

Carbon Brief poll on climate change and energy

2017 online interviews by Opinium. Fieldwork: 29th to 31st Jan 2013
UK nationally representative sample

ASK ALL SINGLE CHOICE

S1. How did you vote in the last general election, if you voted at all?

1. Conservative
2. Labour
3. Liberal Democrat
4. Some other party
5. I did not vote
6. Don't know
7. Prefer not to say

ASK ALL SINGLE CHOICE

S2. Which of these if any, is your usual daily newspaper?

1. The Daily Mail
2. The Daily Telegraph
3. The Daily Express
4. The Financial Times
5. The Guardian
6. The Glasgow Herald
7. The Independent
8. The Daily Mirror
9. The Scotsman
10. The Daily Star
11. The Sun
12. The Times
13. The Western Mail
14. Other national newspaper
15. Other regional newspaper
16. Other local newspaper
17. I do read a newspaper most days, but I don't tend to stick to one
18. I don't read a newspaper most weekdays

ASK ALL

SINGLE CODE

Q1. Thinking about the proposed expansion of airports in the south east of England, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

ROW

The government should allow for an increase in the number of flights that can take off and land in the south east of England

COLUMNS

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

ASK ALL

SINGLE CODE

Q2. Thinking specifically about the possible expansion of Heathrow, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

ROW

The government should expand Heathrow Airport by building an additional runway

COLUMNS

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

ASK ALL WHO SELECTED DISAGREE OR STRONGLY DISAGREE IN Q2

SINGLE CODE

Q2a. What is the main reason you think the government should not expand Heathrow Airport?

1. We need to reduce emissions that cause climate change
2. More planes would cause too much noise for people living under the flightpath
3. The government should spend the money on other infrastructure projects
4. The government should build a new airport in the Thames Estuary instead

5. The government should expand other airports in the South of England instead
6. Other [please specify]
7. None of the above

ASK 50% of the sample- A

SINGLE CODE

Q3. The following questions ask for your views on climate change, sometimes known as global warming.

Which of the following statements do you agree with most?

1. Climate change is happening and is mostly caused by humans
2. Climate change is happening and is mostly caused by natural processes
3. Climate change is not happening

ASK 50% of the sample- A

SINGLE CODE

Q4. Which of the following - statements do you agree with most?

1. Climate change could be a serious problem and we need to act now to try to prevent it happening in the future
2. Climate change could be a serious problem but we don't need to worry about it for now
3. Climate change will probably never be a serious problem

ASK 50% of the sample- B

SINGLE CODE

Q5. The following questions ask for your views on global warming, sometimes known as climate change

Which of the following statements do you agree with most?

1. Global warming is happening and is mostly caused by humans
2. Global warming is happening and is mostly caused by natural processes.
3. Global warming is not happening

ASK 50% of the sample- B

SINGLE CODE

Q6. Which of the following statements do you agree with most?

1. Global warming could be a serious problem and we need to act now to try to prevent it happening in the future
2. Global warming could be a serious problem but we don't need to worry about it for now
3. Global warming will probably never be a serious problem

ASK ALL

SINGLE CODE

Q7. Which of the following statements do you agree with most?

1. The government should invest money into preventing climate change, even if this means slower economic recovery
2. The government should be doing everything it can to promote economic growth, even if this means tackling climate change a lower priority
3. It is possible for the government to promote economic growth and tackle climate change at the same time.

ASK ALL

SINGLE CODE

Q8. Thinking about 'green' industries, (such as the building of wind turbines or the installation of loft insulation), and the current level of investment the UK government is committing, which of the following statements do you agree with most?

1. The government should invest more in 'green' industries to help create jobs and promote economic recovery
2. 'Green' industries are not yet sufficiently developed to create new jobs, so the government should focus on investing in non-green industries, to promote economic recovery
3. None of the above

ASK ALL

SINGLE CODE

The Kyoto Protocol is an international agreement setting targets for industrialised countries to cut their greenhouse gas emissions. Under its terms, developed countries including the UK were committed to cut their emissions by an average of 5% by the end of 2012, compared with 1990 levels.

Q9: As the first phase of the Kyoto protocol has come to an end, which of the following statements do you agree with the most?

1. The UK government should continue to work with other countries to reach international agreements that reduce emissions that cause climate change post 2012
2. The UK government should not invest time and money trying to reach international agreements that reduce emissions that cause climate change post 2012
3. None of the above

ASK ALL

SINGLE CODE

Q10: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about what is likely to happen in the next ten years as a result of climate change?

ROWS

More rainfall

Hotter and drier summers

More summer heat waves

Less rainfall

Colder winters

Warmer winters

No change

COLUMNS

Strongly agree

Slightly agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Slightly disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

ASK ALL

SINGLE CODE

Q11: How trustworthy do you think the following information sources are in providing you with accurate information about climate change?

ROWS

1. Scientists/meteorologists

2. Politicians

3. My daily newspaper

4. Other newspapers

5. BBC journalists/commentators

6. Other TV journalists/commentators

7. Comments on social media sites and blogs e.g. facebook, twitter

8. 'Green' charities e.g. Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth

9. Friends and family

COLUMNS

Very trustworthy

Quite trustworthy

Neither trustworthy or untrustworthy

Quite untrustworthy

Very untrustworthy
Don't know

**IF VERY TRUSTWORTHY/ QUITE TRUSTWORTHY SELECTED AT Q11 FOR CODE 6
MULTI CODE**

Q12. Which of the following 'TV journalists/commentators' do you think are the most trustworthy?

ITV Journalists/commentators
Channel 4 journalists/commentators
Channel 5 journalists/commentators
Sky News journalists/commentators
Journalists/commentators on specialist channels e.g. national geographic channel/Discovery channel
Other [please specify]
Don't know

**IF VERY UNTRUSTWORTHY/ QUITE UNTRUSTWORTHY SELECTED AT Q11 FOR
CODE 6
MULTI CODE**

Q13. Which of the following 'TV journalists/commentators' do you think are the most untrustworthy?

ITV Journalists/commentators
Channel 4 journalists/commentators
Channel 5 journalists/commentators
Sky journalists/commentators
Journalists/commentators on specialist channels e.g. national geographic channel/Discovery channel
Other [please specify]
Don't know

**IF VERY TRUSTWORTHY/ QUITE TRUSTWORTHY SELECTED AT Q11 FOR CODE 4
MULTI CODE**

**Q14. Which of the following 'other newspapers' do you think are the most trustworthy?
DO NOT SHOW ANSWER CODES 1-13 SELECTED AT QS2**

1. The Daily Mail
2. The Daily Telegraph
3. The Daily Express

4. The Financial Times
5. The Guardian
6. The Glasgow Herald
7. The Independent
8. The Daily Mirror
9. The Scotsman
10. The Daily Star
11. The Sun
12. The Times
13. The Western Mail
14. Other national newspaper
15. Other regional newspaper
16. Other local newspaper

IF VERY UNTRUSTWORTHY/ QUITE UNTRUSTWORTHY SELECTED AT Q11 FOR CODE 4

MULTI CODE

Q15. Which of the following 'other newspapers' do you think are the most untrustworthy?

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1. The Daily Mail
2. The Daily Telegraph
3. The Daily Express
4. The Financial Times
5. The Guardian
6. The Glasgow Herald
7. The Independent
8. The Daily Mirror
9. The Scotsman
10. The Daily Star
11. The Sun
12. The Times
13. The Western Mail
14. Other national newspaper
15. Other regional newspaper
16. Other local newspaper

ASK ALL

MULTI CODE

Q16: Do you recall seeing or hearing about any of the following news stories?

1. Climate scientists being accused of faking data about climate change
2. Ice in the Arctic shrinking to its lowest level
3. A study by climate scientists in America that confirmed other scientists' views about climate change
4. None of the above

END

Additional questions surveyed separately

ASK ALL

SINGLE CODE

Q1. What do you think is the main reason for the increases in consumer gas and electricity prices over the last 12 months?

1. Energy companies have raised prices to make extra profits
2. Wholesale gas prices have gone up and energy companies have had to pass on these increases to consumers
3. Energy companies have been making major new capital investments
4. Increased government taxes to help fund investment in renewable energy such as wind turbines
5. Increased Government taxes to fund spending in other non-energy areas e.g. healthcare, education, transport etc.
6. Energy demand has increased which has put a strain on supply
7. Prices have increased due to inflation
8. Other [please specify]
9. Don't know

ROTATE SAMPLE BETWEEN Q2 AND Q3

SINGLE CODE

Q2. Which of the following statements do you agree with most?

1. We should continue to invest in new energy sources for the foreseeable future, to help

- slow down climate change, even if this means energy prices rising
2. In difficult economic times, we should be using the cheapest energy sources we can, even if they are less likely to prevent climate change
 3. None of the above

SINGLE CODE

Q3. Which of the following statements do you agree with most?

1. We should continue to invest in new energy sources for the foreseeable future, to help reduce reliance on importing foreign fuel, even if this means energy prices rising
2. In difficult economic times, we should be using the cheapest energy sources we can, even if that means relying on importing fuel from other countries.
3. None of the above

END