# TRACKING THE CORONAVIRUS

## **RESULTS FROM A MULTI-COUNTRY POLL**

March 12-14, 2020





#### **KEY FINDINGS**

Public reaction continues to evolve with experience and proximity to hot spots being major drivers. The public is becoming more engaged and concerned in countries such as China and Italy but still remains somewhat distant for those in North America even though the polling was conducted as social distancing measures and travel bans became active.

Coronavirus is still seen by most as economic crisis as opposed to a health crisis, noting that perception of the health risk increases with proximity to hot spots.

We are seeing increasing levels of concern about personal financial exposure including employment. Movements in markets, reactions by governments and other players appear not to have calmed public concern about economic threat.



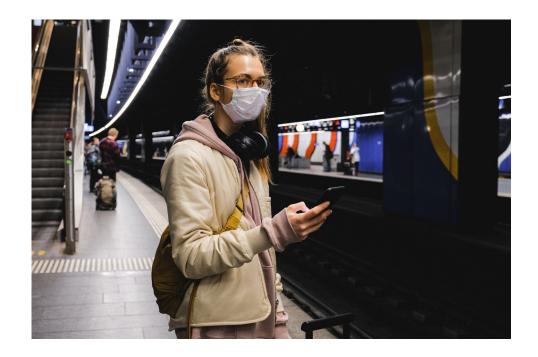


#### **KEY FINDINGS**

There is support for closing borders and for self quarantining. But broadly this is in theory and not necessarily personal, particularly outside of hot spots.

Most remain optimistic that things will return to normal, even in hot spot countries. This despite many projections indicating the opposite\*.

Hoarding is evolving as a real issue with people seeing shortages driven by behavior, not by supply chain issues. Counter measures are kicking in and people are taking steps to cancel plans.

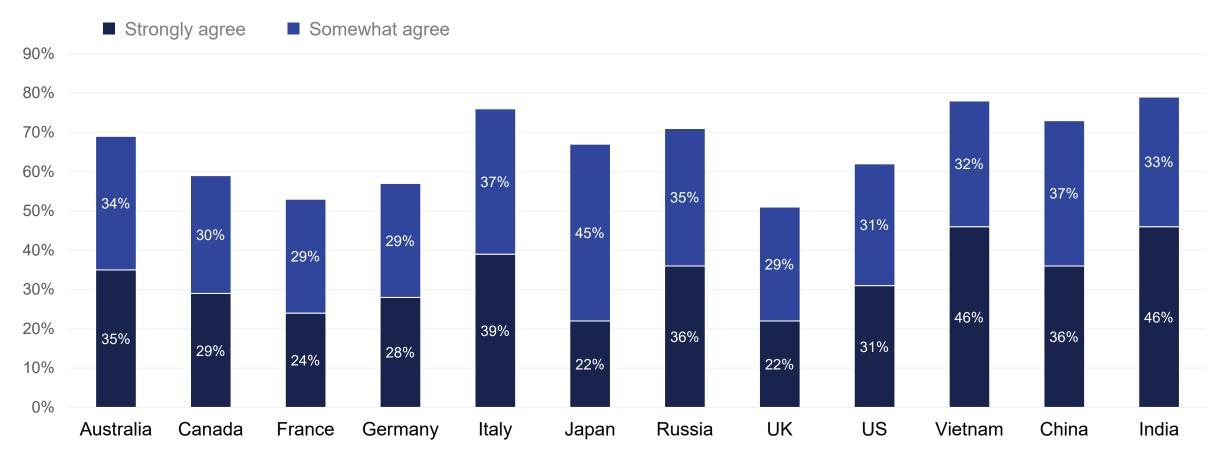


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# AGREEMENT WITH CLOSING BORDERS - SUPPORT LOWER IN FRANCE, UK, GERMANY AND CANADA.

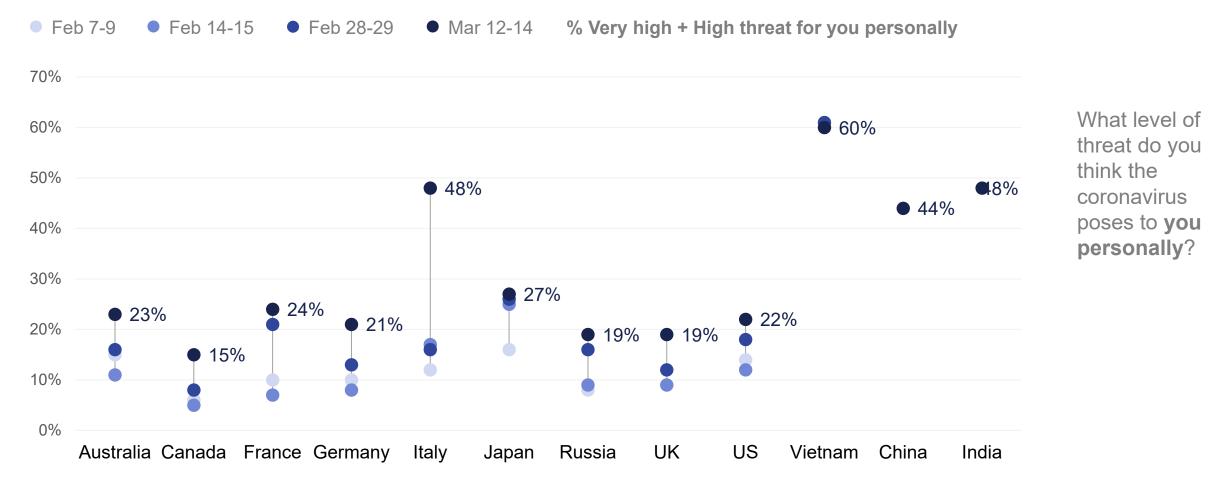
We should close the borders of my country and not allow anyone in or out until the virus is proven to be contained



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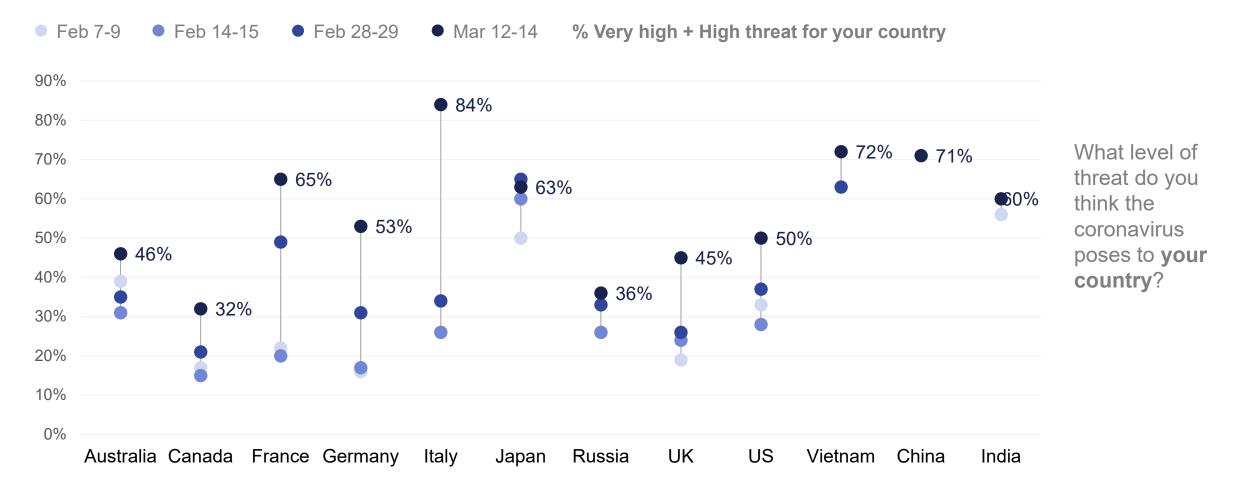
# PERCEIVED PERSONAL IMPACT INCREASING, BUT NOT MOVING SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER IN MOST COUNTRIES



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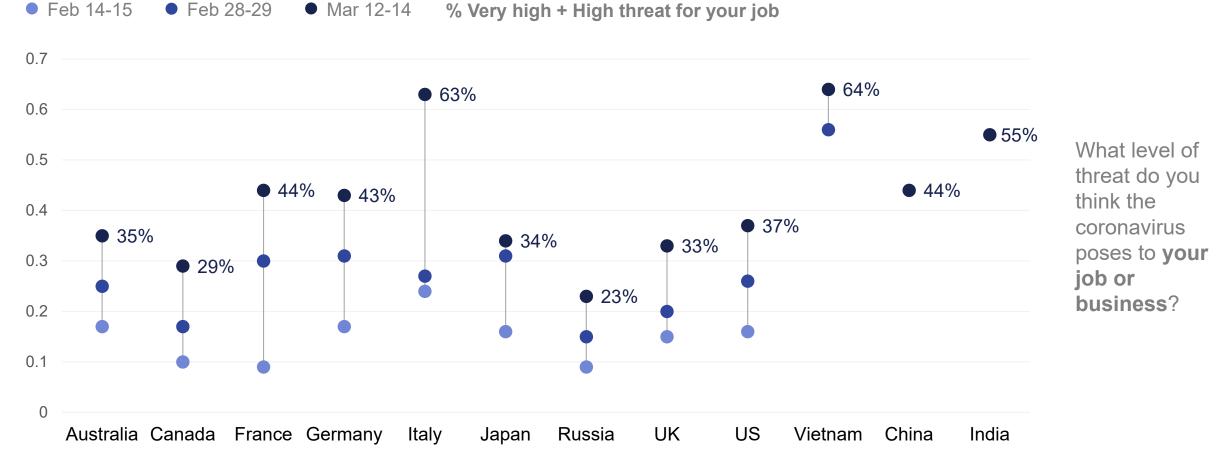
## RISE IN PERCEPTION OF THREAT TO COUNTRY, ESPECIALLY FRANCE AND GERMANY



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## RAPIDLY INCREASING CONCERN ABOUT THREAT POSED TO "YOUR JOB OR BUSINESS"

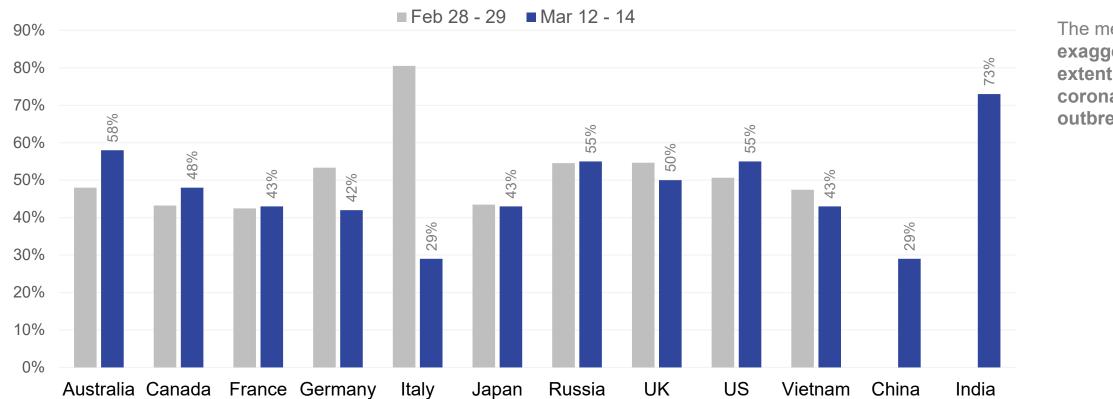


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# ITALY THOUGHT THE MEDIA WAS EXAGGERATING, UNTIL THIS WEEK – NOW AT SIMILAR LEVELS TO CHINA

% Strongly + Somewhat Agree



The media has exaggerated the extent of the coronavirus outbreak?

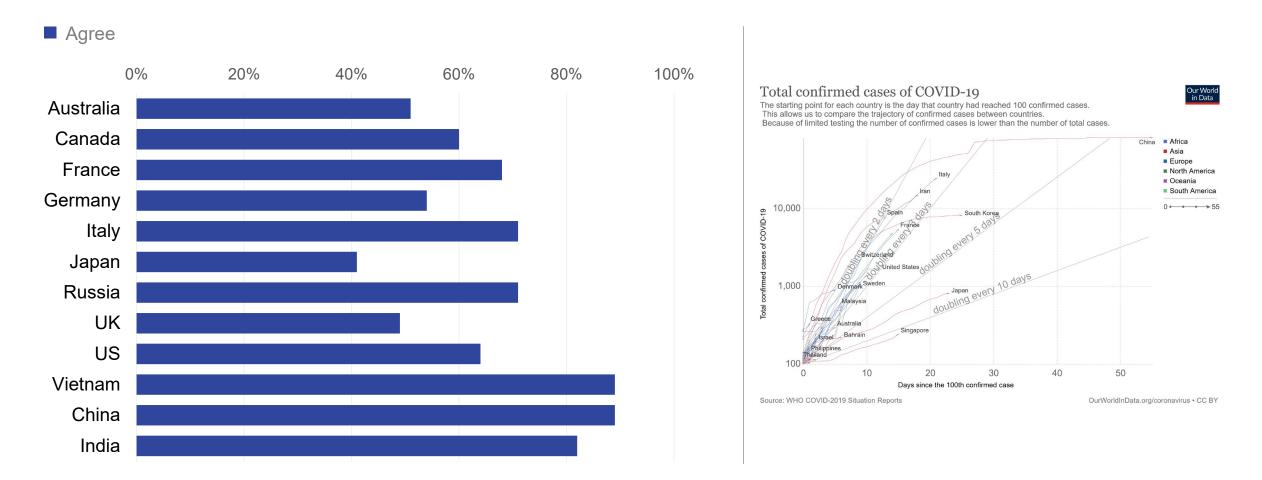
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#### MAJORITIES IN MOST COUNTRIES ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT THINGS WILL RETURN TO NORMAL BY JUNE, DESPITE TRAJECTORIES SHOWING THE OPPOSITE



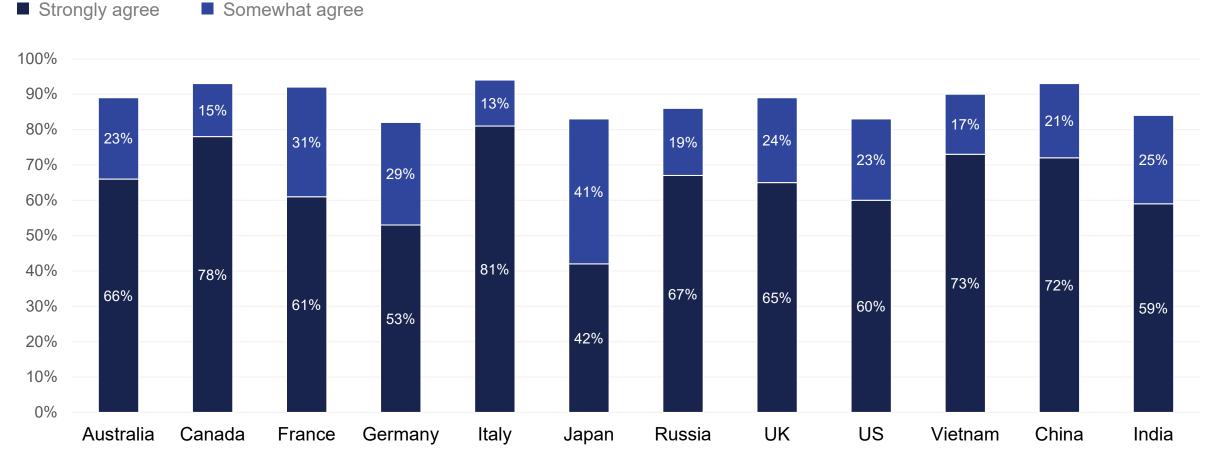
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I expect things to return to normal by June



# AGREEMENT WITH IDEA OF SELF-QUARANTINE ACROSS COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH INTENSITY VARIES.

If I were diagnosed, I would quarantine myself immediately for at least 14 days.



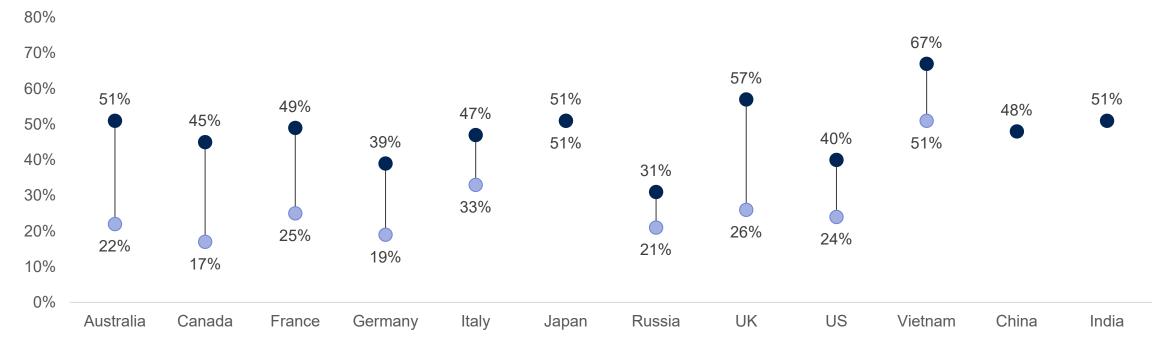
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## PEOPLE BELIEVE OTHERS CLOSE TO THEM WILL BE INFECTED, HAS RISEN SIGNIFICANTLY IN MOST COUNTRIES.

% Very + Somewhat Likely

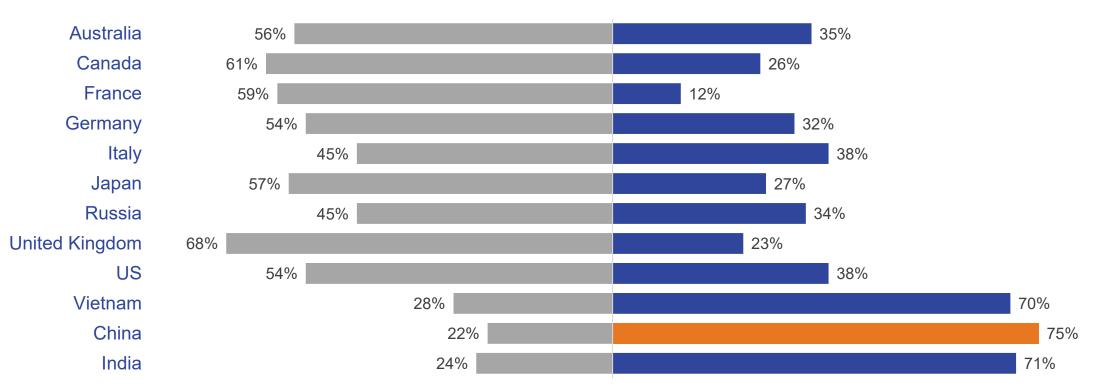
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## CHINA NOTABLE IN PERCEPTION OF PERSONAL RISK ASSOCIATED WITH VIRUS.



■ Not at all/Somewhat seriously

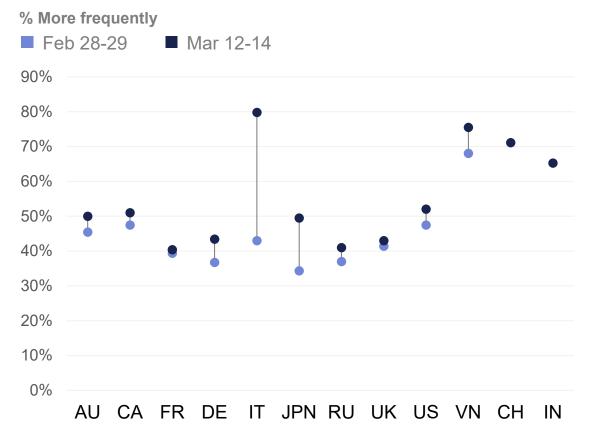
#### Extremely/Very seriously

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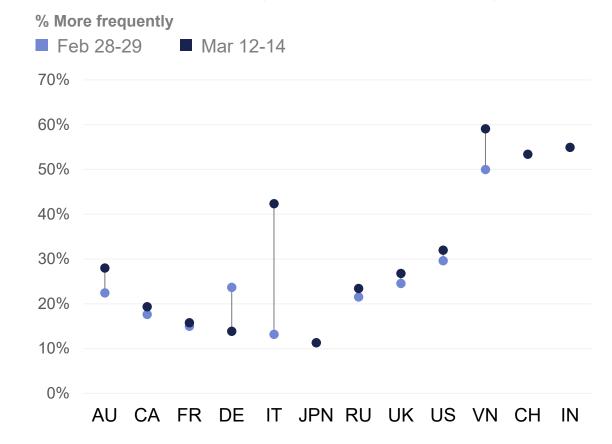
## PEOPLE STARTING TO SPEND MORE TIME AT HOME, BUT SHOPPING BEHAVIOURS HAVE NOT YET SHIFTED EXCEPT – OF COURSE – IN ITALY.

## Spending Time at Home (among those who do this activity



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#### Have food or groceries delivered online (among those who do this activity

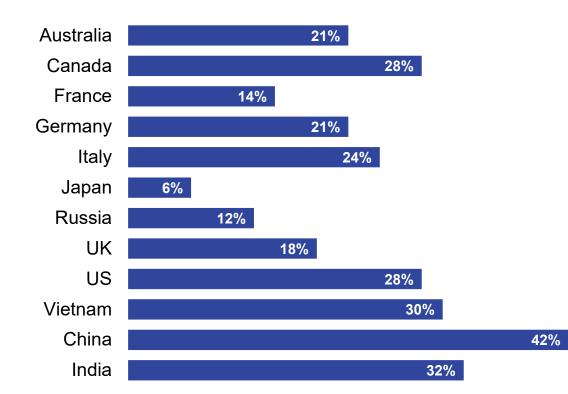


Thinking now about your day to day activities, would you say you are doing each of the following more frequently or less frequently compared to one month ago?



# WHILE FREQUENTLY DISCUSSED, STOCKPILING BEHAVIOURS STILL LIMITED IN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA AND HIGHER IN ASIA.

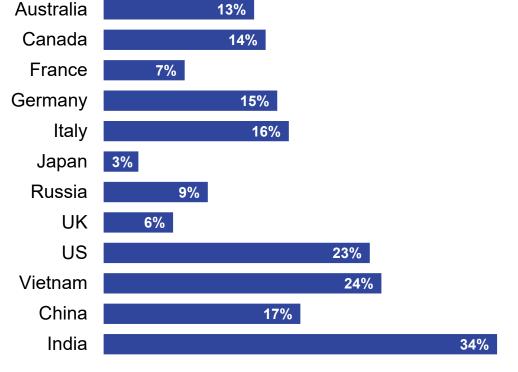
Have you started doing any of the following specifically to protect yourself from COVID-19?



#### **Stocking Up on Food**

Stocking Up on Water



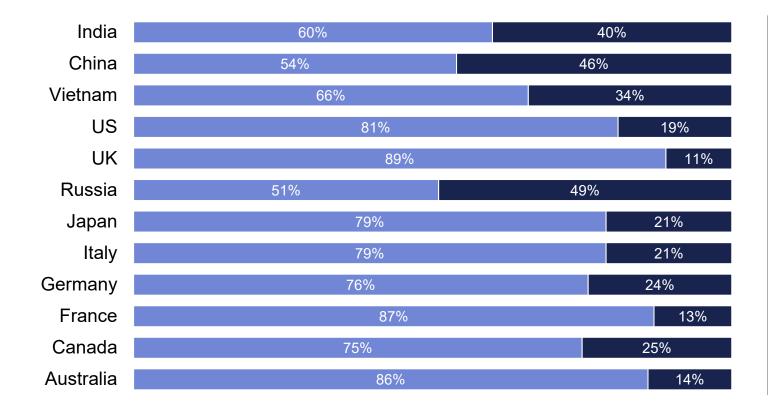




# STOCKPILING IS SEEN AS MORE OF AN ISSUE THAN A DISRUPTION IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN.

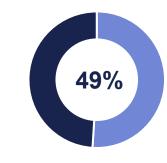
If there is a storage of food and supplies at my local grocery store, it will be because of...

People stockpiling food and other products
Because of a disruption in the supply and distribution of food and other products



89%

The UK most likely to say stockpiling is to blame for shortages.



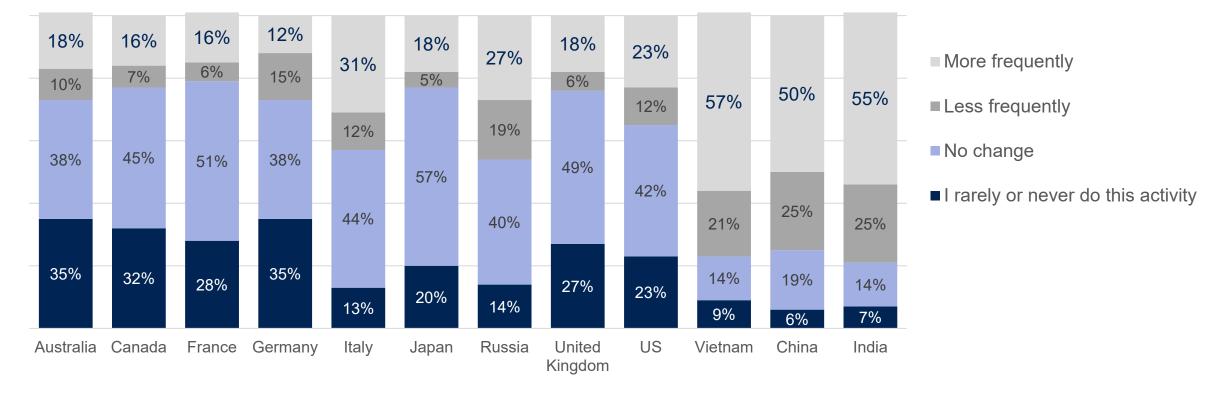
Russia most likely to blame the supply chain for shortages.



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## A REPORTED RISE IN E-COMMERCE IN CHINA AND ITALY IN PARTICULAR – SIGN OF THINGS TO COME IN OTHER COUNTRIES?

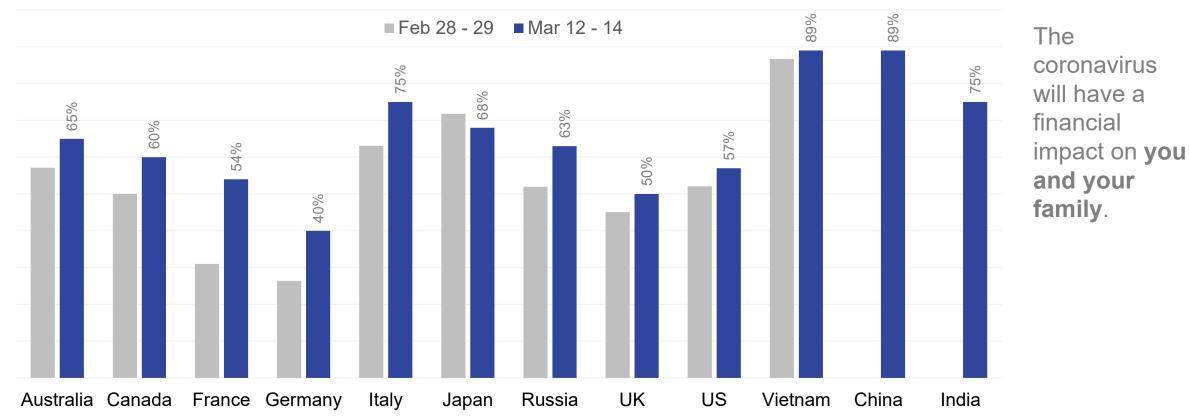
#### Using e-commerce to purchase products you would normally buy in-store



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## MAJORITIES IN MOST COUNTRIES FORESEE A PERSONAL FINANCIAL IMPACT.



% Strongly + Somewhat Agree

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# METHODOLOGY AND NOTES



## METHODOLOGY

These are the results of an Ipsos survey conducted March 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 on the Global Advisor online platform among 10,000 adults aged 18-74 in Canada and the United States and 16-74 in Australia, China, France, Germany, Italy, India, Japan, Russia, Vietnam and the United Kingdom. Where available, tracking results from Wave 3, conducted February 28-29, February 14-15, and February 7-9 are presented. Sample sizes are consistent wave to wave.

The sample consists of approximately 1,000 individuals in each country. The samples in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the U.K. and the U.S. can be taken as representative of these countries' general adult population under the age of 75. The sample in China, India, Russia and Vietnam is more urban, more educated and/or more affluent than the general population and should be viewed as reflecting the views of the more "connected" segment of the population. The data is weighted so that each market's sample composition best reflects the demographic profile of the adult population according to the most recent census data.

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