

YouGov / Borkowski Survey Results

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Which two of three of the following issues, if any, would you most like the public to be made more aware of and for more public debate to take place regarding?

Security measures regarding personal data use	43	45	48	45	47	43	41	47	43	42	43	43	44	41	45	41	42	42	47
Climate change	36	34	40	48	10	33	33	46	38	34	37	35	40	31	35	41	38	26	41
Civil liberties	27	27	31	37	24	22	27	33	31	23	26	28	31	22	25	24	24	27	50
Fracking	24	25	30	29	15	23	20	33	28	20	22	26	26	22	22	22	26	23	36
Food and drink labelling	19	17	17	20	31	21	21	15	15	22	19	18	20	17	17	23	19	18	8
GM foods	14	18	13	17	19	17	6	19	16	13	16	13	14	15	13	19	12	13	13
Electronic cigarettes	13	19	13	13	5	17	12	19	12	15	13	14	14	13	10	15	13	15	12
None of the above	10	10	9	5	26	6	15	5	11	8	8	11	7	13	9	8	11	15	6
Don't know	11	7	5	2	5	11	13	8	7	15	12	11	10	14	13	11	11	11	12

Do you know what the term 'fracking' means?

I understand the term	49	63	50	51	57	65	42	52	65	32	48	50	52	45	43	49	50	51	53
I am aware of fracking but don't fully understand what it is	32	29	34	31	31	23	36	38	22	41	31	32	31	32	25	33	34	33	32
I am unaware of what fracking is	20	9	15	18	11	12	22	10	12	27	21	18	17	23	32	18	17	16	15

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Fracking is the process of drilling down into the earth before a high-pressure water and chemical mixture is directed at the rock to release the gas inside. Thinking about your future and future generations, suppose fracking were to be allowed on a large scale in Britain. Do you think it would or would not have each of the following effects?

[Asked to respondents who understood or are aware of fracking; n=809]

Reduce the costs of gas to consumers

Definitely will	9	17	5	6	20	14	4	5	11	5	13	6	10	7	15	6	6	12	10
Probably will	35	40	42	53	34	38	32	31	38	30	32	37	34	36	40	35	33	30	39
TOTAL WILL	44	57	47	59	54	52	36	36	49	35	45	43	44	43	55	41	39	42	49
Probably will not	31	27	31	26	34	35	34	40	26	38	28	33	32	29	24	34	37	27	27
Definitely will not	9	3	10	4	7	3	8	9	9	8	10	8	8	10	9	6	10	12	10
TOTAL WILL NOT	40	30	41	30	41	38	42	49	35	46	38	41	40	39	33	40	47	39	37
Don't know	17	13	12	11	6	10	21	15	15	19	17	17	16	17	13	20	14	19	14

Cause health problems, for example by polluting water supplies

Definitely will	15	7	14	12	15	10	12	16	13	18	15	15	15	15	18	14	13	12	26
Probably will	34	18	45	41	18	20	36	39	27	44	36	33	34	34	39	30	42	30	33
TOTAL WILL	49	25	59	53	33	30	48	55	40	62	51	48	49	49	57	44	55	42	59
Probably will not	22	40	16	28	17	36	20	16	30	12	22	22	24	19	24	24	14	26	20
Definitely will not	7	16	3	10	14	13	4	7	10	3	7	6	6	7	3	6	8	8	8
TOTAL WILL NOT	29	56	19	38	31	49	24	23	40	15	29	28	30	26	27	30	22	34	28
Don't know	22	19	21	10	36	21	27	22	21	23	19	24	21	24	17	25	23	23	13

Reduce Britain's need to import energy from other countries

Definitely will	14	28	9	14	33	19	7	10	19	8	19	11	16	11	22	10	10	21	10
Probably will	46	55	52	50	47	62	46	46	44	48	41	49	44	49	48	48	47	41	45
TOTAL WILL	60	83	61	64	80	81	53	56	63	56	60	60	60	60	70	58	57	62	55
Probably will not	21	8	20	18	13	11	22	27	18	25	23	20	21	22	16	20	27	20	24
Definitely will not	3	1	5	2	0	2	3	1	4	1	2	3	4	2	2	3	3	2	7
TOTAL WILL NOT	24	9	25	20	13	13	25	28	22	26	25	23	25	24	18	23	30	22	31
Don't know	16	9	13	16	7	6	21	16	13	18	14	17	15	17	13	19	13	17	14

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Create environmental problems e.g. danger to wildlife and natural habitats

Definitely will	31	12	40	23	16	15	31	41	23	40	30	31	31	31	33	29	25	31	42
Probably will	40	45	37	50	39	46	40	42	38	42	40	40	42	37	46	36	54	30	32
TOTAL WILL	71	57	77	73	55	61	71	83	61	82	70	71	73	68	79	65	79	61	74
Probably will not	15	27	12	21	24	24	12	9	22	6	15	15	15	16	10	16	8	25	14
Definitely will not	1	4	0	0	1	3	0	0	2	0	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2
TOTAL WILL NOT	16	31	12	21	25	27	12	9	24	6	17	16	16	18	11	18	9	26	16
Don't know	13	12	11	6	20	12	17	8	14	12	13	13	12	14	10	17	12	13	9

Decrease the value of houses in the areas in which fracking occurs

Definitely will	30	21	35	22	16	27	29	43	26	35	29	30	31	28	31	31	27	29	35
Probably will	44	51	42	62	43	44	40	38	42	46	46	42	46	41	48	40	51	41	40
TOTAL WILL	74	72	77	84	59	71	69	81	68	81	75	72	77	69	79	71	78	70	75
Probably will not	11	12	10	10	27	17	12	9	14	6	10	11	9	13	10	11	10	12	12
Definitely will not	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	3	0
TOTAL WILL NOT	12	14	11	13	27	17	12	11	16	6	12	12	10	14	11	13	10	15	12
Don't know	14	15	12	4	14	12	19	9	15	13	13	15	13	16	10	17	12	15	13

Thinking about the future and buying a house. Which of the following statements do you agree with the most?

[Asked to respondents who understood or are aware of fracking; n=809]

I would be more likely to purchase a house if it was near a fracking site	1	2	2	1	0	4	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	3	2	0	0	0
I would purchase a house regardless of whether or not it was near a fracking site	14	16	13	14	28	18	17	10	18	8	11	15	12	16	11	13	19	11	15
I would prefer not to live near a fracking site but would not be completely opposed to it	44	58	47	58	28	53	35	43	48	39	48	42	48	38	44	42	47	48	37
I would never purchase a house near a fracking site	30	17	29	22	25	17	29	34	21	40	29	30	27	33	32	30	26	27	37
Don't know	12	7	10	5	19	8	18	12	11	12	11	12	11	13	10	14	8	14	11

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Do you think that having a fracking site built is more likely to have a positive or negative effect on the economy of a local area?

[Asked to respondents who understood or are aware of fracking; n=809]

Very positive	3	9	2	1	0	7	1	1	4	3	5	3	4	3	6	1	5	3	3
Fairly positive	26	40	22	41	27	41	24	19	33	17	27	25	27	24	30	23	27	25	27
TOTAL POSITIVE	29	49	24	42	27	48	25	20	37	20	32	28	31	27	36	24	32	28	30
Neither positive or negative	22	29	23	18	16	25	24	21	24	20	26	20	22	23	18	24	20	28	20
Fairly negative	24	13	28	29	28	17	27	31	15	34	19	27	22	25	23	25	26	20	23
Very negative	12	1	12	9	9	1	13	12	12	13	14	11	12	13	11	13	12	12	14
TOTAL NEGATIVE	36	14	40	38	37	18	40	43	27	47	33	38	34	38	34	38	38	32	37
Don't know	12	8	12	2	20	9	11	16	11	14	9	15	13	12	12	15	11	11	13

Gas companies are allowed to drill for shale gas underneath homes without permission from the owners as long as it is at least 300 metres below the property. Assuming the surface site was a reasonable distance from your home, do you support or oppose gas companies having this right?

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Support – the drilling would take place so far below the surface that it would have no practical effect on home-owners	28	57	19	28	45	52	21	21	36	18	30	27	29	27	33	25	29	30	24
Oppose – there might be an effect on homes above the drilling, and home-owners should have the right to prevent it	57	32	64	66	51	37	55	67	47	70	58	57	56	59	52	58	57	58	61
Don't know	14	12	17	6	4	11	24	12	16	12	12	16	15	14	15	17	14	11	14

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Now suppose a gas company wanted to build a surface site for fracking, typically the size of Trafalgar Square, but would not be drilling underneath your home. What is the closest distance you would be happy for this surface site to be built near your home?

[Asked to respondents who understood or are aware of fracking; n=809]

Around half a mile	5	9	3	1	18	9	2	4	7	2	7	4	5	5	7	5	4	6	5
Around a mile	10	21	4	15	18	16	8	8	11	9	10	10	10	10	9	10	15	5	10
Around 2 miles	15	14	16	29	8	18	16	13	18	11	16	15	16	14	15	14	15	22	6
Around 5 miles	19	23	25	21	13	24	20	22	20	17	17	20	19	18	19	19	16	16	27
Around 10 miles	10	11	10	5	4	11	9	7	8	12	11	8	11	7	11	9	12	7	11
More than 10 miles	25	10	27	23	26	14	26	35	20	32	23	26	23	28	25	25	26	25	27
Don't know	16	13	14	6	13	7	18	10	16	17	15	17	16	17	15	18	12	19	15

Would you be more likely or less likely vote for a party who promised to review the legality of fracking in the UK?

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More likely	34	19	36	41	30	16	28	45	29	39	33	34	32	35	35	32	38	23	48
Less likely	12	14	13	8	6	12	15	9	13	10	11	12	12	11	10	13	10	13	8
It would make little or no difference to my vote	44	56	45	46	55	63	46	40	49	39	46	44	46	42	44	44	42	52	37
Don't know	11	11	6	5	9	9	10	5	9	12	9	11	10	12	11	11	9	12	7

Overall, which one or two of these sources of energy would you MOST like to see the Government support over the next few years?

[Asked to respondents who understood or are aware of fracking; n=809]

Solar energy	44	31	49	49	46	30	39	56	37	54	43	45	42	49	47	48	38	46	40
Wind farms	41	22	50	40	30	22	36	44	33	51	44	39	39	44	43	36	44	40	48
Tidal energy	38	35	37	41	22	33	31	51	37	38	36	39	41	33	32	33	41	32	64
Nuclear power	28	45	23	34	46	45	23	23	42	11	32	26	30	25	29	31	24	32	17
Shale gas (from fracking)	10	24	6	11	25	22	13	5	15	5	13	9	11	9	13	10	8	15	5
Conventional gas	2	2	1	0	3	3	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	3	2	1
Not sure	8	9	7	2	5	13	11	6	8	9	5	11	8	9	5	11	10	6	5

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And which one or two would you LEAST like to see the Government support over the next years?

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Shale gas (from fracking)	45	26	49	44	30	36	37	60	38	53	43	46	45	44	34	46	43	43	61
Nuclear power	37	25	40	34	47	22	30	53	24	54	38	37	37	38	36	39	39	30	42
Conventional gas	31	29	30	43	32	24	26	30	40	19	35	28	33	27	34	30	26	34	32
Wind farms	15	27	9	18	34	28	9	8	20	9	18	13	15	15	18	15	15	13	14
Solar energy	8	16	6	4	3	9	8	1	11	3	11	5	9	6	7	10	8	5	6
Tidal energy	7	12	5	4	6	17	5	1	9	4	7	6	6	7	2	7	7	6	11
Not sure	12	13	13	8	2	17	18	8	14	11	10	14	11	15	17	10	11	17	8

*Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 50 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures will be italicised.