

YouGov / Beyond Fossil Fuels Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 6th - 12th 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	17	12	14	18	20	16	18	14	19	17	17	18	17	16	16	11	34	8
Tend to support	30	29	38	23	24	31	31	35	24	31	32	28	30	29	33	37	35	20
TOTAL SUPPORT	47	41	52	41	44	47	49	49	43	48	49	46	47	45	49	48	69	28
Tend to oppose	20	20	19	22	22	20	20	19	22	20	21	19	20	21	26	28	15	17
Strongly oppose	15	18	12	13	16	17	13	14	15	15	19	10	14	19	4	11	0	46
TOTAL OPPOSE	35	38	31	35	38	37	33	33	37	35	40	29	34	40	30	39	15	63
Don't know	18	20	18	23	17	16	18	18	20	17	11	25	19	15	22	13	16	9

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	23	18	25	24	26	23	19	23	25	21	23	23	24	16	26	23	28	16
Companies who do not make efforts to reduce their emissions should pay more	42	51	44	44	35	35	47	46	39	41	44	40	41	44	52	46	53	24
All companies should pay the same	11	8	11	6	14	11	13	10	10	12	11	11	11	11	9	14	8	12
No company should have to pay for their CO2 emissions	13	12	8	11	14	20	11	9	13	15	17	9	12	17	4	9	1	41
Don't know	11	11	11	15	10	11	11	11	12	11	6	16	11	12	9	7	10	7

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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	60	57	57	53	58	61	67	57	56	64	63	57	59	63	69	67	75	39
Should not need to meet this condition to be eligible for exemption	18	24	20	19	22	18	14	21	20	15	21	16	18	18	10	18	6	40
Don't know	22	20	22	28	20	22	19	22	24	20	16	27	22	19	21	15	19	21

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	60	63	65	58	56	52	65	64	57	59	62	58	60	59	63	64	66	47
Should not need to meet this condition to be eligible for exemption	19	18	18	22	20	24	15	18	21	19	21	18	19	23	17	22	10	34
Don't know	21	19	17	20	25	24	20	17	22	22	17	25	21	19	20	14	25	19

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	43	42	42	35	41	45	49	42	39	47	43	44	42	49	43	46	50	37
Should not need to meet this condition to be eligible for exemption	31	34	30	37	36	30	27	31	36	28	36	27	32	28	30	36	23	44
Don't know	25	24	28	28	23	25	25	27	25	25	21	29	26	23	27	18	27	19

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	22	20	21	19	21	27	20	20	20	23	28	16	20	27	12	27	5	39
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	46	59	49	43	46	42	45	52	44	44	48	45	47	43	54	45	71	26
Neither	16	7	12	21	20	13	19	10	20	16	14	18	16	15	17	14	7	23
Don't know	17	14	18	18	13	17	16	17	15	17	11	22	17	16	17	13	16	12