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INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATORY ON CLIMATE AND PUBLIC OPINION

A new, broad scope study conducted by Ipsos for the 2nd 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.

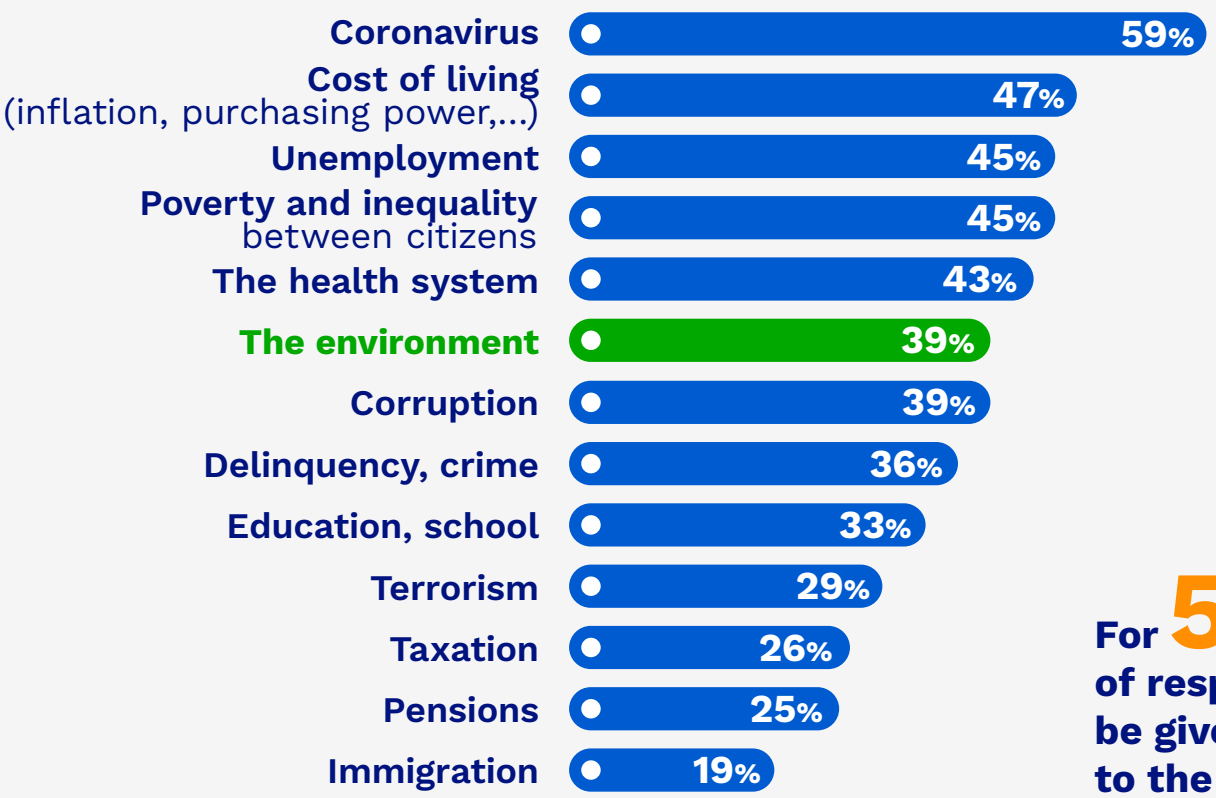
In 30 countries

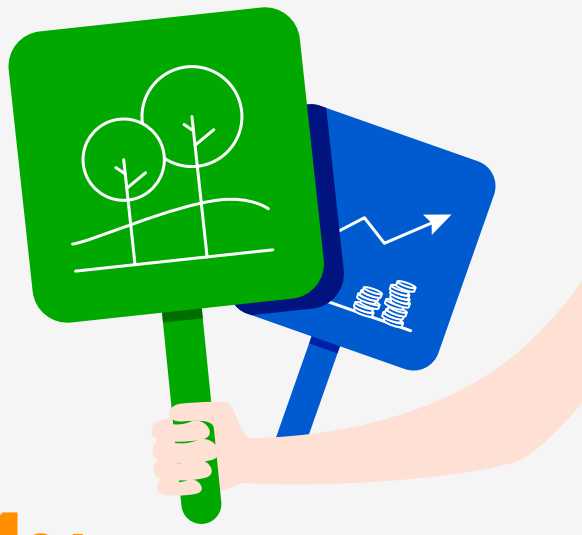
Including the biggest CO_2 emitters

2/3 of the world's population represented

THE COVID-19 CRISIS HAS NOT ECLIPSED CONCERN ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE CLIMATE AND HAS EVEN STRENGTHENED IT IN THE SOUTHERN COUNTRIES

THE ENVIRONMENT IS STILL ONE OF THE KEY CONCERNS





For 51% of respondents, priority should be given to the environment to the detriment of the economy.

LINKS BETWEEN COVID-19 AND THE IMPACT OF HUMAN ACTIVITES ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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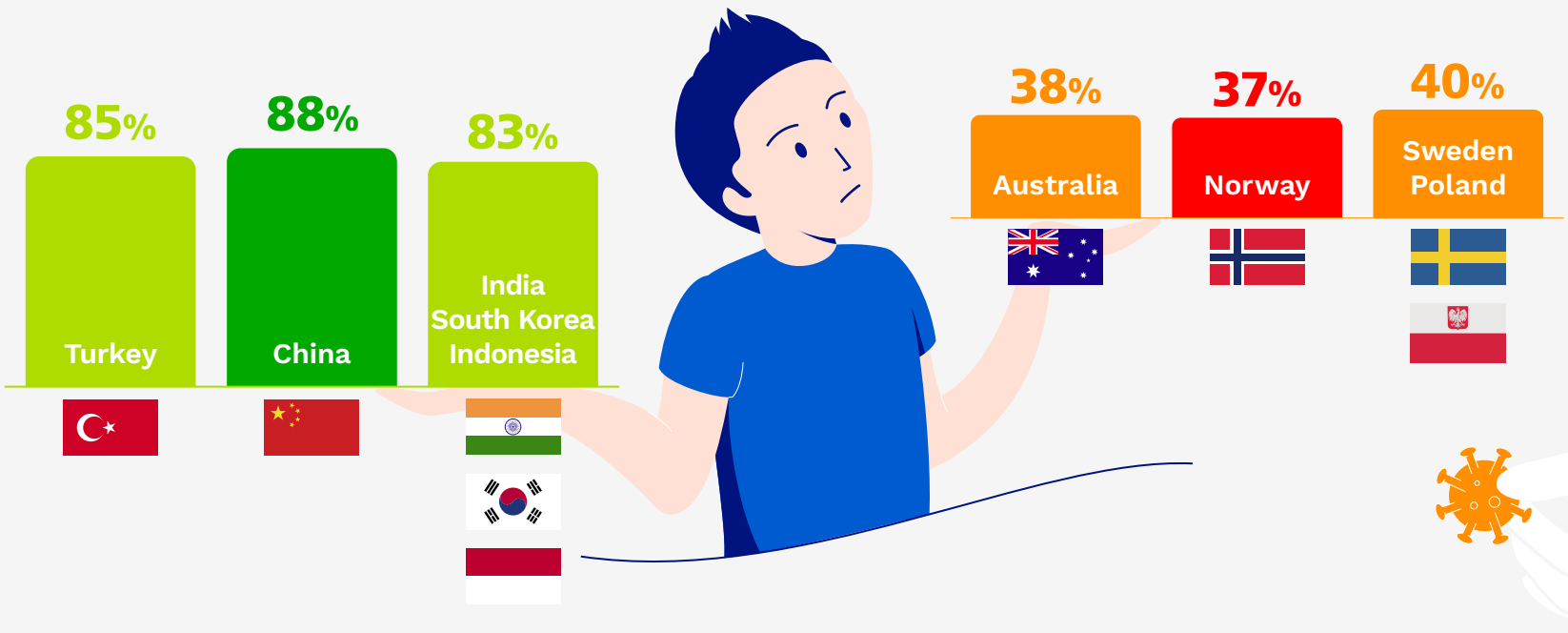


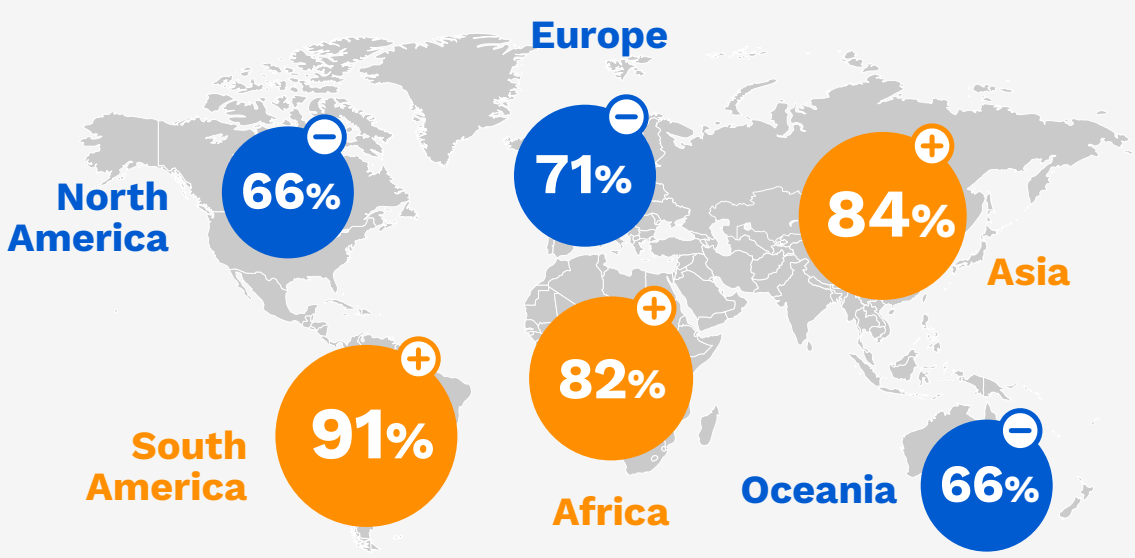
CLIMATE CHANGE AND EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS: **INCREASING CONCERN**

TOP 4 environmental concerns

CLIMATE CHANGE WITH CONCRETE EFFECTS

8 out of 10 people
have already noticed the effects of climate change in their region, especially in the southern countries

The regions that have noticed climate change the most...



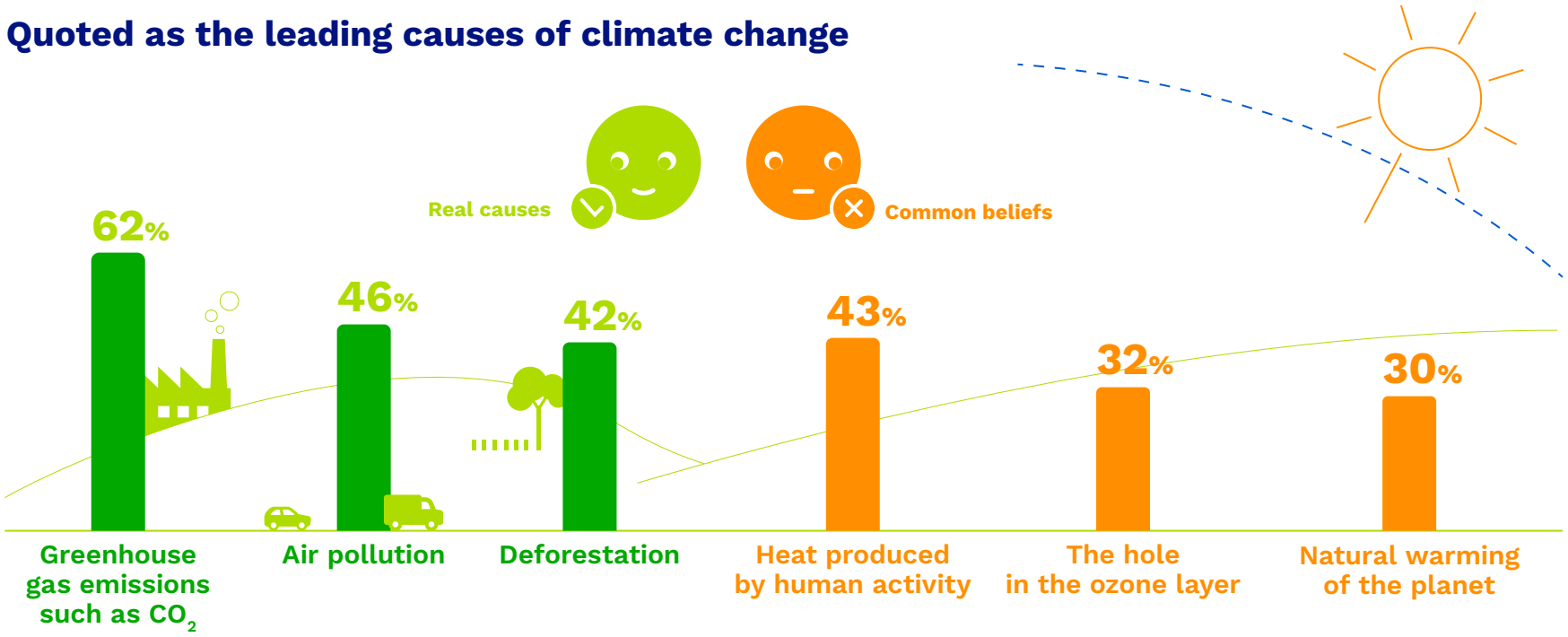
Effects of climate change

N°1
extreme weather events
61%

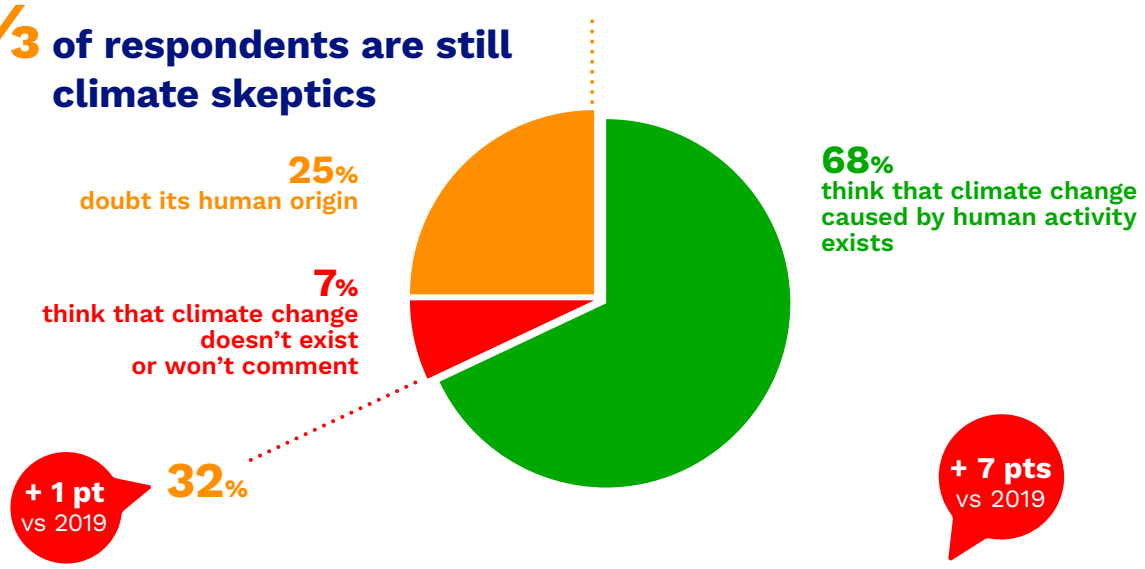
Biggest growth:
development of infectious diseases and epidemics

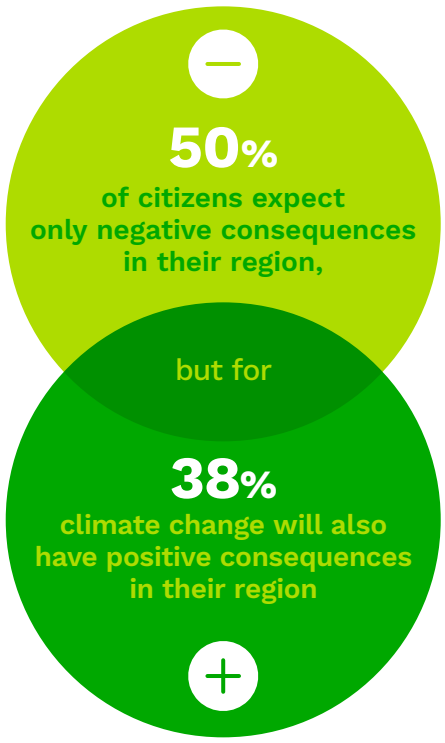
DOUBTS AND CONFUSION AS TO THE CAUSES OF CLIMATE CHANGE PERSIST

Quoted as the leading causes of climate change

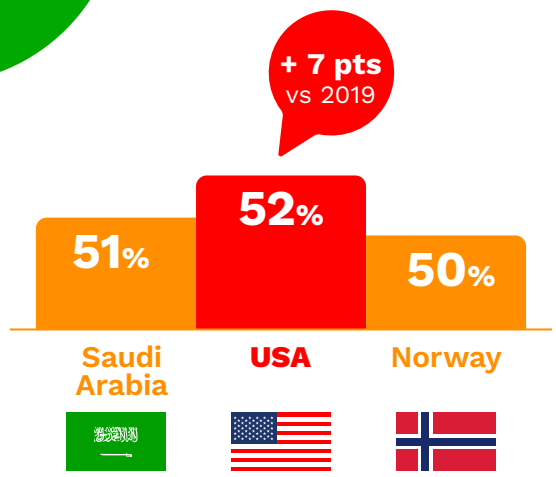


1/3 of respondents are still climate skeptics





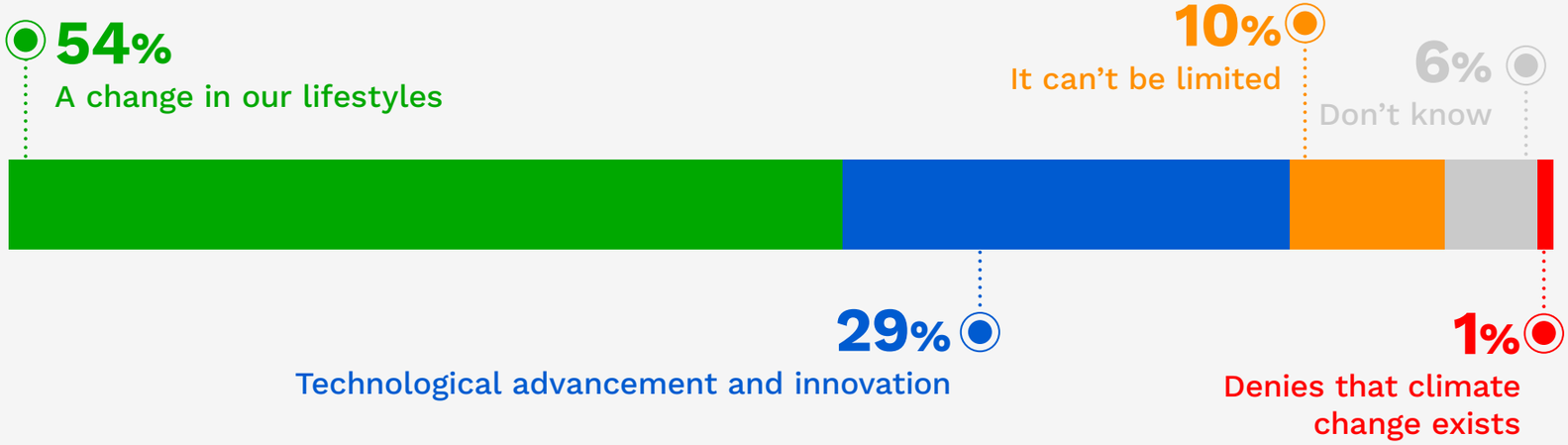
TOP 3 most climate-skeptical countries



CITIZENS TORN BETWEEN NEED TO ACT AND REJECTION OF CONSTRAINTS

CITIZENS AFFIRM THE NEED TO ACT ON THEIR OWN LEVEL...

The preferred solution for fighting climate change



... ALTHOUGH THAT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO TRANSLATE INTO REAL ACTION IN THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES

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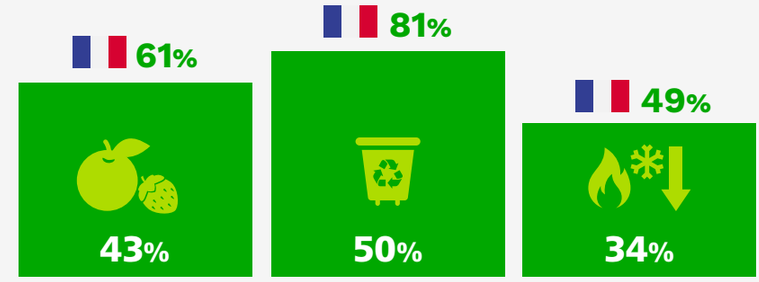

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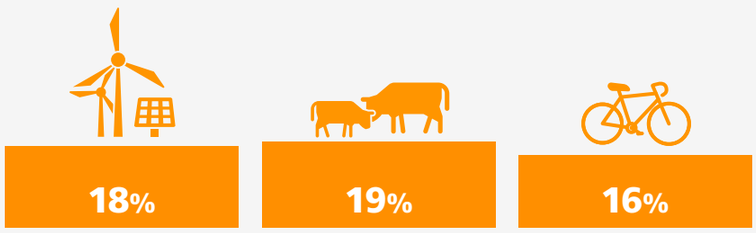


Information, the condition for action

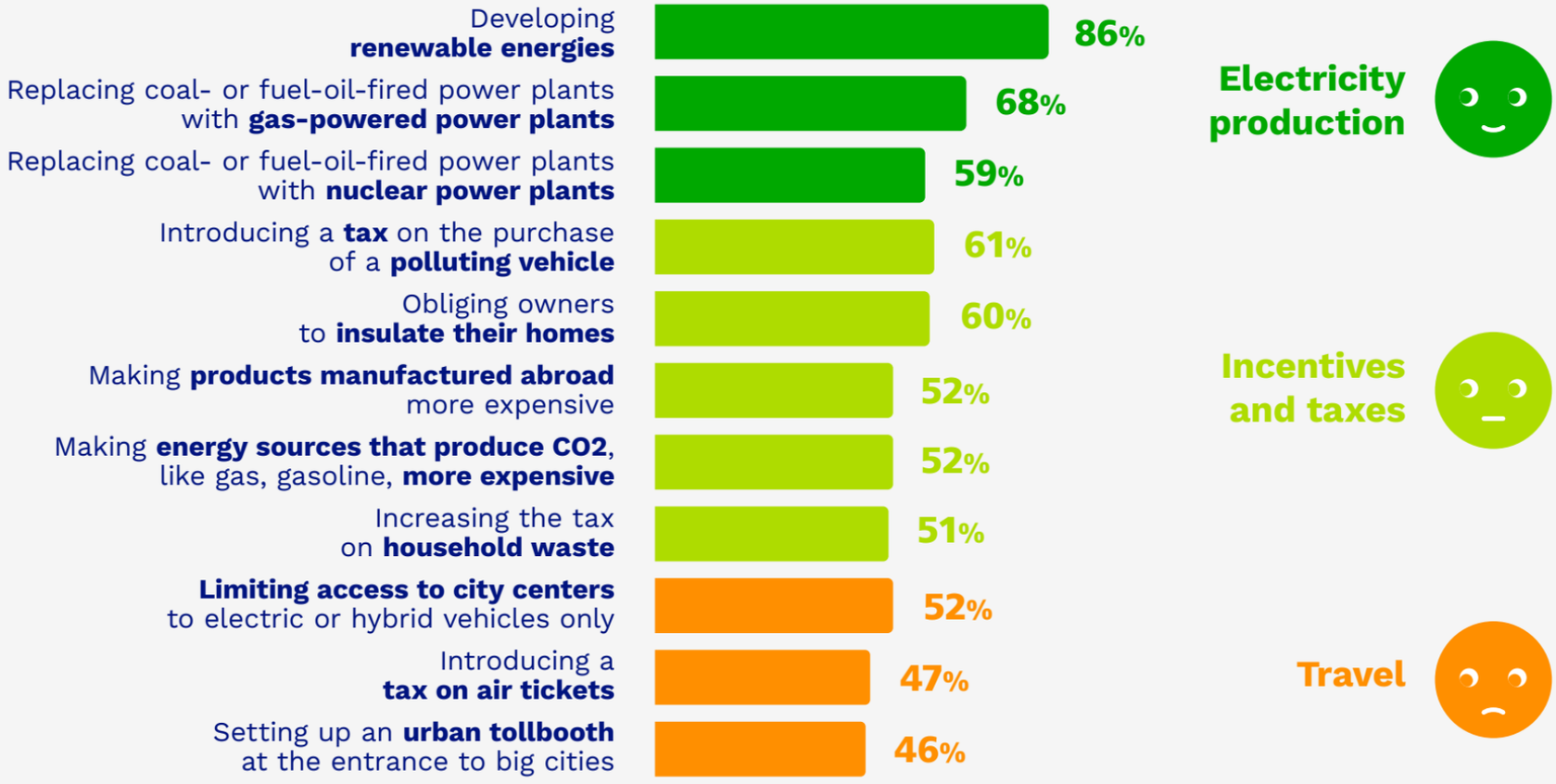
55% of respondents who are **sure that they know what to do** to fight climate change systematically carry out at least 4 actions

as opposed to only **14%** of those who **have no idea what to do.**

CITIZENS DEMAND THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT DO MORE...

For **59%** of citizens,
governments will tend to decide in favor of the economy
to the detriment of the environment.

... WHILE STRUGGLING TO ACCEPT MEASURES WITH A RESTRICTIVE OR FINANCIAL IMPACT ON THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES



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