

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
Immigration	85	76	80	75	86	71	68
Health care	75	60	60	53	56	51	57
Pensions	66	67	67	53	58	48	54
Law and order	66	61	58	46	58	38	37
Education	60	46	49	46	49	42	48
Energy	60	72	59	41	43	37	48
Transport	53	45	40	26	27	22	31
None of these	5	3	3	3	1	2	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
Fairly interested	47	46	44	44	40	48	50
TOTAL INTERESTED	78	72	71	62	53	66	79
Not very interested	15	18	18	24	30	23	15
Not at all interested	5	8	10	12	17	10	6
TOTAL NOT INTERESTED	20	26	28	36	47	33	21
Don't know	2	2	1	2	1	1	1

Where Britain's electricity will come from in future

Very interested	32	39	36	30	31	28	33
Fairly interested	50	46	47	50	50	52	50
TOTAL INTERESTED	82	85	82	80	81	80	83
Not very interested	15	11	13	15	15	15	14
Not at all interested	2	2	3	3	3	2	2
TOTAL NOT INTERESTED	17	13	16	18	18	17	16
Don't know	2	2	2	2	1	1	1

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
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
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
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
Don't know	3	4	3	3	2	2	2

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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
Mainly favourable	14	18	15	15	18	16	12
TOTAL FAVOURABLE	17	24	20	19	22	20	14
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	32	32	30	32	36	33	27
Mainly unfavourable	29	24	28	26	26	26	33
Very unfavourable	16	13	16	14	12	14	20
TOTAL UNFAVOURABLE	45	36	44	40	38	40	53
Never heard of it	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
Don't know	5	6	6	7	5	7	5

Gas fired power stations

Very favourable	3	4	3	3	4	3	1
Mainly favourable	22	22	20	21	25	22	16
TOTAL FAVOURABLE	25	26	23	24	29	25	17
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	39	38	36	38	40	38	35
Mainly unfavourable	22	21	24	22	20	22	30
Very unfavourable	8	9	8	8	7	7	11
TOTAL UNFAVOURABLE	30	30	32	30	27	29	41
Never heard of it	1	2	1	1	0	1	2
Don't know	5	6	7	7	5	7	6

Nuclear power stations

Very favourable	13	17	16	15	22	12	9
Mainly favourable	25	26	27	27	33	26	27
TOTAL FAVOURABLE	38	43	43	42	55	38	36
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	24	23	23	25	20	30	25
Mainly unfavourable	17	16	16	15	12	15	19
Very unfavourable	17	13	13	11	7	11	15
TOTAL UNFAVOURABLE	34	28	29	26	19	26	34
Never heard of it	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	4	6	6	7	5	7	5

Wind 'farms'

Very favourable	43	44	41	37	31	42	45
Mainly favourable	33	32	33	35	31	38	37
TOTAL FAVOURABLE	76	75	74	72	62	80	82
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	12	11	12	13	17	11	10
Mainly unfavourable	5	5	5	6	10	3	3
Very unfavourable	4	4	5	5	8	3	2
TOTAL UNFAVOURABLE	9	9	10	11	18	6	5
Never heard of it	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	3	4	4	4	3	3	3

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?

Yes, I was aware of this	62	61	62	62	68	61	65
No, I was not aware of this	33	34	33	33	29	35	32
Not sure	4	5	4	5	3	5	3

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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
Tend to support	27	30	29	30	32	31	32
TOTAL SUPPORT	46	53	51	52	63	50	47
Neither support nor oppose	18	16	18	19	17	20	17
Tend to oppose	17	15	15	16	12	17	21
Strongly oppose	14	12	11	8	6	9	11
TOTAL OPPOSE	31	27	26	24	18	26	32
Don't know	5	5	5	5	3	4	5

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
Tend to agree	36	32	34	36	34	38	40
TOTAL AGREE	90	89	90	90	92	91	90
Neither agree nor disagree	6	6	6	6	6	6	5
Tend to disagree	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Strongly disagree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DISAGREE	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Don't know	2	4	3	4	2	3	3

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
Tend to agree	36	35	39	39	40	42	38
TOTAL AGREE	59	62	65	64	74	64	58
Neither agree nor disagree	20	19	17	19	15	20	21
Tend to disagree	10	8	8	7	5	8	10
Strongly disagree	7	5	5	4	2	4	5
TOTAL DISAGREE	17	13	13	11	7	12	15
Don't know	4	5	6	6	4	5	7

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
Tend to agree	33	33	34	36	36	39	36
TOTAL AGREE	59	63	63	62	67	66	60
Neither agree nor disagree	17	18	17	19	18	19	18
Tend to disagree	12	10	10	8	7	7	11
Strongly disagree	8	5	5	4	3	3	4
TOTAL DISAGREE	20	15	15	12	10	10	15
Don't know	4	5	5	7	4	5	7

The most important thing is to stop any building of nuclear power stations

Strongly agree	10	8	8	6	4	7	6
Tend to agree	14	12	14	12	9	12	17
TOTAL AGREE	24	20	22	18	13	19	23
Neither agree nor disagree	23	22	22	23	19	27	22
Tend to disagree	25	23	26	28	28	29	30
Strongly disagree	24	29	25	24	35	19	19
TOTAL DISAGREE	49	52	51	52	63	48	49
Don't know	5	6	6	6	4	5	7

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Nuclear energy produces very little carbon dioxide

	%		%	%			
Strongly agree	19	19	19	17	22	15	16
Tend to agree	28	26	28	29	30	30	32
TOTAL AGREE	47	45	47	46	52	45	48
Neither agree nor disagree	29	29	20	22	21	24	20
Tend to disagree	4	5	4	3	3	4	4
Strongly disagree	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL DISAGREE	6	7	5	4	4	5	5
Don't know	18	19	28	26	23	26	26

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
Tend to agree	25	25	26	29	31	27	28
TOTAL AGREE	43	47	47	48	58	42	42
Neither agree nor disagree	25	24	23	24	22	27	22
Tend to disagree	13	11	11	10	7	11	15
Strongly disagree	13	10	9	8	5	8	10
TOTAL DISAGREE	26	21	20	18	12	19	25
Don't know	7	8	9	10	7	11	11