

YouGov-Cambridge Survey Results

Sample Size: 1885 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 30th - 31st January 2014

	Voting intention					2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region					
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	UKIP	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
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Unweighted Sample	1885	451	575	96	203	547	474	392	906	979	140	446	759	540	1219	666	272	621	352	438	202	
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In order to encourage these companies to build the new power stations, the UK Government has said it will NOT change how nuclear power is taxed or regulated for the next 35 years.

To what extent do you support or oppose this decision by the UK Government NOT to change how nuclear power is taxed or regulated for the next 35 years?

[Random split of sample with the following questions asked to half of respondents, n=958]

Strongly support	7	12	6	12	13	12	7	5	12	3	6	4	7	10	7	8	8	6	8	6	14
Tend to support	21	33	14	24	30	32	13	19	28	14	15	17	22	26	23	18	14	27	15	23	20
TOTAL SUPPORT	28	45	20	36	43	44	20	24	40	17	21	21	29	36	30	26	22	33	23	29	34
Neither support nor oppose	27	26	33	19	26	25	36	20	26	27	32	27	28	22	28	25	31	27	28	25	21
Tend to oppose	12	10	15	14	5	10	13	20	11	13	7	12	14	14	14	10	16	10	13	11	15
Strongly oppose	9	2	11	16	10	3	11	15	11	8	11	6	9	11	10	8	11	9	9	8	9
TOTAL OPPOSE	21	12	26	30	15	13	24	35	22	21	18	18	23	25	24	18	27	19	22	19	24
Don't know	24	17	20	15	17	17	19	20	11	35	29	34	20	16	18	30	21	21	27	26	21

If a future UK Government decided that nuclear power was no longer the right policy for the country, do you think it would be right or wrong for the government to cancel its agreements with these companies?

Right	32	25	36	37	34	27	34	35	39	25	31	27	37	31	36	27	41	28	32	33	32
Wrong	34	44	26	45	45	41	28	41	37	31	26	29	35	40	37	29	26	42	30	30	38
Don't know	34	31	38	18	22	31	38	24	24	44	43	44	28	28	27	43	33	30	38	37	31

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If the government changed its mind about having new nuclear power stations, the companies building them would probably claim compensation from the government. How much, if any, compensation do you think these companies should receive?

Enough to cover any redundancy costs and any other costs they might have in closing down the power stations
 All the profits they would have made if the government had kept its promises
 Some other amount
 Nothing
 Don't know
 Other

58	62	59	61	55	61	56	67	58	58	54	54	63	58	56	61	60	61	49	60	58
7	9	4	11	10	7	5	6	8	5	7	9	6	7	10	3	6	8	10	4	6
1	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
13	11	12	17	21	13	14	12	17	10	19	9	13	15	15	11	14	14	15	10	20
21	17	23	11	14	18	24	16	15	26	20	29	17	18	19	23	20	16	25	25	15

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The UK Government has also promised the nuclear industry that it will buy the energy produced by the industry at more than double the current cost of electricity for the next 35 years.

The government says this price is necessary to persuade the nuclear industry to build the new power stations, and also says the cost of electricity will eventually catch up with the price offered to these nuclear companies anyway.

To what extent do you support or oppose the UK Government's decision to buy nuclear energy at double the current cost of electricity for the next 35 years?

Strongly support	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	1	4	0	2	2	2	2	3	2	0	3	2	2	4
Tend to support	11	16	11	17	9	16	9	8	16	6	8	13	10	12	13	8	12	13	6	13	5
TOTAL SUPPORT	13	18	13	19	12	19	11	9	20	6	10	15	12	14	16	10	12	16	8	15	9
Neither support nor oppose	20	25	20	24	19	22	23	20	20	20	13	23	22	18	18	22	21	20	21	20	16
Tend to oppose	26	32	21	26	26	26	24	27	24	27	30	20	26	28	27	24	24	29	28	21	23
Strongly oppose	25	13	31	20	29	19	27	27	26	24	22	15	28	32	25	25	23	23	30	25	29
TOTAL OPPOSE	51	45	52	46	55	45	51	54	50	51	52	35	54	60	52	49	47	52	58	46	52
Don't know	16	12	15	11	13	13	14	16	10	23	24	27	13	8	14	19	20	13	13	19	22

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The UK Government recently gave the go-ahead for several companies owned by the French and Chinese governments to start building a new generation of nuclear power stations in the United Kingdom.

In order to encourage these companies to build the new power stations, the UK Government has said it will NOT change how nuclear power is taxed or regulated for the next 35 years.

To what extent do you support or oppose this decision by the UK Government plan NOT to change how nuclear power is taxed or regulated for the next 35 years?

[Random split of sample with the following questions asked to half of respondents, n=927]

Strongly support	6	10	4	9	7	7	5	4	9	4	14	5	5	6	8	4	7	6	5	6	9
Tend to support	17	26	14	22	24	25	15	14	24	10	15	17	15	20	21	11	16	14	19	19	16
TOTAL SUPPORT	23	36	18	31	31	32	20	18	33	14	29	22	20	26	29	15	23	20	24	25	25
Neither support nor oppose	25	29	24	39	23	26	22	28	23	27	16	20	28	29	21	30	24	24	28	28	15
Tend to oppose	13	13	18	4	13	13	15	18	14	12	7	14	15	12	15	10	19	10	13	12	19
Strongly oppose	11	2	14	7	15	3	17	13	10	11	10	8	12	12	11	11	10	10	12	9	15
TOTAL OPPOSE	24	15	32	11	28	16	32	31	24	23	17	22	27	24	26	21	29	20	25	21	34
Don't know	28	20	26	18	18	25	27	22	20	36	37	37	25	21	24	34	23	36	23	26	26

If a future UK Government decided that nuclear power was no longer the right policy for the country, do you think it would be right or wrong for the government to cancel its agreements with these companies?

Right	37	30	42	45	44	31	43	44	38	35	35	32	38	40	38	35	46	35	36	34	44
Wrong	31	44	25	36	39	42	27	30	37	25	29	26	33	34	33	27	25	30	33	33	30
Don't know	32	26	32	18	17	27	30	26	25	39	36	42	29	26	28	38	29	36	31	33	26

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 Don't know

48	57	46	67	53	56	42	60	51	46	40	44	46	59	55	39	49	50	48	47	44
8	9	10	8	2	6	12	7	8	8	8	9	9	6	9	7	12	5	9	10	6
16	12	20	4	27	13	22	12	18	15	18	18	17	13	15	19	17	16	16	15	24
1	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	2
26	20	23	20	18	23	24	20	22	30	34	29	25	21	20	35	21	29	26	26	24

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To what extent do you support or oppose the UK Government's decision to buy nuclear energy at double the current cost of electricity for the next 35 years?

Strongly support	2	1	3	4	3	1	3	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	0	1	3	2
Tend to support	9	12	8	13	10	13	9	7	14	4	12	8	8	9	11	6	14	7	9	11	4
TOTAL SUPPORT	11	13	11	17	13	14	12	8	16	6	13	10	9	11	13	7	16	7	10	14	6
Neither support nor oppose	19	28	17	16	9	26	17	9	19	18	16	20	16	22	18	20	11	18	19	21	19
Tend to oppose	28	30	27	27	27	28	25	33	29	27	31	26	27	30	31	24	24	31	30	23	26
Strongly oppose	24	17	31	15	35	18	31	30	24	24	12	19	29	28	21	28	26	21	27	25	27
TOTAL OPPOSE	52	47	58	42	62	46	56	63	53	51	43	45	56	58	52	52	50	52	57	48	53
Don't know	19	12	13	26	16	14	14	19	12	25	27	26	19	9	17	21	23	23	13	17	21

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What is your opinion about nuclear power generally?

[Asked to all respondents, n=1885]

We need more nuclear power	31	46	26	33	39	46	25	29	45	18	19	26	32	39	34	27	22	33	32	31	32
We need nuclear power but only to the extent that we have it now	29	31	33	33	32	31	36	30	31	27	23	23	32	34	30	28	28	31	28	29	28
We do not need nuclear power	17	4	21	19	16	6	19	21	11	22	26	18	16	12	16	17	25	13	17	16	19
Don't know/ none of these	23	19	20	15	13	17	20	21	13	33	32	33	20	16	20	29	25	23	23	25	21

In the previous question, you said the United Kingdom needs nuclear power. What is the reason for your view? Please tick all that apply.

[Asked to all those respondents who indicated that nuclear power is needed in the previous question, n=1158.]

To keep the lights on	67	73	63	65	74	75	59	70	72	59	54	68	70	67	69	65	62	72	62	65	75
To reduce carbon emissions	53	55	60	53	35	53	52	55	55	50	75	59	52	46	57	47	61	50	53	53	57
Other	12	12	8	18	14	13	9	17	11	13	4	9	11	16	13	9	9	11	16	10	13
Don't know	4	5	2	2	5	3	6	2	4	5	14	3	4	3	3	7	9	4	4	5	1

In the previous question, you said you oppose the United Kingdom having nuclear power. What is the reason for your view? Please tick all that apply.

[Asked to all those respondents who indicated that nuclear power is not needed in the previous question, n=338]

Nuclear waste is dangerous	79	74	78	86	80	58	78	88	81	78	87	67	82	86	78	81	78	75	71	89	89
Nuclear power stations are dangerous	66	68	66	60	51	53	66	70	64	67	69	56	70	68	64	68	63	60	68	75	61
Nuclear power costs too much	33	27	37	36	38	28	32	39	49	25	42	33	25	36	38	25	20	23	40	40	51
Nuclear power is inflexible	27	23	26	26	34	30	29	22	36	22	44	24	25	18	32	19	22	28	24	34	22
Nuclear power is associated with nuclear weapons	27	9	21	14	45	21	29	20	30	25	40	22	25	23	27	26	25	18	40	27	22
Other	11	17	6	18	9	20	4	13	13	10	7	14	7	16	13	9	6	16	13	4	18
Don't know	2	6	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	7	1	0	0	2	1	2	3	0	1	0