

## YouGov / EDF Survey Results

Sample Size: 4009 GB Adults  
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<b>In which of these areas are you aware of major challenges facing Britain and the British Government? (Please tick all that apply)</b>						
Economy	90	87	89	n/a	86	85
Pensions	67	67	53	n/a	75	69
Immigration	76	80	75	n/a	67	66
Health care	60	60	53	n/a	73	64
Energy	72	59	41	n/a	50	46
Law and order	61	58	46	n/a	51	44
Education	46	49	46	n/a	50	42
Transport	45	40	26	n/a	31	30
None of these	3	3	3	n/a	3	4
<b>Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In order to support families and business through the downturn the government should borrow more</b>						
Strongly agree	8	4	2	n/a	4	6
Tend to agree	34	23	18	n/a	17	21
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	42	27	20		21	27
Tend to disagree	29	40	44	n/a	40	36
Strongly disagree	12	19	24	n/a	22	18
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	41	59	68		62	54
Don't know	18	14	13	n/a	16	18
<b>What would you say is your level of interest in each of the following issues? (Please tick one answer option on each horizontal row)</b>						
<b>Global warming and climate change</b>						
Very interested	26	27	18	19	17	18
Fairly interested	46	44	44	44	43	41
<b>TOTAL INTERESTED</b>	72	71	62	63	60	59
Not very interested	18	18	24	24	24	25
Not at all interested	8	10	12	12	14	14
<b>TOTAL NOT INTERESTED</b>	26	28	36	36	38	39
Don't know	2	1	2	2	3	2
<b>Where Britain's electricity will come from in future</b>						
Very interested	39	36	30	30	31	27
Fairly interested	46	47	50	50	49	49
<b>TOTAL INTERESTED</b>	85	82	80	80	80	76
Not very interested	11	13	15	15	14	17
Not at all interested	2	3	3	3	3	4
<b>TOTAL NOT INTERESTED</b>	13	16	18	18	17	21
Don't know	2	2	2	2	3	3
<b>Nuclear energy</b>						
Very interested	27	24	20	23	22	19
Fairly interested	42	43	46	45	44	44
<b>TOTAL INTERESTED</b>	69	67	66	68	66	63
Not very interested	22	25	25	23	23	26
Not at all interested	5	6	6	7	7	7
<b>TOTAL NOT INTERESTED</b>	28	31	31	30	30	33
Don't know	3	2	3	3	4	4

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<b>Renewable energy (such as wind, solar or wave power)</b>						
Very interested	43	42	36	31	34	28
Fairly interested	40	40	44	46	44	45
<b>TOTAL INTERESTED</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>73</b>
Not very interested	12	12	14	15	15	17
Not at all interested	4	4	5	6	5	7
<b>TOTAL NOT INTERESTED</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>
Don't know	2	2	2	2	3	3
<b>Thinking about global warming and climate change, which of these statements comes closest to your view?</b>						
It is a serious and urgent problem and radical steps must be taken NOW to prevent terrible damage being done to the planet	37	37	28	27	28	27
Climate change is definitely happening but there is time to work out the best actions to take, and we should not rush into anything that could harm our standard of living	30	29	29	30	30	30
It is not yet clear whether climate change is happening or not - scientists are divided on this issue	24	27	33	31	30	29
I don't believe climate change is happening at all - it's simply scare-mongering and we should ignore it	5	5	7	7	8	7
Don't know	4	3	3	4	5	6
<b>How favourable or unfavourable are your overall opinions or impressions of the following energy sources for producing electricity currently...? (Please tick one answer option on each horizontal row)</b>						
<b>Coal fired power stations</b>						
Very favourable	6	5	4	5	5	5
Mainly favourable	18	15	15	19	17	16
<b>TOTAL FAVOURABLE</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	32	30	32	31	32	30
Mainly unfavourable	24	28	26	24	25	26
Very unfavourable	13	16	14	13	13	13
<b>TOTAL UNFAVOURABLE</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>
Never heard of it	1	1	1	1	1	1
Don't know	6	6	7	7	7	9
<b>Gas fired power stations</b>						
Very favourable	4	3	3	4	3	4
Mainly favourable	22	20	21	24	22	22
<b>TOTAL FAVOURABLE</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	38	36	38	36	38	36
Mainly unfavourable	21	24	22	18	20	20
Very unfavourable	9	8	8	7	7	7
<b>TOTAL UNFAVOURABLE</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>
Never heard of it	2	1	1	1	1	2
Don't know	6	7	7	8	8	9
<b>Nuclear power stations</b>						
Very favourable	17	16	15	12	13	15
Mainly favourable	26	27	27	24	25	25
<b>TOTAL FAVOURABLE</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	23	23	25	24	23	25
Mainly unfavourable	16	16	15	17	16	15
Very unfavourable	13	13	11	17	15	12
<b>TOTAL UNFAVOURABLE</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>27</b>
Never heard of it	0	0	0	0	0	1
Don't know	6	6	7	7	7	9

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	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Wind 'farms'</b>						
Very favourable	44	41	37	32	33	<b>27</b>
Mainly favourable	32	33	35	35	33	<b>31</b>
<b>TOTAL FAVOURABLE</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>58</b>
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	11	12	13	16	15	<b>17</b>
Mainly unfavourable	5	5	6	7	6	<b>8</b>
Very unfavourable	4	5	5	6	7	<b>10</b>
<b>TOTAL UNFAVOURABLE</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>
Never heard of it	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Don't know	4	4	4	5	5	<b>6</b>
<b>All methods of electricity generation have some sort of disadvantage. For each of the disadvantages listed below in blue, which of the following methods of electricity generation does it apply to in your opinion? In each case, please tick all the methods to which the disadvantage applies.</b>						
<b>The price of the fuel is not stable</b>						
<b>Disadvantages apply to...</b>						
Coal	47	50	49	46	46	<b>47</b>
Gas	76	74	72	73	73	<b>65</b>
Nuclear energy	22	20	17	22	19	<b>22</b>
Wind Power	8	9	10	12	10	<b>15</b>
None of these	2	2	2	3	2	<b>3</b>
Don't know	15	16	17	16	16	<b>20</b>
<b>The supply of the fuel is not secure (for example, it comes from unreliable or unfriendly countries)</b>						
<b>Disadvantages apply to...</b>						
Coal	37	39	41	35	37	<b>36</b>
Gas	71	71	71	68	68	<b>64</b>
Nuclear energy	18	17	15	19	18	<b>17</b>
Wind Power	5	7	8	9	8	<b>10</b>
None of these	4	3	3	6	4	<b>4</b>
Don't know	16	17	17	14	17	<b>19</b>
<b>The cost is too high</b>						
<b>Disadvantages apply to...</b>						
Coal	33	34	32	34	33	<b>29</b>
Gas	60	52	49	52	54	<b>44</b>
Nuclear energy	34	36	36	33	34	<b>35</b>
Wind Power	20	22	21	24	23	<b>28</b>
None of these	4	4	4	4	3	<b>4</b>
Don't know	16	19	19	18	19	<b>22</b>
<b>The question of safety</b>						
<b>Disadvantages apply to...</b>						
Coal	19	19	20	21	18	<b>19</b>
Gas	25	24	26	23	22	<b>22</b>
Nuclear energy	76	75	75	80	77	<b>74</b>
Wind Power	3	3	3	4	4	<b>5</b>
None of these	7	7	6	6	8	<b>14</b>
Don't know	12	12	12	10	11	<b>7</b>
<b>Disposing of waste products</b>						
<b>Disadvantages apply to...</b>						
Coal	31	35	31	33	32	<b>28</b>
Gas	18	18	16	17	15	<b>15</b>
Nuclear energy	81	80	80	81	81	<b>77</b>
Wind Power	1	1	1	1	1	<b>1</b>
None of these	2	2	1	2	2	<b>2</b>
Don't know	13	13	13	12	12	<b>16</b>

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<b>Spoils the landscape</b>						
<b>Disadvantages apply to...</b>						
Coal	48	51	47	46	43	<b>41</b>
Gas	24	27	25	25	22	<b>23</b>
Nuclear energy	42	46	42	46	42	<b>39</b>
Wind Power	47	46	49	48	49	<b>51</b>
None of these	11	10	11	9	12	<b>10</b>
Don't know	10	9	9	8	9	<b>12</b>
<b>Causes global warming by giving out carbon dioxide</b>						
<b>Disadvantages apply to...</b>						
Coal	73	74	72	69	70	<b>67</b>
Gas	61	61	59	54	55	<b>55</b>
Nuclear energy	15	15	13	15	14	<b>13</b>
Wind Power	1	1	1	1	1	<b>1</b>
None of these	3	4	4	5	5	<b>5</b>
Don't know	16	15	16	17	17	<b>19</b>
<b>Does not work continuously all the time</b>						
<b>Disadvantages apply to...</b>						
Coal	6	6	5	4	4	<b>4</b>
Gas	5	5	4	3	4	<b>3</b>
Nuclear energy	4	4	3	4	4	<b>4</b>
Wind Power	72	72	73	76	76	<b>75</b>
None of these	6	6	5	4	5	<b>4</b>
Don't know	17	17	17	16	15	<b>17</b>
<b>Vulnerable to terrorist attack</b>						
<b>Disadvantages apply to...</b>						
Coal	24	25	24	26	22	<b>21</b>
Gas	47	46	44	41	40	<b>35</b>
Nuclear energy	82	82	80	83	81	<b>77</b>
Wind Power	20	21	20	19	18	<b>18</b>
None of these	3	4	4	4	5	<b>5</b>
Don't know	12	11	13	11	11	<b>15</b>
<b>Causes dangerous pollution</b>						
<b>Disadvantages apply to...</b>						
Coal	62	65	62	57	59	<b>58</b>
Gas	47	48	44	41	40	<b>43</b>
Nuclear energy	56	56	52	56	55	<b>52</b>
Wind Power	1	1	1	1	1	<b>1</b>
None of these	5	5	5	7	6	<b>6</b>
Don't know	13	12	14	13	13	<b>16</b>
<b>Most of Britain's older nuclear power stations and some coal power stations will come to the end of their useful lives by about 2020. This will leave a substantial gap which will need to be filled by new power stations. Were you aware of this issue?</b>						
Yes, I was aware of this	61	62	62	57	64	<b>59</b>
No, I was not aware of this	34	33	33	38	30	<b>35</b>
Not sure	5	4	5	5	6	<b>6</b>

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<b>There are various kinds of power station that could be built to contribute to filling this energy gap. For each type of power station, please say whether you would support or oppose it being built. (Please tick one answer option on each horizontal row)</b>						
<b>Coal power stations (if carbon emissions can be removed and safely stored)</b>						
Strongly support	21	20	17	18	18	20
Tend to support	42	40	41	39	40	35
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>55</b>
Neither support nor oppose	20	20	22	22	21	20
Tend to oppose	10	12	12	12	12	11
Strongly oppose	3	4	4	3	4	5
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>
Don't know	5	4	5	5	6	9
<b>Nuclear power stations to replace the old ones being phased out</b>						
Strongly support	23	22	22	17	20	22
Tend to support	30	29	30	29	27	28
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>50</b>
Neither support nor oppose	16	18	19	18	18	18
Tend to oppose	15	15	16	16	15	12
Strongly oppose	12	11	8	14	13	10
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>
Don't know	5	5	5	5	6	10
<b>Gas power stations</b>						
Strongly support	7	7	7	7	7	8
Tend to support	30	30	30	33	31	31
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>
Neither support nor oppose	36	37	38	35	35	33
Tend to oppose	17	17	15	15	15	14
Strongly oppose	4	4	4	3	4	4
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>
Don't know	6	6	6	7	9	11
<b>Wind farms on the land</b>						
Strongly support	38	36	33	33	30	27
Tend to support	34	36	35	32	34	30
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>57</b>
Neither support nor oppose	12	12	14	14	15	15
Tend to oppose	8	7	8	9	10	11
Strongly oppose	5	5	6	7	7	10
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>21</b>
Don't know	4	3	4	4	5	8
<b>Wind farms off the coast</b>						
Strongly support	54	53	48	45	43	38
Tend to support	28	29	32	31	31	30
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>68</b>
Neither support nor oppose	8	8	10	10	11	12
Tend to oppose	4	3	4	5	5	7
Strongly oppose	3	3	3	5	4	6
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>
Don't know	4	3	4	4	5	7
<b>To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of these statements about electricity generation? (Please tick one answer option on each horizontal row)</b>						
<b>The UK should aim to be self-sufficient in energy</b>						
Strongly agree	57	56	54	55	52	53
Tend to agree	32	34	36	35	36	34
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>87</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	6	6	6	5	6	6
Tend to disagree	1	1	1	1	1	1
Strongly disagree	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Don't know	4	3	4	3	4	6

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<b>Nuclear energy has disadvantages but the country needs it as part of the energy balance, with coal, gas and wind power</b>						
Strongly agree	27	26	25	22	25	27
Tend to agree	35	39	39	38	36	36
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>63</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	19	17	19	16	18	17
Tend to disagree	8	8	7	11	9	6
Strongly disagree	5	5	4	7	6	5
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>
Don't know	5	6	6	7	7	10
<b>The best solution is to replace nuclear power stations with new ones and expand renewables like wind power at the same time</b>						
Strongly agree	30	29	26	24	24	24
Tend to agree	33	34	36	33	30	32
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>56</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	18	17	19	18	20	19
Tend to disagree	10	10	8	12	13	10
Strongly disagree	5	5	4	6	6	5
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>
Don't know	5	5	7	6	7	9
<b>The most important thing is to stop any building of nuclear power stations</b>						
Strongly agree	8	8	6	11	10	8
Tend to agree	12	14	12	14	13	12
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	22	22	23	23	22	21
Tend to disagree	23	26	28	24	24	23
Strongly disagree	29	25	24	22	24	25
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>
Don't know	6	6	6	6	7	10
<b>The most important thing is to reduce global warming by producing less carbon dioxide</b>						
Strongly agree	28	30	22	23	21	22
Tend to agree	36	38	37	34	39	34
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>56</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	20	18	25	25	23	23
Tend to disagree	7	6	7	8	7	7
Strongly disagree	4	4	4	5	4	5
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
Don't know	5	4	5	5	6	8
<b>Nuclear energy produces very little carbon dioxide</b>						
Strongly agree	19	19	17	17	18	20
Tend to agree	26	28	29	28	27	26
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	29	20	22	22	20	19
Tend to disagree	5	4	3	2	3	4
Strongly disagree	2	1	1	2	1	1
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Don't know	19	28	26	29	30	30

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How much, if anything, have you heard about the government's energy reform plans?

I have heard of them and understand them well	6
I have heard of them but don't really understand them	33
I have not heard about them	61

With current nuclear and coal power stations due to close between now and 2020, it has been estimated the UK's energy sector needs around £200 billion of investment to bridge this gap. The Government's energy reform plans will set a fixed price for electricity generated in an effort to encourage investment in low-carbon energy (nuclear, wind and solar) where the upfront costs are high. While household bills will rise, the Government says that the reforms will mean that prices will be more stable and lead to lower rises in the future.

To what extent do you support or oppose these measures?

Strongly support	6
Tend to support	29
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>35</b>
Neither support nor oppose	30
Tend to oppose	12
Strongly oppose	6
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>18</b>
Don't know	17