

YouGov / EDF Energy Survey Results

Sample Size: 4262 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 10th - 13th May 2010

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In which of these areas are you aware of major challenges facing Britain and the British Government? (Please tick all that apply)

Economy	n/a	90	87	89	92	90	90	89	88	84	90	91	92	85	86	90	88	88	92
Immigration	85	76	80	75	86	71	68	71	79	66	76	83	75	76	73	78	75	75	70
Health care	75	60	60	53	56	51	57	48	58	46	54	58	54	52	56	56	50	51	54
Pensions	66	67	67	53	58	48	54	52	55	38	53	66	57	48	51	55	52	52	57
Law and order	66	61	58	46	58	38	37	45	47	32	48	57	46	46	48	46	46	46	45
Education	60	46	49	46	49	42	48	41	49	43	45	48	47	44	50	48	43	44	42
Energy	60	72	59	41	43	37	48	44	38	34	39	48	44	37	39	43	40	39	46
Transport	53	45	40	26	27	22	31	27	25	22	26	29	27	24	29	27	23	24	28
None of these	5	3	3	3	1	2	2	2	3	5	3	1	2	4	2	3	2	4	2

What would you say is your level of interest in each of the following issues? (Please tick one answer option on each horizontal row)

Global warming and climate change

Very interested	31	26	27	18	13	18	29	18	18	21	16	18	19	17	20	19	17	17	17
Fairly interested	47	46	44	44	40	48	50	42	46	44	45	43	45	43	46	44	45	40	52
TOTAL INTERESTED	78	72	71	62	53	66	79	60	64	65	61	61	64	60	66	63	62	57	69
Not very interested	15	18	18	24	30	23	15	24	25	23	23	26	24	24	20	22	25	29	20
Not at all interested	5	8	10	12	17	10	6	15	10	9	14	12	11	13	11	13	11	12	10
TOTAL NOT INTERESTED	20	26	28	36	47	33	21	39	35	32	37	38	35	37	31	35	36	41	30
Don't know	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	0

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Where Britain's electricity will come from in future																			
Very interested	32	39	36	30	31	28	33	35	25	23	26	39	30	29	24	31	30	30	30
Fairly interested	50	46	47	50	50	52	50	48	52	48	54	49	51	50	54	50	52	47	52
TOTAL INTERESTED	82	85	82	80	81	80	83	83	77	71	80	88	81	79	78	81	82	77	82
Not very interested	15	11	13	15	15	15	14	12	18	20	16	10	14	16	17	14	14	16	14
Not at all interested	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	3	2	4	3	2	3	3	3	3	1	4	3
TOTAL NOT INTERESTED	17	13	16	18	18	17	16	15	20	24	19	12	17	19	20	17	15	20	17
Don't know	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	4	1	1	1	3	2	1	2	3	0
Thinking about global warming and climate change, which of these statements comes closest to your view?																			
It is a serious and urgent problem and radical steps must be taken NOW to prevent terrible damage being done to the planet	38	37	37	28	18	31	43	27	28	34	26	24	29	26	30	28	27	26	32
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	29	30	29	29	27	33	31	30	28	32	30	25	29	28	31	29	28	28	30
It is not yet clear whether climate change is happening or not - scientists are divided on this issue	25	24	27	33	43	29	20	31	35	23	34	40	33	32	29	33	35	34	28
I don't believe climate change is happening at all - it's simply scare-mongering and we should ignore it	4	5	5	7	10	5	4	9	6	5	8	9	6	9	7	8	7	7	8
Don't know	3	4	3	3	2	2	2	3	4	6	3	2	2	4	4	3	4	4	2
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)																			
Coal fired power stations																			
Very favourable	3	6	5	4	4	4	2	5	3	3	3	6	3	5	4	3	5	4	4
Mainly favourable	14	18	15	15	18	16	12	17	14	9	15	21	15	16	12	13	18	17	20
TOTAL FAVOURABLE	17	24	20	19	22	20	14	22	17	12	18	27	18	21	16	16	23	21	24
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	32	32	30	32	36	33	27	30	34	27	36	33	32	33	32	31	34	35	26
Mainly unfavourable	29	24	28	26	26	26	33	26	27	28	25	26	30	22	27	30	22	25	27
Very unfavourable	16	13	16	14	12	14	20	18	10	20	12	11	13	15	15	17	12	11	15
TOTAL UNFAVOURABLE	45	36	44	40	38	40	53	44	37	48	37	37	43	37	42	47	34	36	42
Never heard of it	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
Don't know	5	6	6	7	5	7	5	4	10	11	7	3	6	8	9	6	7	8	7

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Gas fired power stations																				
Very favourable		3	4	3	3	4	3	1	4	2	2	2	5	3	3	3	3	3	2	4
Mainly favourable		22	22	20	21	25	22	16	25	18	12	20	30	22	20	23	20	21	22	20
TOTAL FAVOURABLE		25	26	23	24	29	25	17	29	20	14	22	35	25	23	26	23	24	24	24
Neither favourable nor unfavourable		39	38	36	38	40	38	35	34	41	33	41	38	37	39	38	36	39	39	35
Mainly unfavourable		22	21	24	22	20	22	30	23	21	28	21	18	23	21	20	24	20	21	24
Very unfavourable		8	9	8	8	7	7	11	9	6	10	8	6	7	8	7	9	7	6	8
TOTAL UNFAVOURABLE		30	30	32	30	27	29	41	32	27	38	29	24	30	29	27	33	27	27	32
Never heard of it		1	2	1	1	0	1	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	1	1
Don't know		5	6	7	7	5	7	6	4	11	12	8	4	7	8	9	6	8	8	7
Nuclear power stations																				
Very favourable		13	17	16	15	22	12	9	25	6	11	13	20	15	15	13	16	13	15	15
Mainly favourable		25	26	27	27	33	26	27	35	20	24	28	30	29	26	28	30	25	26	28
TOTAL FAVOURABLE		38	43	43	42	55	38	36	60	26	35	41	50	44	41	41	46	38	41	43
Neither favourable nor unfavourable		24	23	23	25	20	30	25	20	29	26	28	21	24	26	23	23	28	29	20
Mainly unfavourable		17	16	16	15	12	15	19	10	20	17	13	15	16	14	15	14	17	13	16
Very unfavourable		17	13	13	11	7	11	15	7	14	10	11	10	10	11	11	11	11	9	13
TOTAL UNFAVOURABLE		34	28	29	26	19	26	34	17	34	27	24	25	26	25	26	25	28	22	29
Never heard of it		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know		4	6	6	7	5	7	5	4	10	11	6	4	6	8	9	6	7	8	7
Wind 'farms'																				
Very favourable		43	44	41	37	31	42	45	36	39	41	37	36	35	40	36	40	37	35	38
Mainly favourable		33	32	33	35	31	38	37	34	35	35	37	31	38	31	33	34	35	35	36
TOTAL FAVOURABLE		76	75	74	72	62	80	82	70	74	76	74	67	73	71	69	74	72	70	74
Neither favourable nor unfavourable		12	11	12	13	17	11	10	14	12	12	14	13	13	14	15	12	14	15	11
Mainly unfavourable		5	5	5	6	10	3	3	7	5	4	5	9	6	5	7	6	5	5	7
Very unfavourable		4	4	5	5	8	3	2	5	4	1	3	9	5	4	4	6	4	4	4
TOTAL UNFAVOURABLE		9	9	10	11	18	6	5	12	9	5	8	18	11	9	11	12	9	9	11
Never heard of it		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know		3	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	5	7	4	2	3	5	5	3	4	5	4

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As the old nuclear power stations and some coal power stations come to the end of their useful lives by about 2020, we will need to build new power stations. Were you aware of this issue?																			
Yes, I was aware of this	62	61	62	62	68	61	65	74	51	49	60	75	66	57	55	66	60	61	68
No, I was not aware of this	33	34	33	33	29	35	32	22	43	44	35	22	30	37	41	29	36	34	26
Not sure	4	5	4	5	3	5	3	4	5	7	5	3	4	5	5	4	4	5	6
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)																			
Nuclear power stations to replace the old ones being phased out																			
Strongly support	19	23	22	22	31	19	15	34	10	16	21	27	22	21	20	23	20	23	21
Tend to support	27	30	29	30	32	31	32	34	27	28	31	32	32	28	31	33	31	29	26
TOTAL SUPPORT	46	53	51	52	63	50	47	68	37	44	52	59	54	49	51	56	51	52	47
Neither support nor oppose	18	16	18	19	17	20	17	14	23	22	19	16	17	20	20	16	21	20	20
Tend to oppose	17	15	15	16	12	17	21	9	22	18	16	14	16	16	14	16	16	16	17
Strongly oppose	14	12	11	8	6	9	11	5	12	7	9	10	8	9	9	9	9	6	12
TOTAL OPPOSE	31	27	26	24	18	26	32	14	34	25	25	24	24	25	23	25	25	22	29
Don't know	5	5	5	5	3	4	5	3	6	8	5	2	4	6	6	4	4	7	4

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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)																			
The UK should aim to be self sufficient in energy																			
Strongly agree	54	57	56	54	58	53	50	62	46	45	53	61	52	56	48	56	57	52	51
Tend to agree	36	32	34	36	34	38	40	30	42	37	37	34	39	32	38	34	36	37	36
TOTAL AGREE	90	89	90	90	92	91	90	92	88	82	90	95	91	88	86	90	93	89	87
Neither agree nor disagree	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	7	9	6	3	6	6	8	6	4	6	7
Tend to disagree	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	2
Strongly disagree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DISAGREE	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	2
Don't know	2	4	3	4	2	3	3	3	4	7	3	1	2	5	4	3	2	5	4
Nuclear energy has disadvantages but the country needs it as part of the energy balance, with coal, gas and wind power																			
Strongly agree	23	27	26	25	34	22	20	37	14	17	25	32	26	24	23	27	22	26	24
Tend to agree	36	35	39	39	40	42	38	39	40	40	38	40	41	37	39	39	40	40	37
TOTAL AGREE	59	62	65	64	74	64	58	76	54	57	63	72	67	61	62	66	62	66	61
Neither agree nor disagree	20	19	17	19	15	20	21	13	24	22	20	15	17	21	20	17	24	17	20
Tend to disagree	10	8	8	7	5	8	10	5	9	8	7	7	7	7	10	7	8	5	8
Strongly disagree	7	5	5	4	2	4	5	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	4	6
TOTAL DISAGREE	17	13	13	11	7	12	15	8	13	11	11	11	10	11	13	10	11	9	14
Don't know	4	5	6	6	4	5	7	3	9	11	6	3	5	8	7	7	4	8	6
The best solution is to replace nuclear power stations with new ones and expand renewables like wind power at the same time																			
Strongly agree	26	30	29	26	31	27	24	37	17	22	27	29	26	27	26	27	24	29	23
Tend to agree	33	33	34	36	36	39	36	35	36	36	36	35	37	34	35	36	38	34	35
TOTAL AGREE	59	63	63	62	67	66	60	72	53	58	63	64	63	61	61	63	62	63	58
Neither agree nor disagree	17	18	17	19	18	19	18	15	23	20	20	19	19	20	20	18	22	20	18
Tend to disagree	12	10	10	8	7	7	11	6	11	8	7	10	9	8	8	9	7	7	13
Strongly disagree	8	5	5	4	3	3	4	3	4	2	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	3	5
TOTAL DISAGREE	20	15	15	12	10	10	15	9	15	10	11	15	12	12	12	12	11	10	18
Don't know	4	5	5	7	4	5	7	4	10	12	6	3	6	8	8	7	5	8	6

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The most important thing is to stop any building of nuclear power stations																							
Strongly agree					10	8	8	6	4	7	6	5	8	5	6	7	5	7	5	5	8	6	7
Tend to agree					14	12	14	12	9	12	17	8	17	14	12	11	13	12	13	12	12	11	18
TOTAL AGREE					24	20	22	18	13	19	23	13	25	19	18	18	18	19	18	17	20	17	25
Neither agree nor disagree					23	22	22	23	19	27	22	16	29	25	25	20	22	25	25	21	28	22	20
Tend to disagree					25	23	26	28	28	29	30	30	25	25	29	29	29	26	26	29	26	30	25
Strongly disagree					24	29	25	24	35	19	19	37	12	19	23	30	26	22	25	26	22	24	24
TOTAL DISAGREE					49	52	51	52	63	48	49	67	37	44	52	59	55	48	51	55	48	54	49
Don't know					5	6	6	6	4	5	7	4	9	11	5	3	5	8	7	6	5	8	6
Nuclear energy produces very little carbon dioxide																							
Strongly agree					19	19	19	17	22	15	16	27	9	13	16	23	18	17	15	19	17	17	19
Tend to agree					28	26	28	29	30	30	32	35	24	28	28	32	32	26	34	31	27	27	29
TOTAL AGREE					47	45	47	46	52	45	48	62	33	41	44	55	50	43	49	50	44	44	48
Neither agree nor disagree					29	29	20	22	21	24	20	18	27	22	25	21	21	24	21	21	25	23	23
Tend to disagree					4	5	4	3	3	4	4	3	3	5	2	3	3	3	4	2	3	4	3
Strongly disagree					2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL DISAGREE					6	7	5	4	4	5	5	4	4	6	4	4	4	4	5	3	4	5	4
Don't know					18	19	28	26	23	26	26	16	36	32	27	21	25	28	25	26	27	27	25
Planning regulations should be changed to make it easier to build nuclear power stations on the same sites as old ones																							
Strongly agree					18	22	21	19	27	15	14	29	10	14	18	24	20	18	19	20	18	19	18
Tend to agree					25	25	26	29	31	27	28	31	26	25	30	30	30	26	28	31	28	27	25
TOTAL AGREE					43	47	47	48	58	42	42	60	36	39	48	54	50	44	47	51	46	46	43
Neither agree nor disagree					25	24	23	24	22	27	22	21	27	28	25	20	23	26	26	22	28	23	23
Tend to disagree					13	11	11	10	7	11	15	7	13	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	9	14
Strongly disagree					13	10	9	8	5	8	10	6	9	6	8	9	7	8	7	7	9	7	9
TOTAL DISAGREE					26	21	20	18	12	19	25	13	22	16	18	19	17	18	17	17	19	16	23
Don't know					7	8	9	10	7	11	11	6	15	17	9	7	10	11	11	10	8	13	11