

The image of the European Union is deteriorating among Basque youths

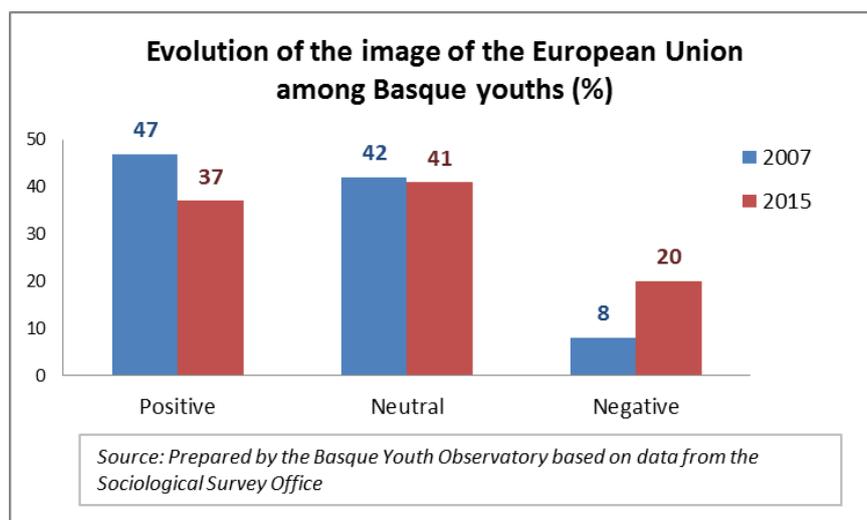
On occasion of the **Europe Day** celebrations on May 9, the [Basque Youth Observatory](#) is putting forward data regarding the views that young Basques have regarding the European Union (EU).



Only 37% of young people in the Basque Country aged between 18 and 29 see the European Union in a positive light in 2015. 41% have a neutral view while 20% have a negative view (the remaining 2% do not have an opinion).

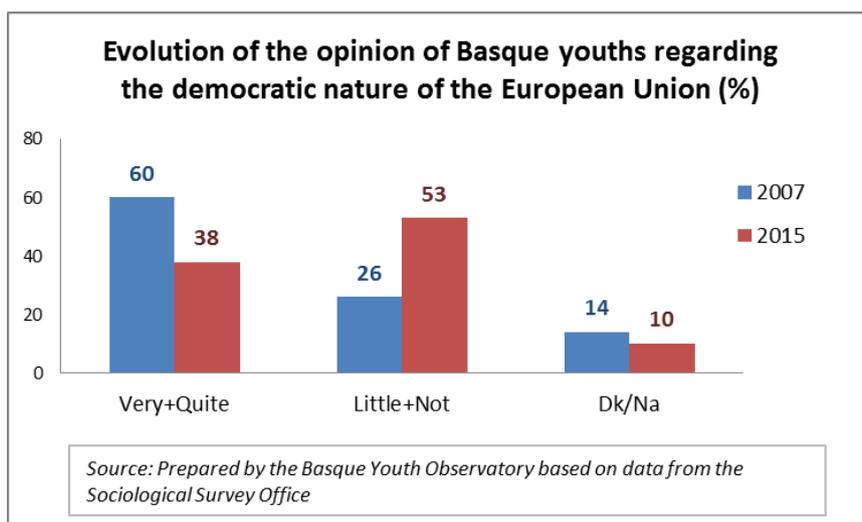
The percentage of young people with a positive view of the EU, despite being a minority, is greater than the figures that correspond to the total population aged 18 and over (31%).

Comparing these data with those recorded for 2007, we find that the image of the EU has deteriorated significantly among young people in these eight years.



Furthermore, this year, 53% of Basque Youths criticise the fact that the European Union is little or not democratic (the same percentage recorded among the total population).

Comparing these data with those recorded for 2007, once again we find that the image young people have of the European Union has deteriorated. In the past, more young people aged 18 to 29 considered that it was very or quite democratic than those who considered that it was little or not democratic.



The management of the economic crisis and the measures imposed by the European Union to overcome the crisis seem to be the root causes for this deterioration of its image among young Basques (and, in general, among the general public, albeit more sharply).

These data come from two studies prepared by the [Sociological Survey Office](#) of the Basque Government based on surveys conducted on a representative sample of the population of the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country. The first of these took place in 2007 ([The Future of Europe](#)) and the second in 2015 ([Basque Sociometer 57. The Basque Country in the World](#)). The Basque Youth Observatory has studied the responses given by young people aged 18 to 29 and has compared them with the population mean.

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