

This talk presents findings from the project "Investing in Education in Europe." The core claim of the project is that public opinion is a loud, but noisy signal. Policy-makers to a large extent respond to public demands, but these responses are often biased as policymakers interpret and try to shape public opinion and make use of it in public debates about policy reform. Thus, the project studies the interaction between the forces of public opinion, party and interest group politics.

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