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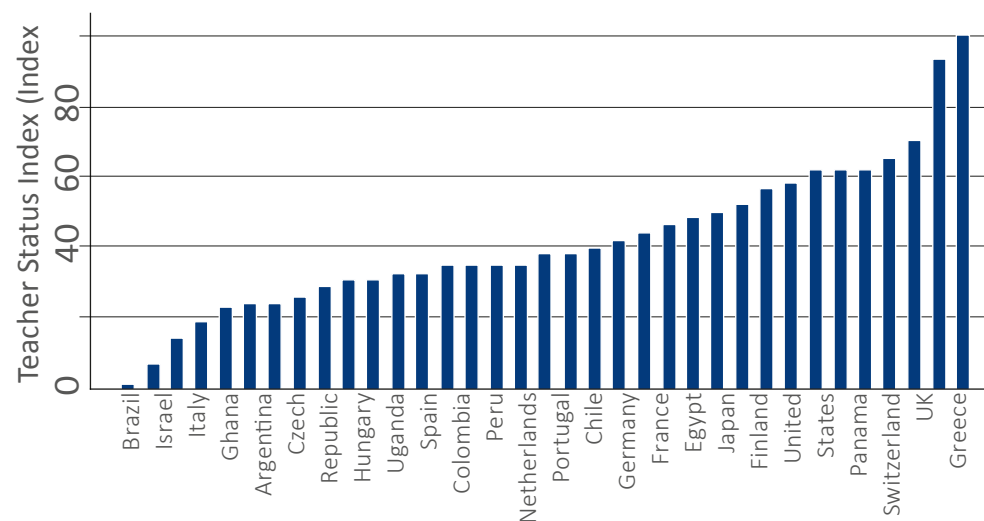
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## SPAIN HAS FALLEN TO 27TH PLACE IN 35 COUNTRY TEACHER STATUS RANKING, NEW GLOBAL SURVEY REVEALS

### KEY FINDINGS – SPAIN:

- > Spain ranks 27th out of 35 countries surveyed in the Global Teacher Status Index 2018, the second lowest of the major EU economies after from Italy, which ranks 33rd. Teacher status has fallen markedly in Spain relative to other countries polled since the survey was last conducted in 2013. In 2013 it ranked at number 12 out of 21 countries surveyed then, and of those 21 countries it now ranks at 17. Spain has been overtaken by countries such as Germany (16 of 21 in 2013 but 14 of 21 in 2018), and Finland (13 of 21 in 2013 but 10 of 21 in 2018).

The Varkey Foundation Global Teacher Status Index 2018 (GTSI 2018)



35 survey countries indexed on a relative scale 1-100

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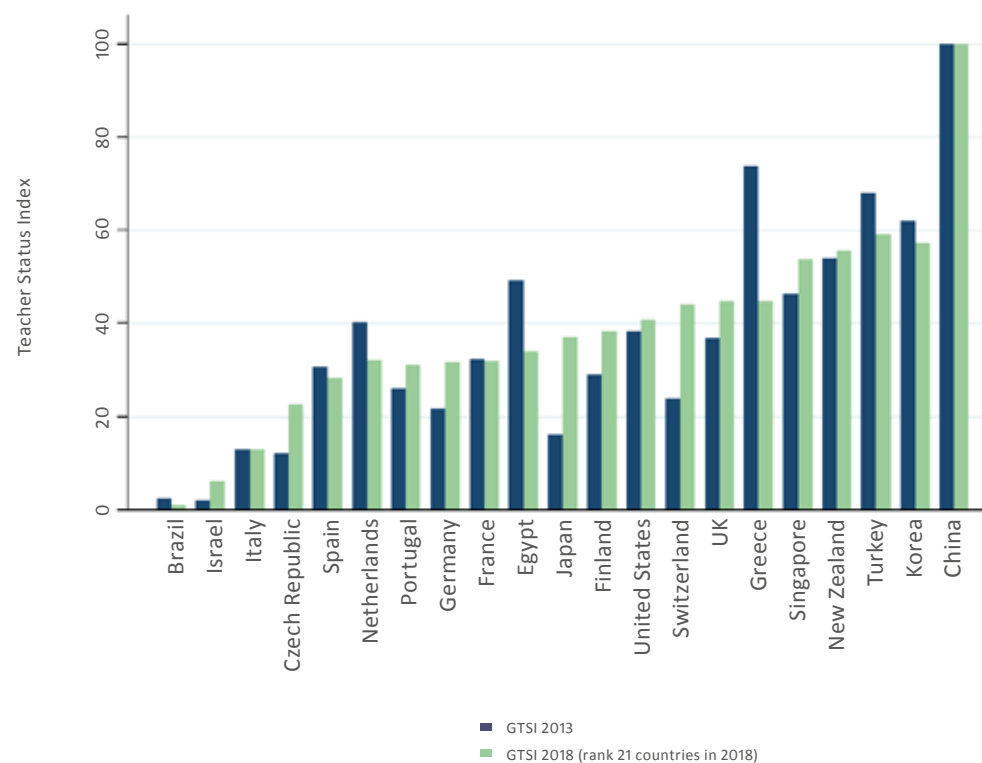


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> Almost two in five (39%) Spanish people would encourage their child to become a teacher, the eighth highest of all the countries surveyed and the highest of all the European countries polled, despite teachers enjoying lower status in Spain than any other major EU economy apart from Italy. More Spanish people would encourage their child to become a teacher now than in 2013 (32%) despite overall teacher status falling in Spain next to other countries. Over half (54%) of Indians, by comparison, would encourage their child to become a teacher in the 2018 poll, more than any other country surveyed. The country in which the lowest proportion of respondents would encourage their child to become a teacher was Russia (6%).

> Over half (51%) of Spanish people polled believe teachers should be paid according to the results of their pupils, the highest of all the major EU economies. By comparison, 79% of people in Egypt support performance related pay, more than in any other country surveyed, and 21% in Finland, the lowest polled. Support for performance related pay has fallen slightly in Spain since 2013 when 59% were in favour.

The GTSI 2018 Compared with the GTSI 2013 Rankings





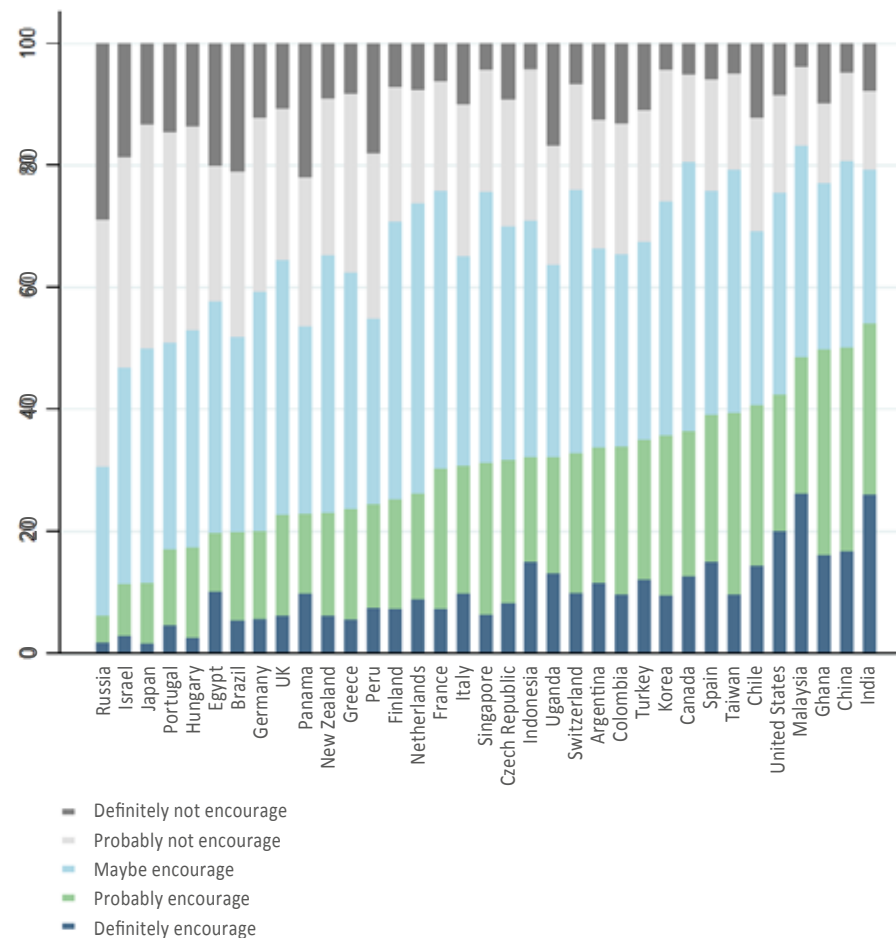
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- > Spanish people radically underestimate what teachers are paid, putting the annual starting salary for a secondary school teacher at around \$37,500 (adjusted for purchasing power parity) when in reality it is over \$10,000 higher at just under \$48,000, the third highest of all the countries surveyed behind only Switzerland (over \$77,000) and Germany (\$65,000). Teachers consider this to be a fair wage. However, the Spanish general public believe a fair wage for a starting secondary school teacher is around \$42,000 making Spain one of only seven countries surveyed in which teachers are paid more than what the general public consider to be a fair wage, the others being Italy, Portugal, Finland, Switzerland, Germany and Singapore.
- > Wages for starting secondary teachers in Spain have risen markedly since 2013, from just over \$29,000 per annum (PPP adjusted) five years ago to just under \$48,000 now. This contrasts sharply with the UK and the US where wages have stagnated. What the public considers a fair wage has also risen from \$33,000 to \$42,000 in the last five years.

Would You Encourage Your Child to Become a Teacher by Country (2018).



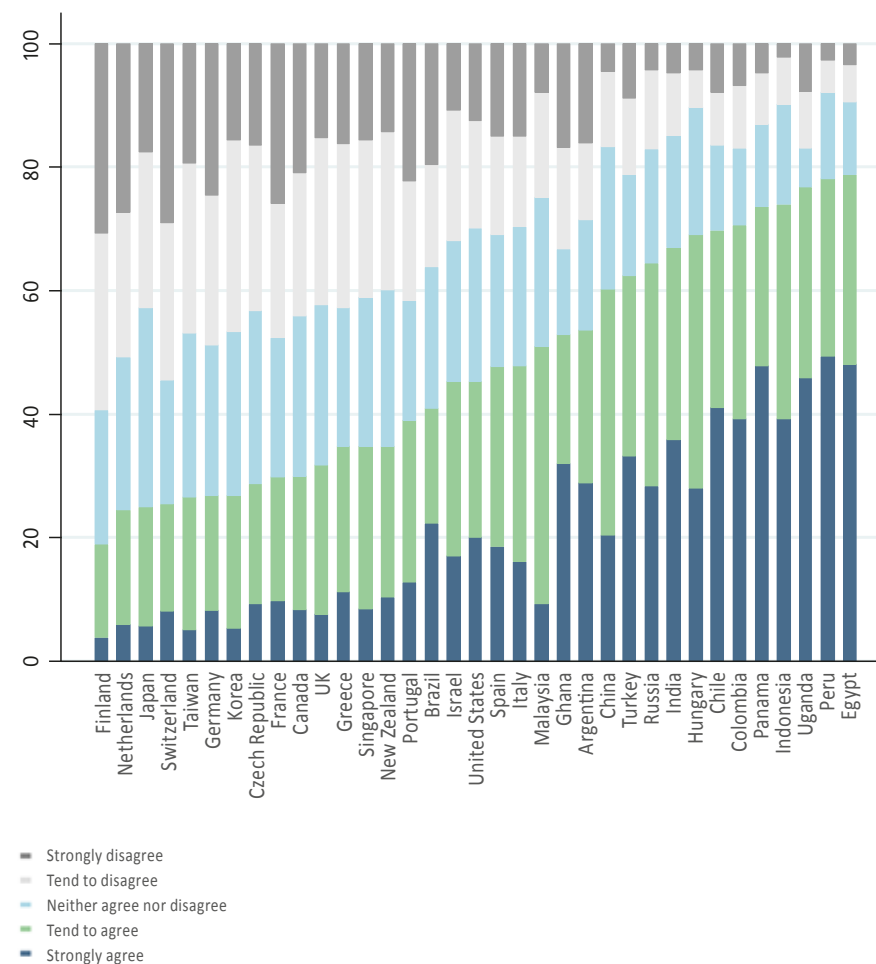
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- > Almost two in five (39%) of Spanish people instinctively view teachers as lazy, the fourth highest of all the countries surveyed after Greece (52%), Panama (42%) and Peru (40%). By contrast only 4% see teachers as lazy in Russia, the lowest of all the surveyed countries.
- > One in five Spanish respondents (20%) said the most comparable profession to teachers are librarians followed by 15% who said social workers and 15% who said nurses. This makes Spain one of 10 countries that said teachers were most similar to librarians, next to 18 that said social workers. By comparison, only three countries – China, Russia and Malaysia – said teachers were most like doctors, a view shared by 10% of Spanish people polled. The Spanish view on which profession is most comparable to teachers has changed since 2013 when most (20%) said social workers.
- > The Spanish public underestimate the hours teachers work, saying they work 34.4 hours a week when teachers themselves report working 38.5 hours a week.

Responses to 'Should teachers be rewarded in pay according to their pupils' results?' By Country. (As percentages of respondents) For the general public sample



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- > When asked to rate the quality of their education system out of 10, Spanish respondents said 5.7, a slight increase from 5.4 in 2013 but still lower than all the other major EU economies. By contrast, Finland topped the rankings when it came to rating their education system (8.06), while Egyptians rated their country's education system lower than any other surveyed at 3.8.
- > When Spanish respondents were asked to rank 14 professions including doctors, nurses, librarians and social workers in order of respect, headteachers were ranked the eighth lowest of all the countries surveyed and the lowest of the major EU economies. Spain ranked headteachers a long way behind first placed Malaysia but ahead of last placed Brazil.
- > When asked to rank 14 professions including doctors, nurses, librarians and social workers in order of respect, on Spanish respondents ranked secondary school teachers the 11th lowest of all the countries surveyed. The highest ranking for secondary school teachers of all the countries polled was China.
- > Less than a quarter (22%) of Spanish people surveyed think pupils respect their teachers. This is the 11th lowest of all the countries surveyed and a long way behind first-placed China where 81% of respondents believe pupils respect their teachers. A slightly higher proportion of Spanish people polled in 2013 (25%) thought pupils respected their teachers than they do now.

