

Livestock farming systems and the French society: Key controversies

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Definition of a controversy



A **controversy** is:

- a **creative process**
- that takes the form of a **public debate**
- structured around an **uncertainties** (scientific and ethic)



That involves **disagreeing participants**:

- whose strategies aim to **rally the public** to their cause
- by gaining its **trust**
- by reducing its **uncertainty**



Actors of the controversy on livestock farming



The world of NGOs

Environment

Animal protection

Abolitionists

Welfarists

Scientists

The world of agriculture

Sector organizations

Unions

Applied R&D

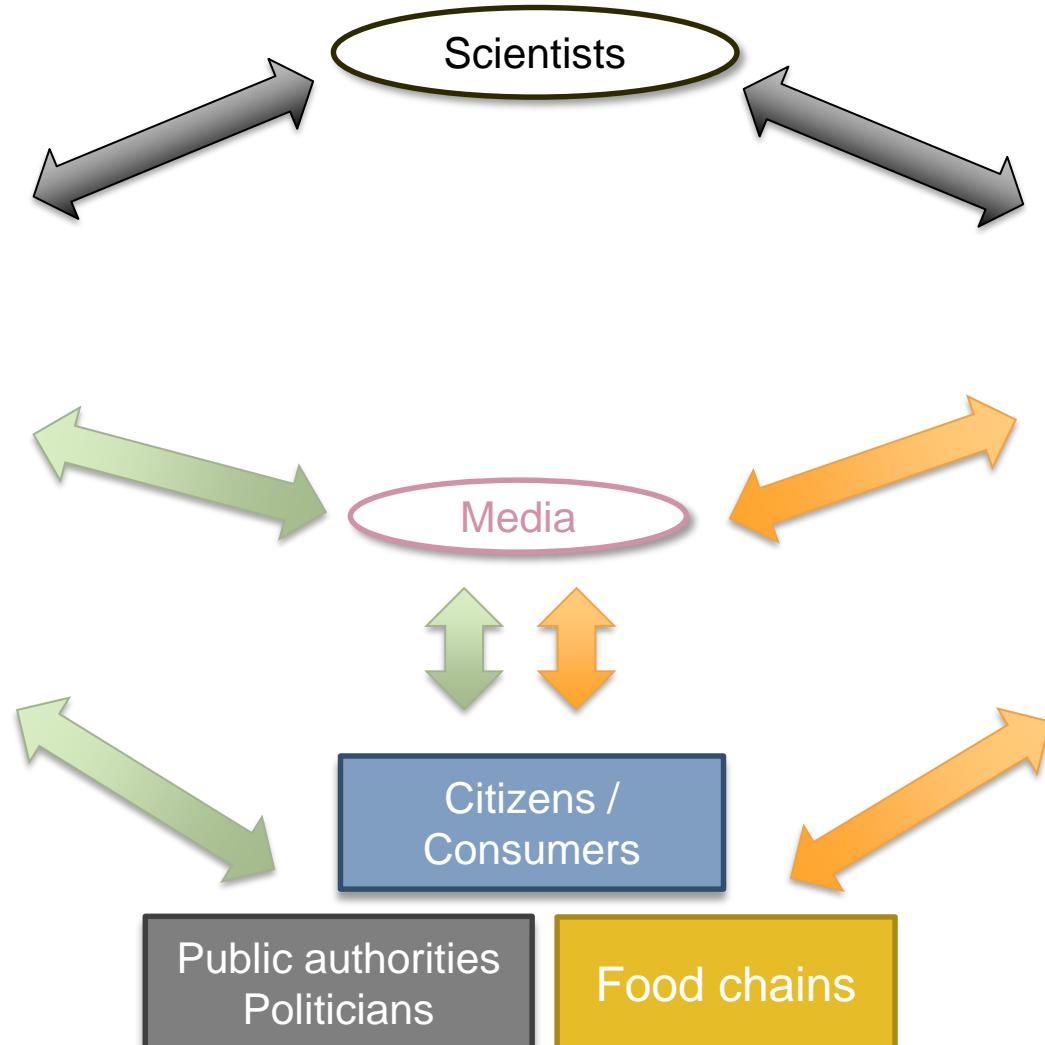
Farmers

Media

Citizens / Consumers

Public authorities
Politicians

Food chains





Four registers of disagreement

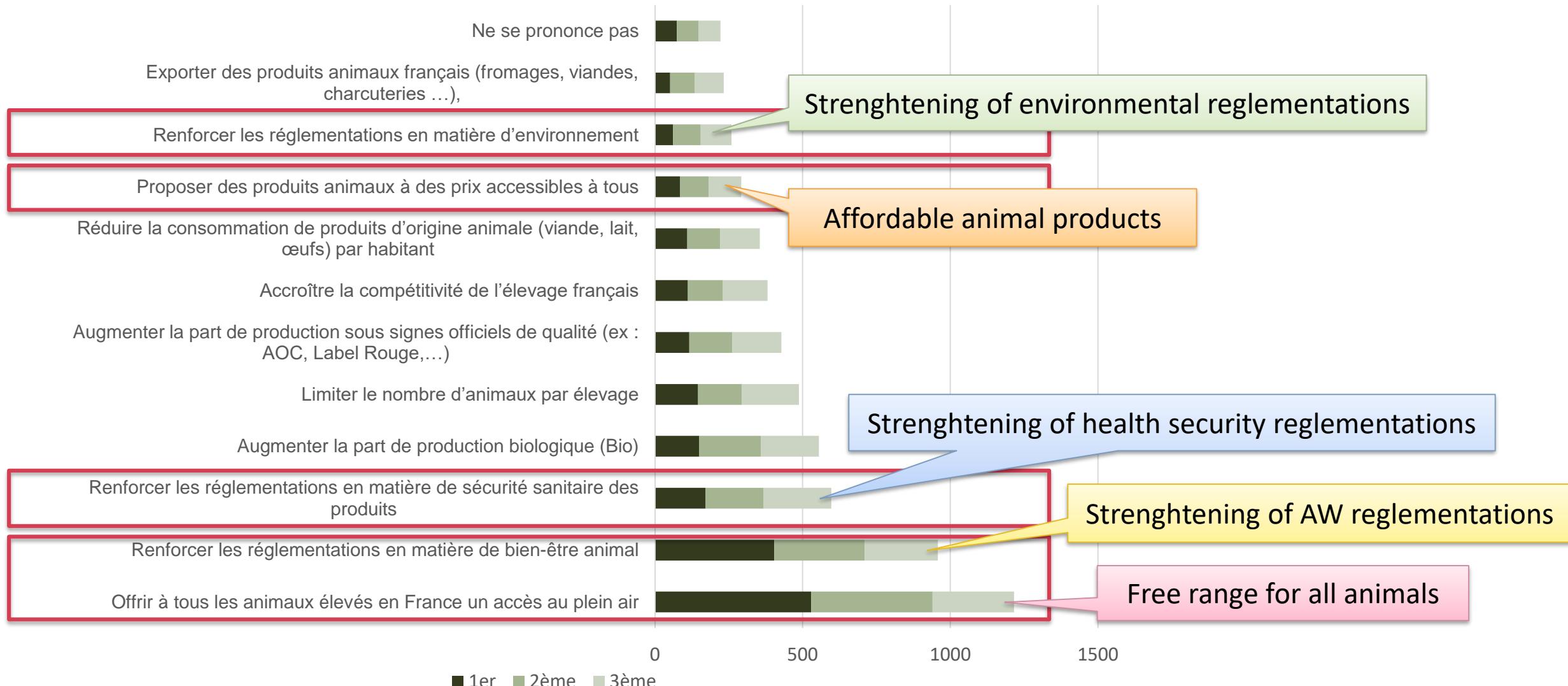


Environment <i>Impact of human activities on nature</i>	Animal condition <i>The way to keep animals</i>	Human health <i>Impact of livestock farming</i>	Socio-economy <i>Development models</i>
GHG Emissions Water pollution Feed (soya, GMO) Resources use (water, ag. land) Nuisances (Odours, noise)	Animal welfare definition Life conditions Pain treatment Ethics	Use of antibiotics Risks of epizooties and zoonoses	Industrialisation Geographic concentration

→ No consensus in the French society
on livestock farming role and animal treatment



Citizens' priorities regarding livestock farming

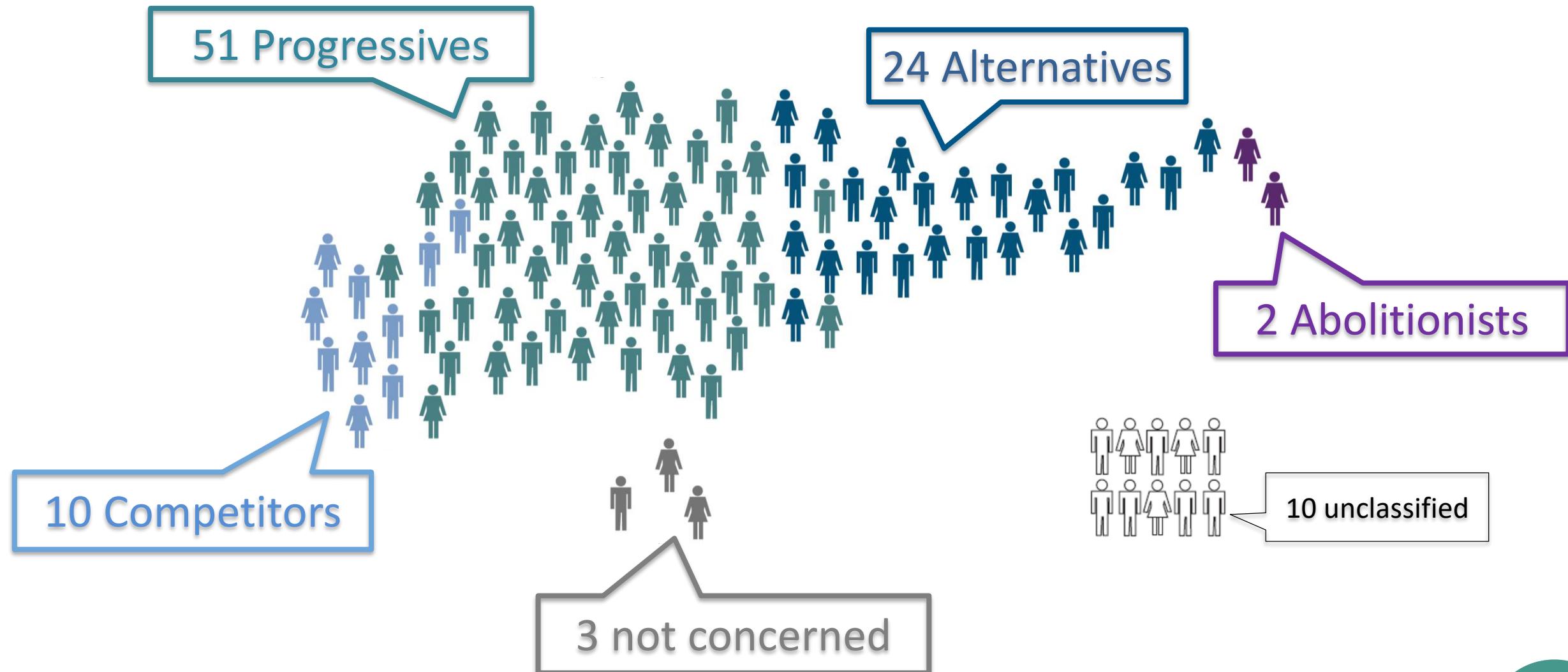




Society expectations for tomorrow's livestock farming



On 100 French citizens (typology elaborated within the project after the previously mentioned representative survey)





Concluding remarks



- **A controversy that deepened in France for some years:**
 - Ethic of livestock farming became central in the debate
 - A gradient of social concerns regarding livestock farming from Northern to Southern Europe
- **A change in perceptions:**
 - Redefinition of livestock farming: environnement-human-animal
 - Legitimacy of livestock farming and consumption of animal products
- **A food transition:**
 - Animal welfare is becoming non-negotiable for society
 - Renewed social norms: Consume “better and less” ?



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