

YouGov / Beyond Fossil Fuels Survey Results



Sample Size: 1040 adults in Netherlands
Fieldwork: 6th - 18th May 2026

	Age (1)						Age (2)			Gender		Region				Past vote 2025						
Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	North	East	West	South	D66	PVV	VVD	PvdA-GL	CDA		
Weighted Sample	1040	106	177	159	149	174	276	283	308	449	514	526	105	219	494	222	150	149	126	114	105	
Unweighted Sample	1040	48	98	150	159	212	373	146	309	585	492	548	119	234	200	487	148	151	108	125	79	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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	31	44	27	33	25	24	34	33	29	30	30	32	39	30	29	33	47	16	32	59	14
Tend to support	40	36	43	36	39	39	45	40	37	43	42	39	32	47	38	44	45	40	49	30	60
TOTAL SUPPORT	71	80	70	69	64	63	79	73	66	73	72	71	71	77	67	77	92	56	81	89	74
Tend to oppose	11	8	16	10	13	10	8	13	12	9	12	10	11	8	13	9	2	23	7	8	9
Strongly oppose	6	9	6	3	11	9	3	7	7	5	9	3	7	8	6	5	0	7	5	1	1
TOTAL OPPOSE	17	17	22	13	24	19	11	20	19	14	21	13	18	16	19	14	2	30	12	9	10
Don't know	12	4	8	18	12	18	10	6	15	13	7	17	10	7	15	9	6	14	8	2	17

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	37	32	29	47	36	39	38	30	42	38	37	37	39	41	34	38	37	41	28	51	23
Companies who do not make efforts to reduce their emissions should pay more	47	53	54	43	47	43	45	54	45	44	44	50	44	43	49	47	59	28	64	46	64
All companies should pay the same	7	6	11	3	4	5	10	9	3	8	8	6	4	6	8	7	2	9	3	2	12
No company should have to pay for their CO2 emissions	4	7	2	2	6	4	5	4	4	5	6	2	5	7	3	3	0	9	4	0	0
Don't know	5	2	4	5	7	9	2	3	6	5	4	6	7	2	5	5	1	14	1	1	1

Weighted Sample
Unweighted Sample

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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	72	77	67	75	60	72	76	71	68	75	70	73	78	69	70	75	82	66	73	81	79
Should not need to meet this condition to be eligible for exemption	13	14	24	10	11	14	7	20	10	10	17	8	6	16	14	9	9	17	14	8	8
Don't know	16	9	9	16	29	14	17	9	22	16	12	19	16	15	16	16	9	17	13	11	13

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	67	65	71	65	59	67	71	68	62	70	65	70	70	66	69	64	75	65	60	73	78
Should not need to meet this condition to be eligible for exemption	13	18	15	10	14	15	9	17	12	11	16	10	9	15	12	14	14	12	14	13	5
Don't know	20	16	14	25	28	18	20	15	26	19	20	20	21	20	19	22	10	22	26	14	17

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	54	60	57	51	45	58	55	58	48	56	55	54	60	59	53	51	64	54	55	59	61
Should not need to meet this condition to be eligible for exemption	19	17	21	22	20	20	14	20	21	16	24	13	14	19	19	19	21	19	24	15	8
Don't know	27	23	22	27	35	22	31	22	31	28	21	33	26	22	28	30	15	27	21	26	31

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	14	14	11	8	23	16	11	12	15	13	18	9	15	18	12	14	7	22	13	5	10
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	54	64	48	60	50	44	61	54	55	54	56	53	58	57	50	61	73	38	60	74	66
Neither	11	5	19	3	15	14	8	13	9	10	12	9	8	11	12	8	5	11	12	5	7
Don't know	21	18	22	28	13	26	20	20	20	23	14	29	19	14	27	17	15	30	15	17	17