Climate Change in a COVID-19 World

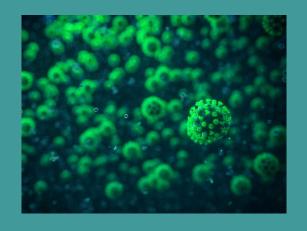
How does the world view climate change in the context of COVID-19?

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Summary: public support a green recovery

Seven in ten consider climate change as serious a crisis as Covid-19, and a similar proportion feel their government will be failing them if it doesn't act on climate change now. Two thirds globally support a green economic recovery from the crisis.









71% globally agree that in the long term, climate change is as serious a crisis as Covid-19 (cf. 65% in New Zealand).

68% globally say their government will be failing them if it doesn't act now to combat climate change (cf. 63% in New Zealand).

65% of the public globally support a 'green' economic recovery from the Covid-19 crisis (cf. 56% in New Zealand).

57% globally say they would be put off voting for a political party whose policies don't deal seriously with climate change (cf. 52% in New Zealand).

Summary: public no more willing to change their climate behaviours than they were in 2014



A majority globally say they are likely to make changes this year, but the proportion saying this has not increased since a comparable Ipsos survey in 2014. The changes we are most likely to make are mainly lower effort and lower impact.





How do the public view the two crises?

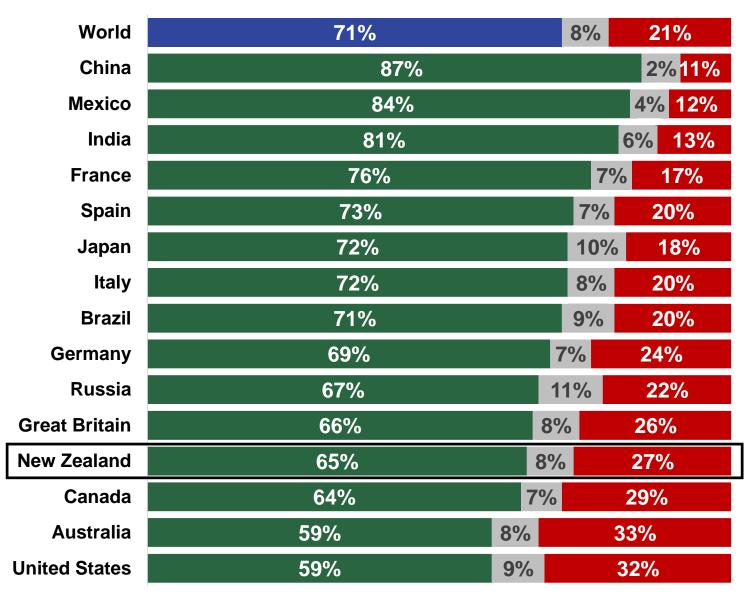


Seriousness of climate change in comparison to Covid-19

Country data

Q. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following:

In the long term, climate change is as serious a crisis as Covid-19 is



■ Tend to disagree/strongly disagree

Base: 28,029 online adults aged 16-74. Note: New Zealand sample of 1,006 online adults aged 18-74 collected separately to other 14 countries



[■] Strongly agree/tend to agree

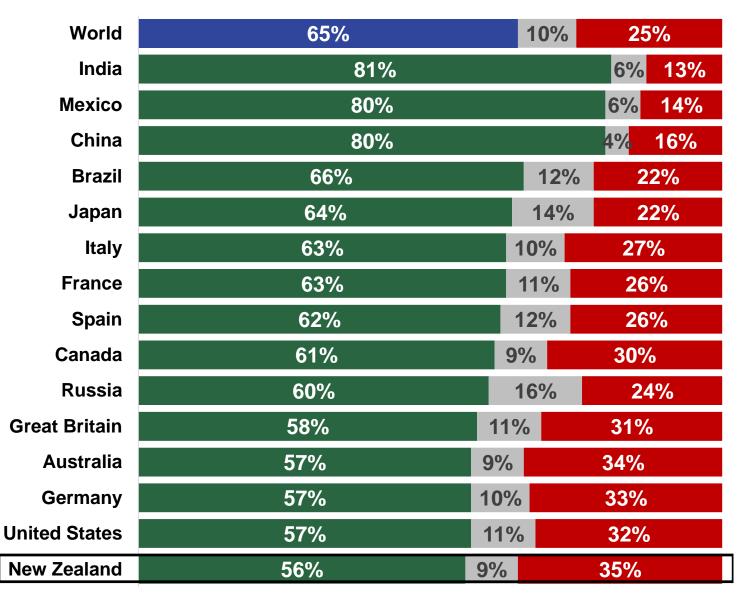
Strongly agree/tend to agree

Support for a 'green' economic recovery from Covid-19

Country data

Q. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following:

In the economic recovery after Covid-19, it's important that government actions prioritize climate change





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Don't know



[■] Strongly agree/tend to agree

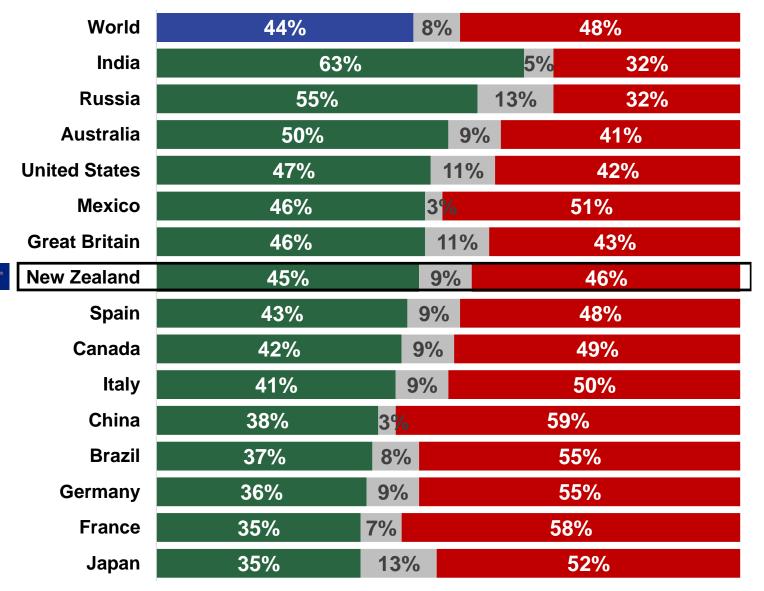
[■] Tend to disagree/strongly disagree

Focus on economic recovery from Covid-19 first and foremost?

Country data

Q. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following:

Government should focus on helping the economy to recover first and foremost, even if that means taking some actions that are bad for the environment



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Don't know



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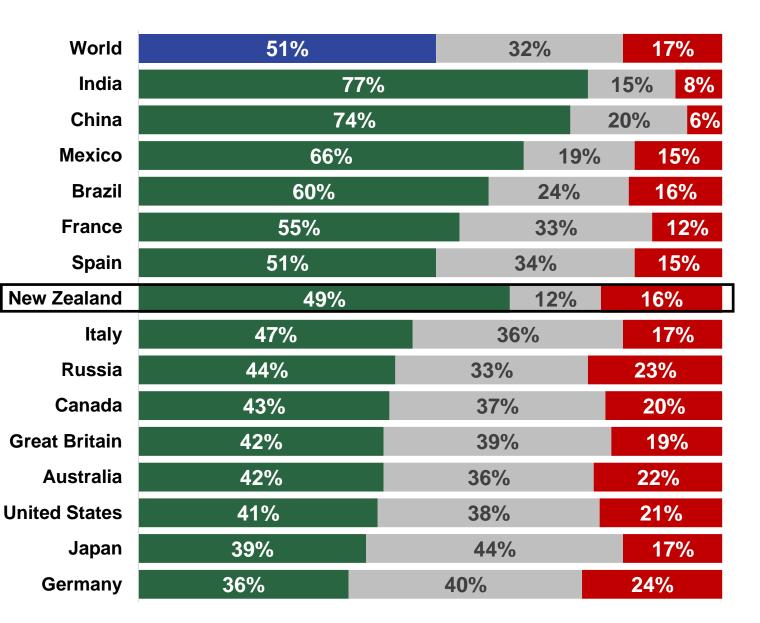
[■] Tend to disagree/strongly disagree

Views on whether Covid-19 will lead to increased environmental activism

Country data

Q. How likely or unlikely do you think the following is to occur as a result of the Coronavirus:

We will see more people fighting for changes to protect the environment



Base: 28,029 online adults aged 16-74. Note: New Zealand sample of 1,006 online adults aged 18-74 collected separately to other 14 countries

Don't know

■ Somewhat unlikely/Very unlikely



[■] Very likely/Somewhat likely

Willingness to seek out products which are healthier and better for the environment

Country data

Q. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following regarding the long-term impact of the virus:

I will seek out products that are healthier and better for the environment

World	79%	21%				
China	91%	9%				
Mexico	91%	9%				
India	86%	14%				
Italy	85%	15%				
Brazil	85%	15%				
France	83%	17%				
Spain	80%	20%				
Canada	76%	24%				
Russia	75%	25%				
New Zealand	73%	27%				
Japan	72%	28%				
Australia	70%	30%				
United States	70%	30%				
Great Britain	70%	30%				
Germany	65%	35%				

Base: 28,029 online adults aged 16-74. Note: New Zealand sample of 1,006 online adults aged 18-74 collected separately to other 14 countries



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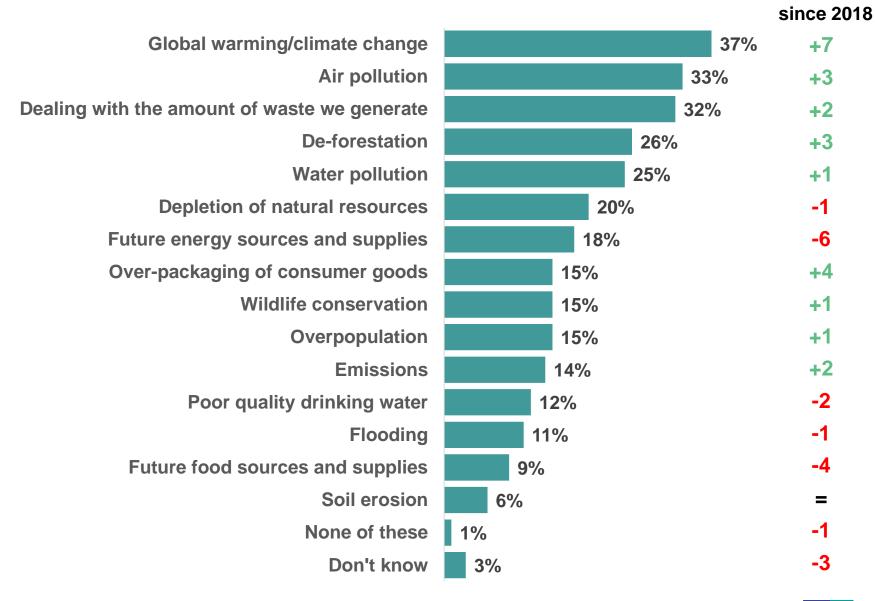
Environmental issues

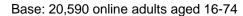


Top environmental issues around the world

Global data

Q. In your view, what are the three most important environmental issues facing [COUNTRY] today? That is, the top environmental issues you feel should receive the greatest attention from your local leaders?



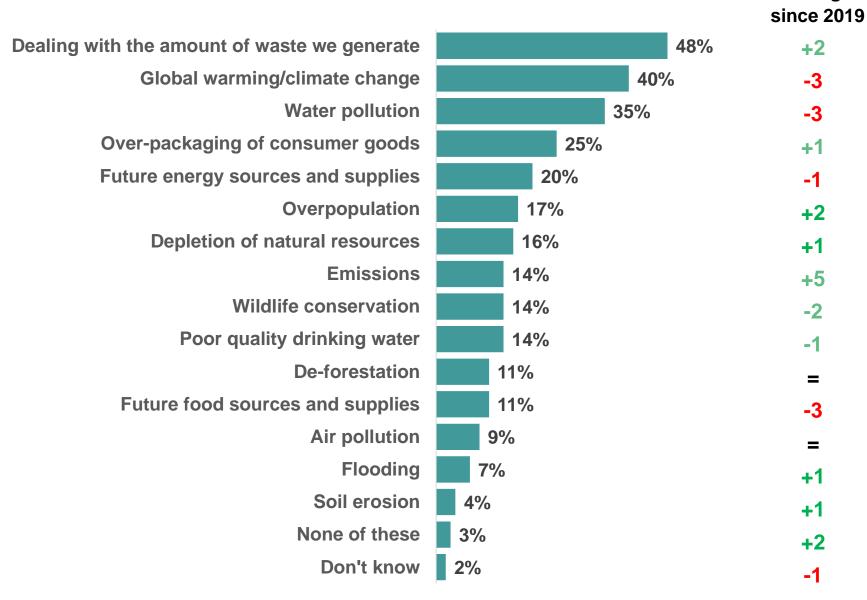




Change

Top environmental issues in New Zealand

Q. In your view, what are the three most important environmental issues facing New Zealand today? That is, the top environmental issues you feel should receive the greatest attention from your local leaders?





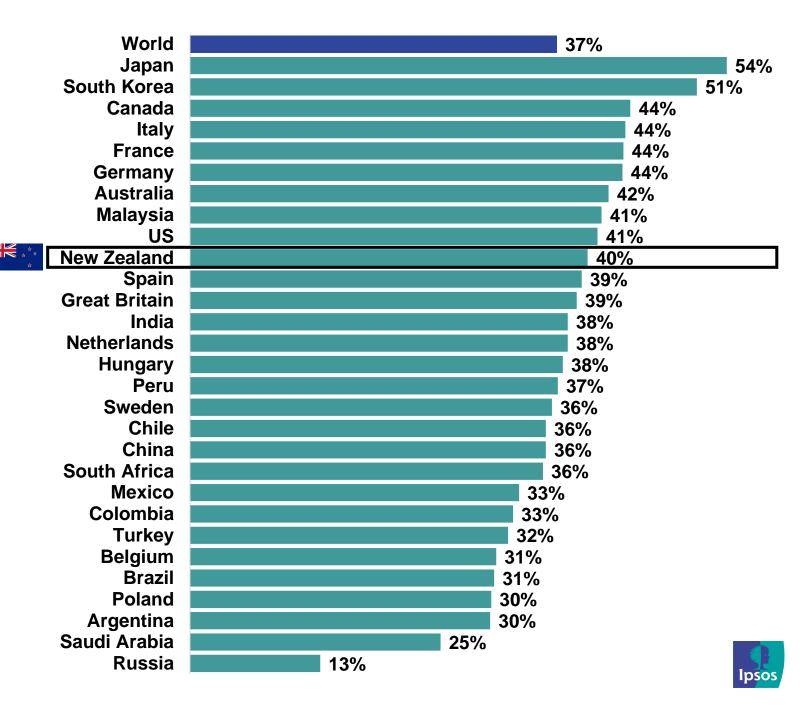
Change

Global warming/ climate change

Country data

Q. In your view, what are the three most important environmental issues facing [COUNTRY] today? That is, the top environmental issues you feel should receive the greatest attention from your local leaders?

Global warming/climate change

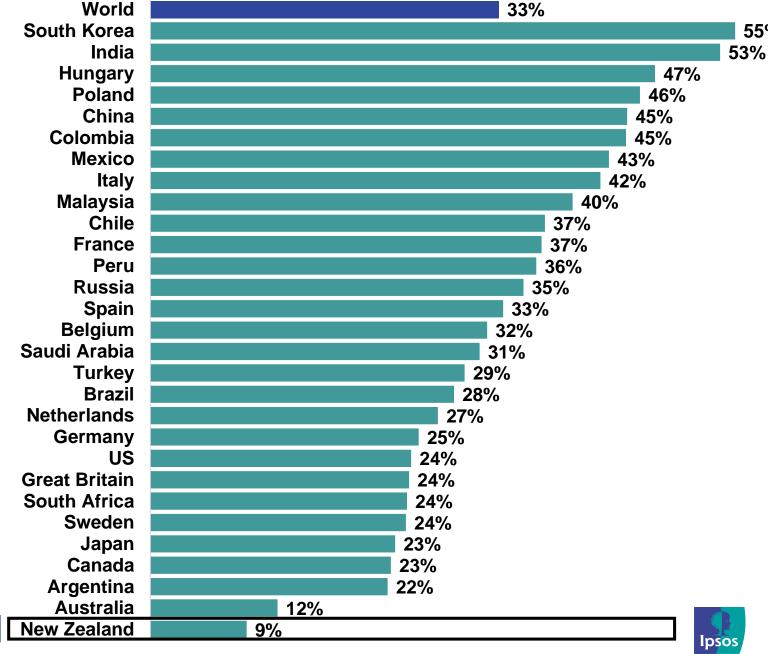


Air pollution

Country data

Q. In your view, what are the three most important environmental issues facing [COUNTRY] today? That is, the top environmental issues you feel should receive the greatest attention from your local leaders?

Air pollution



55%

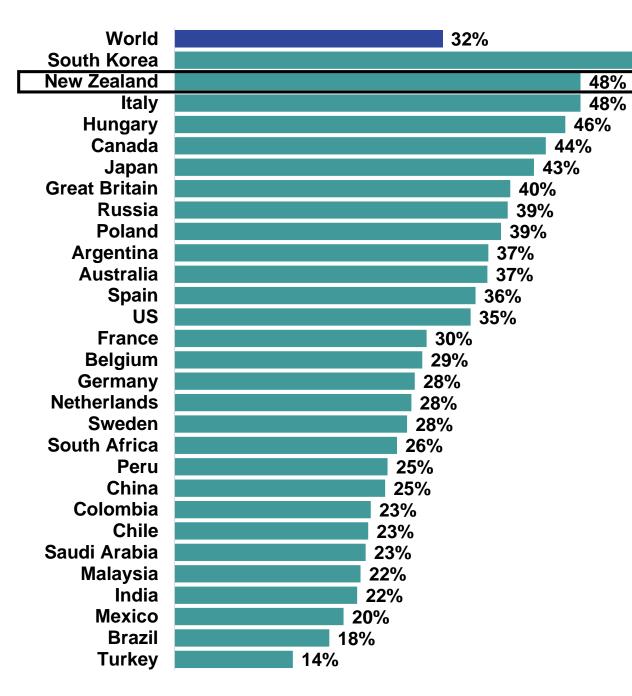


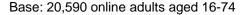
Dealing with the amount of waste we generate

Country data

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Dealing with the amount of waste we generate







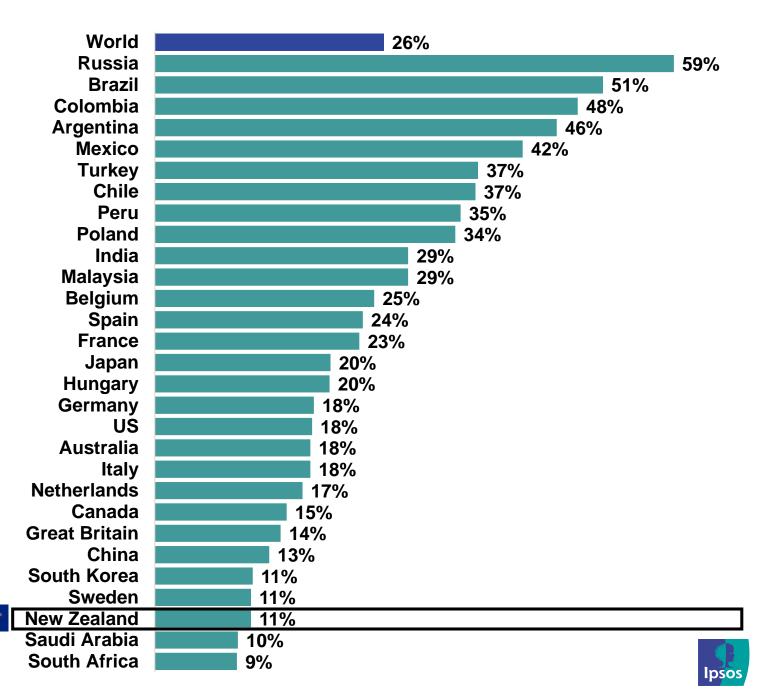
60%

De-forestation

Country data

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De-forestation

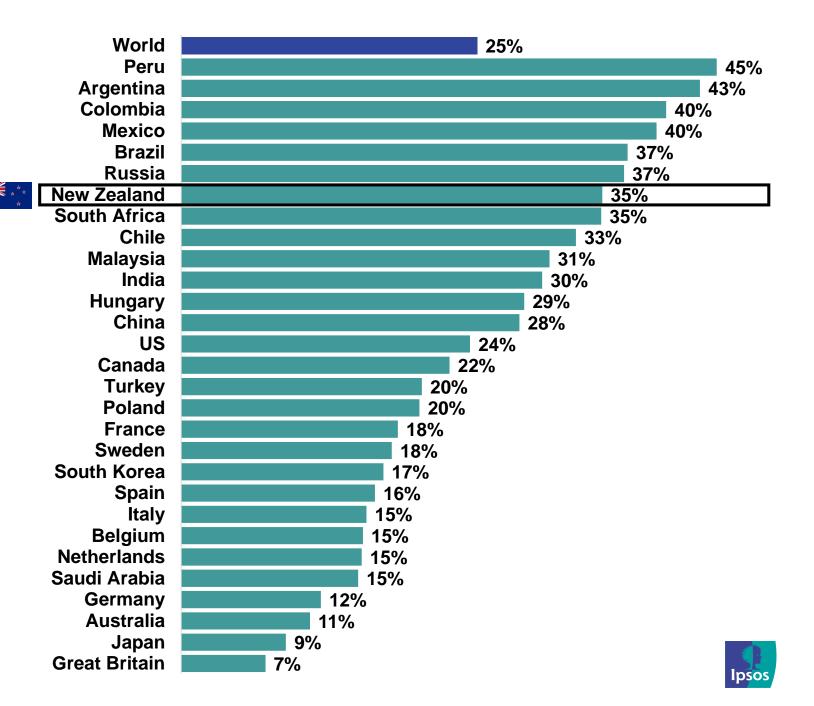


Water pollution

Country data

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Water pollution

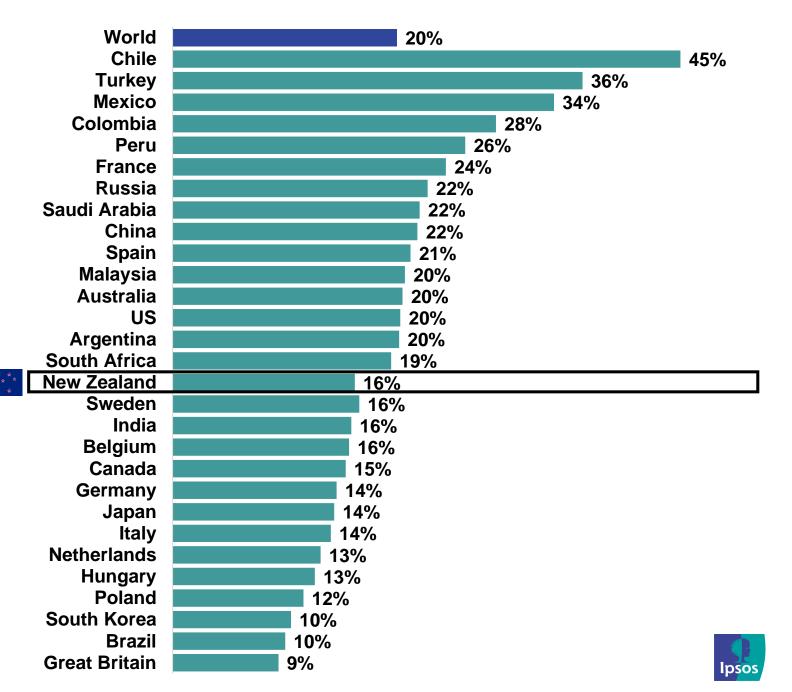


Depletion of natural resources

Country data

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Depletion of natural resources

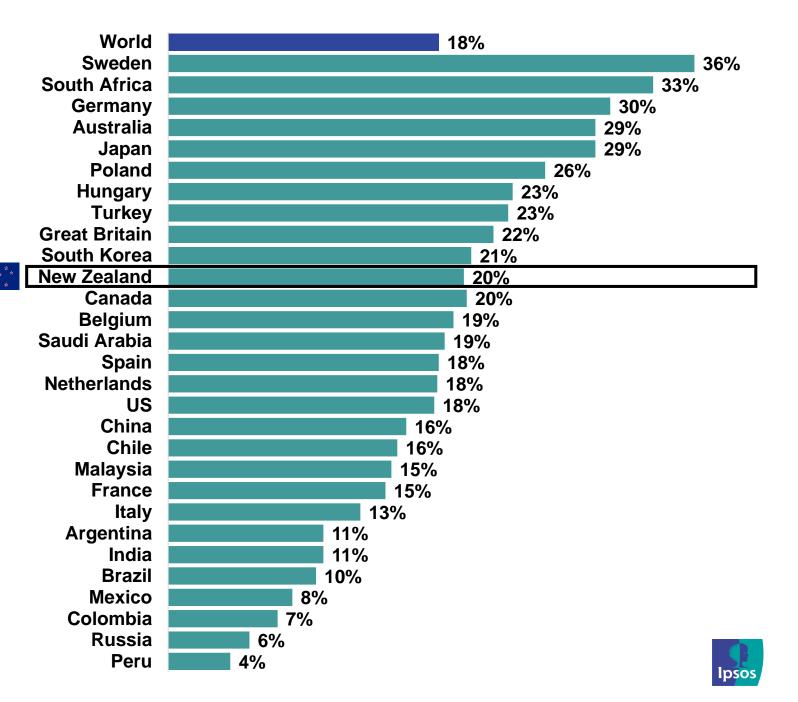


Future energy sources and supplies

Country data

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Future energy sources and supplies

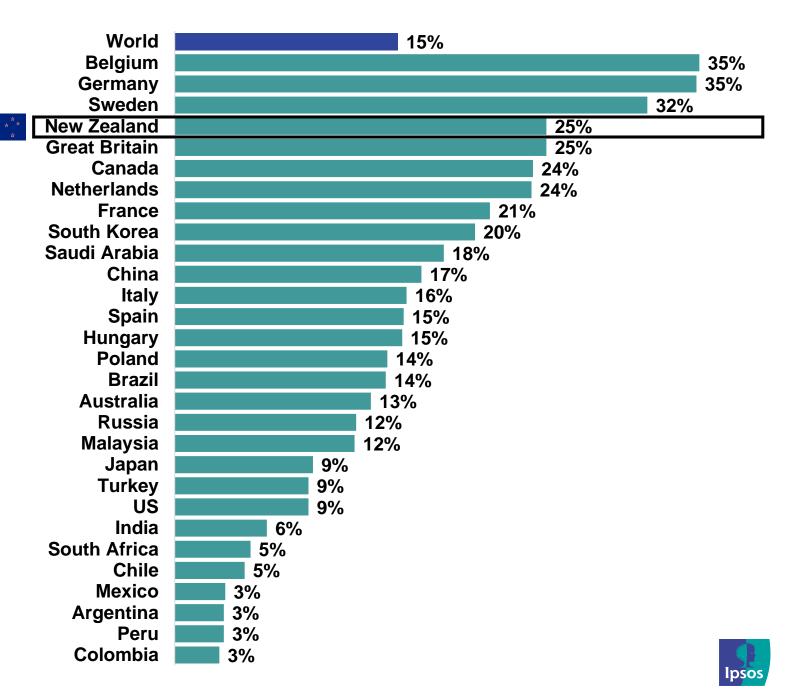


Over-packaging of consumer goods

Country data

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Over-packaging of consumer goods

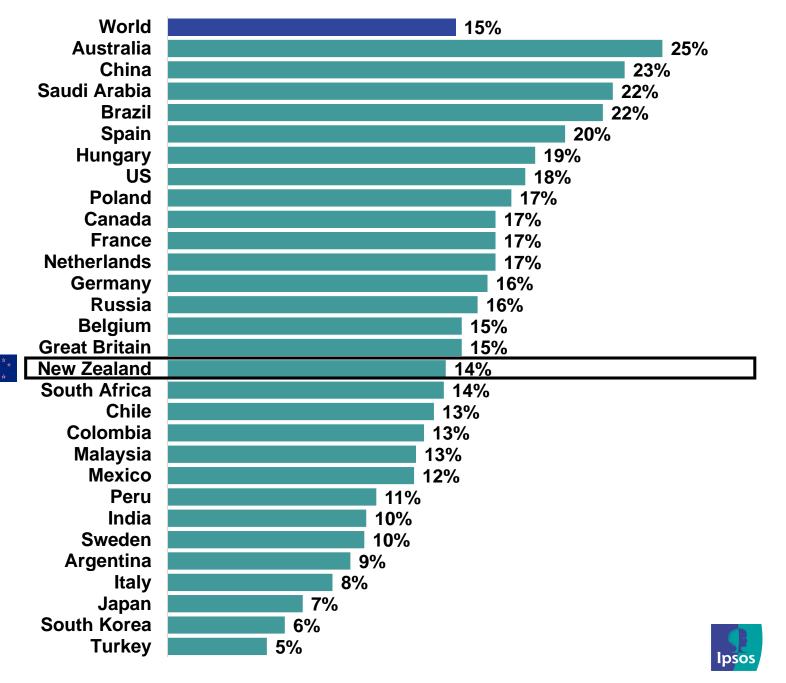


Wildlife conservation

Country data

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Wildlife conservation

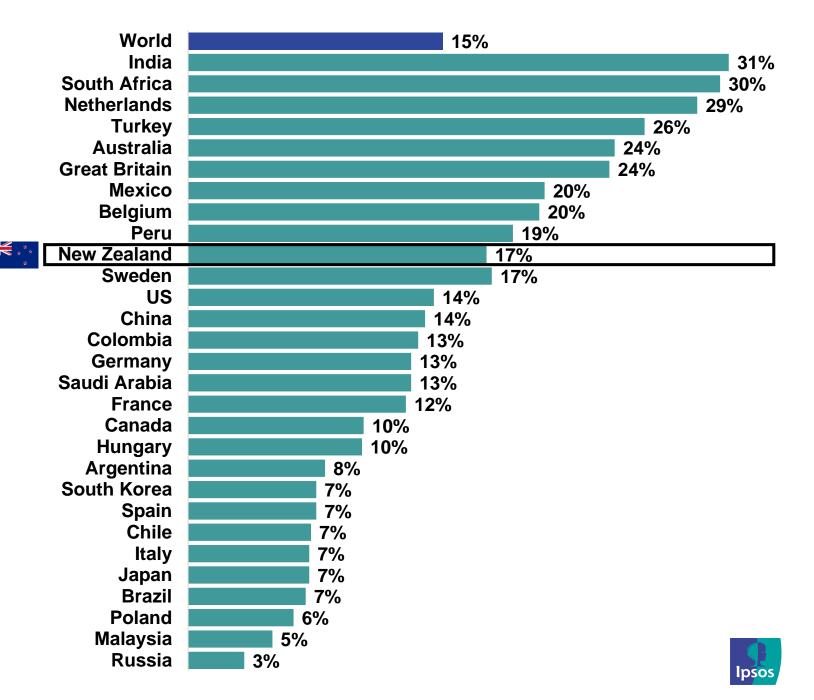


Over population

Country data

Q. In your view, what are the three most important environmental issues facing [COUNTRY] today? That is, the top environmental issues you feel should receive the greatest attention from your local leaders?

Over population

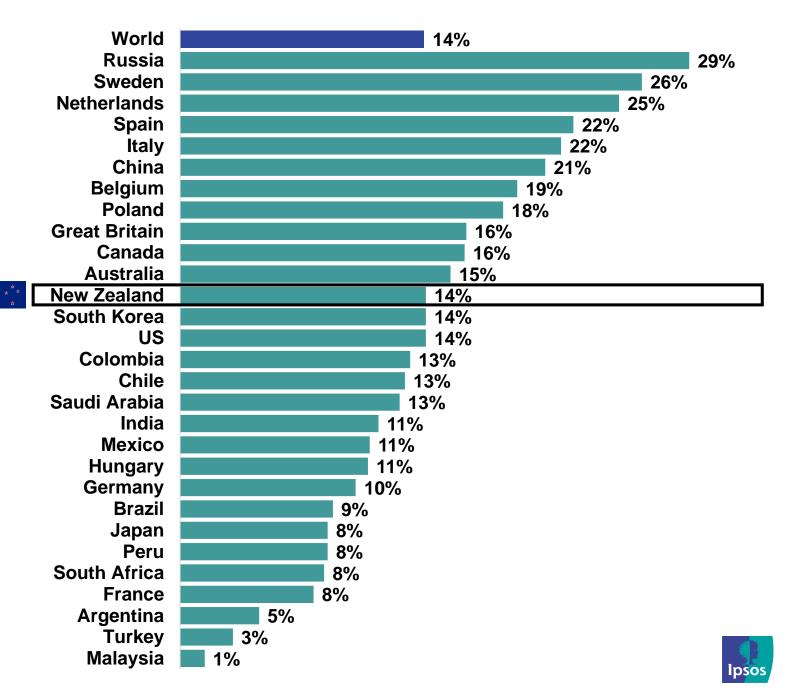


Emissions

Country data

Q. In your view, what are the three most important environmental issues facing [COUNTRY] today? That is, the top environmental issues you feel should receive the greatest attention from your local leaders?

Emissions

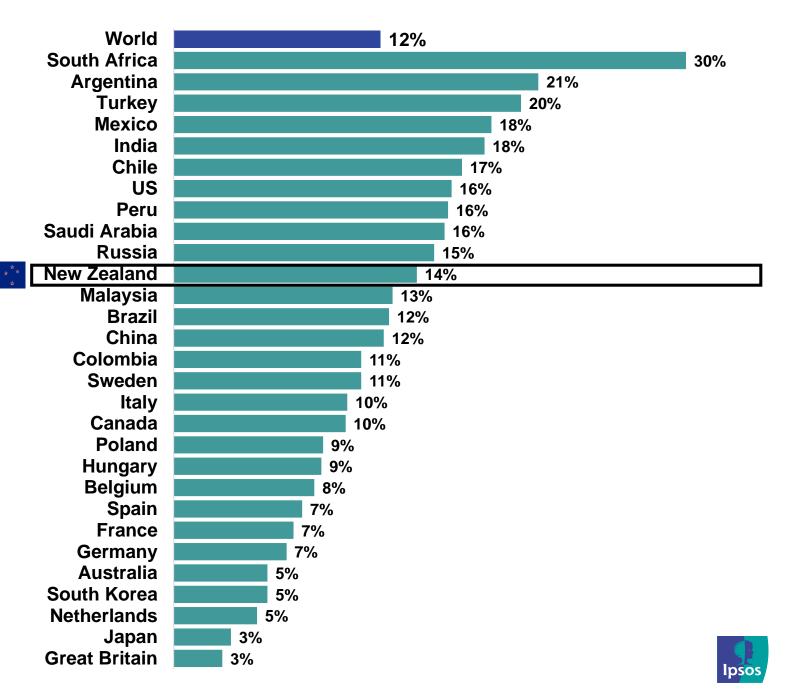


Poor quality drinking water

Country data

Q. In your view, what are the three most important environmental issues facing [COUNTRY] today? That is, the top environmental issues you feel should receive the greatest attention from your local leaders?

Poor quality drinking water

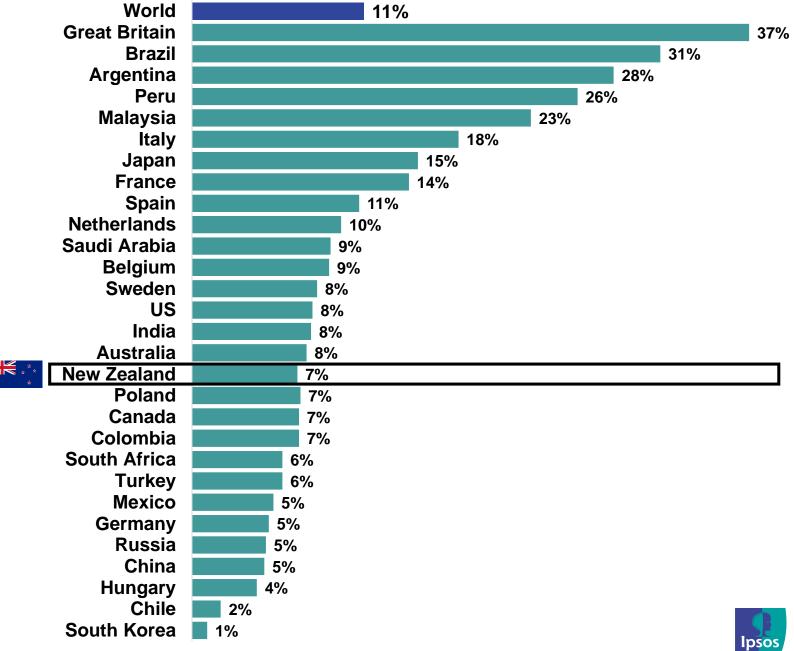


Flooding

Country data

Q. In your view, what are the three most important environmental issues facing [COUNTRY] today? That is, the top environmental issues you feel should receive the greatest attention from your local leaders?

Flooding

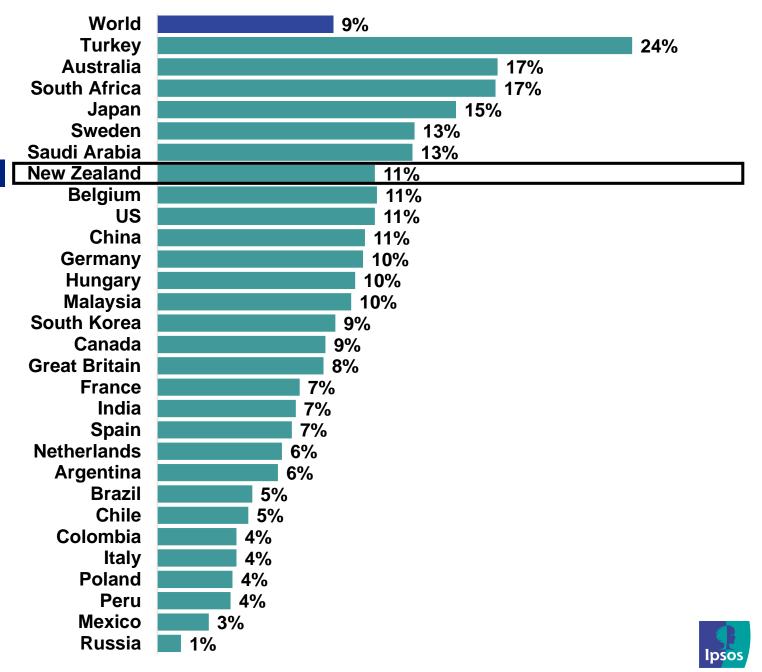


Future food sources and supplies

Country data

Q. In your view, what are the three most important environmental issues facing [COUNTRY] today? That is, the top environmental issues you feel should receive the greatest attention from your local leaders?

Future food sources and supplies

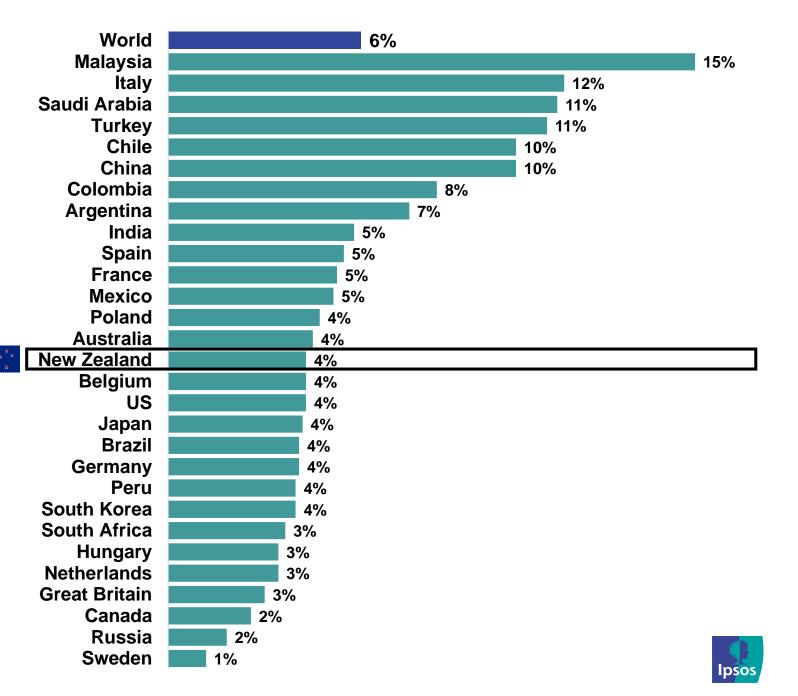


Soil erosion

Country data

Q. In your view, what are the three most important environmental issues facing [COUNTRY] today? That is, the top environmental issues you feel should receive the greatest attention from your local leaders?

Soil erosion



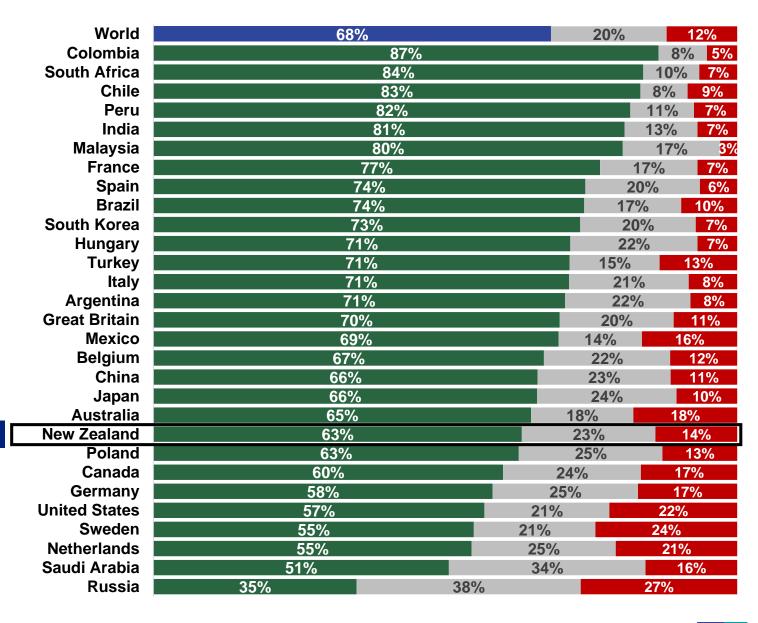


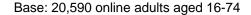
Desire for government action to combat climate change

Country data

Q. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

'If [Country]'s government does not act now to combat climate change, it will be failing the people of [Country]'







[■] Strongly agree/tend to agree ■ Tend to disagree/strongly disagree

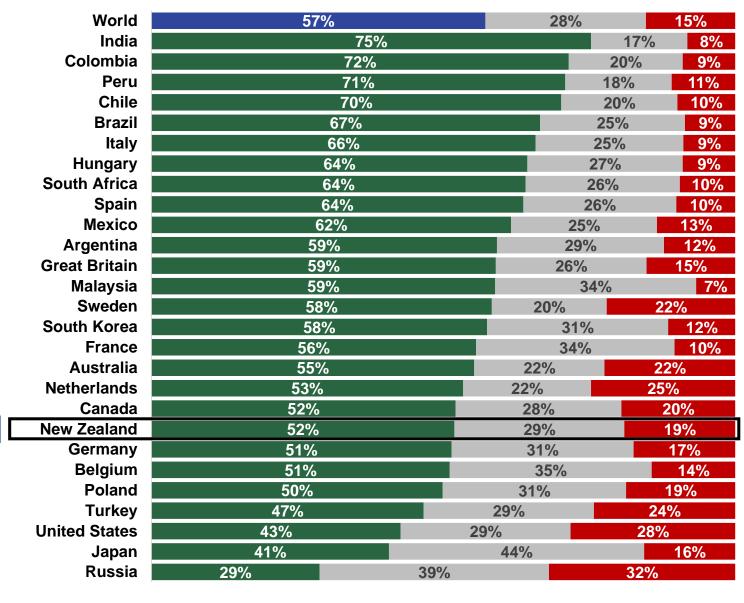
■ Neither agree nor disagree/don't know

Role of climate change in shaping political party support

Country data

Q. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

"If a political party's policies don't deal seriously with climate change, this would put me off voting for them'





Base: 20,590 online adults aged 16-74

[■] Strongly agree/tend to agree

[■] Tend to disagree/strongly disagree

Willingness to take action on climate change - global data

Q. Thinking about things you might do in order to limit your own contribution to climate change, how likely or unlikely would you be to make the following changes within the next year?

Avoiding products which have a lot of packaging

Avoiding buying new goods, mending what you have or buying used products instead

Saving energy at home, for example by installing insulation or switching off lights

Recycling materials such as glass, paper and plastic

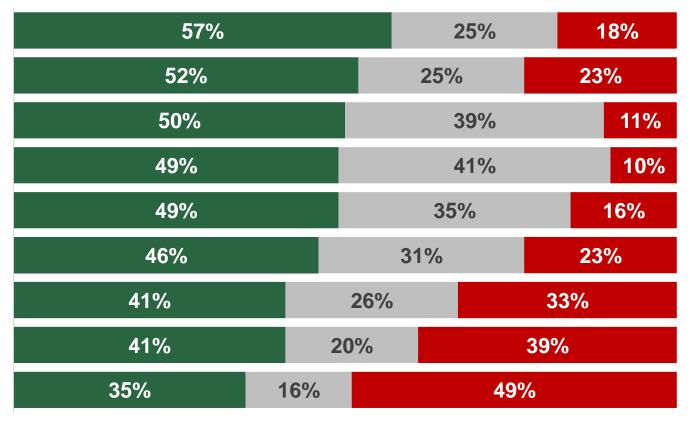
Saving water at home, for example by having shorter showers or not watering your garden

Walking, cycling or using public transport instead of driving a car

Not flying, or replacing some flights with train or bus journeys

Eating less meat, or replacing the meat in some meals with alternatives such as beans

Eating fewer dairy products or replacing dairy products with alternatives such as soya milk



- Certain to/very likely/fairly likely
- Fairly unlikely/very unlikely /certain not to
- I am already doing this as much as I possibly can/not applicable



Willingness to take action on climate change – New Zealand



Q. Thinking about things you might do in order to limit your own contribution to climate change, how likely or unlikely would you be to make the following changes within the next year?

Avoiding products which have a lot of packaging

Saving water at home, for example by having shorter showers or not watering your garden

Avoiding buying new goods, mending what you have or buying used products instead

Saving energy at home, for example by installing insulation or switching off lights

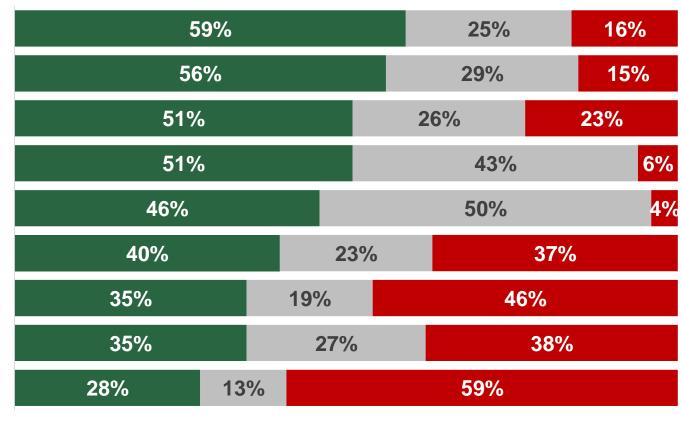
Recycling materials such as glass, paper and plastic

Walking, cycling or using public transport instead of driving a car

Eating less meat, or replacing the meat in some meals with alternatives such as beans

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- Certain to/very likely/fairly likely
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Willingness to take action on climate change – 2020 vs. 2014

Q. Thinking about things you might do in order to limit your own contribution to climate change, how likely or unlikely would you be to make the following changes within the next year?

Avoiding products which have a lot of packaging		55%
		55%
Recycling materials such as glass, paper and		50%
plastic	2014	47%
Saving energy at home, for example by installing		49%
insulation or switching off lights	2014	45%
Avoiding buying new goods, mending what you		49%
have or buying used products instead	2014	47%
Walking, cycling or using public transport instead		43%
of driving a car	2014	38%
Not flying, or replacing some flights with train or		39%
bus journeys	2014	39%
Eating less meat, or replacing the meat in some		38%
meals with alternatives such as beans	2014	38%
Eating fewer dairy products or replacing dairy	2020	33%
products with alternatives such as soya milk	2014	33%

■ Certain to/very likely/fairly likely



Willingness to take action on climate change – by country

Q. Thinking about things you might do in order to limit your own contribution to climate change, how likely or unlikely would you be to make the following changes within the next year?

% Certain to/very likely/fairly likely	World	Australia	Brazil	China	France	German y	India	Italy	Japan	New- Zealand	Poland	Russia	South Africa	Great Britain	USA
Avoiding products which have a lot of packaging	57%	50%	56%	71%	46%	54%	60%	58%	49%	59%	45%	55%	60%	59%	50%
Avoiding buying new goods, mending what you have or buying used products instead	52%	46%	49%	59%	41%	52%	54%	53%	47%	51%	41%	45%	53%	49%	51%
Saving energy at home, for example by installing insulation or switching off lights	50%	44%	47%	69%	32%	48%	52%	48%	55%	51%	37%	47%	52%	49%	51%
Recycling materials such as glass, paper and plastic	49%	39%	52%	74%	27%	40%	59%	42%	57%	46%	37%	65%	60%	41%	44%
Saving water at home, for example by having shorter showers or not watering your garden	49%	44%	44%	66%	34%	47%	51%	51%	50%	56%	41%	43%	51%	49%	46%
Walking, cycling or using public transport instead of driving a car	46%	36%	45%	64%	32%	42%	54%	50%	44%	40%	32%	42%	39%	43%	27%
Not flying, or replacing some flights with train or bus journeys	41%	26%	45%	59%	31%	42%	53%	40%	35%	35%	33%	34%	37%	31%	26%
Eating less meat, or replacing the meat in some meals with alternatives such as beans	41%	27%	43%	58%	32%	39%	47%	45%	23%	35%	38%	28%	38%	35%	27%
Eating fewer dairy products or replacing dairy products with alternatives such as soya milk	35%	19%	44%	59%	23%	35%	54%	31%	24%	28%	29%	19%	33%	24%	23%

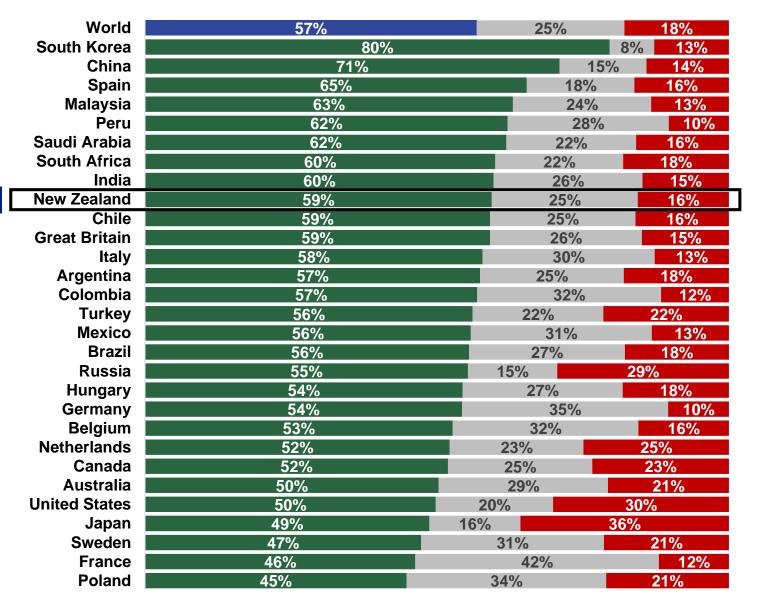
Note: The above % does not include those who selected the option 'I am already doing this as much as I possibly can' Ipsos MORI

Willingness to avoid products with a lot of packaging

Country data

Q. Thinking about things you might do in order to limit your own contribution to climate change, how likely or unlikely would you be to make the following changes within the next year?

Avoiding products which have a lot of packaging





[■] Certain to/very likely/fairly likely

[■] Fairly unlikely/very unlikely/certain not to

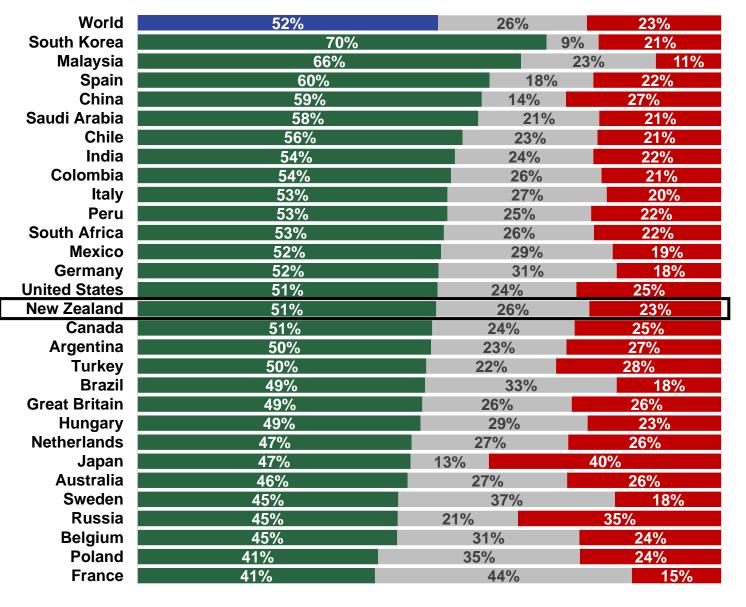
I am already doing this as much as I possibly can

Willingness to buy second hand and mend broken items

Country data

Q. Thinking about things you might do in order to limit your own contribution to climate change, how likely or unlikely would you be to make the following changes within the next year?

Avoiding buying new goods, for example mending what you have or buying used products instead





[■] Certain to/very likely/fairly likely

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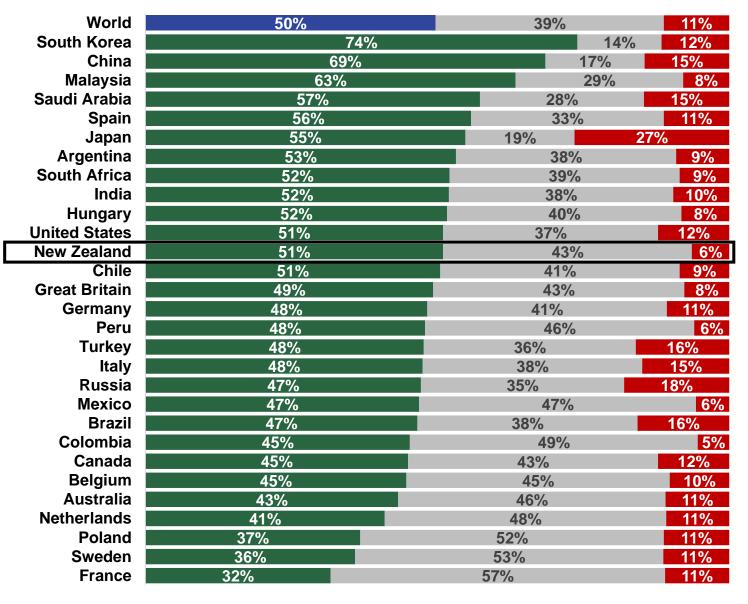
[■] I am already doing this as much as I possibly can

Willingness to save energy

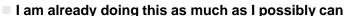
Country data

Q. Thinking about things you might do in order to limit your own contribution to climate change, how likely or unlikely would you be to make the following changes within the next year?

Saving energy at home, for example by installing insulation or switching off lights



[■] Fairly unlikely/very unlikely/certain not to





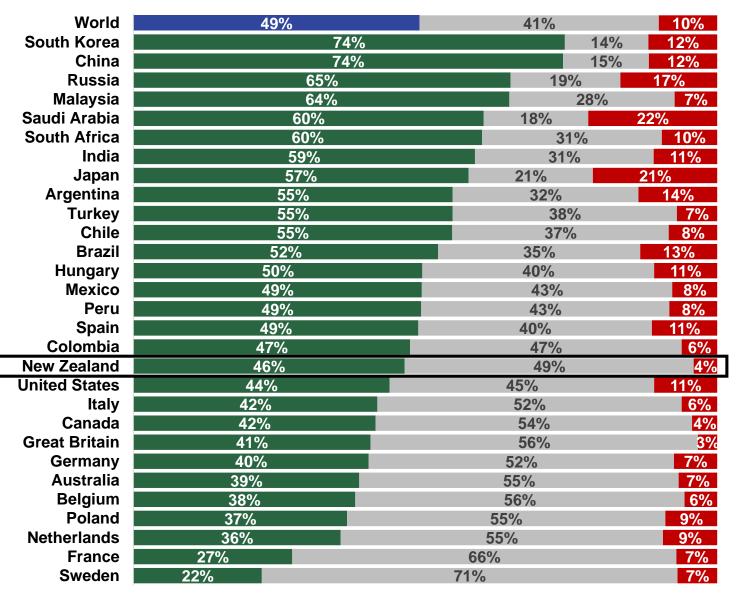
[■] Certain to/very likely/fairly likely

Willingness to recycle

Country data

Q. Thinking about things you might do in order to limit your own contribution to climate change, how likely or unlikely would you be to make the following changes within the next year?

Recycling materials such as glass, paper and plastic





[■] Certain to/very likely/fairly likely

[■] Fairly unlikely/very unlikely/certain not to

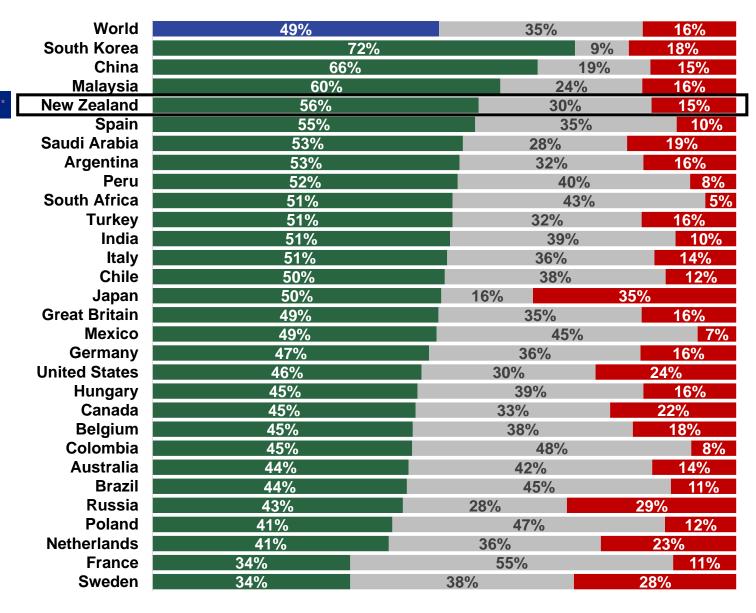
[■] I am already doing this as much as I possibly can

Willingness to save water at home

Country data

Q. Thinking about things you might do in order to limit your own contribution to climate change, how likely or unlikely would you be to make the following changes within the next year?

Saving water at home, for example by having shorter showers or not watering your garden





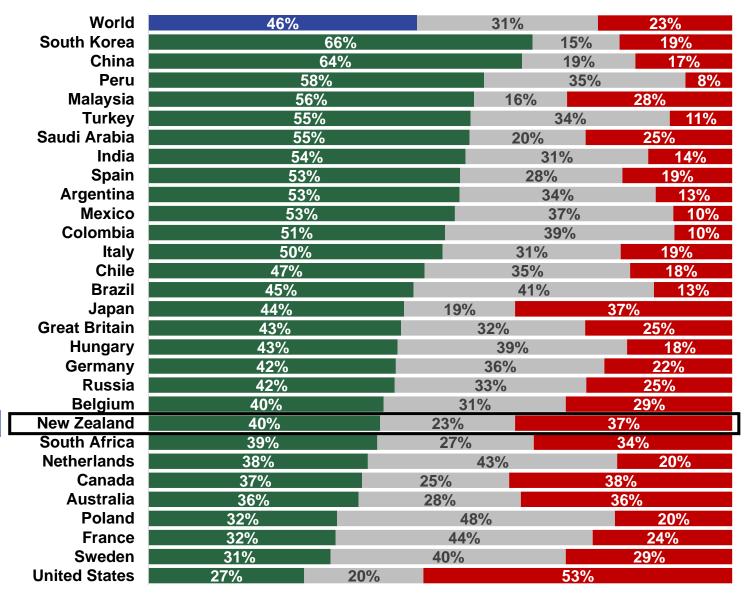
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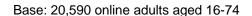
Willingness to change daily travel

Country data

Q. Thinking about things you might do in order to limit your own contribution to climate change, how likely or unlikely would you be to make the following changes within the next year?

Walking, cycling or using public transport instead of driving a car or motorbike







[■] Certain to/very likely/fairly likely

[■] Fairly unlikely/very unlikely/certain not to

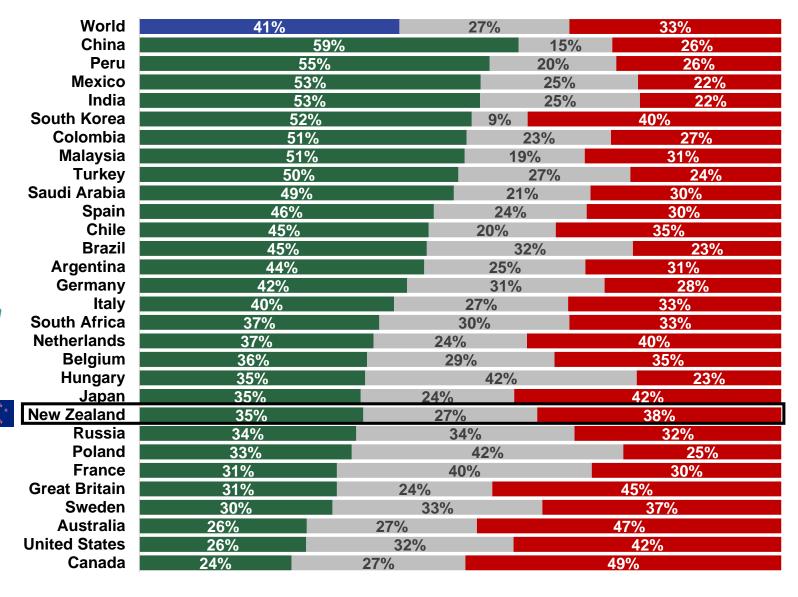
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Willingness to avoid flying

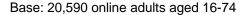
Country data

Q. Thinking about things you might do in order to limit your own contribution to climate change, how likely or unlikely would you be to make the following changes within the next year?

Not flying, or replacing some flights with train or bus journeys



[■] Certain to/very likely/fairly likely





[■] Fairly unlikely/very unlikely/certain not to

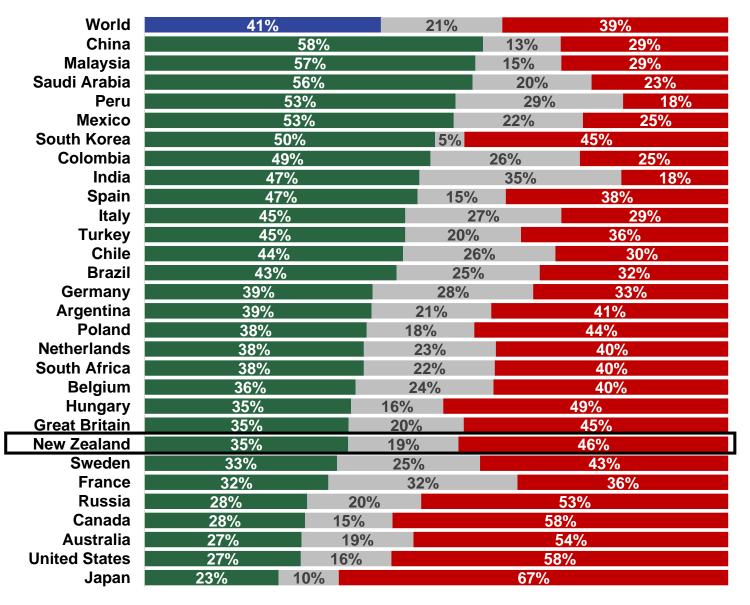
[■] I am already doing this as much as I possibly can

Willingness to eat less meat

Country data

Q. Thinking about things you might do in order to limit your own contribution to climate change, how likely or unlikely would you be to make the following changes within the next year?

Eating less meat, or replacing the meat in some meals with alternatives such as beans







[■] Certain to/very likely/fairly likely

[■] Fairly unlikely/very unlikely/certain not to

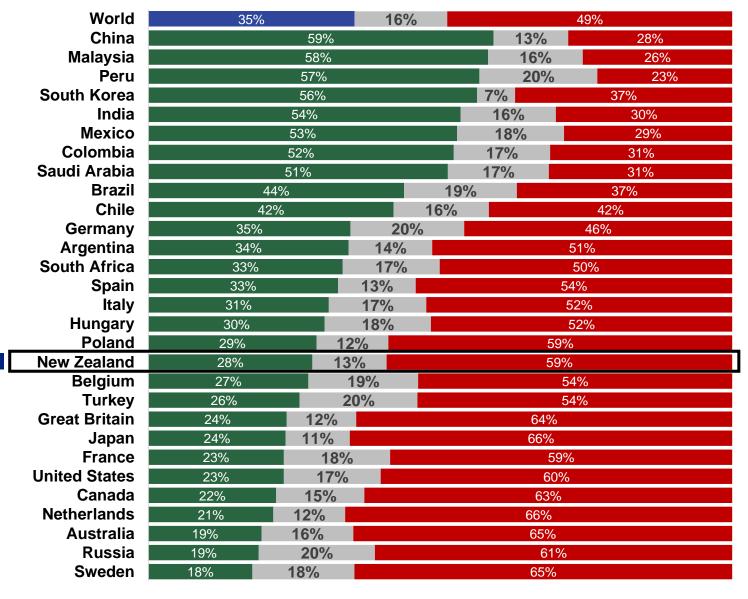
[■] I am already doing this as much as I possibly can

Willingness to eat and drink fewer dairy products

Country data

Q. Thinking about things you might do in order to limit your own contribution to climate change, how likely or unlikely would you be to make the following changes within the next year?

Eating fewer dairy products or replacing dairy products with alternatives such as soya milk





[■] Certain to/very likely/fairly likely

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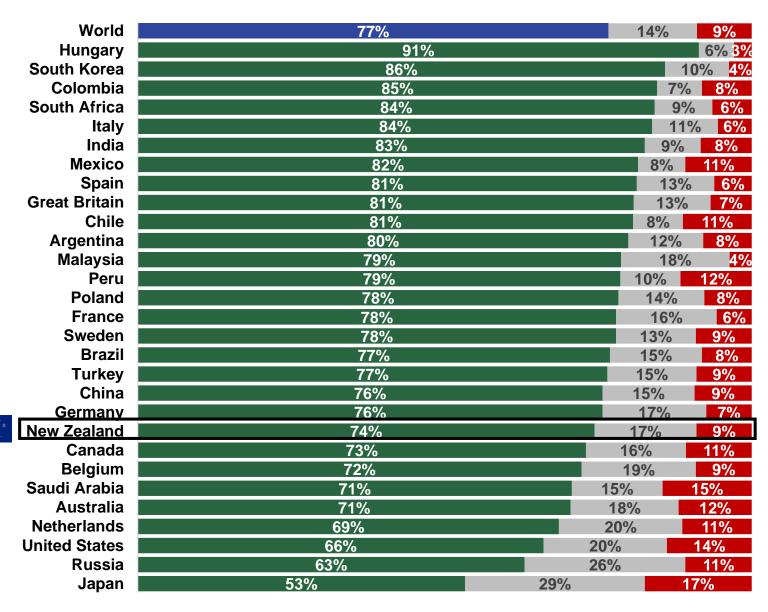
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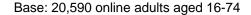
Understanding of climate change

Country data

Q. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

'Human activities contribute to climate change'







[■] Strongly agree/tend to agree

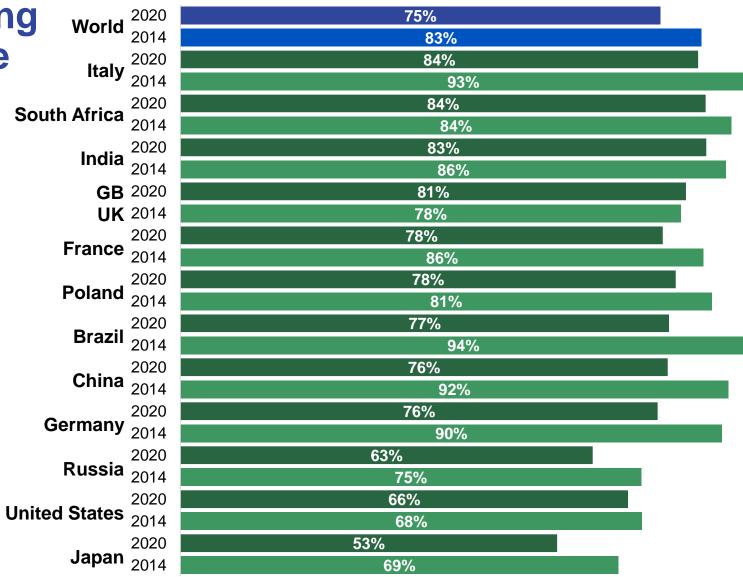
[■] Tend to disagree/strongly disagree

I am already doing this as much as I possibly can

Change in understanding of climate change since 2014

Q. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

'Human activities contribute to climate change.'



■ Strongly agree/tend to agree



These are the findings of the *Global Advisor* wave 139 (GA 139) an Ipsos survey conducted between February 21 and March 6, 2020.

The survey instrument is conducted monthly in 29 countries around the world via the Ipsos Online Panel system. The countries reporting herein are Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Chile, Colombia, France, Great Britain, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the United States of America.

For the results of the survey presented herein, an international sample of 20,590 adults aged 18-74 in the US, South Africa, New Zealand, Turkey and Canada, and age 16-74 in all other countries, were interviewed. Approximately 1000+ individuals participated on a country by country basis via the Ipsos Online Panel with the exception of Argentina, Belgium, Chile, Colombia, Hungary, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden and Turkey, where each have a sample approximately 500+. The precision of Ipsos online polls are calculated using a credibility interval with a poll of 1,000 accurate to +/- 3.1 percentage points and of 500 accurate to +/- 4.5 percentage points. For more information on the Ipsos use of credibility intervals, please visit the Ipsos website.

17 of the 29 countries surveyed online generate nationally representative samples in their countries (Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, South Korea, Spain, Sweden and United States).

Brazil, China, Chile, Colombia, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and Turkey produce a national sample that is more urban & educated, and with higher incomes than their fellow citizens. We refer to these respondents as "Upper Deck Consumer Citizens". They are not nationally representative of their country.



This report contains findings from four sample sets:

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Worldwide 29 country study

29 countries around the world via the Ipsos Online Panel system. Total base: 20,590 online adults aged 16-74 across 29 countries. Fieldwork dates: Friday, February 21 to Friday, March 6, 2020. The countries reporting herein are Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Chile, Colombia, France, Great Britain, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the United States of America.

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12 country sub-set of the 2020 worldwide study

A 12 country sub-set of the 29 countries in the 2020 worldwide study. Total base: 10,504 online adults aged 16-74 across 12 countries. Fieldwork dates: Friday, February 21 to Friday, March 6, 2020. The countries reporting herein are Brazil, China, France, Great Britain, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Poland, Russia, South Africa and the United States of America.

NOTE: The sample in 2020 includes only Great Britain <u>not</u> Northern Ireland.

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12 country online study conducted in 2014, for comparison

A 12 country online study, conducted via the Ipsos Online Panel system between 26th September and 10th October 2014. Total base: 12,135 online adults aged 18-65 across 12 countries. The countries reporting herein are Brazil, China, France, United Kingdom, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Poland, Russia, South Africa and the United States of America.

NOTE: The sample in 2014 includes the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. 4

14-country study on Covid-19 and climate change

A 14 country online study, conducted via the Ipsos Online Panel system between 16th April and 19th April 2020. Total base: 28,039 online adults aged 16-74. The countries reporting herein are Australia, Brazil, China, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Spain and the United States of America.

NOTE: New Zealand conducted this survey separately to the other 14 countries between 17th April and 20th April. New Zealand base: 1,006 online adults aged 18-74.

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