

Most Singaporeans prefer self-reliance amid downturn: survey

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SINGAPORE, May 3 (Xinhua) -- A recent survey showed that some 80 percent of Singaporeans think that people should rely more on personal initiative and sacrifice rather than the government to cope with the current economic crisis, local media reported on Sunday.

According to local radio 938live, in a survey conducted by the Institute of Policy Studies on some 800 respondents, the age group between 30 to 39 and those in the highest household income band have the highest agreement level on self-reliance, while the lowest level of agreement came from respondents in the low household income bracket, but still the figure was at 77 percent.

The survey also find that the majority said they would rely heavily on their savings to weather the downturn, while about one in three respondents said they would be willing to take on any job regardless of the pay.