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Which of these comes closest to your view, if energy bills rose due to the US-Israel war with Iran? The best way of ensuring the UK's energy security is...

To reduce our use of fossil fuels all together and instead expand our use of renewable energy (such as wind and solar)	45	24	72	58	14	86	18	65	61	13	83	59	24	44	46	70	54	38	25	53	39	36
To increase our supply of oil and gas by allowing new oil and gas exploration licences	38	67	13	29	75	8	72	18	23	74	6	24	62	44	32	14	24	47	62	33	42	44
Don't know	17	9	15	14	11	7	10	17	17	12	11	17	14	12	22	16	22	15	13	13	20	20

And following the US-Israel war with Iran, do you think the UK government should focus more on increasing the production of renewable energy or fossil fuel energy when it comes to...

...Lowering energy bills?

Focus solely on increasing the production of renewable energy (such as wind and solar)	20	12	27	24	6	45	9	30	21	6	45	28	10	21	19	31	25	14	12	22	16	17
Focus mostly on increasing production of renewable energy (such as wind and solar), with some limited extra fossil fuel production	24	19	37	38	12	36	14	33	43	9	37	30	16	23	26	32	26	24	18	28	24	22
TOTAL FOCUS ON RENEWABLE ENERGY	44	31	64	62	18	81	23	63	64	15	82	58	26	44	45	63	51	38	30	50	40	39
Focus equally on increasing the production of both renewable and fossil fuel energy sources	21	27	19	24	28	8	31	15	19	26	6	19	28	23	20	15	17	24	29	22	21	22
Focus mostly on increasing the production of fossil fuel energy (such as oil and gas), with some limited extra renewable energy production	10	22	3	6	22	3	21	5	4	18	3	6	17	13	8	6	7	12	17	10	11	12
Focus solely on increasing the production of fossil fuel energy (such as oil and gas)	8	11	1	3	20	1	14	3	1	25	0	3	15	8	7	2	5	10	12	5	9	10
TOTAL FOCUS ON FOSSIL FUEL ENERGY	18	33	4	9	42	4	35	8	5	43	3	9	32	21	15	8	12	22	29	15	20	22
None of the above	3	1	3	3	2	1	1	3	2	5	1	3	3	4	2	1	3	4	2	3	3	4
Don't know	13	9	9	3	9	8	9	11	10	10	9	11	12	9	18	12	17	11	9	9	17	14

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To increase our supply of oil and gas by allowing new oil and gas exploration licences	38	37	33	41	44	38	41	29	39
Don't know	17	17	17	19	18	18	17	20	16

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Focus solely on increasing the production of renewable energy (such as wind and solar)	20	20	28	19	14	21	17	21	20
Focus mostly on increasing production of renewable energy (such as wind and solar), with some limited extra fossil fuel production	24	25	21	26	20	24	24	23	26
TOTAL FOCUS ON RENEWABLE ENERGY	44	45	49	45	34	45	41	44	46
Focus equally on increasing the production of both renewable and fossil fuel energy sources	21	21	25	21	32	24	21	17	20
Focus mostly on increasing the production of fossil fuel energy (such as oil and gas), with some limited extra renewable energy production	10	11	6	10	11	12	12	5	12
Focus solely on increasing the production of fossil fuel energy (such as oil and gas)	8	8	5	5	3	6	10	6	9
TOTAL FOCUS ON FOSSIL FUEL ENERGY	18	19	11	15	14	18	22	11	21
None of the above	3	3	3	3	4	4	3	7	2
Don't know	13	13	13	16	16	10	13	20	12

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...Securing greater energy independence/energy security?

Focus solely on increasing the production of renewable energy (such as wind and solar)	23	9	28	31	6	53	7	32	33	7	57	31	12	24	21	37	28	15	15	27	20	17
Focus mostly on increasing production of renewable energy (such as wind and solar), with some limited extra fossil fuel production	25	20	38	34	11	33	15	32	34	10	28	30	16	23	27	32	28	24	16	28	21	23
TOTAL FOCUS ON RENEWABLE ENERGY	48	29	66	65	17	86	22	64	67	17	85	61	28	47	48	69	56	39	31	55	41	40
Focus equally on increasing the production of both renewable and fossil fuel energy sources	21	35	19	21	29	5	35	18	17	25	2	18	30	23	19	11	15	27	30	21	22	22
Focus mostly on increasing the production of fossil fuel energy (such as oil and gas), with some limited extra renewable energy production	10	17	4	6	24	1	21	4	4	24	0	6	16	13	8	5	6	14	17	8	10	14
Focus solely on increasing the production of fossil fuel energy (such as oil and gas)	7	9	0	2	19	1	11	2	1	23	3	2	13	8	6	2	4	8	12	4	10	8
TOTAL FOCUS ON FOSSIL FUEL ENERGY	17	26	4	8	43	2	32	6	5	47	3	8	29	21	14	7	10	22	29	12	20	22
None of the above	2	0	1	2	2	0	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2
Don't know	13	8	10	5	8	7	9	11	9	10	9	11	12	8	18	12	17	11	8	9	16	14

...Creating good, secure jobs?

Focus solely on increasing the production of renewable energy (such as wind and solar)	20	8	29	25	6	49	7	31	27	5	49	29	9	22	19	31	26	14	12	27	15	15
Focus mostly on increasing production of renewable energy (such as wind and solar), with some limited extra fossil fuel production	23	21	38	33	11	33	15	31	35	8	34	28	16	22	25	35	25	24	16	25	23	22
TOTAL FOCUS ON RENEWABLE ENERGY	43	29	67	58	17	82	22	62	62	13	83	57	25	44	44	66	51	38	28	52	38	37
Focus equally on increasing the production of both renewable and fossil fuel energy sources	23	32	19	27	28	7	35	18	20	27	5	20	30	25	20	15	16	27	33	24	23	22
Focus mostly on increasing the production of fossil fuel energy (such as oil and gas), with some limited extra renewable energy production	10	17	1	4	23	2	18	3	4	24	0	6	16	11	8	5	7	12	14	8	10	12
Focus solely on increasing the production of fossil fuel energy (such as oil and gas)	6	9	1	1	17	1	11	2	2	18	2	2	12	7	4	1	3	7	11	4	7	8
TOTAL FOCUS ON FOSSIL FUEL ENERGY	16	26	2	5	40	3	29	5	6	42	2	8	28	18	12	6	10	19	25	12	17	20
None of the above	3	1	2	3	3	1	1	2	1	4	1	3	3	3	2	0	3	3	2	2	2	4
Don't know	16	12	11	6	11	7	12	13	12	14	10	13	14	9	21	13	20	13	12	11	19	17

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Focus mostly on increasing production of renewable energy (such as wind and solar), with some limited extra fossil fuel production	25	25	21	24	21	27	26	25	23
TOTAL FOCUS ON RENEWABLE ENERGY	48	47	52	46	38	48	44	52	47
Focus equally on increasing the production of both renewable and fossil fuel energy sources	21	21	17	23	28	24	20	14	21
Focus mostly on increasing the production of fossil fuel energy (such as oil and gas), with some limited extra renewable energy production	10	10	9	11	12	11	13	7	10
Focus solely on increasing the production of fossil fuel energy (such as oil and gas)	7	7	5	4	4	6	10	2	8
TOTAL FOCUS ON FOSSIL FUEL ENERGY	17	17	14	15	16	17	23	9	18
None of the above	2	2	0	2	2	1	1	3	2
Don't know	13	13	17	14	17	11	12	22	11

...Creating good, secure jobs?

Focus solely on increasing the production of renewable energy (such as wind and solar)	20	20	33	20	16	18	14	25	22
Focus mostly on increasing production of renewable energy (such as wind and solar), with some limited extra fossil fuel production	23	24	18	25	9	26	25	24	23
TOTAL FOCUS ON RENEWABLE ENERGY	43	44	51	45	25	44	39	49	45
Focus equally on increasing the production of both renewable and fossil fuel energy sources	23	22	20	27	36	24	24	15	22
Focus mostly on increasing the production of fossil fuel energy (such as oil and gas), with some limited extra renewable energy production	10	10	5	8	10	12	11	6	10
Focus solely on increasing the production of fossil fuel energy (such as oil and gas)	6	6	4	3	5	5	9	4	6
TOTAL FOCUS ON FOSSIL FUEL ENERGY	16	16	9	11	15	17	20	10	16
None of the above	3	3	1	3	6	4	2	4	2
Don't know	16	15	18	14	18	12	15	22	16

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...Protecting the environment?

Focus solely on increasing the production of renewable energy (such as wind and solar)	30	17	38	39	11	65	15	43	42	11	66	41	17	30	30	48	36	23	18	35	25	23
Focus mostly on increasing production of renewable energy (such as wind and solar), with some limited extra fossil fuel production	23	23	34	34	12	24	20	27	33	10	20	26	17	22	25	30	24	24	20	28	22	21
TOTAL FOCUS ON RENEWABLE ENERGY	53	40	72	73	23	89	35	70	75	21	86	67	34	52	55	78	60	47	38	63	47	44
Focus equally on increasing the production of both renewable and fossil fuel energy sources	18	28	14	16	25	5	28	14	12	22	6	15	26	19	16	8	11	25	27	17	19	20
Focus mostly on increasing the production of fossil fuel energy (such as oil and gas), with some limited extra renewable energy production	7	14	2	4	20	0	15	2	2	21	0	4	13	10	6	3	5	8	13	6	9	9
Focus solely on increasing the production of fossil fuel energy (such as oil and gas)	5	6	2	1	16	1	9	2	0	19	2	2	11	7	4	1	4	7	9	3	5	8
TOTAL FOCUS ON FOSSIL FUEL ENERGY	12	20	4	5	36	1	24	4	2	40	2	6	24	17	10	4	9	15	22	9	14	17
None of the above	3	2	0	3	5	0	2	2	2	6	0	2	3	4	2	1	3	4	2	3	2	4
Don't know	13	10	9	3	11	5	11	10	9	10	6	11	13	9	17	10	18	10	11	9	17	15

Would you support or oppose a ban on new oil and gas developments in Britain's North Sea territory?

[Asked to a randomly selected quarter of the sample; n=575]

Strongly support	21	29	15	16	30	39	25	19	15	23	46	22	27	26	16	17	19	24	24	20	17	26
Somewhat support	21	17	28	34	14	17	17	21	30	18	23	22	18	16	26	27	17	24	22	27	13	22
TOTAL SUPPORT	42	46	43	50	44	56	42	40	45	41	69	44	45	42	42	44	36	48	46	47	30	48
Somewhat oppose	17	19	18	20	16	10	15	22	19	9	11	20	9	18	16	18	21	11	17	18	20	12
Strongly oppose	20	23	11	17	36	18	30	12	12	46	11	17	29	24	16	10	17	25	27	19	28	20
TOTAL OPPOSE	37	42	29	37	52	28	45	34	31	55	22	37	38	42	32	28	38	36	44	37	48	32
Don't know	20	12	28	13	4	15	14	26	25	4	9	19	16	15	25	27	27	16	10	16	21	20

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...Protecting the environment?									
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Focus mostly on increasing production of renewable energy (such as wind and solar), with some limited extra fossil fuel production	23	24	17	25	22	25	26	24	22
TOTAL FOCUS ON RENEWABLE ENERGY	53	54	51	52	44	53	53	59	54
Focus equally on increasing the production of both renewable and fossil fuel energy sources	18	17	19	23	23	20	17	10	17
Focus mostly on increasing the production of fossil fuel energy (such as oil and gas), with some limited extra renewable energy production	7	8	5	5	9	7	9	5	9
Focus solely on increasing the production of fossil fuel energy (such as oil and gas)	5	6	4	4	3	4	7	4	7
TOTAL FOCUS ON FOSSIL FUEL ENERGY	12	14	9	9	12	11	16	9	16
None of the above	3	3	2	1	4	3	3	4	3
Don't know	13	13	18	14	19	13	11	17	12

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Strongly support	21	21	20	27	0	21	18	20	23
Somewhat support	21	21	28	18	30	26	14	21	20
TOTAL SUPPORT	42	42	48	45	30	47	32	41	43
Somewhat oppose	17	17	18	22	0	15	19	17	17
Strongly oppose	20	21	12	16	70	16	26	14	24
TOTAL OPPOSE	37	38	30	38	70	31	45	31	41
Don't know	20	20	22	16	0	22	24	28	16

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Would you support or oppose new oil and gas developments in Britain's North Sea territory?

[Asked to a randomly selected quarter of the sample; n=559]

Strongly support	26	36	10	9	63	3	39	13	7	61	0	15	44	37	16	7	19	32	42	22	26	31
Somewhat support	27	37	24	41	28	15	39	20	26	28	4	25	29	22	31	25	19	35	33	22	35	24
TOTAL SUPPORT	53	73	34	50	91	18	78	33	33	89	4	40	73	59	47	32	38	67	75	44	61	55
Somewhat oppose	16	14	22	19	3	23	10	21	30	1	18	21	10	16	16	24	21	12	8	22	10	15
Strongly oppose	15	1	18	14	1	51	2	23	21	2	73	22	5	14	16	24	20	10	9	17	19	9
TOTAL OPPOSE	31	15	40	33	4	74	12	44	51	3	91	43	15	30	32	48	41	22	17	39	29	24
Don't know	16	12	25	17	5	8	10	24	16	9	5	18	12	11	21	21	22	12	8	17	9	20

Shale gas is natural gas trapped under sedimentary rock, which is extracted using a method known as hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking". There are large reserves of shale gas in Lancashire.

Some people think that using shale gas could be a solution to Britain's energy needs. Other people think that fracking is a dangerous technique that risks contaminating ground water and causing minor earthquakes.

From what you have seen or heard about the issue, do you think Britain should or should not start extracting shale gas?

Should	25	39	15	17	51	8	46	13	14	52	7	18	38	35	17	11	20	31	35	24	25	30
Should not	47	33	60	59	25	79	27	65	61	22	80	58	34	45	49	65	48	44	40	54	44	37
Don't know	28	28	25	24	25	13	27	23	25	26	13	24	28	21	34	23	32	25	26	22	31	32

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Somewhat support	27	27	24	22	29	34	18	16	30
TOTAL SUPPORT	53	52	46	57	65	61	52	30	53
Somewhat oppose	16	15	27	23	0	12	15	19	17
Strongly oppose	15	15	13	13	18	12	15	19	16
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Should not	47	47	52	53	27	50	45	52	43
Don't know	28	27	29	30	39	24	29	32	27

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As you may be aware, as part of its commitment to clean energy and UK action on climate change, the Labour government pledged in its manifesto to not issue new licenses for oil and gas drilling in the North Sea, while continuing to allow existing projects.

Should the government stick to its pledge or reverse it?

The government should stick to its manifesto pledge and not issue new licenses for oil and gas drilling in the North Sea	34	16	53	44	7	72	12	52	47	7	66	47	16	33	35	55	42	23	20	42	27	26
The government should reverse its manifesto pledge and issue new licenses for oil and gas drilling in the North Sea	42	72	23	39	79	10	74	25	31	76	10	30	67	50	35	15	28	56	66	40	48	48
The government should go further and not issue new licenses for oil and gas drilling in the North Sea and suspend existig projects	4	1	4	4	2	6	1	3	3	1	9	3	2	3	4	12	3	3	2	3	3	3
None of these	2	1	1	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	2	2
Don't know	18	10	19	13	10	10	12	20	18	13	13	19	13	12	24	16	25	16	11	14	20	22

Regarding oil and gas drilling in the North Sea, which comes closest to your view?

The government should stop all existing oil and gas projects in the North Sea, and not issue new licenses	10	3	10	7	1	32	2	13	10	2	39	12	3	8	11	25	12	5	3	10	9	7
The government should allow existing oil and gas drilling projects to continue, but not issue licenses for new projects	30	19	54	45	13	43	16	44	45	11	34	40	17	31	30	42	36	26	19	38	24	26
The government should allow existing oil and gas drilling projects to continue and issue new licenses for new drilling projects	42	69	19	35	80	11	73	22	26	79	12	29	66	49	35	13	27	56	65	37	47	48
None of these	2	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	2
Don't know	17	9	15	11	5	12	9	18	19	8	16	17	12	11	22	17	24	11	11	14	19	18

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As you may be aware, as part of its commitment to clean energy and UK action on climate change, the Labour government pledged in its manifesto to not issue new licenses for oil and gas drilling in the North Sea, while continuing to allow existing projects.

Should the government stick to its pledge or reverse it?

The government should stick to its manifesto pledge and not issue new licenses for oil and gas drilling in the North Sea	34	34	43	30	32	28	31	43	35
The government should reverse its manifesto pledge and issue new licenses for oil and gas drilling in the North Sea	42	42	36	48	50	44	44	30	44
The government should go further and not issue new licenses for oil and gas drilling in the North Sea and suspend existing projects	4	4	4	5	2	5	4	3	3
None of these	2	2	1	2	6	1	1	2	2
Don't know	18	19	16	15	10	21	20	22	16

Regarding oil and gas drilling in the North Sea, which comes closest to your view?

The government should stop all existing oil and gas projects in the North Sea, and not issue new licenses	10	10	11	8	8	9	12	13	9
The government should allow existing oil and gas drilling projects to continue, but not issue licenses for new projects	30	30	38	32	16	32	25	32	31
The government should allow existing oil and gas drilling projects to continue and issue new licenses for new drilling projects	42	41	34	46	57	42	44	30	43
None of these	2	2	0	3	0	2	1	2	2
Don't know	17	17	18	11	19	17	18	23	16

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Which comes closest to your view, even if none captures it exactly?

We owe it to future generations to limit the impacts of climate change. Drilling and burning lots of new oil or gas will worsen global warming while doing nothing for energy security and prices. The government should keep the ban on new drilling licenses and expand home-grown renewable energy instead	40	20	62	53	8	82	14	58	60	8	80	54	19	37	43	71	48	29	23	48	33	31
Allowing new oil and gas drilling in the North Sea will help increase the UK's energy security, lower bills and provide much needed tax revenue to the government. The government should issue new drilling licenses immediately	40	65	21	31	81	7	70	21	24	78	6	28	62	48	32	13	29	52	59	36	43	47
Neither	5	4	4	8	3	3	3	5	5	4	2	5	6	6	4	2	5	5	6	5	5	5
Don't know	15	11	12	8	7	8	12	16	11	11	12	13	13	9	20	14	18	14	12	11	19	17

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Allowing new oil and gas drilling in the North Sea will help increase the UK's energy security, lower bills and provide much needed tax revenue to the government. The government should issue new drilling licenses immediately	41	70	21	34	78	7	74	22	28	75	8	30	62	48	34	16	27	53	63	37	43	49
Neither	6	2	8	10	4	4	2	7	6	4	4	7	5	6	6	6	7	5	5	4	7	6
Don't know	18	11	17	11	9	10	13	19	16	13	11	14	17	11	24	19	21	17	12	14	22	19

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Neither	5	5	1	4	12	5	4	5	5
Don't know	15	16	13	14	8	16	16	19	14

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Neither	6	6	7	6	17	6	6	4	5
Don't know	18	18	18	15	8	17	15	29	17

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Neither	7	5	5	7	4	7	3	5	5	5	10	7	6	6	7	6	7	6	7	6	7	6
Don't know	21	13	19	14	11	11	17	22	20	12	13	19	19	14	27	20	25	20	14	17	25	22

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Neither	8	5	7	13	2	8	5	8	9	3	13	9	6	6	9	8	8	6	8	8	8	7
Don't know	18	10	15	12	11	11	13	17	21	14	11	15	16	11	24	18	21	18	11	14	20	19

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Neither	7	6	5	8	10	6	8	6	6
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Neither	8	7	10	6	14	7	10	7	7
Don't know	18	18	13	15	8	19	17	26	17

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