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# TAXING AND LABELING PRODUCTS USING SCARCE NATURAL RESOURCES (GLOBAL COUNTRY AVERAGE)

Q. Many companies use natural resources such as water or trees in the production of their products. Some of these resources can be scarce or limited. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following regarding the use of these resources:

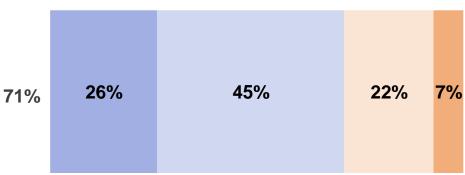
On average, across the 27 countries surveyed, 85% agree that information on the use of scarce natural resources should be included on product labels and 71% agree that companies using scarce natural resources should be assessed a tax for using them, even if it significantly increases the cost consumers pay for what these companies make.

Base: 19.510 online adults aged 16-74 across 28 countries, May 21- June 4, 2021
\* Online samples in Brazil, Chile, mainland China, Colombia, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, and Turkey tend to be more urban, educated, and/or affluent than the general population

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Companies using scarce natural resources should be assessed a tax for using these resources even if it significantly increases the cost consumers like me pay for what they make.



Information on the use of scarce natural resources should be included on product labels.



Strongly agree

Somewhat agree

Somewhat disagree

Strongly disagree



#### TAXING PRODUCTS USING SCARCE NATURAL RESOURCES (BY COUNTRY)

Strongly agree

**Total** 

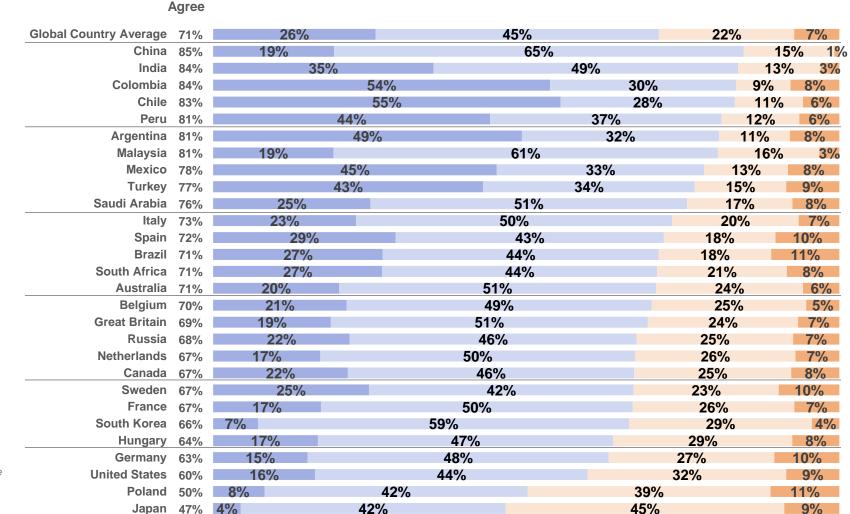
Q. Many companies use natural resources such as water or trees in the production of their products. Some of these resources can be scarce or limited. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following regarding the use of these resources:

- Companies using scarce natural resources should be assessed a tax for using these resources even if it significantly increases the cost consumers like me pay for what they make

Support for taxing products using scare natural resources is far more prevalent in emerging countries (e.g., China, India, Colombia) than it is in Japan, most European countries and the United States.

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Somewhat disagree

Somewhat agree



Strongly disagree

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#### LABELING PRODUCTS USING SCARCE NATURAL RESOURCES (BY COUNTRY)

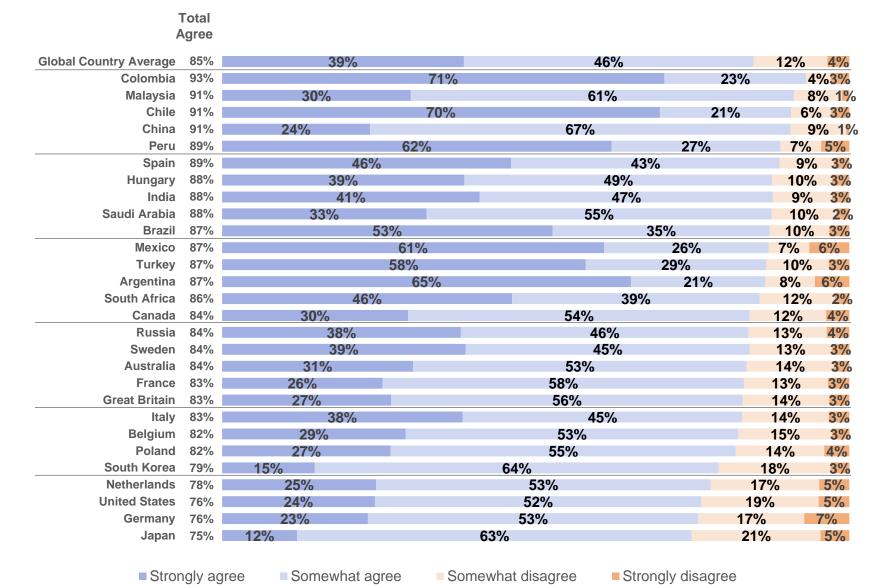
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- Q. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following regarding the use of these resources:
- Information on the use of scarce natural resources should be included on product labels.

Requiring that product labels include information on the use of natural resources is supported by at least 75% of adults in each one of the 28 countries surveyed.

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## TAXING AND LABELING PRODUCTS USING SCARCE NATURAL RESOURCES BY KEY DEMOS (GLOBAL COUNTRY AVERAGE)

Q. Many companies use natural resources such as water or trees in the production of their products. Some of these resources can be scarce or limited. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following regarding the use of these resources:

At a global level, views on taxing and labeling products using scarce natural resources vary little by gender, age or level of education.

		Gender		Age			Education		
	Global Country Average		Female	Under 35	35 to 49	50 to 74	Low	Medium	High
Companies using scarce natural resources should be assessed a tax for using these resources even if it significantly increases the cost consumers like me pay for what they make.	71%	72%	70%	72%	72%	69%	67%	70%	76%
Information on the use of scarce natural resources should be included on product labels.	85%	83%	86%	84%	84%	87%	82%	85%	86%

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## **METHODOLOGY**

These are findings from a 28-country survey conducted by Ipsos on its Global Advisor online platform, based on 19,510 interviews of adults aged 18-74 in the U.S., Canada, Malaysia, South Africa, and Turkey, and aged 16-74 in all other countries, between May 21 and June 4, 2021.

The sample consists of approximately 1,000 individuals in each of Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China (mainland), France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Spain, and the U.S., and 500 individuals in each of Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Hungary, India, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, and Turkey.

The samples in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Poland, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, and the U.S. can be taken as representative of these countries' general adult population under the age of 75.

The samples in Brazil, Chile, China (mainland), Colombia, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, and Turkey are more urban, more educated, and/or more affluent than the general population. The survey results for these countries should be viewed as reflecting the views of the more "connected" segment of their population.

The data is weighted so that each country's sample composition best reflects the demographic profile of the adult population according to the most recent census data.

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