



Paris, 15 November 2016

Fault Lines: Bringing a Society Together

In the wake of the January 2015 attacks, France Stratégie launched a cycle of 12 seminars that brought together stakeholders on the ground, representatives from government and academics to take stock of the rifts running through French society.

France Stratégie's analysts then drew on the seminars, an opinion poll carried out by the research firm IFOP and extensive socioeconomic data to put together its in-depth report *Fault Lines: Bringing a Society Together (Lignes de failles. Une société à réunifier)*.

Though issues such as inequality and social mobility represent very real divides, the report shows the French populace holds an excessively negative opinion of the state of their society when compared to the image citizens abroad hold of their own countries. For France Stratégie, this reflects widespread distrust in the country's institutions, which are not seen as inclusive and empowering but rather distant and unresponsive.

Beyond assessing the situation, the report also aims to spark a debate on how to overcome the country's divisions and rally French citizens around a common direction for the future. What actions are necessary and which pitfalls need to be avoided? And how can France's social compact be reinvigorated?

[This report is available on our website.](#)

MEDIA CONTACTS

Jean-Michel Roullé Communications Director +33 (1) 42 75 61 37 / +33 (6) 46 55 38 38 jean-michel.roulle@francestrategie.eu	Joris Aubrespin Press Officer +33 (1) 42 75 60 27 / +33 (6) 20 78 57 18 joris.aubrespin@francestrategie.eu
--	---

France-strategie-presse@strategie.gouv.fr

 @Strategie_Gouv



France Stratégie is a government policy institute. Not only does it assess different policy options and make recommendations to the Prime Minister, it also anticipates future trends affecting the economy and society by serving as a forum for debating topical issues and providing a strategic vision for the country as a whole. Combining breadth with depth, its research covers four main elds: employment, sustainable development, economics and social issues.