

YouGov / Compass Survey Results

Sample Size: 1772 GB Adults

Fieldwork: 16th - 17th February 2012

	Voting intention			2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample 1772				539	448	427	861	911	214	452	606	500	1010	762	227	576	379	436	154	
Unweighted Sample	1772	530	530	107	553	437	440	869	903	73	472	709	518	1178	594	280	628	315	389	160
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

It has been suggested that the government should introduce legislation to make energy companies reduce their use of foreign gas and coal and increase the power they get from the UK's wind, sun, waves and tides. Supporters say that this would make the UK less reliant on foreign sources of gas and coal, and make energy supply and prices more stable. Opponents say that this would require too much public investment, and there are more important things to spend money on at the moment.

To what extent would you support or oppose this policy?

Strongly support	24	20	27	36	18	30	29	28	21	19	27	24	24	27	21	23	23	24	26	26
Tend to support	46	50	47	44	46	43	50	44	47	43	46	44	49	47	45	46	46	43	46	51
TOTAL SUPPORT	70	70	74	79	64	73	79	72	68	62	73	68	73	73	66	69	70	67	71	77
Tend to oppose	10	15	8	7	15	10	3	11	9	5	6	11	14	10	9	12	10	10	8	8
Strongly oppose	4	4	2	4	6	3	2	6	2	5	1	4	6	4	3	3	4	3	4	3
TOTAL OPPOSE	13	19	10	11	21	13	6	16	11	9	7	14	20	14	13	15	14	14	12	11
Don't know	17	11	16	10	15	14	15	12	21	29	19	18	7	13	21	16	16	20	16	12

Which, if any, of the following best explain the recent rises in energy bills?

Energy companies taking larger profits	57	57	61	54	55	61	56	62	52	42	54	59	62	57	57	56	59	58	55	55
Rising price of gas and oil	24	29	23	30	27	25	26	24	25	21	27	24	24	26	22	28	24	22	25	25
Government taxes and regulation	10	9	9	5	11	7	7	8	12	15	8	9	9	8	12	8	10	10	11	8
Something else	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	0
Don't know	8	4	6	10	6	5	9	5	10	20	10	6	4	7	9	7	6	9	8	11

To what extent would you support or oppose the Government launching an independent public inquiry into the Big Six energy companies?

Strongly support	56	59	60	51	57	58	55	61	52	37	50	59	67	56	57	53	60	51	58	55
Tend to support	30	32	27	38	31	30	31	29	31	27	32	31	28	33	25	28	31	31	28	32
TOTAL SUPPORT	86	90	86	88	88	88	87	90	83	63	82	91	94	89	83	81	90	83	87	87
Tend to oppose	3	5	2	8	5	2	4	3	4	4	4	2	3	4	3	6	4	3	3	2
Strongly oppose	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	3
TOTAL OPPOSE	4	6	3	8	7	3	4	5	4	4	6	4	4	4	4	7	5	4	3	4
Don't know	9	3	10	3	5	9	10	5	13	32	12	6	2	7	13	11	5	14	10	9

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Would you support or oppose the Government imposing a new levy on the main six energy companies' profits?

Strongly support	38	37	44	36	32	43	39	44	33	38	35	39	41	37	41	36	35	39	46	33
Tend to support	32	35	31	36	36	32	33	30	34	23	30	36	33	34	30	29	38	33	24	37
TOTAL SUPPORT	71	72	75	72	68	76	72	75	67	61	65	75	75	71	70	65	73	71	70	69
Tend to oppose	8	12	6	10	14	6	6	11	5	1	10	8	10	10	6	12	9	6	8	7
Strongly oppose	2	4	1	3	4	2	1	3	2	1	4	2	2	3	2	5	2	1	2	4
TOTAL OPPOSE	11	16	7	13	18	8	8	15	7	2	14	10	13	13	8	18	11	7	10	11
Don't know	19	11	17	15	14	17	20	10	26	37	21	15	13	16	22	18	16	22	20	19

And to what extent would you support or oppose any funds raised from such a levy, being used to help with people's energy costs by making homes more energy efficient and removing people from fuel poverty, even if the money could be used elsewhere?

Strongly support	35	28	45	32	26	44	40	39	32	33	32	36	39	32	40	32	34	38	37	36
Tend to support	42	47	39	49	49	40	40	39	44	28	41	42	48	45	38	46	43	37	42	40
TOTAL SUPPORT	77	75	84	81	74	83	80	77	77	61	73	78	87	77	78	78	78	74	79	76
Tend to oppose	6	9	4	8	9	4	4	7	5	1	8	7	5	7	4	8	5	6	5	4
Strongly oppose	2	4	1	1	3	1	2	4	1	3	3	2	1	3	1	4	3	1	1	3
TOTAL OPPOSE	8	13	5	9	13	5	6	10	6	3	10	9	6	10	5	12	8	7	6	8
Don't know	15	12	11	10	13	12	13	12	18	36	16	13	7	14	17	11	14	19	15	17