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In principle, do you think each of the following are acceptable or unacceptable forms of protest for climate protestors to take?

Holding a demonstration in a town square

Completely acceptable	46	30	58	61	32	59	32	48	44	60	53	45	28	51	39	47	42	46	43	46	54	47
Somewhat acceptable	35	45	31	30	41	29	45	34	36	28	30	37	45	33	38	35	39	32	35	35	32	37
TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	81	75	89	91	73	88	77	82	80	88	83	82	73	84	77	82	81	78	78	81	86	84
Somewhat unacceptable	7	10	5	5	8	6	10	7	7	3	7	7	9	7	7	7	6	10	7	9	6	6
Completely unacceptable	8	13	3	3	20	4	11	8	8	6	4	9	15	6	11	8	11	7	9	8	7	8
TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	15	23	8	8	28	10	21	15	15	9	11	16	24	13	18	15	17	17	16	17	13	14
Don't know	3	2	2	1	0	2	2	3	4	3	5	2	3	2	5	3	2	6	6	3	2	2

Blocking vehicle traffic on motorways

Completely acceptable	3	0	4	2	0	5	1	4	3	7	4	3	1	4	2	3	6	7	4	2	4	2
Somewhat acceptable	8	0	12	10	1	11	2	9	6	19	9	6	3	9	5	8	8	7	8	7	13	6
TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	11	0	16	12	1	16	3	13	9	26	13	9	4	13	7	11	14	14	12	9	17	8
Somewhat unacceptable	12	3	19	22	3	16	7	10	14	14	16	12	6	13	12	13	13	9	11	12	11	14
Completely unacceptable	74	94	63	64	96	64	89	75	73	57	68	78	88	71	78	74	72	75	74	77	68	75
TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	86	97	82	86	99	80	96	85	87	71	84	90	94	84	90	87	85	84	85	89	79	89
Don't know	3	2	2	2	0	3	1	2	4	4	4	2	2	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	2

Preventing flights from taking off at an airport

Completely acceptable	3	1	5	2	0	5	2	4	3	5	5	3	2	4	2	3	6	5	4	4	4	2
Somewhat acceptable	8	2	12	13	1	12	3	9	6	14	8	7	5	9	6	8	14	5	7	6	10	8
TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	11	3	17	15	1	17	5	13	9	19	13	10	7	13	8	11	20	10	11	10	14	10
Somewhat unacceptable	14	4	21	24	5	18	8	13	16	21	18	13	7	16	13	15	11	13	15	15	17	14
Completely unacceptable	71	91	59	57	93	62	86	72	70	56	66	74	85	69	74	71	67	73	71	73	65	73
TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	85	95	80	81	98	80	94	85	86	77	84	87	92	85	87	86	78	86	86	88	82	87
Don't know	3	2	3	4	1	3	2	2	4	4	4	3	2	3	4	3	1	5	3	3	4	3

Disrupting the burning of fossil fuels at a fossil fuel power plant

Completely acceptable	10	1	14	8	1	15	3	11	9	16	13	7	3	12	7	9	15	12	9	7	13	8
Somewhat acceptable	16	5	24	27	6	20	8	16	15	37	15	13	10	17	14	16	14	11	14	15	24	16
TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	26	6	38	35	7	35	11	27	24	53	28	20	13	29	21	25	29	23	23	22	37	24
Somewhat unacceptable	20	19	23	29	16	21	20	19	21	15	23	20	18	20	20	20	23	18	19	23	16	20
Completely unacceptable	46	70	31	28	75	36	63	49	42	22	37	51	64	44	48	46	40	48	47	45	36	48
TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	66	89	54	57	91	57	83	68	63	37	60	71	82	64	68	66	63	66	66	68	52	68
Don't know	9	5	8	9	2	8	7	5	13	10	12	9	5	8	11	9	8	11	10	9	10	8

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Completely acceptable	46	31	65	40
Somewhat acceptable	35	40	27	44
TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	81	71	92	84
Somewhat unacceptable	7	9	4	9
Completely unacceptable	8	17	3	6
TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	15	26	7	15
Don't know	3	3	1	1

Blocking vehicle traffic on motorways

Completely acceptable	3	0	8	0
Somewhat acceptable	8	1	15	3
TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	11	1	23	3
Somewhat unacceptable	12	3	19	10
Completely unacceptable	74	95	56	86
TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	86	98	75	96
Don't know	3	2	2	1

Preventing flights from taking off at an airport

Completely acceptable	3	1	8	0
Somewhat acceptable	8	1	14	4
TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	11	2	22	4
Somewhat unacceptable	14	5	24	10
Completely unacceptable	71	92	51	85
TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	85	97	75	95
Don't know	3	1	3	1

Disrupting the burning of fossil fuels at a fossil fuel power plant

Completely acceptable	10	1	21	3
Somewhat acceptable	16	4	26	15
TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	26	5	47	18
Somewhat unacceptable	20	15	22	23
Completely unacceptable	46	77	26	54
TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	66	92	48	77
Don't know	9	3	5	5

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Disrupting mining operations at a coal mine

Completely acceptable	8	1	11	9	1	13	2	9	6	10	10	7	3	10	5	7	10	10	6	7	10	8
Somewhat acceptable	15	4	23	30	5	20	7	16	15	32	18	12	7	17	14	16	17	11	16	12	22	15
TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	23	5	34	39	6	33	9	25	21	42	28	19	10	27	19	23	27	21	22	19	32	23
Somewhat unacceptable	19	15	22	22	14	18	17	18	20	26	20	17	17	20	17	19	15	20	18	22	22	17
Completely unacceptable	50	75	38	33	77	41	69	51	50	26	42	58	68	47	55	50	52	51	52	50	37	54
TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	69	90	60	55	91	59	86	69	70	52	62	75	85	67	72	69	67	71	70	72	59	71
Don't know	7	5	7	6	3	7	4	6	9	7	10	6	4	6	9	8	5	7	8	8	8	6

Disrupting public transport like trains and buses

Completely acceptable	3	1	4	2	2	5	2	3	3	4	4	2	2	4	2	3	5	5	3	2	4	2
Somewhat acceptable	7	1	11	12	1	10	3	8	6	16	8	5	4	8	6	7	6	7	7	6	13	6
TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	10	2	15	14	3	15	5	11	9	20	12	7	6	12	8	10	11	12	10	8	17	8
Somewhat unacceptable	15	7	21	20	5	18	10	13	17	19	17	15	9	16	13	15	20	13	15	15	15	15
Completely unacceptable	72	89	62	65	91	64	84	73	70	58	66	76	83	70	75	72	68	72	71	75	65	74
TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	87	96	83	85	96	82	94	86	87	77	83	91	92	86	88	87	88	85	86	90	80	89
Don't know	3	2	3	2	1	3	2	2	4	3	5	2	2	2	4	3	1	3	4	2	3	3

Breaking windows and throwing paint over buildings of organisations that cause or fund major carbon emissions

Completely acceptable	5	0	6	3	0	7	1	5	5	14	6	2	1	6	4	5	4	7	5	4	7	4
Somewhat acceptable	6	1	8	11	0	8	3	8	5	16	7	5	3	8	5	6	6	7	6	5	12	5
TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	11	1	14	14	0	15	4	13	10	30	13	7	4	14	9	11	10	14	11	9	19	9
Somewhat unacceptable	12	3	19	22	4	16	6	11	13	21	14	11	7	14	10	13	18	7	10	12	15	13
Completely unacceptable	73	94	65	62	95	66	88	73	72	44	69	77	87	70	77	73	71	72	75	73	61	75
TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	85	97	84	84	99	82	94	84	85	65	83	88	94	84	87	86	89	79	85	85	76	88
Don't know	4	2	3	1	1	3	2	3	4	5	4	4	2	3	5	4	1	6	4	5	5	2

Throwing soup over famous artworks

Completely acceptable	3	0	4	3	0	4	1	3	3	7	4	2	2	4	2	3	4	5	3	2	3	3
Somewhat acceptable	5	1	7	7	0	7	1	6	4	12	6	3	1	6	4	5	5	3	5	5	7	4
TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	8	1	11	10	0	11	2	9	7	19	10	5	3	10	6	8	9	8	8	7	10	7
Somewhat unacceptable	10	3	17	17	1	15	3	11	10	21	11	10	4	12	8	10	11	13	11	9	13	9
Completely unacceptable	79	94	70	71	98	71	93	78	80	56	75	83	92	76	83	79	78	76	78	80	72	82
TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	89	97	87	88	99	86	96	89	90	77	86	93	96	88	91	89	89	89	89	89	85	91
Don't know	3	2	2	2	0	3	1	3	3	3	4	2	2	3	3	3	2	4	3	4	4	2

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	TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	23	3	45	15
	Somewhat unacceptable	19	12	21	23
	Completely unacceptable	50	82	29	57
	TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	69	94	50	80
	Don't know	7	2	5	4
Disrupting public transport like trains and buses					
	Completely acceptable	3	1	6	1
	Somewhat acceptable	7	1	14	3
	TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	10	2	20	4
	Somewhat unacceptable	15	6	22	13
	Completely unacceptable	72	91	56	81
	TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	87	97	78	94
	Don't know	3	1	2	2
Breaking windows and throwing paint over buildings of organisations that cause or fund major carbon emissions					
	Completely acceptable	5	0	12	1
	Somewhat acceptable	6	2	13	4
	TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	11	2	25	5
	Somewhat unacceptable	12	2	19	10
	Completely unacceptable	73	93	55	83
	TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	85	95	74	93
	Don't know	4	3	2	2
Throwing soup over famous artworks					
	Completely acceptable	3	0	7	1
	Somewhat acceptable	5	1	10	2
	TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	8	1	17	3
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	Completely unacceptable	79	94	64	87
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	Don't know	3	2	2	1

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Protesting outside the homes of senior politicians

Completely acceptable	17	9	18	17	9	19	10	20	14	32	19	15	9	17	17	17	19	19	16	16	21	16
Somewhat acceptable	26	16	29	36	25	26	26	26	25	27	29	21	23	26	25	26	23	26	25	21	27	28
TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	43	25	47	53	34	45	36	46	39	59	48	36	32	43	42	43	42	45	41	37	48	44
Somewhat unacceptable	20	24	22	20	14	22	18	18	22	19	19	22	18	21	18	19	24	21	18	25	18	18
Completely unacceptable	33	48	28	24	49	30	42	33	33	18	25	38	46	32	33	33	27	28	34	34	30	34
TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	53	72	50	44	63	52	60	51	55	37	44	60	64	53	51	52	51	49	52	59	48	52
Don't know	5	4	4	3	2	4	4	4	6	5	7	4	3	5	6	5	7	6	6	5	5	4

Earlier in the year a group of five Just Stop Oil activists were given jail sentences of between four and five years for conspiracy for their roles in organising a protest where parts of the M25 were blocked for four days in November 2022. From what you have seen or heard about this case, do think the sentences are...

Too harsh	25	7	38	33	7	35	13	24	26	42	27	24	16	28	21	25	32	25	22	23	34	24
Not harsh enough	27	43	15	17	53	16	41	32	22	21	21	29	40	25	30	27	22	29	27	27	25	28
About right	38	46	38	43	37	40	40	37	40	27	40	38	40	39	37	39	38	32	39	40	33	40
Don't know	10	4	9	8	3	9	6	8	11	10	13	9	3	8	12	9	8	14	11	9	8	8

Last week two Just Stop Oil activists were given jail sentences of between 20 months and two years for throwing soup over a Van Gogh painting in a gallery in London in October 2022. From what you have seen or heard about this case, do think the sentences are...

Too harsh	18	4	28	22	5	28	7	18	18	29	20	17	9	21	14	18	17	20	19	16	25	16
Not harsh enough	36	53	21	24	67	26	52	41	33	25	30	38	51	34	39	37	34	36	36	40	29	38
About right	37	41	42	45	26	40	35	35	40	37	38	37	36	38	37	38	42	32	35	35	36	41
Don't know	8	2	9	9	2	7	6	7	9	9	11	8	3	7	11	8	8	11	10	9	10	6

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Somewhat unacceptable	20	17	19	22
Completely unacceptable	33	53	21	34
TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	53	70	40	56
Don't know	5	2	2	1

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Too harsh	25	6	45	17
Not harsh enough	27	52	15	28
About right	38	40	33	51
Don't know	10	2	6	4

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Are doing and spending too much to try and reduce carbon emissions	21	36	8	9	56	9	36	26	16	11	12	26	34	19	23	20	22	24	21	17	18	22
Are not doing or spending enough to try and reduce carbon emissions	38	22	51	54	18	50	24	39	37	50	45	34	24	43	32	37	40	42	33	38	49	36
Are getting the balance about right	16	20	19	19	11	18	16	17	15	18	15	14	18	15	17	17	11	12	18	13	11	19
Don't know	25	23	23	19	15	23	23	18	33	21	27	26	24	23	28	26	27	21	27	32	21	24

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Are doing and spending too much to try and reduce carbon emissions	21	100	0	0
Are not doing or spending enough to try and reduce carbon emissions	38	0	100	0
Are getting the balance about right	16	0	0	100
Don't know	25	0	0	0

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