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Six in ten prefer that utilities should be mostly publicly owned and operated - though nearly 4 in 10 are open to both privatisation and nationalisation under certain circumstances

On balance, which of the following best describes your view of how utilities (such as electricity, gas, water, and trains) should be owned and operated within Britain?

Utilities in Britain should be...



Net: Should be privately owned and operated 23%



There is clear support for nationalising several key utilities in Britain – broadband less so

To what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose nationalising each of the following utilities in Britain?

	Strongly/ tend to support	ngly/ to support Neither support Strongly/ to support tend to oppo			gly/ to oppose
Water	68%			13%	9%
Trains	65	5%	17		
Gas/electricity	63	8%		17%	
Postal services	60 °	/o	19	19% 12	
Other public transport (i.e. buses, trams, tubes)	58%	, D	21	%	13%
Broadband	39%	27%		2	3%





Around half or more of Britons think that the price, quality of service, and efficiency of utilities would improve if they were to be nationalised – the impact on innovation is less clear

Thinking about each of the following aspects of utilities, do you think they would get better or worse if utilities were to be nationalised, or would there be no change?

	Much/ somewhat better	There would be no change	e M	Much/ somewhat worse				
Price	58%		17%	12%				
Quality of service provided	53%		20%	14%				
Efficiency	51%		21%	16%				
Standard of customer service	48%		27%	13%				
Innovativeness	38%	3	0%	18%				
	Base: 1,000 Online British adults aged 18-75, 18-20 July 2023							



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