Obs'COP 2021

INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATORY ON CLIMATE AND PUBLIC OPINION

A broad scope study conducted by Ipsos for the 4th consecutive year.

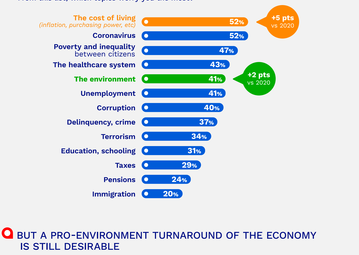
Every year, EDF produces an international status report on opinions, knowledge, expectations and levels of commitment pertaining to climate change, to nurture thinking on the subject and contribute to the constructive search for solutions for the future.

In 30 countries | Including the biggest CO2 producers | 2/3 of the world's population represented

ENVIRONMENT VS ECONOMIC GROWTH: A TOUGH CHOICE

PRESSURE ON PURCHASING POWER ON A GLOBAL SCALE

From this list, which topics worry you the most?



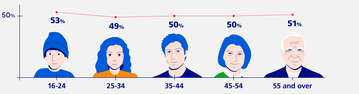
BUT A PRO-ENVIRONMENT TURNAROUND OF THE ECONOMY IS STILL DESIRABLE

For **50%** of respondents, priority should be given to the **environment** even if it might be harmful to the economy.

For **35%** of respondents, priority should be given to **economic growth** even if it might be harmful to the environment.

15% of respondents don't know

AN OPINION SHARED REGARDLESS OF AGE GROUP



THE CLIMATE: A MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE THAT IS CAUSING WORRY, BUT ALSO ANGER AND DEMORALIZATION

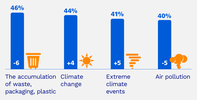
Climate change causes for

- **72%** worry
- **30%** anger
- **26%** demoralization

Several answers possible from a list of 8 emotions

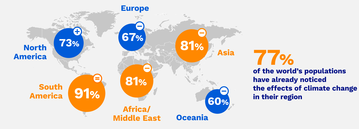
Environmental concerns

TOP 4 Vs 2019



Regions that have observed climate change the most in their area...

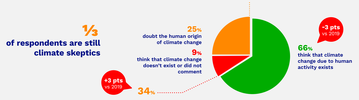
Vs 2020



77% of the world's populations have already noticed the effects of climate change in their region

CLIMATE SKEPTICISM IS GROWING ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

1/3 of respondents are still climate skeptics

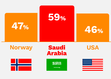


58% of citizens anticipate mainly negative consequences in their region

but for

32% climate change will also have positive consequences in their region

TOP 3 most climate-skeptical countries

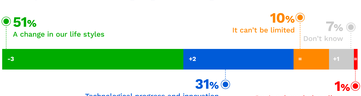


TOP 3 leading countries where climate change will also have positive consequences

CLIMATE CHANGE: WHO SHOULD TAKE ACTION AND TO DO WHAT?

NO SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN PERCEPTION THAT PEOPLE MUST TAKE ACTION ON THEIR OWN LEVEL

The preferred solution for fighting climate change



Only **45%** of respondents think that it is up to **consumers** to act

France: **61%**

... whereas **69%** think that the climate issue is primarily a matter for **governments**

France: **67%**

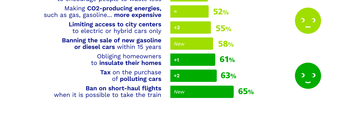
33% think that the climate issue is also a matter for **private companies**

France: **57%**

ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS, HABITS ARE NOT SUFFICIENTLY FOCUSED ON THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

The majority of the most effective actions for combating climate change are still taken by fewer than 30%

LIMITED ACCEPTANCE OF CONSTRAINTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT AFFECT TRAVEL



ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION: DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO REPLACE FOSSIL FUELS

The production methods judged as acceptable

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