### EARTH DAY 2020

How does the world view climate change and Covid-19?

**IPSOS GLOBAL ADVISOR** 



#### 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.

68% globally say their government will be failing them if it doesn't act now to combat climate change.

65% of the public globally support a 'green' economic recovery from the Covid-19 crisis.

57% globally say they would be put off voting for a political party whose policies don't deal seriously with climate change.

## 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?

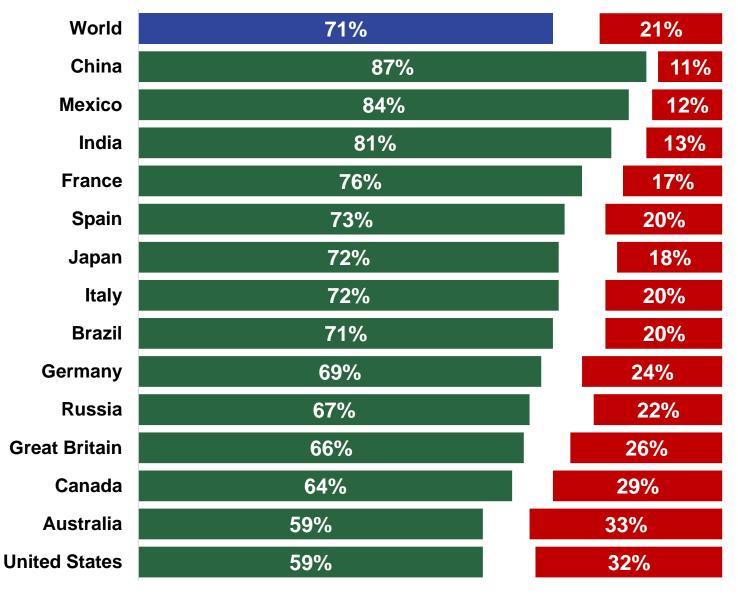


# Seriousness of climate change in comparison to Covid19

#### **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



Base: 28,039 online adults aged 16-74: Fieldwork dates: Friday 17 to Sunday 19 April.

<sup>■</sup> Tend to disagree/strongly disagree



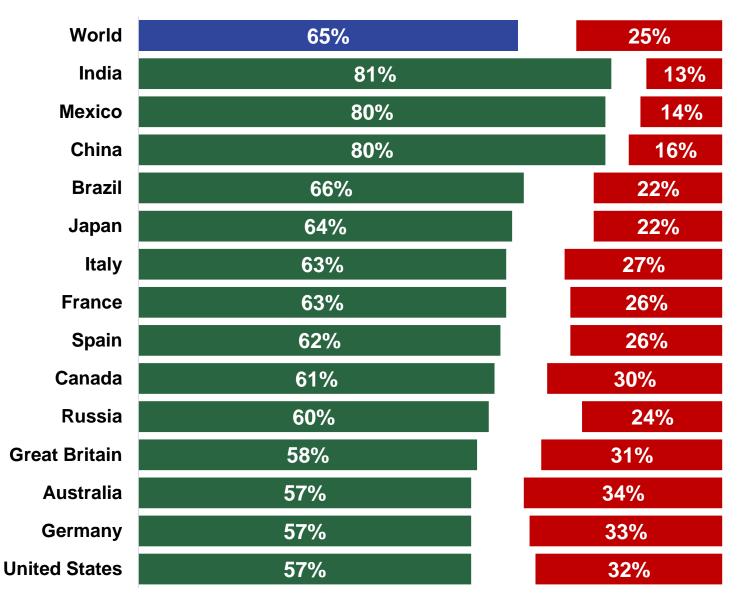
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## Support for a 'green' economic recovery from Covid-19

#### **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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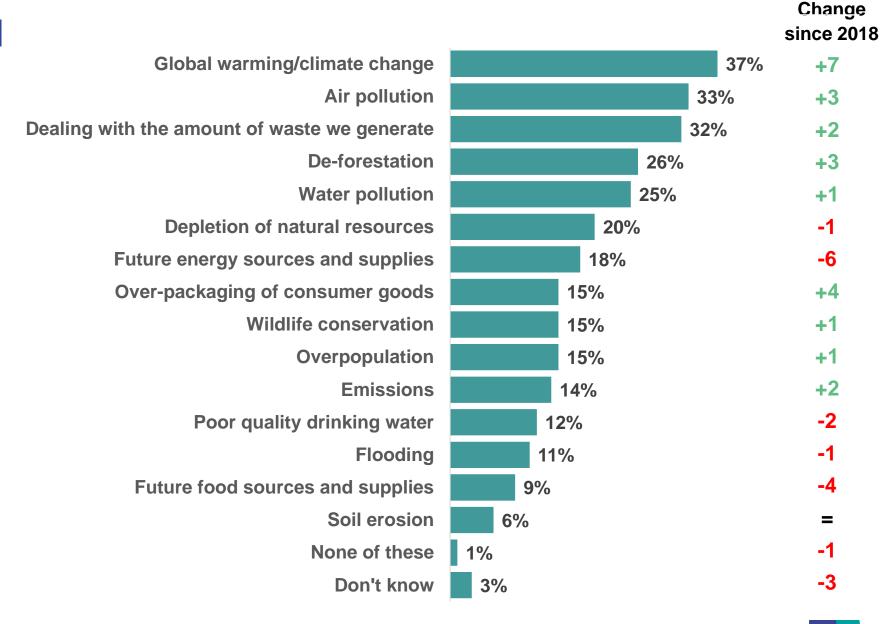
# Environmental issues



## 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?





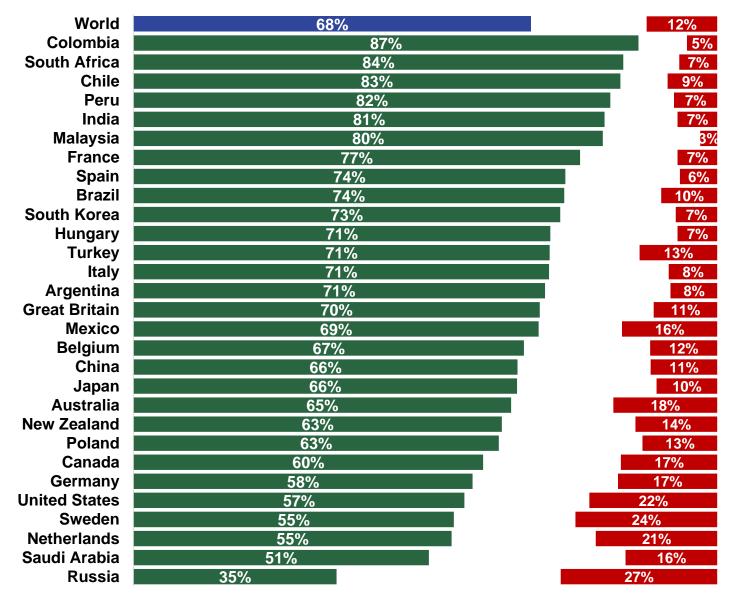


## Desire for government action to combat climate change

#### **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]'



Base: 20,590 online adults aged 16-74: Fieldwork dates: Friday, February 21 to Friday, March 6, 2020



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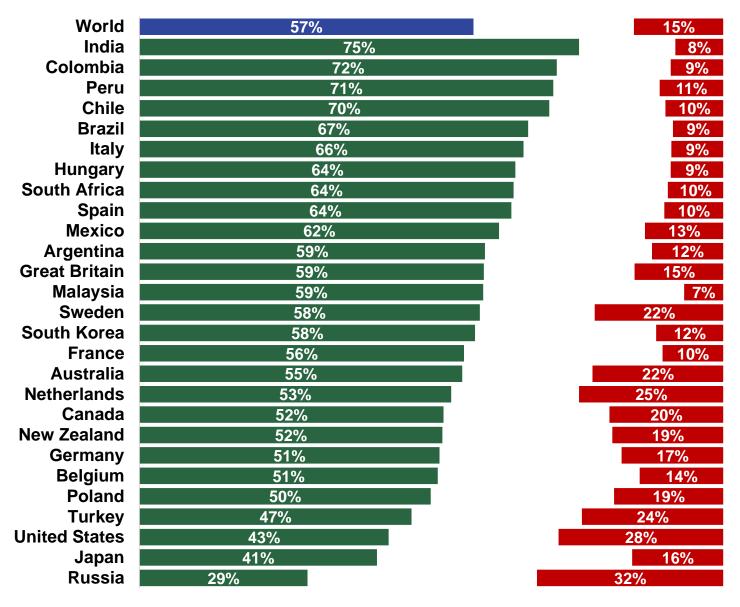
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# Role of climate change in shaping political party support

#### **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'



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#### 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 57% 18% Avoiding buying new goods, mending what you have 52% 23% or buying used products instead Saving energy at home, for example by installing 50% 11% insulation or switching off lights Recycling materials such as glass, paper and plastic 49% 10% Saving water at home, for example by having shorter 49% 16% showers or not watering your garden Walking, cycling or using public transport instead of 46% 23% driving a car Not flying, or replacing some flights with train or bus 41% 33% journeys Eating less meat, or replacing the meat in some meals 41% 39% with alternatives such as beans Eating fewer dairy products or replacing dairy 35% 49% products with alternatives such as soya milk ■ Certain to/very likely/fairly likely ■ Fairly unlikely/very unlikely /certain not to



#### 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	2020	55%
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Recycling materials such as glass, paper and plastic	2020	50%
	2014	47%
Saving energy at home, for example by installing insulation or switching off lights	2020	49%
	2014	45%
Avoiding buying new goods, mending what you have or buying used products instead	2020	49%
	2014	47%
Walking, cycling or using public transport instead of driving a car	2020	43%
	2014	38%
Not flying, or replacing some flights with train or bus journeys	2020	39%
	2014	39%
Eating less meat, or replacing the meat in some	2020	38%
meals with alternatives such as beans	2014	38%
Eating fewer dairy products or replacing dairy products with alternatives such as soya milk	2020	33%
	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	Brazil	China	France	Germany	India	Italy	Japan	Poland	Russia	South Africa	Great Britain	USA
Avoiding products which have a lot of packaging	57%	56%	71%	46%	54%	60%	58%	49%	45%	55%	60%	59%	50%
Avoiding buying new goods, mending what you have or buying used products instead	<mark>52%</mark>	49%	59%	41%	52%	54%	53%	47%	41%	45%	53%	49%	51%
Saving energy at home, for example by installing insulation or switching off lights	50%	47%	69%	32%	48%	52%	48%	55%	37%	47%	52%	49%	51%
Recycling materials such as glass, paper and plastic	49%	52%	74%	27%	40%	59%	42%	57%	37%	65%	60%	41%	44%
Saving water at home, for example by having shorter showers or not watering your garden	49%	44%	66%	34%	47%	51%	51%	50%	41%	43%	51%	49%	46%
Walking, cycling or using public transport instead of driving a car	46%	45%	64%	32%	42%	54%	50%	44%	32%	42%	39%	43%	27%
Not flying, or replacing some flights with train or bus journeys	41%	45%	59%	31%	42%	53%	40%	35%	33%	34%	37%	31%	26%
Eating less meat, or replacing the meat in some meals with alternatives such as beans	41%	43%	58%	32%	39%	47%	45%	23%	38%	28%	38%	35%	27%
Eating fewer dairy products or replacing dairy products with alternatives such as soya milk	35%	44%	59%	23%	35%	54%	31%	24%	29%	19%	33%	24%	23%

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> September and 10<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> April and 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



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