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Vormgeving Evidence Informed Beleid

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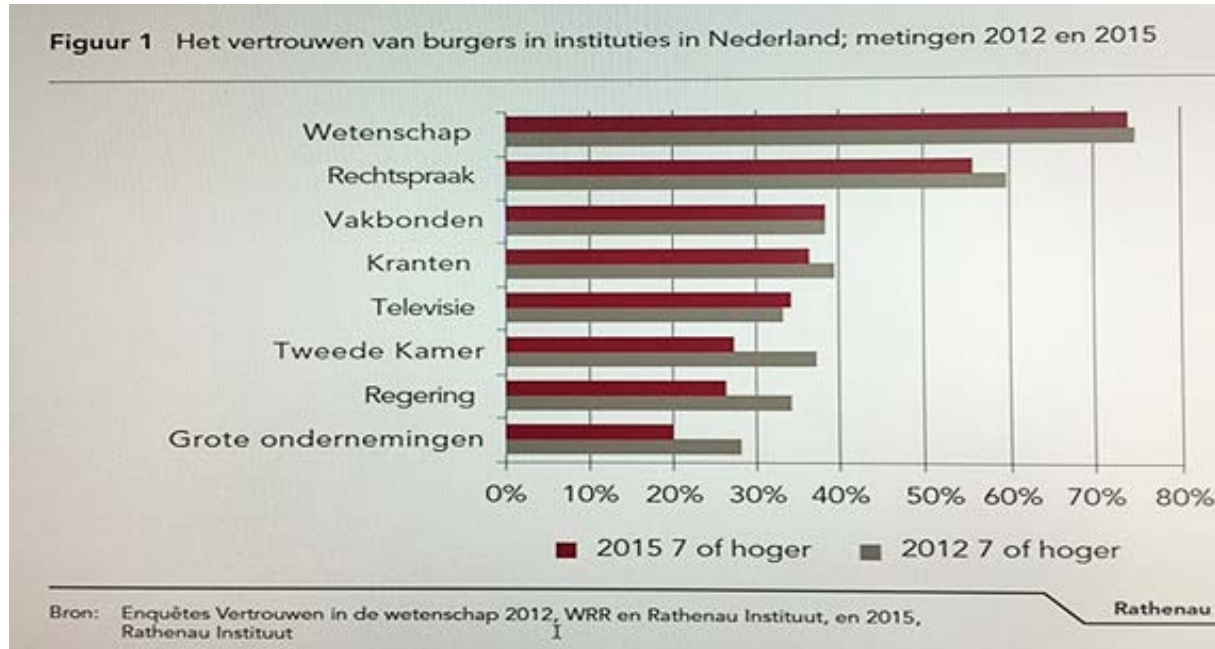
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It ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so (Mark Twain)



Fact Free, Post Truth or Science?





Bridge between Academia and Policy makers



- Independent
- Impartial
- Economists
- IFI and Productivity Board



How does CPB contribute to better Policies?

- Independent forecasts
 - > antidote to overoptimism
- Policy analysis and simulations
 - > well designed policies and money well spent
- Costing of election manifesto's
 - > reality check on campaign promises



Promising Policies Series: practical Tool Box



- Snap Shot Policy Area
 - Outcomes
 - Benchmark (international)
 - Existing policies
 - Survey literature
- Menu Policy options
 - Across political spectrum
 - Effects (trade offs)
- Labour market, Education, R&D, Housing, Mobility, Science



Challenge for All: New & Better Bridges



- Discover **uncharted** territories
- **Revisit** better known areas



Better Bridges: More focus on Plumbing (Duflo)

Sound policy = good science + sound engineering + **Proper Plumbing**

Proper Plumbing = **taps** (delivery) and **pipes** (government logistics)

Behaviourial Aspects: citizens, firms, civil service and policy makers

Experiments and Evaluations



Call for Experiment on Deductables

- Deductables controversial, but do we have the facts?
 - > Experiments are **few** (2), **old** and **foreign**
- Benefit of Dutch experiment:
 - > **National** information on **health** and **budgetary** effects
- Specific proposal: <https://esb.nu/esb/20025495/pleidooi-voor-een-experiment-met-eigen-risico-in-de-zorg>



The Coalition Agreement: Plumber's Wish List

- Room to **experiment** with policies before general application
- Requirement to identify **baseline** against which to assess policies
- Experiment on **Deductables**



Wrap up

Evidence Based policy helps to deliver better results

Sound policy = good science + sound engineering + proper plumbing

Behaviourial aspects matter

Experiment and Evaluate

Netherlands deserves an experiment on Deductables