

YouGov / Beyond Fossil Fuels Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 6th - 18th May 2026

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To what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose energy-intensive industries (e.g. steel, cement, chemicals) being required to pay for their CO2 emissions?

Strongly support	24	17	19	22	22	38	22	18	22	29	24	24	23	22	25	23	29	27	18
Tend to support	42	37	46	48	35	34	47	42	41	42	43	41	37	42	50	44	35	46	37
TOTAL SUPPORT	66	54	65	70	57	72	69	60	63	71	67	65	60	64	75	67	64	73	55
Tend to oppose	11	15	10	10	15	10	10	12	13	10	13	10	14	13	7	12	8	9	15
Strongly oppose	6	1	5	8	6	3	8	3	7	6	9	3	7	5	6	6	2	3	12
TOTAL OPPOSE	17	16	15	18	21	13	18	15	20	16	22	13	21	18	13	18	10	12	27
Don't know	18	30	20	13	21	15	13	24	17	14	12	22	20	18	13	14	26	16	18

Under EU regulations, companies are required to pay for their CO2 emissions. Which of the following comes closest to your view?

Companies with the highest emissions should pay more	35	29	40	40	37	41	28	35	38	33	35	35	30	34	38	37	40	37	34
Companies who do not make efforts to reduce their emissions should pay more	42	37	35	35	38	40	55	36	36	49	42	41	41	45	37	46	36	49	35
All companies should pay the same	7	6	9	13	5	6	6	8	9	6	8	7	7	7	13	5	4	6	8
No company should have to pay for their CO2 emissions	5	5	3	5	5	4	5	4	5	5	7	3	8	3	4	4	5	1	10
Don't know	11	23	13	7	15	9	6	17	11	7	8	14	14	11	7	8	16	8	13

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Currently some energy-intensive industries (e.g. steel, cement, chemicals) are not required to pay for all their CO2 emissions. Do you think the following conditions should or should not be met for a company to be eligible for this exemption?

Companies must spend the money that they would have paid for CO2 emissions on reducing their future emissions

Should need to meet this condition to be eligible for exemption	64	51	60	68	60	69	66	56	64	67	67	60	59	66	62	68	62	69	58
Should not need to meet this condition to be eligible for exemption	13	15	18	13	14	12	11	16	14	11	18	9	15	12	15	14	6	11	14
Don't know	23	34	22	18	26	20	23	27	22	22	15	31	25	23	23	18	32	20	27

Companies must provide training to staff on new processes and high quality working conditions

Should need to meet this condition to be eligible for exemption	65	50	69	68	58	70	70	61	63	70	68	63	61	70	68	68	59	71	61
Should not need to meet this condition to be eligible for exemption	15	20	12	17	18	12	15	15	17	14	17	13	14	15	22	12	15	12	19
Don't know	19	31	19	15	24	18	15	24	20	17	15	23	25	14	10	21	26	16	20

Companies must involve local communities in decisions about changes to production processes and their impacts

Should need to meet this condition to be eligible for exemption	55	52	59	48	57	57	56	56	52	56	61	49	48	57	53	62	55	59	52
Should not need to meet this condition to be eligible for exemption	17	15	17	28	14	13	17	17	21	15	21	14	19	16	24	14	13	15	22
Don't know	28	32	24	24	29	30	27	27	27	28	17	37	32	27	23	24	32	26	27

Which of the following comes closest to your view?

Energy-intensive industries should not be taxed on their carbon emissions, as this prevents them from affording the investments needed to decarbonise	17	14	20	21	18	13	15	18	20	14	20	14	20	14	20	13	15	14	24
Energy-intensive industry will not decarbonise itself voluntarily – it is better that government taxes industry on their carbon emissions and directly used the money raised to fund decarbonisation	48	45	50	45	43	52	50	48	44	51	51	46	42	50	49	51	49	54	39
Neither	18	21	15	21	19	15	19	17	20	17	19	17	15	19	22	18	16	14	22
Don't know	17	21	15	13	20	20	16	17	16	18	11	23	22	16	9	17	20	18	15