

YouGov / Beyond Fossil Fuels Survey Results



Sample Size: 1003 adults in Italy
Fieldwork: 6th - 15th May 2026

	Age (1)						Age (2)			Gender		Region					Past vote 2022					
Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	North west	North east	Centre	South	Islands	M5S	Lega	Forza Italia	Fratelli d'Italia'	PD	
Weighted Sample 1003	84	127	133	212	175	272	211	345	446	482	521	270	184	207	228	113	85	54	49	146	113	
Unweighted Sample 1003	59	142	133	221	214	234	201	354	448	478	525	291	205	193	204	110	98	49	54	164	118	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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	27	15	20	25	30	29	31	18	28	30	27	27	26	23	28	32	24	28	24	44	23	29
Tend to support	38	42	46	38	33	37	38	44	35	38	40	36	39	42	41	31	37	50	41	30	48	45
TOTAL SUPPORT	65	57	66	63	63	66	69	62	63	68	67	63	65	65	69	63	61	78	65	74	71	74
Tend to oppose	12	13	11	13	11	15	10	12	12	12	14	10	11	11	18	10	7	8	27	15	14	8
Strongly oppose	4	0	3	5	6	3	5	2	6	4	4	5	6	5	1	4	4	3	0	2	3	2
TOTAL OPPOSE	16	13	14	18	17	18	15	14	18	16	18	15	17	16	19	14	11	11	27	17	17	10
Don't know	19	31	19	18	21	17	16	24	20	16	16	22	18	19	11	23	28	11	8	9	12	16

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	32	24	28	28	31	36	36	27	30	36	33	31	33	31	38	30	21	33	38	51	35	31
Companies who do not make efforts to reduce their emissions should pay more	39	40	38	46	38	32	41	39	41	38	41	37	38	43	41	33	41	47	33	35	45	45
All companies should pay the same	9	8	8	9	10	9	9	8	10	9	7	11	11	8	6	10	13	7	14	4	7	9
No company should have to pay for their CO2 emissions	5	2	8	2	4	7	7	5	3	7	5	5	5	6	3	6	6	3	11	5	5	2
Don't know	15	26	18	15	18	15	7	21	17	10	14	16	13	12	12	20	18	9	4	5	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	62	55	61	65	56	62	68	58	60	66	62	62	68	64	63	57	54	68	62	77	59	69
Should not need to meet this condition to be eligible for exemption	13	20	19	11	17	10	9	19	14	9	16	11	13	11	16	13	14	18	25	10	17	14
Don't know	25	25	20	24	27	28	23	22	26	25	22	27	19	25	21	30	33	14	13	13	24	18

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	66	51	64	68	63	70	71	59	65	71	65	67	72	66	68	60	61	75	68	84	67	75
Should not need to meet this condition to be eligible for exemption	12	19	17	8	12	9	11	18	11	10	15	9	11	11	12	15	8	12	17	9	12	12
Don't know	22	30	19	24	25	21	18	23	25	19	20	24	18	22	19	25	30	13	15	7	21	13

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	53	44	62	49	47	54	57	55	48	56	52	54	59	49	54	49	51	62	59	68	61	63
Should not need to meet this condition to be eligible for exemption	17	21	15	20	20	12	16	17	20	14	19	15	15	18	15	22	15	21	14	16	14	14
Don't know	30	35	24	31	32	34	27	28	32	30	29	31	27	33	32	29	34	17	27	17	25	24

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	15	13	18	15	15	17	11	16	15	14	17	12	16	17	11	14	13	20	22	22	18	7
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	50	59	46	55	43	47	55	51	48	52	48	52	52	50	52	48	47	54	48	66	50	57
Neither	15	8	15	14	17	17	14	12	16	15	15	15	15	14	19	13	11	12	21	5	12	13
Don't know	21	20	21	16	25	19	20	21	22	20	20	21	17	20	17	25	28	14	9	7	19	23