

YouGov / The Times Survey Results



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Which of the two main party leaders do you think most shares your views on how Britain should approach the issue of climate change?

Rishi Sunak	16	37	3	7	11	27	18	15	7	9	21	28	16	17	17	9	10	17	19	12	19
Keir Starmer	25	5	55	46	43	10	27	23	28	33	21	14	29	20	25	26	22	29	19	34	22
Neither	40	44	27	33	32	48	43	37	34	38	42	44	37	45	39	44	54	38	41	38	38
Don't know	19	14	15	14	15	15	12	25	31	20	16	14	18	19	19	20	14	16	21	17	21

This week Rishi Sunak announced changes to the Government's policies on climate change. From what you have seen or heard about these changes, do you support or oppose the changes?

Strongly support	12	26	3	4	5	24	16	8	6	6	18	19	11	13	12	7	13	13	15	8	12
Tend to support	24	40	10	16	19	34	25	23	16	18	25	37	23	24	24	23	19	22	25	19	27
TOTAL SUPPORT	36	66	13	20	24	58	41	31	22	24	43	56	34	37	36	30	32	35	40	27	39
Tend to oppose	14	9	18	30	19	11	13	15	13	15	14	11	16	11	14	15	13	14	13	14	15
Strongly oppose	21	6	45	32	37	10	26	17	22	27	21	13	26	16	21	19	31	21	17	31	18
TOTAL OPPOSE	35	15	63	62	56	21	39	32	35	42	35	24	42	27	35	34	44	35	30	45	33
Don't know	29	19	24	18	20	22	20	38	43	35	22	20	24	36	29	36	25	30	30	28	28

Below are some of the changes that Rishi Sunak announced in his speech. For each one, please say whether you support or oppose it.

Delaying the ban on the sale of new petrol and diesel cars from 2030 to 2035

Strongly support	25	47	8	16	14	44	30	21	11	18	34	37	23	28	25	24	30	25	25	17	28
Tend to support	25	30	18	19	23	28	22	28	19	23	28	29	24	26	26	24	20	28	26	19	26
TOTAL SUPPORT	50	77	26	35	37	72	52	49	30	41	62	66	47	54	51	48	50	53	51	36	54
Tend to oppose	17	10	26	26	22	11	17	17	27	18	14	14	19	14	17	21	12	17	18	21	16
Strongly oppose	20	7	37	33	32	10	24	16	22	27	17	12	24	15	20	12	27	19	19	31	17
TOTAL OPPOSE	37	17	63	59	54	21	41	33	49	45	31	26	43	29	37	33	39	36	37	52	33
Don't know	12	6	11	7	8	7	7	17	21	15	8	9	10	16	12	19	11	11	12	13	13

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Allowing some exemptions from the plan to ban new gas boilers from 2035

Strongly support	17	34	6	8	10	30	21	13	5	10	24	27	16	18	17	14	20	16	18	12	18
Tend to support	27	37	21	27	25	34	28	27	18	23	30	36	29	26	29	22	20	29	26	22	32
TOTAL SUPPORT	44	71	27	35	35	64	49	40	23	33	54	63	45	44	46	36	40	45	44	34	50
Tend to oppose	19	10	30	33	27	12	20	19	29	21	18	13	22	16	19	18	22	19	21	24	17
Strongly oppose	13	4	23	17	18	7	16	10	18	17	10	7	15	10	13	8	19	13	11	18	11
TOTAL OPPOSE	32	14	53	50	45	19	36	29	47	38	28	20	37	26	32	26	41	32	32	42	28
Don't know	23	14	20	15	20	17	15	31	31	29	18	17	18	30	23	38	19	23	24	23	22

Ending rules that would have required landlords to upgrade energy efficiency in properties from 2025

Strongly support	10	18	4	7	6	17	13	7	4	7	15	11	10	9	10	8	11	10	8	10	10
Tend to support	17	25	10	9	13	22	17	17	15	16	16	21	17	17	18	10	13	17	19	16	18
TOTAL SUPPORT	27	43	14	16	19	39	30	24	19	23	31	32	27	26	28	18	24	27	27	26	28
Tend to oppose	26	28	24	32	27	27	24	28	21	24	30	27	27	25	27	15	25	26	29	26	26
Strongly oppose	32	16	51	44	43	22	35	28	36	36	28	25	34	28	31	43	34	33	28	31	30
TOTAL OPPOSE	58	44	75	76	70	49	59	56	57	60	58	52	61	53	58	58	59	59	57	57	56
Don't know	16	13	11	8	11	13	12	20	24	17	10	16	12	21	15	24	16	14	16	17	15

Ruling out new taxes on flying

Strongly support	16	29	9	10	13	24	20	12	9	15	21	18	18	14	16	17	22	16	15	16	15
Tend to support	23	30	18	21	19	28	23	23	25	20	22	28	23	23	24	18	21	23	24	21	25
TOTAL SUPPORT	39	59	27	31	32	52	43	35	34	35	43	46	41	37	40	35	43	39	39	37	40
Tend to oppose	22	19	25	27	26	19	21	23	22	20	25	21	23	19	22	19	20	20	23	22	23
Strongly oppose	19	9	31	24	26	12	24	15	23	23	16	14	22	16	19	16	22	20	14	23	18
TOTAL OPPOSE	41	28	56	51	52	31	45	38	45	43	41	35	45	35	41	35	42	40	37	45	41
Don't know	20	13	17	17	16	17	12	27	21	22	17	19	15	27	20	31	15	19	24	17	19

Ruling out new taxes on meat and dairy products

Strongly support	30	52	14	20	19	46	36	24	16	25	35	40	29	31	29	32	34	30	32	22	30
Tend to support	25	25	23	32	26	25	25	26	27	24	27	25	26	25	26	20	25	24	27	20	28
TOTAL SUPPORT	55	77	37	52	45	71	61	50	43	49	62	65	55	56	55	52	59	54	59	42	58
Tend to oppose	14	6	24	19	22	7	13	16	22	14	15	11	17	12	15	10	15	17	13	21	12
Strongly oppose	13	7	22	14	17	9	14	12	12	17	10	9	14	12	13	10	10	14	10	19	13
TOTAL OPPOSE	27	13	46	33	39	16	27	28	34	31	25	20	31	24	28	20	25	31	23	40	25
Don't know	17	10	17	15	16	12	13	22	23	20	14	15	15	21	17	27	16	15	19	18	17

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Increasing grants for fitting heat pumps from £5000 to £7500

Strongly support	23	26	24	25	28	23	28	18	14	25	22	24	25	19	22	28	27	24	18	22	23
Tend to support	43	42	45	49	46	42	42	44	40	43	46	40	43	42	44	27	35	41	47	44	45
TOTAL SUPPORT	66	68	69	74	74	65	70	62	54	68	68	64	68	61	66	55	62	65	65	66	68
Tend to oppose	9	10	8	9	7	11	9	9	14	6	10	10	10	8	9	9	12	9	11	9	7
Strongly oppose	5	7	5	2	3	8	8	3	5	5	5	6	5	6	5	4	9	7	3	6	4
TOTAL OPPOSE	14	17	13	11	10	19	17	12	19	11	15	16	15	14	14	13	21	16	14	15	11
Don't know	20	16	19	14	17	17	13	27	27	21	17	20	17	24	20	32	17	19	21	19	20

Do you think these changes will make it more or less likely that Britain will meet the target of Net Zero carbon emissions by 2050?

More likely	4	4	2	1	3	3	5	2	8	3	3	3	3	4	4	2	2	5	3	5	2
Less likely	34	18	57	58	53	19	35	34	39	43	31	22	41	25	34	36	41	31	32	41	34
No difference - Britain will still be able to meet the target	14	26	7	8	10	22	18	11	7	12	14	23	13	16	14	19	15	15	15	7	15
No difference - Britain would not have been able to meet the target anyway	32	40	24	26	26	43	33	31	21	27	39	39	30	35	33	21	31	34	35	29	33
Don't know	16	12	9	7	8	13	9	22	25	16	13	14	12	20	16	21	11	15	15	18	16

Do you think Britain's target of being Net Zero by 2050 can be reached without putting extra costs on ordinary people?

Can be reached without putting extra costs on ordinary people	22	17	33	18	28	17	26	19	30	28	17	15	24	20	22	19	27	22	24	23	21
Cannot be reached without putting extra costs on ordinary people	60	70	53	68	58	68	61	59	42	54	67	70	61	59	61	49	58	63	59	58	61
Don't know	18	12	14	14	15	14	13	22	28	18	16	15	15	21	17	32	15	16	17	19	18

Thinking about how politicians talk about the potential costs of Net Zero, which of the following best reflects your view?

Politicians are mostly exaggerating the costs that will be necessary to reach Net Zero	18	14	28	15	21	15	22	14	20	21	15	15	18	17	18	14	18	18	16	25	17
Politicians are mostly being realistic about the costs that will be necessary to reach Net Zero	10	11	10	13	12	10	12	9	14	11	7	11	12	8	11	7	7	11	6	13	12
Politicians are mostly understating the costs that will be necessary to reach Net Zero	37	49	32	47	37	47	41	34	21	31	47	45	38	36	37	32	46	37	40	30	38
None of these	9	7	7	7	7	10	10	8	8	9	10	9	8	10	9	9	9	9	12	10	7
Don't know	26	19	23	18	22	19	16	35	36	29	21	20	23	29	25	39	20	25	25	22	27

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Thinking again about Rishi Sunak's announcements this week, what do you think were the main reasons for the changes he announced?

Because Britain is already on target to reach Net Zero, and there is room to reduce costs for people and still hit the target	5	7	4	1	4	6	6	3	9	4	3	6	5	4	5	1	6	4	5	6	5
Because the previous policies were not practically achievable or realistic	37	57	20	33	29	51	34	39	23	31	45	43	35	39	37	34	35	40	37	23	40
Because he wanted to create political dividing lines with Labour ahead of the election	34	20	55	49	47	25	38	30	28	37	34	32	39	28	34	30	35	34	30	44	33
Some other reason	9	5	11	8	10	6	10	8	15	11	8	4	8	10	9	8	8	10	10	11	7
Don't know	16	10	11	9	11	12	11	20	25	18	10	15	13	19	15	26	16	12	18	16	16

**Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.*

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	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.	Target %
Age by Gender by Education (Labour Force Survey and ONS Mid Year Estimates)			
Men Over 65	270	229	10.7%
Men 50-64 High education	71	79	3.7%
Men 50-64 Mid education	105	96	4.5%
Men 50-64 Low education	90	84	3.9%
Men 25-49 High education	169	202	9.4%
Men 25-49 Mid education	147	142	6.6%
Men 25-49 Low education	48	92	4.3%
Men Under 25 High education	22	21	1.0%
Men Under 25 Mid & Low education	41	92	4.3%
Women Over 65	322	274	12.8%
Women 50-64 High education	76	75	3.5%
Women 50-64 Mid education	119	109	5.1%
Women 50-64 Low education	90	86	4.0%
Women 25-49 High education	209	217	10.1%
Women 25-49 Mid education	181	152	7.1%
Women 25-49 Low education	107	81	3.8%
Women Under 25 High education	26	26	1.2%
Women Under 25 Mid & Low education	51	86	4.0%
Political Attention (British Election Study face to face element)			
Low (0,1,2)	209	407	19.0%
Medium (3-7)	1411	1286	60.0%
High (8,9,10)	524	450	21.0%
Social Grade (NRS and 2011 census)			
AB	705	600	28.0%
C1	597	622	29.0%
C2	364	450	21.0%
DE	478	472	22.0%
EU Referendum Vote (Election Result)			
Remain	875	755	35.2%
Leave	840	798	37.2%
Don't Know / Did Not Vote	429	590	27.5%

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Region by 2019 Vote (Election Result and ONS Population estimates)

North Con	155	146	6.8%
North Lab	161	159	7.4%
North LD	24	28	1.3%
North BP	20	19	0.9%
North Oth	14	15	0.7%
North DNV	125	150	7.0%
Midlands Con	142	137	6.4%
Midlands Lab	84	84	3.9%
Midlands LD	24	19	0.9%
Midlands BP	4	4	0.2%
Midlands Oth	12	11	0.5%
Midlands DNV	72	101	4.7%
London Con	50	60	2.8%
London Lab	75	92	4.3%
London LD	24	28	1.3%
London BP	1	2	0.1%
London Oth	8	6	0.3%
London DNV	63	71	3.3%
South Con	303	296	13.8%
South Lab	133	126	5.9%
South LD	106	90	4.2%
South BP	2	2	0.1%
South Oth	33	28	1.3%
South DNV	186	176	8.2%
Wales Con	32	28	1.3%
Wales Lab	37	32	1.5%
Wales LD	4	4	0.2%
Wales PC	12	9	0.4%
Wales BP	1	4	0.2%
Wales Oth DNV	31	30	1.4%
Scotland Con	38	34	1.6%
Scotland Lab	29	26	1.2%
Scotland LD	14	13	0.6%
Scotland SNP	67	62	2.9%
Scotland Oth DNV	58	51	2.4%

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