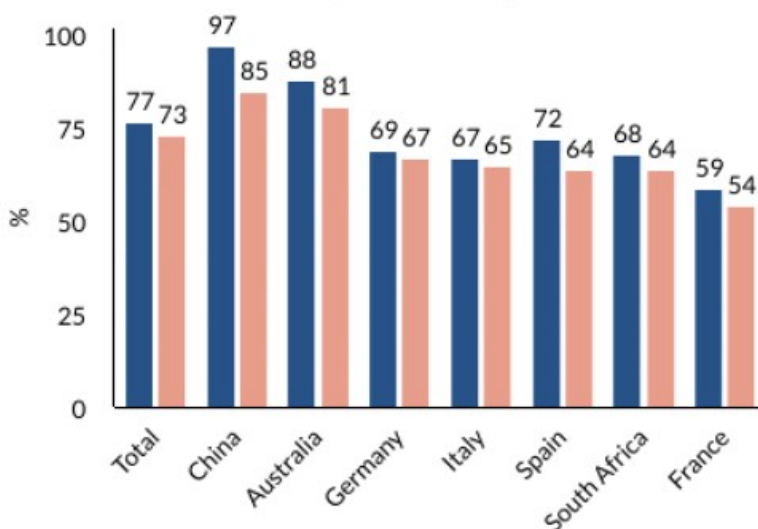# How can the Quality, Availability, and Affordability of Healthcare Systems in the EU be Improved through Vaccination as a Disease Prevention Strategy?

Vaccines have proven to be medically safe and cost-effective. Therefore, increasing vaccination rates will lead to an improvement in the quality, availability and affordability of healthcare.

However, due to a multitude of reasons, vaccination rates are declining. We propose five different government policies for battling this decrease in vaccination rates, and thus improving the quality, availability and affordability of healthcare.

If a vaccine for COVID-19 were available, I would get it

Country	Total Agree - Aug 2020	Total Agree - Oct 2020
Total	77	73
China	97	85
Australia	88	81
Germany	69	67
Italy	67	65
Spain	72	64
South Africa	68	64
France	59	54

Source: Global Advisor

■ Total Agree - Aug 2020   ■ Total Agree - Oct 2020

POLICY SUGGESTIONS

Forced Vaccination
Complete herd immunity but ethically and constitutionally problematic

Mandatory Vaccination
Effective at enforcing vaccination but socially controversial

Indirect Negative Reinforcement
Incentivised immunisation through vaccine passports and 'No jab, no pay' schemes

Positive Incentivization
Liberty of the individual but complicated by vaccine hesitancy

Information Sensitization Campaign
Fight fake news and educate people on vaccination

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