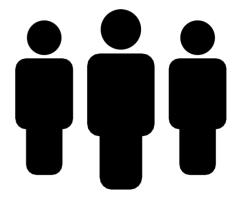




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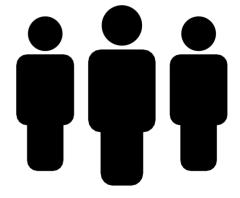




We tend to assume that most people who are supporters of development cooperation support both donations and official development assistance ... or people oppose both









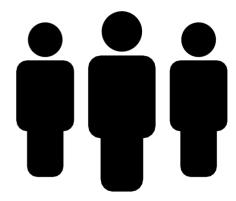




#### But is this true?

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Or do people support one but not the other?







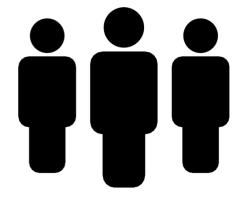








What do you think? How large are each group?













### ODA and private donations

[Q7w9]{single} Sur les 2000 milliards d'euros de son Produit Intérieur Brut (PIB) total, le Gouvernement français consacre actuellement 0,38 pour cent (soit 9 milliards d'euros) à l'aide internationale pour les pays en voie de développement. Pensez-vous que le Gouvernement devrait augmenter ou diminuer le budget qu'il consacre à l'aide internationale pour les pays en voie de développement ?



- <1>Augmenter fortement
- <2>Augmenter un peu
- <3>Ne pas modifier le budget
- <4>Diminuer un peu
  - <5>Diminuer fortement
  - <6>Je ne sais pas

[Q62w9]{single} Donner de l'argent pour combattre les problèmes de pauvreté dans les pays en voie de développement est un bon moyen d'aider les personnes qui en ont vraiment besoin.



- <1> Tout à fait d'accord
- <2> D'accord
- <3> Ni d'accord ni pas d'accord

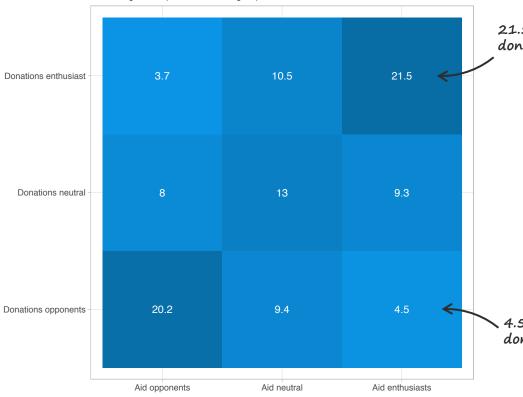


- <4> Pas d'accord
- <5> Pas du tout d'accord
- <6> Je ne sais pas



## Cross-table of attitudes towards aid and donations – France Percentage of respondents within groups





21.5% of public support private donations <u>and</u> public aid



4.5% of public oppose private donations <u>but</u> support public aid

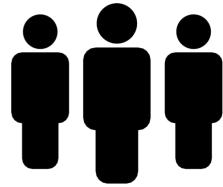




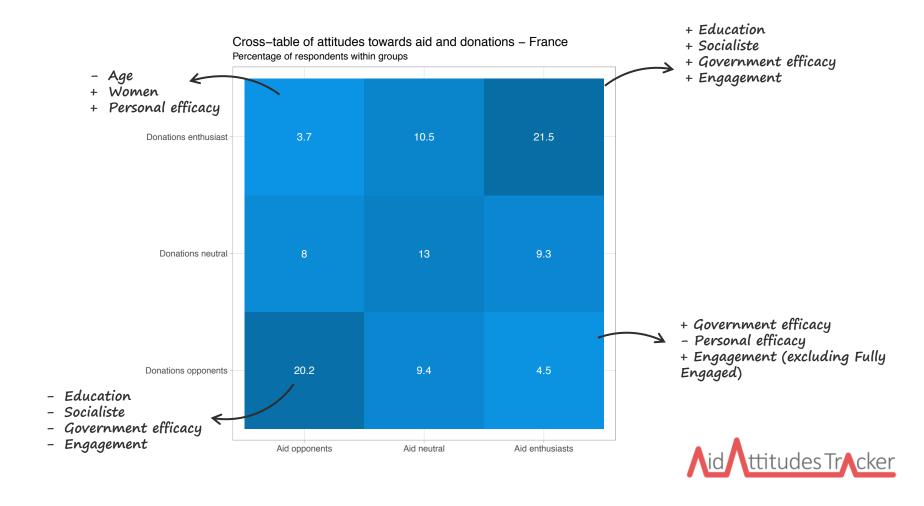


#### What do these people look like?

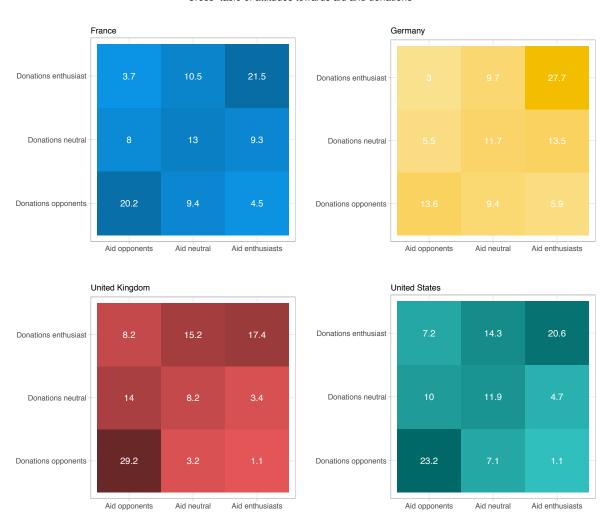
- Segment?
- Gender?
- Age?
- Education?
- Party identification?
- Belief that government aid can make a difference?
- Belief that they personally can make a difference?







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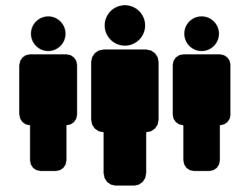
- Germany has the strongest 'top right', i.e. support both donations and government aid
- UK has the strongest 'bottom left' i.e. oppose both donations and government aid
- France and Germany have a much stronger 'bottom right' than UK and US, i.e. support government aid but not donations
- UK and US have the stronger top rows, i.e. donation enthusiasts



Next we asked respondents about the appropriate balance or share between official government assistance and private donations ...





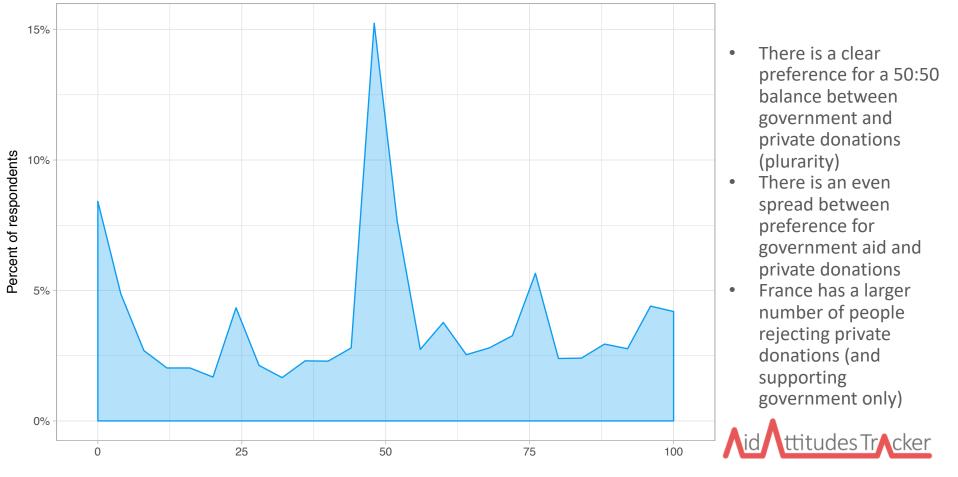


Si vous pensez que cet argent ne devrait pas du tout provenir de dons versés par des particuliers, placez le curseur à 0%

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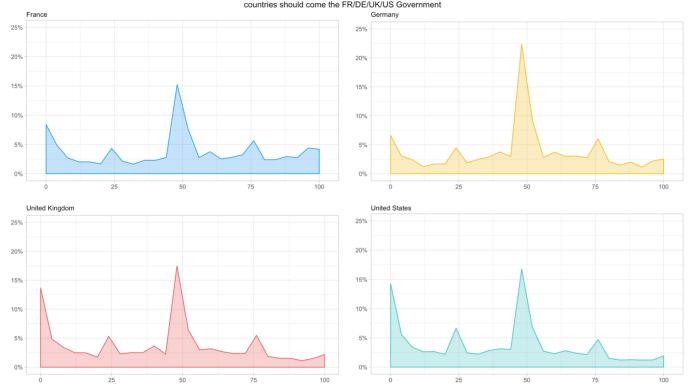


Aidmoney 1/2: Please indicate what percentage of money to poor countries should come from the FR Government



Response scale from 0 'no money should come from the Government' to 100 'All money should come from the government'

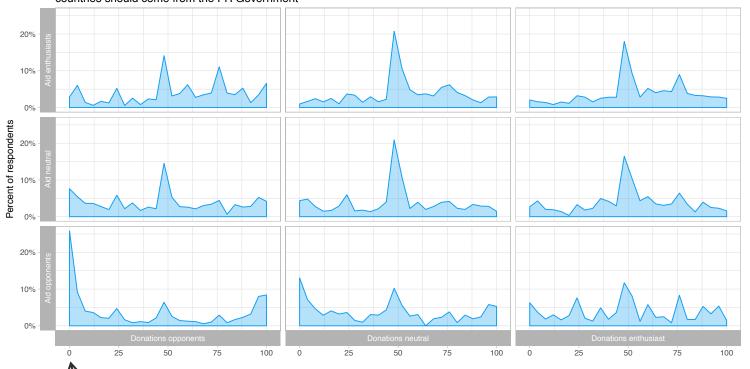
#### Aidmoney 1/2: Please indicate what percentage of money to poor countries should come the FR/DE/UK/US Government



- Germany has the highest frequency of 50:50
- The US and UK has the highest frequency of private only strongest 'bottom left' i.e. oppose both donations and government aid
- France has the highest level of government aid only



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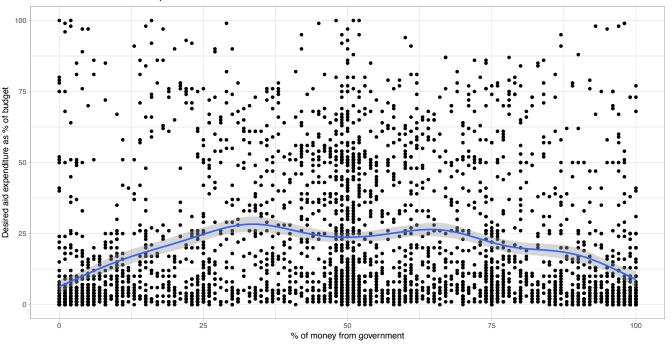
 Only among government aid and donation opponents is there a large opposition to any government aid

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opposition to any government aid

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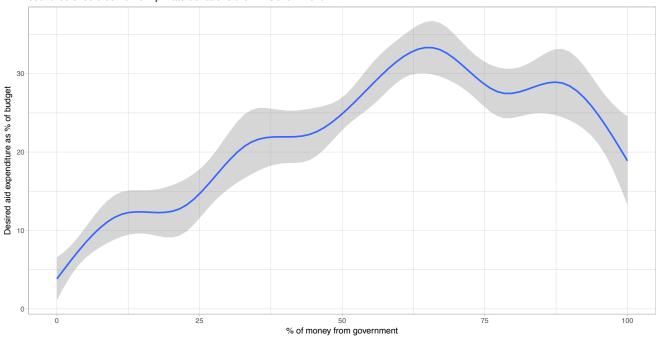
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## Summary

- Respondents tend to have a consistent preference for government aid *and* private donations towards development cooperation
  - Only 3.7% are pro-donations and anti-government aid
    - This percentage is much higher in US and UK
  - And 4.5% are pro-government aid and anti-donations
    - This percentage is much lower in US and UK
- The profiles of respondents are logical, e.g. engagement and support for political parties
  - Government and personal efficacy are consistently correlated with whether people support government aid and donations, respectively
  - Education is correlated with supporting both
- People who prefer a higher percentage of government spend on development assistance tend to around the 65:35 mark in favour of government

