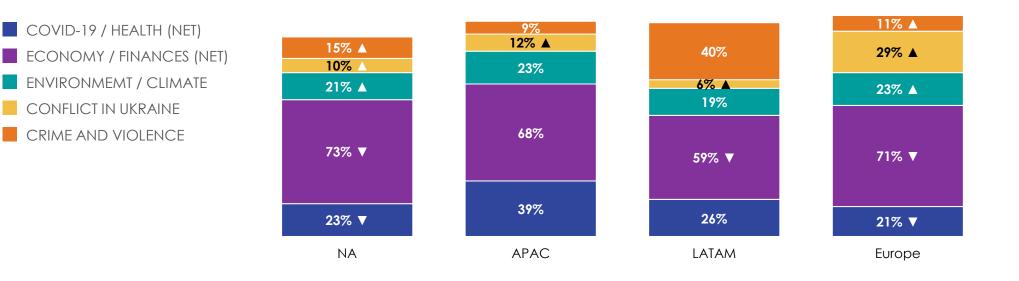
ESSENTIALS SYNDICATED October 2022 Inflation is impacting consumer sentiment and holds the potential to dampen spending plans in Q4.

# As pandemic worries recede in North America and Europe, citizens create headspace for a wider range of concerns

### TOP CONCERNS – FIRST OR SECOND PRIORITIES BY GLOBAL REGIONS



### Citizens globally are experiencing more financial setbacks compared to this time last year

### FINANCIAL SETBACKS EXPERIENCED: ONE YEAR TREND

					YoY Chan
DELAYING OR CANCELLING BIG PURCHASES		30%	34%	34%	+6% ▲
USING SAVINGS TO PAY BILLS	28%	25%	26%	<b>26</b> %	+5% ▲
DELAYING PLANS TO INVEST	21%				
MAKING SURE I HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR AN EMERGENCY FUND	2097	21%	24%	24%	+4% ▲
	20%		16%	16%	+3% ▲
	13%	13%	10/6	10/6	.0,8 4
	Oct 7 - Oct 10	Jan 6 - Jan 9	Jul 7 - Jul 10	Oct 6 - Oct	10
	021		2022		

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## For some, the current economic climate will have long-term implications



"We definitely don't have enough in our retirement accounts. At this rate we definitely won't have enough to retire."

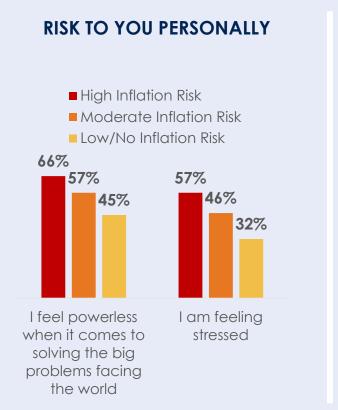
- Vanessa, US

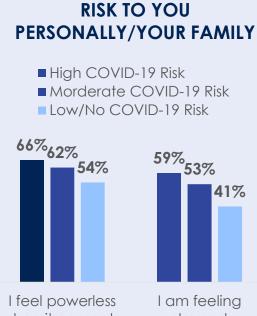


### The environment in which consumers are shopping impacts overall morale and sentiment

# **CONSUMER SENTIMENT**

**TOP-2 BOX AGREEMENT** 

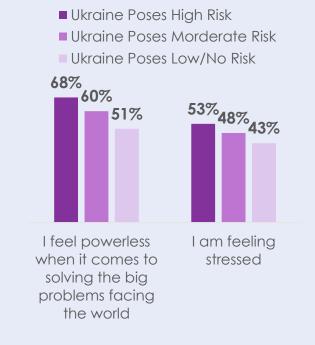




when it comes to solving the big problems facing the world



**RISK TO YOUR COUNTRY** 



Consumers expect to cut back on their spending throughout Q4 and into the holidays

74%

I feel like I need to cut back on my spending



I expect to have less money to spend on end-of-year holiday gifts and celebrations this year

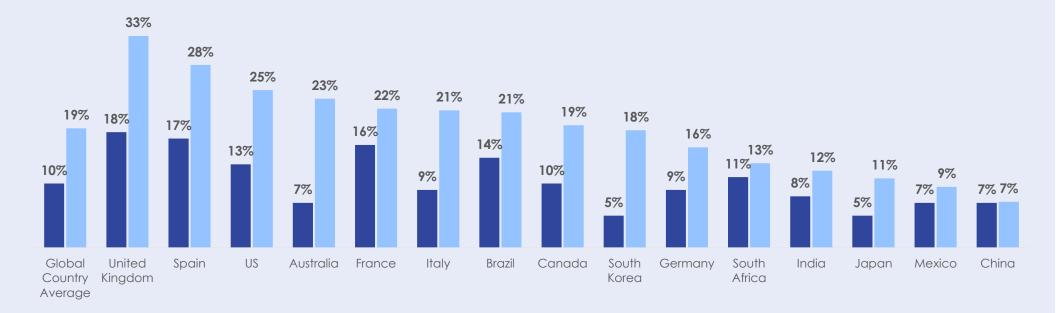
Women are more likely to have less money for holiday gifts, and report needing to cut back on their spending more than men.

### Travel is expected to rebound in 2023 even as consumers head cautiously into Q4

# **BOOKING A LEISURE TRIP/TRAVEL FOR NEXT YEAR**

**BY COUNTRY** 

OCT 2021 OCT 2022



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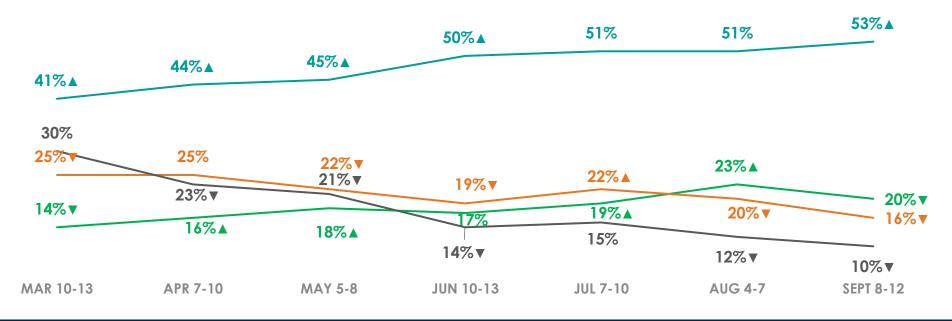
# YOU KNOW? DID

Behavior change is a constant – whether driven by the pandemic or inflation. Many curtail discretionary spending while also leveraging supplemental sources of income.



### **TOP CONCERNS – FIRST OR SECOND PRIORITIES**

- RISING PRICES / INFLATION THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
- THE ENVIRONMENT / CLIMATE CHANGE THE CONFLICT IN UKRAINE



While a post-pandemic "return to normal" becomes increasingly common, a shift in habits and routines suggests more of an evolution of norms

### CHANGES TO HABITS AND ROUTINES AS A RESULT OF THE PANDEMIC

ADOPTED SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT HABITS/ROUTINES ADOPTED SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT HABITS/ROUTINES **MY STUDENT LIFE\*\*** 30% 39% 69% **LEISURE TRAVEL** 22% 35% 57% MY WORK LIFE † 20% 34% 54% **MY SOCIAL LIFE** 18% 54% 36%

36%

33%

33%

31%

33%

29%

31%

30%

27%

35%

**HOW I SHOP** 17% 18% **MY HEALTH AND WELLNESS** WHAT I DO FOR FUN 16% DAILY TRAVEL/COMMUTING 18% **MY PERSONAL HYGIENE** 

**MY FAITH/SPIRITUALITY** 

**MY MEALS** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES** 

**MY INVOLVEMENT WITH GOVERNMENT/POLITICS** 

**MY FAMILY LIFE** 

\*\* Among students

+ Among those employed

53%

51%

51%

51%

50%

48%

46%

46%

45%

44%

NET CHANGE

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Gen Z and Millennials are more likely to take actions to manage the impact of rising prices

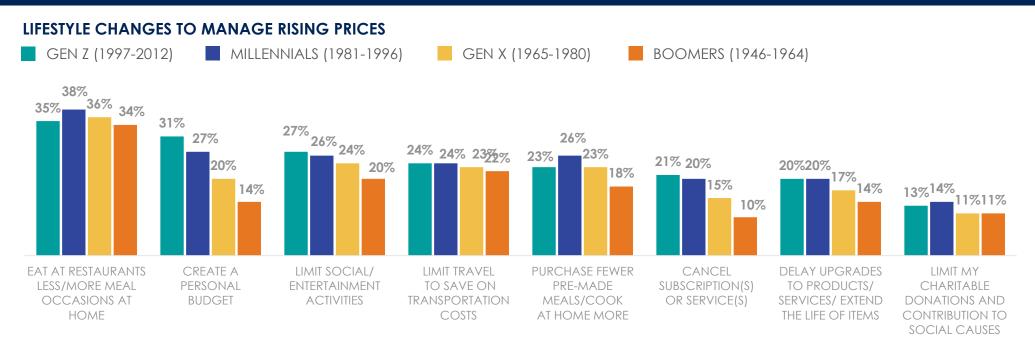
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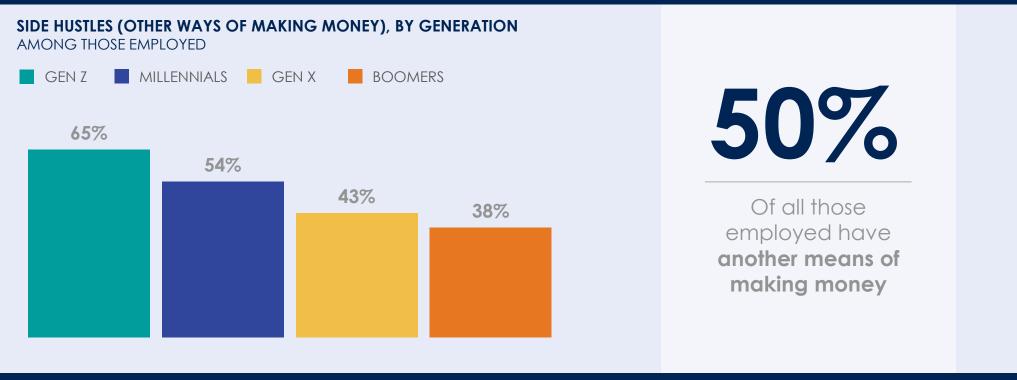
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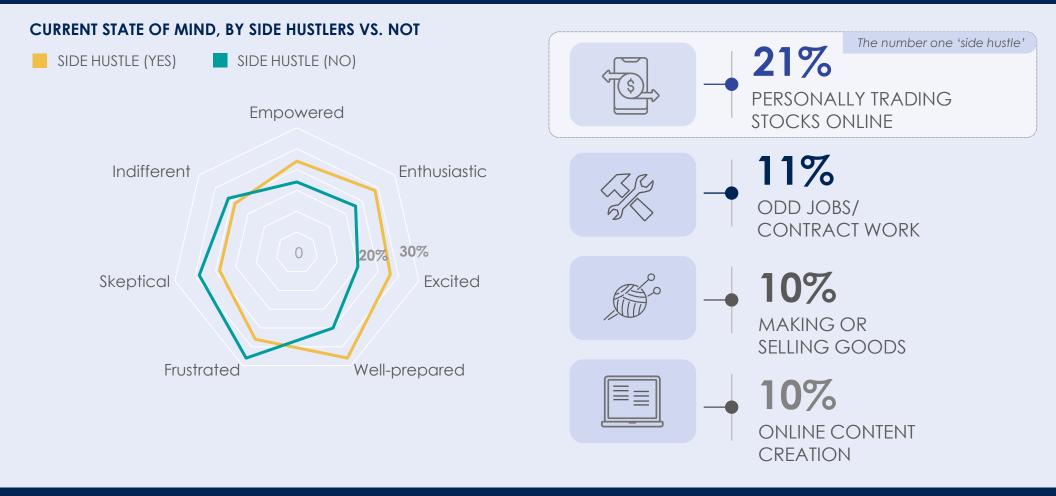
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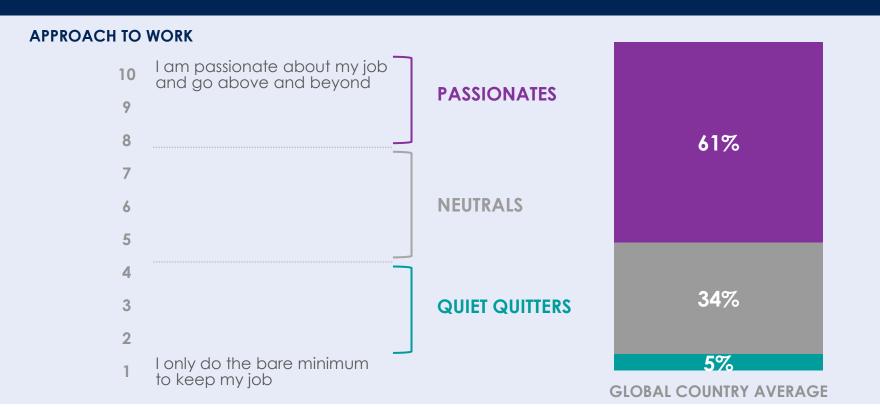
# Half of workers have some other means of generating income; these 'side hustles' are much more common amongst younger generations



## 'Side hustles' help foster feelings of empowerment and enthusiasm, and allow people to feel more prepared



With more than half of employees passionate about their job, 'Quiet Quitting' seems to be an overblown trend



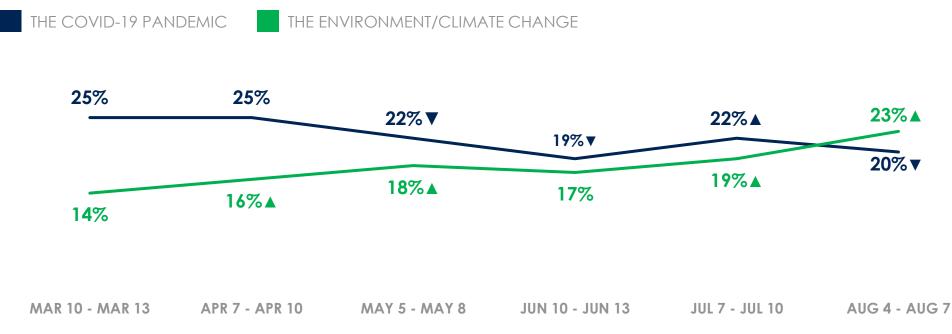
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As citizens become accustomed to rising prices and the long tail of the pandemic, their focus is shifting toward new and growing challenges related to climate and sustainability.

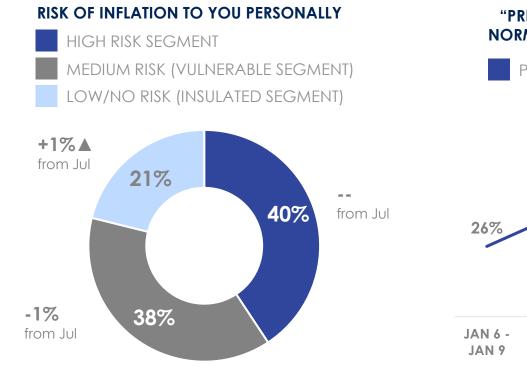
## Environmental issues surpass COVID-19 as a global concern for the first time since the start of the pandemic

### TOP CONCERNS – FIRST OR SECOND PRIORITIES

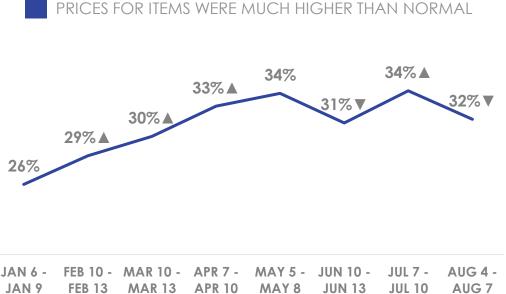


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While concerns about inflation remain paramount, negative sentiments are stabilizing as consumers become accustomed to higher prices



### "PRICES FOR ITEMS WERE MUCH HIGHER THAN NORMAL" WHEN SHOPPING IN THE PAST 2 WEEKS



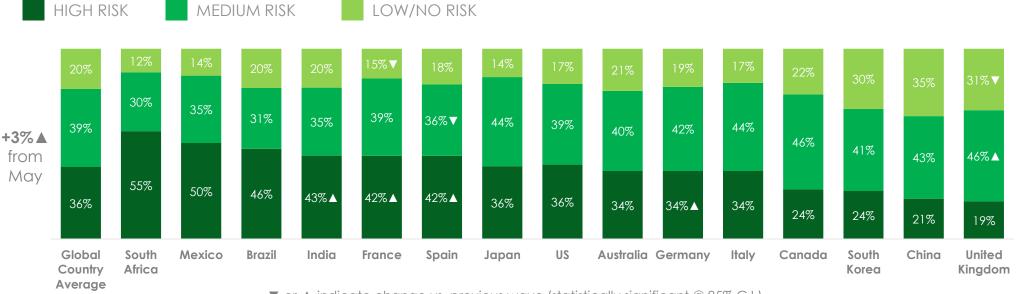
With recent natural disasters, more individuals are perceiving environmental issues as high risk to their



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respective countries – perhaps driving concern for the environment to top COVID-19 concern

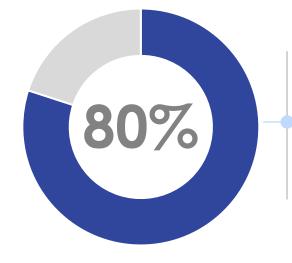
### "WHAT LEVEL OF RISK DO NATURAL DISASTERS AND MAJOR CLIMATE EVENTS POSE TO YOUR COUNTRY?"



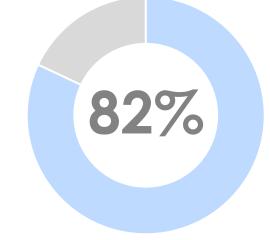
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# A clear consensus – humans are to blame for the growing number of adverse climate events, and the situation is likely to get worse

### ENVIRONMENT BELIEFS: THOSE WHO SELECTED 'TRUE'



Our changing climate and resulting climate disasters are a result of human activity



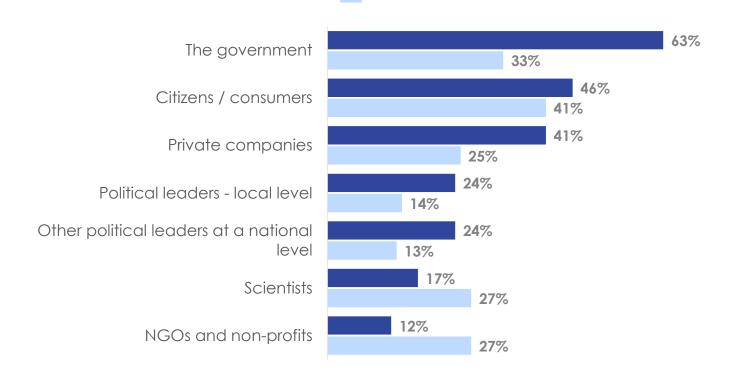
Climate events like fires, floods, and storms will become more frequent and more severe in the future

## Governments and companies are expected to act but are seen as taking insufficient action

### WHO SHOULD BE TAKING ACTION TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENT AND FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE VS. WHO CURRENTLY IS

GROUPS/INDIVIDUALS THAT NEED TO ACT

GROUPS/INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE ACTING



# When it comes to the success of environmental initiatives, pessimism characterizes the views of some while others try to remain hopeful

### SOME PARENTS CAN'T HELP BUT REMAIN HOPEFUL FOR THE FUTURE OF THEIR KIDS

Some think it is too late. I don't think so. Otherwise, it would be very hard to be a parent today.



No, we are not going to succeed [in saving the planet]. The planet will die, and we will die with it.

- Muriel, France

- Muriel's son, France

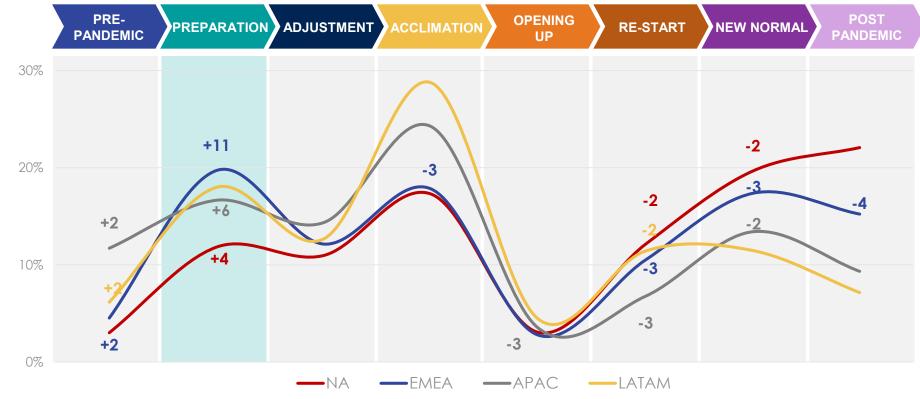
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The anticipated 'summer grace period' where citizens enjoy their post-pandemic freedom has been cut short as financial pressures mount and new variants of Omicron cause a rise in infections.

### A major retreat in one month's time: More citizens around the world are preparing for new restrictions to combat the rise in cases

"WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PHASES DO YOU FEEL BEST DESCRIBES YOUR CURRENT SITUATION REGARDING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC?"



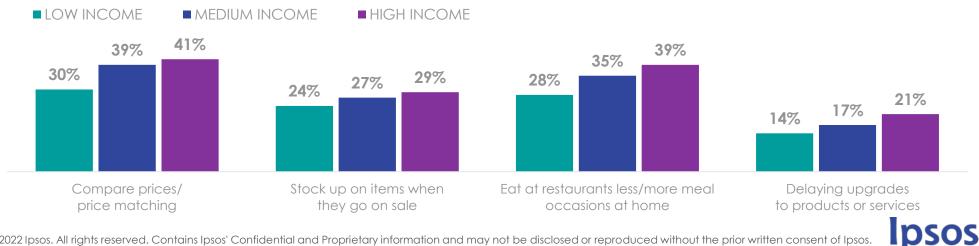
\*Difference July vs. June 2022. Only shown if >1pt.

Despite rising COVID concerns, inflation remains the top priority; in response, consumers search for ways to keep their budgets under control





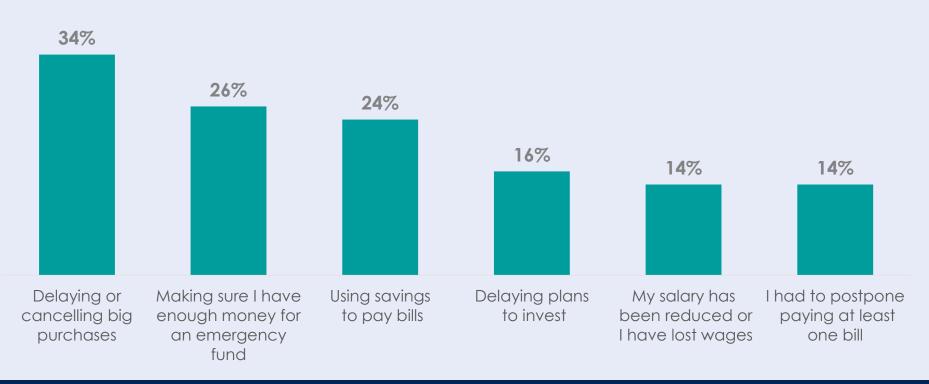
### MEASURES MORE COMMONLY TAKEN BY HIGH-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS TO MANAGE RISING PRICES



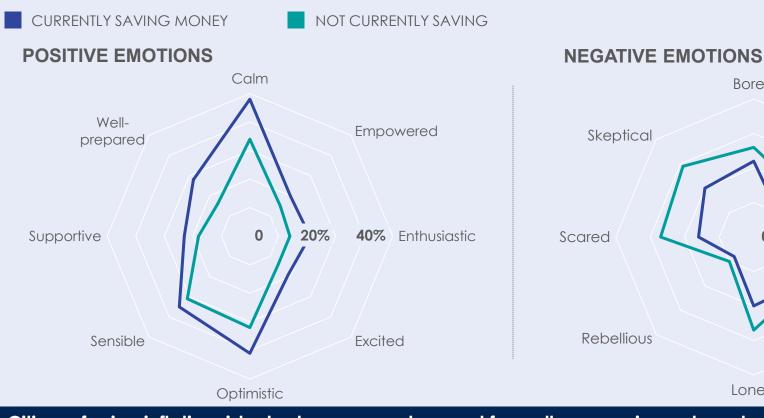
## A third of citizens are delaying or cancelling major purchases and a quarter are using savings to pay bills

**FINANCIAL SETBACKS** 

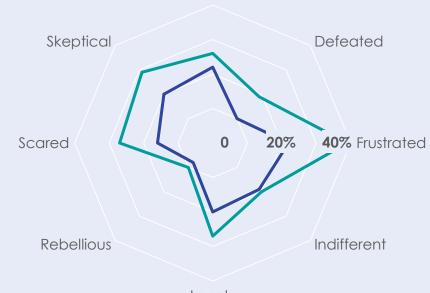
**CENSYDIAM EMOTIONS** 



As savings are being depleted, we see more negative feelings and increased frustrations



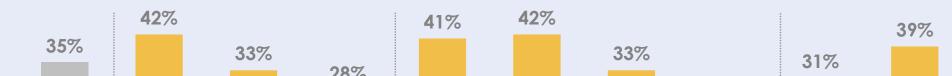
Bored



Lonely

Citizens facing inflation risk also have a greater need for wellness services – brands need to be empathetic towards these consumers

#### SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING (INTERESTED IN HAVING ACCESS TO "MORE")



			28%				24%		
Global Country Average	Segment	(Vulnerable Segment)	Segment)	Gen Z (1997-2012	, , ,	5) (1965-1980	Boomers ) (1946-1964)	Male	Female
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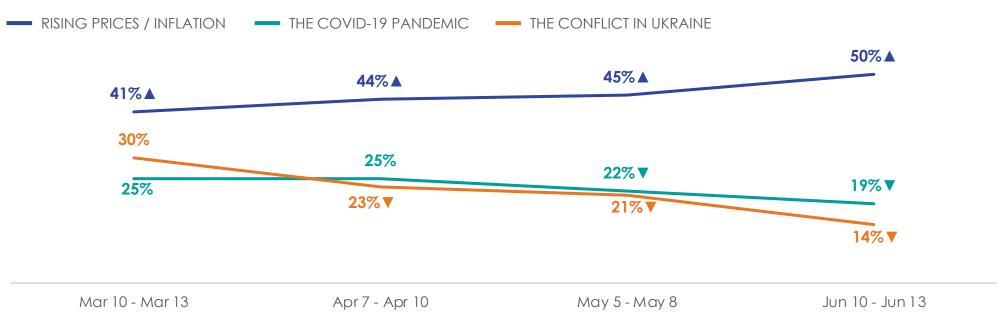


# **DYOU KNOW?**

Spending persists amid fears of inflation, as consumers enjoy their post-pandemic freedom; many also head back to the office and rethink how they want to work.

# Rising prices and inflation continue to be a growing concern across the globe

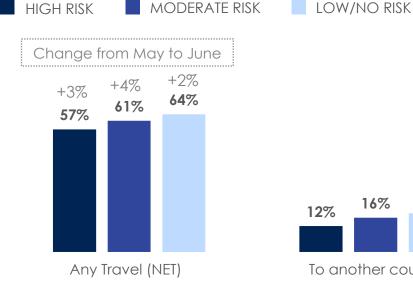
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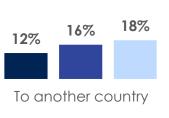


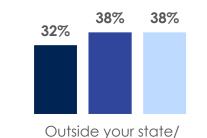
## Inflation has yet to fully impact travel planning – trips are increasing, even among the most financially at-risk

## PLANS FOR LEISURE TRIPS IN THE NEXT 3 MONTHS, BY RISK OF INFLATION

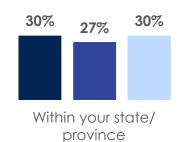
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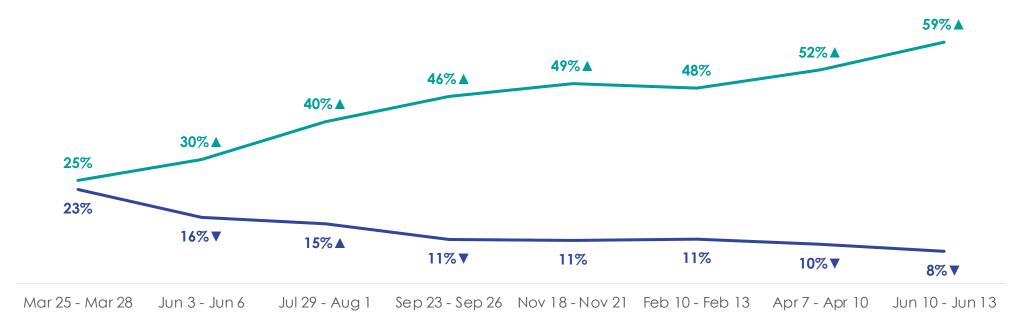
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# Diners continue to head back to restaurants, despite increased concerns about inflation, as the fear of COVID-19 abates

Perceived Risk and Participation in Dining at a Restaurant

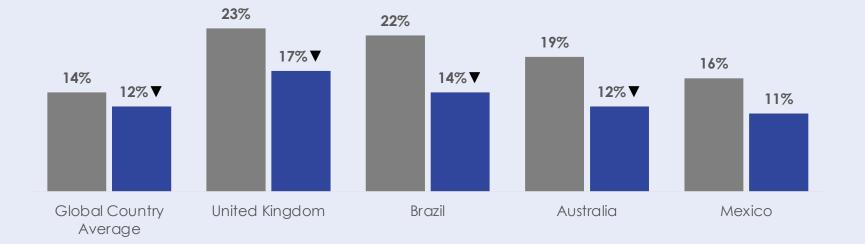
 DINING IN AT A RESTAURANT (LARGE RISK) EATING INDOORS AT A RESTAURANT (ALREADY DOING THIS)



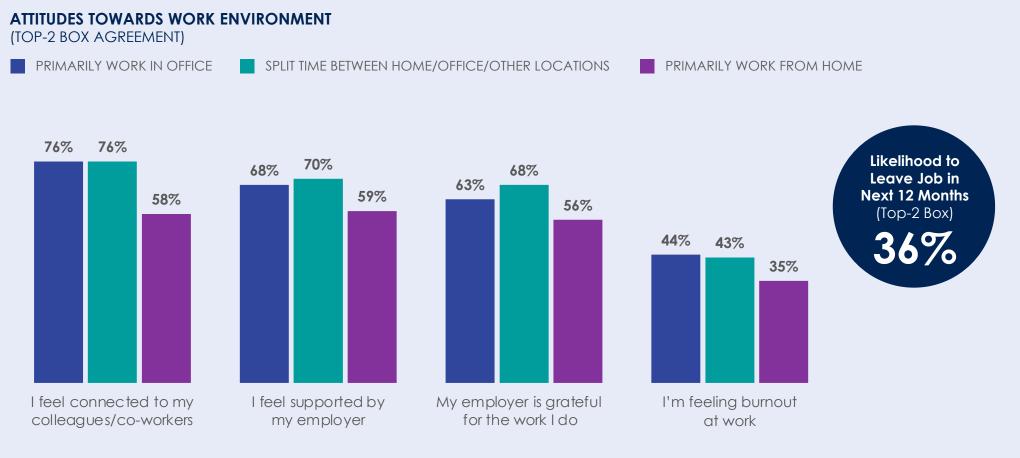
### Slowly more and more employees are returning to the office

#### **CURRENT WORK SITUATION – PRIMARILY WORKING FROM HOME** (BY THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED)

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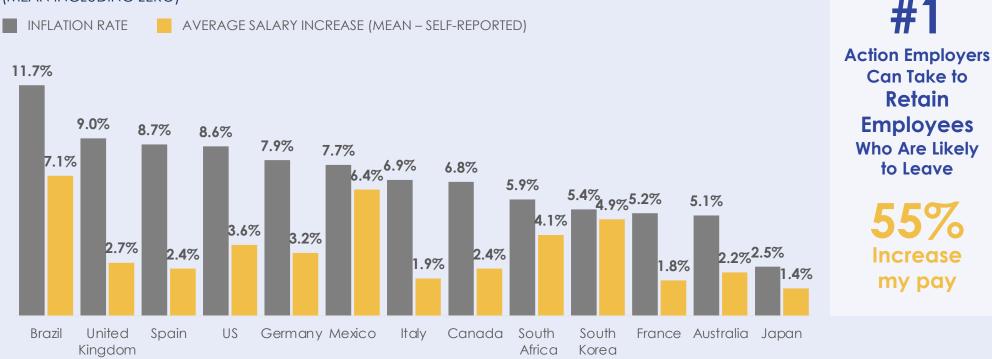


### Those working from home feel less connected, less supported, and less appreciated... but also less burnt out; despite the flexibility, over a third of all employees are still considering leaving their job



## Some workers are feeling they're underpaid as wages are not keeping pace with inflation - increased pay is the number one employee-reported measure to help with retention

#### **INFLATION RATE VS. AVERAGE SALARY INCREASE** (MEAN INCLUDING ZERO)





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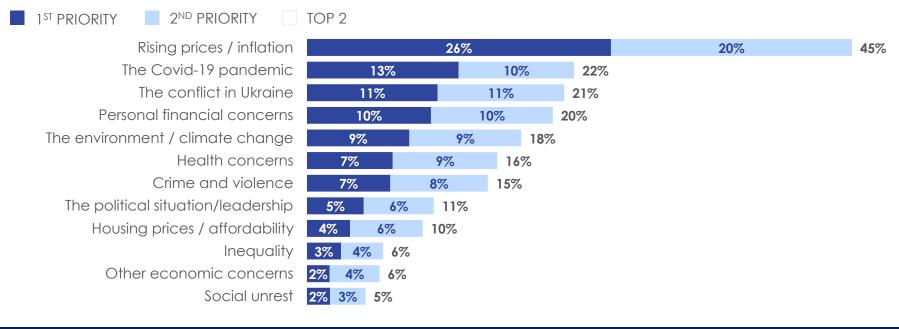




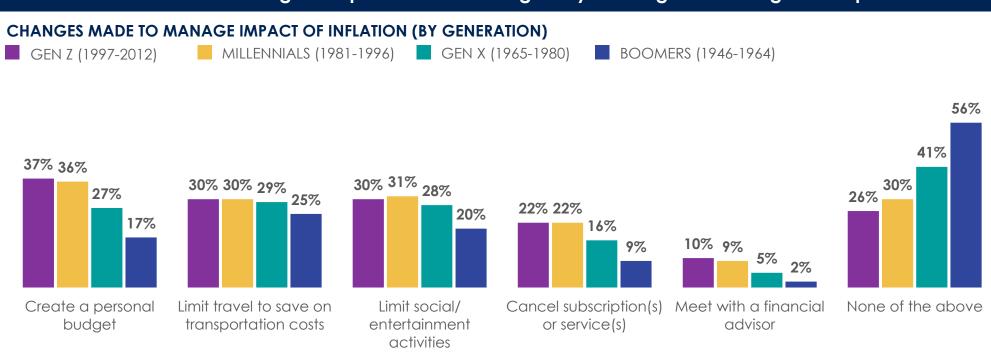
Inflation is the dominant concern for consumers around the world, forcing them to make lifestyle changes and trade-offs.

## Concern with rising prices and inflation dominates the narrative on a global level – much more so than the pandemic, the conflict in Ukraine or the environment

### **TOP CONCERNS – FIRST AND SECOND PRIORITIES**

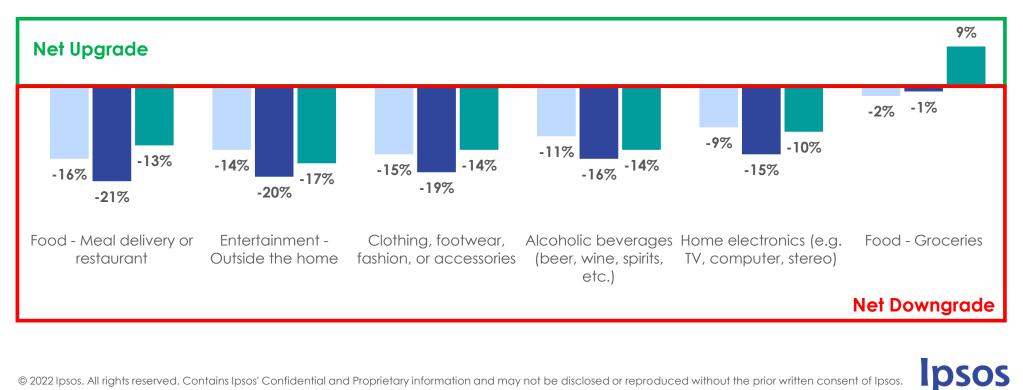


### Gen Z and Millennials are being more proactive in making lifestyle changes to manage the impact of inflation



## Shoppers are scaling back on their discretionary spending; less affluent households are even forced to downgrade on the essentials

EXPECTED SHIFTS IN SPENDING IN THE NEXT MONTH: (NET SPEND MORE/UPGRADE VS. SPEND LESS/DOWNGRADE)



# Rising prices are increasingly more challenging to consumers than pandemic safety issues when shopping

### **SHOPPING CHALLENGES (PAST 2 WEEKS)**

- PRICES FOR ITEMS WERE MUCH HIGHER THAN NORMAL

- FELT UNSAFE IN STORE DUE TO LACK OF SOCIAL DISTANCING



# On the sustainability front, countries across the world feel the risk to the environment is reaching a critical stage which necessitates immediate action

### BELIEFS ABOUT CURRENT STATE OF ENVIRONMENT

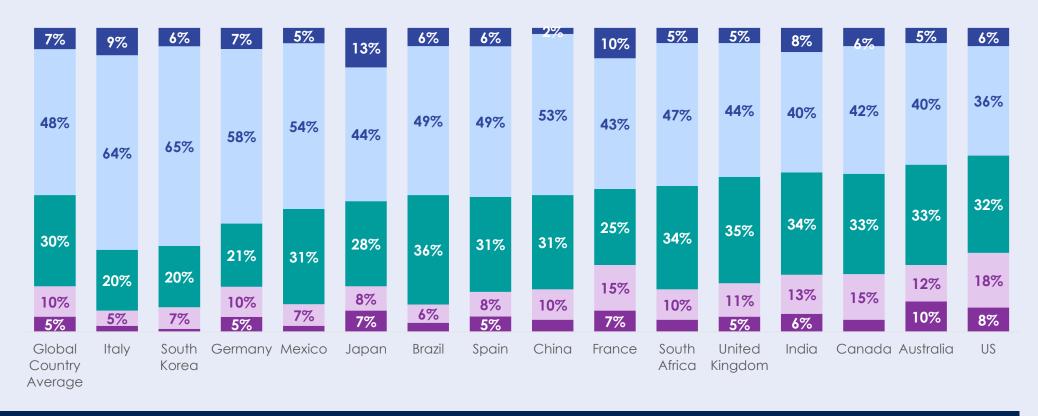
- IT'S TOO LATE TO PREVENT ENVIRONMENTAL COLLAPSE
- THE ENVIRONMENT IS AT A CRITICAL STAGE THE WORLD MUST ACT NOW
- THE ENVIRONMENT IS AT RISK, BUT THERE IS STILL TIME TO ACT
- THE ENVIRONMENT IS A CONCERN, BUT IT'S LARGELY OVERBLOWN THE ENVIRONMENT IS NOT A CONCERN

SHOPPING

CHALLENGES

trending in

MAY



# However, even Activists – who are most passionate about saving the environment – don't have the environment as their top concern as it's overshadowed by inflation

### **TOP CONCERNS – FIRST AND SECOND PRIORITIES**

### CONSUMER SEGMENTS BASED ON INCREASING PASSION FOR SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT

	DISENGAGED DENIALISTS	SKEPTICS	CONFLICTED CONTRIBUTORS	PRAGMATISTS	ACTIVISTS
#1	Rising Prices/ Inflation (40%)	Rising Prices/ Inflation (40%)	Rising Prices/ Inflation (55%)	Rising Prices/ Inflation (49%)	Rising Prices/ Inflation (41%)
#2	COVID-19 Pandemic (22%)	COVID-19 Pandemic (28%)	Personal Financial Concerns (26%)	Conflict in Ukraine (25%)	The Environment/ Climate Change (27%)
#3	Personal Financial Concerns (20%)	Conflict in Ukraine (21%)	Conflict in Ukraine (19%)	COVID-19 Pandemic (24%)	Conflict in Ukraine (24%)

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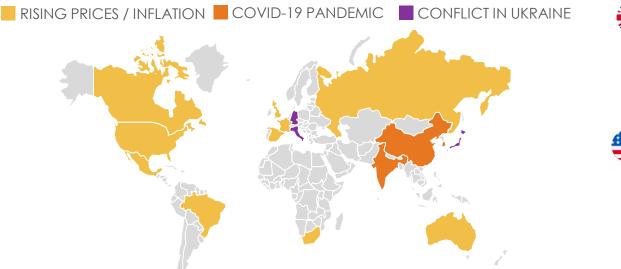


# **DYOUKNOW?**

The world is now battling a three-headed monster – rising prices, COVID, and the conflict in Ukraine all threaten to take a bite out of consumer confidence and limit our ability to return to what we might imagine to be a "normal" situation.

# Inflation is a top concern across most of the world, but priorities differ based on proximity to conflict and pandemic response plans

### **TOP CONCERNS – FIRST OR SECOND PRIORITIES**





Getting COVID has just totally thrown a bomb into my life. There are no restrictions now! So everyone is getting it. It's like 1-in-10 people have it at the moment.

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Inflation is seriously insane. Gas prices are almost \$5 a gallon...The biggest stress of my life is money.

# Most consumers are concerned about paying bills – and 8 in 10 feel the risk of inflation is moderate to high

### CONCERN FOR ABILITY TO PAY BILLS, BY COUNTRY

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India	4	5%	39%	84%
Brazil	43	%	46%	89%
Italy	415	%	44%	84%
South Africa	405	76	39%	80%
Mexico	31%		50%	81%
Russia	25%	5	3%	78%
UK	22%	43%		65%
Spain	21%	46%		67%
US	21%	36%		57%
Germany	20%	38%		57%
France	19%	49%		67%
Canada	16%	39%		55%
Australia	15%	42%		57%
Japan	14%	33%		47%
China	10%	46%		55%
South Korea	9%	44%		53%

## THOSE WHO PERSONALLY FEEL RISING PRICES AND INFLATION POSE A...



Consumer well-being can be tied to the stress from inflation – those who are at high risk are much more likely to have a negative outlook



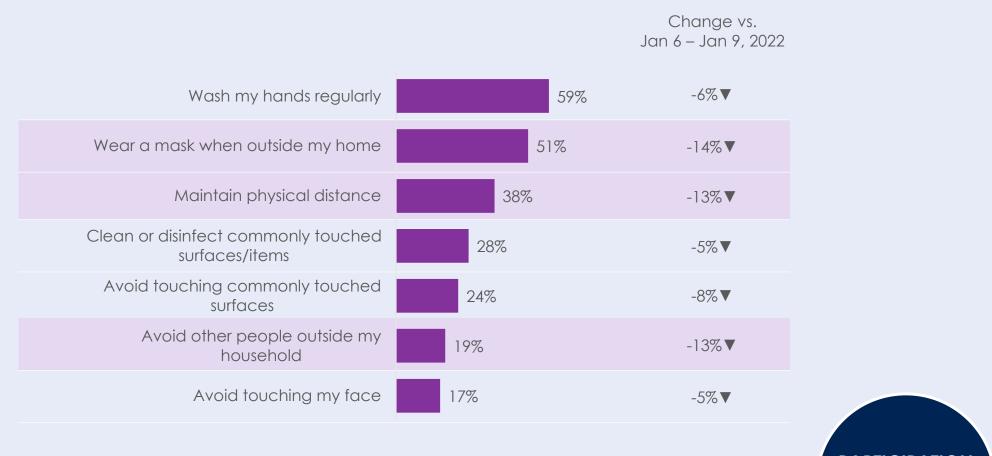


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## Many countries have eased COVID-19 restrictions and citizens are embracing the change

#### TOP MEASURES TAKEN TO STAY PROTECTED (PAST 4 WEEKS)



PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES trending in APRIL

# Consumers are resuming travel and heading back to restaurants





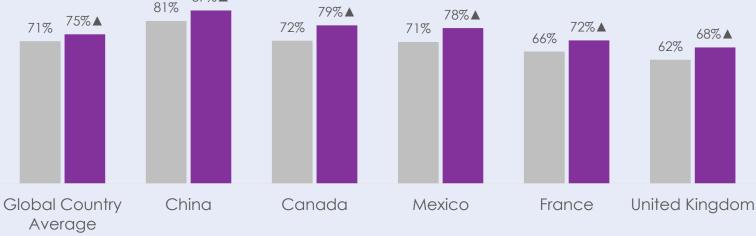
CURRENTLY DINING INDOORS AT A RESTAURANT



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# Still, with restrictions easing and fewer taking preventative measures, citizens are increasingly worried about new COVID variants

"I'M WORRIED THAT NEW COVID-19 VARIANTS WILL DELAY THINGS GETTING BACK TO NORMAL" (TOP-2 BOX AGREEMENT)



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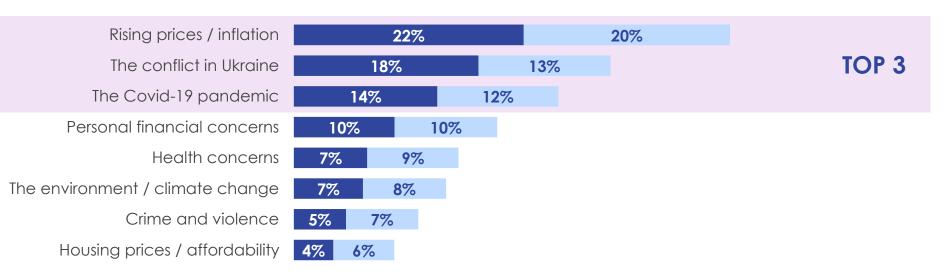


Beyond the pandemic, citizens react and adapt to global issues impacting their lives – from rising prices to the conflict in Ukraine .



## Inflation continues to be the top concern, followed closely by the conflict in Ukraine

FIRST CONCERN SECOND CONCERN

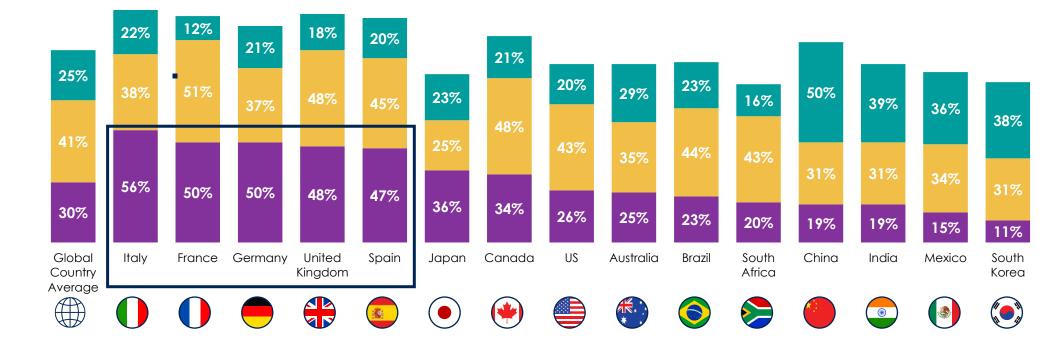


## The conflict in Ukraine hits closer to home – quite literally – for European countries

**TOP CONCERN** 

THE CONFLICT IN UKRAINE

RISING PRICES / INFLATION THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

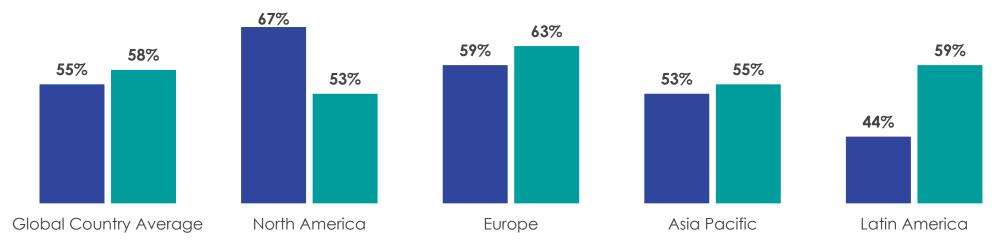


The Ukraine conflict has led the world to be more diligent with their spending and cautious of which companies they support

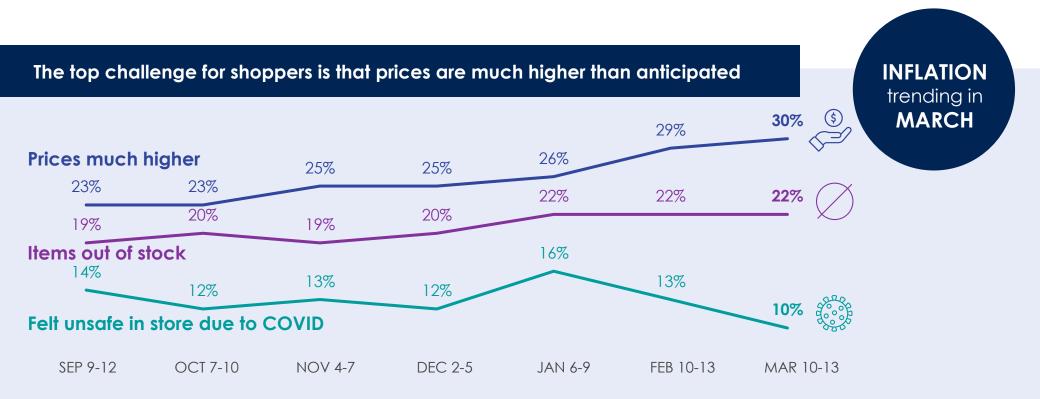
### "TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING?" (TOP-2 BOX AGREEMENT)

I will not buy from any companies that work with or in Russia

I'm being more careful with my spending when I shop because of the conflict in Ukraine







### With rising prices and global unrest, consumers are planning to spend less across most categories

### PURCHASE DOWNGRADES AND UPGRADES EXPECTED IN THE NEXT MONTH

	SPEND LESS	SPEND MORE	
Food - Groceries	10%	23%	+13%
Food - Meal delivery or restaurant	20%	15%	-5%
Clothing, footwear, fashion	20%	13%	-7%
Entertainment - Inside the home	14%	13%	-1%
Financial investments	13%	13%	-
Home or Home Improvements	15%	13%	<b>-2</b> %
Travel or Vacation	18%	13%	-5%
Automobile	13%	13%	-
Personal care or Beauty products	14%	12%	<b>-2</b> %
Entertainment - Outside the home	20%	12%	-8%
Telecommunications	11%	12%	+1%
Charitable donations	13%	11%	-2%
Pets and pet supplies	9%	11%	+2%
Home electronics	16%	10%	-6%
Home appliances	15%	10%	-5%
Alcoholic beverages	18%	9%	<b>-9</b> %
Exercise products or services	14%	9%	-5%

# The impact of inflation is hitting us most at a national and global level

### LEVEL OF RISK RISING PRICES AND INFLATION HAVE ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING

MODERATE RISK HIGH RISK HIGH/MODERATE RISK

77%

77%

83%

85%



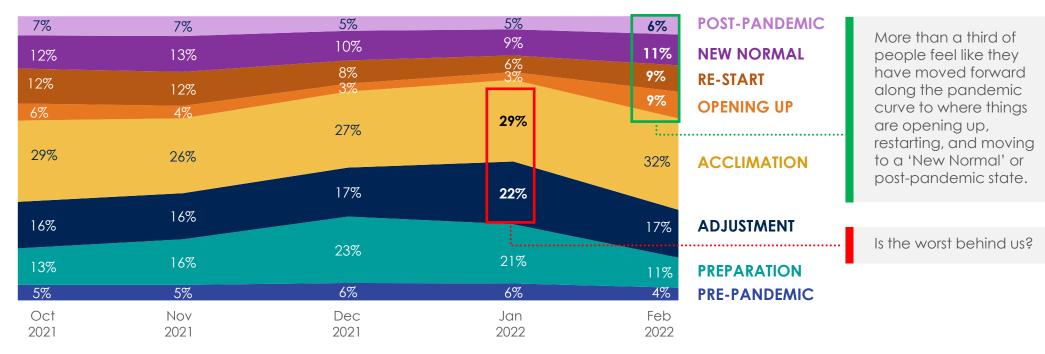
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February 2022 marks two years since Ipsos first began the *Essentials* global tracker. Today, the world views COVID-19 as less of a threat and are ready to move on, amid dropping confidence in institutions and rising concerns about inflation and prices. In fact, inflation now surpasses the coronavirus as the top concern among global citizens.

# February 2022 posts the largest one-month global bounce back since the beginning of the pandemic

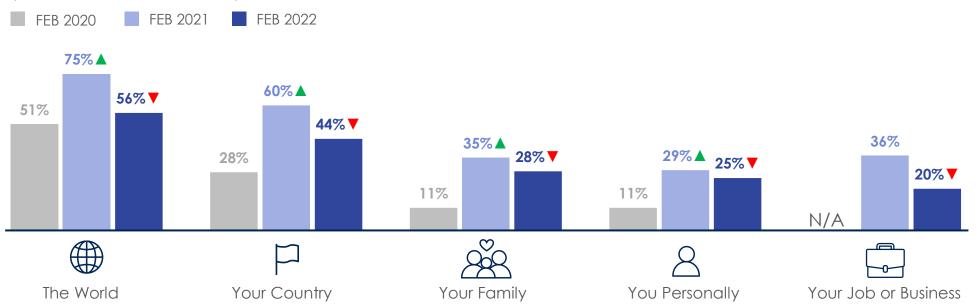
### WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING PHASES BEST DESCRIBES YOUR CURRENT SITUATION REGARDING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC?



## After a tumultuous 2021, COVID-19 is seen as much less of a threat now

### WHAT LEVEL OF THREAT DO YOU THINK THE CORONAVIRUS POSES TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING?

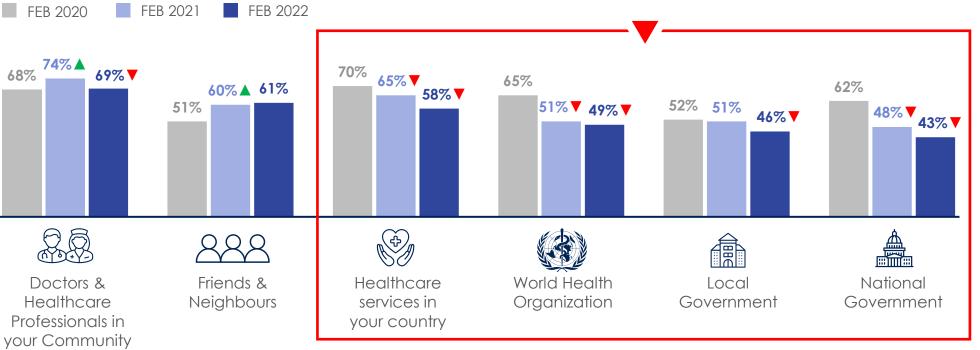
(% VERY HIGH + HIGH THREAT)



### Citizen confidence in institutions continues to decline, whether global, national or local

### HOW CONFIDENT ARE YOU THE FOLLOWING ARE PREPARED AND CAN EFFECTIVELY DEAL WITH THE CORONAVIRUS?

#### (% VERY + SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT)





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Consumerism has a profound impact on the world; some of us are motivated to reduce our carbon footprint while others have competing priorities

FOCUS ON the ENVIRONMENT

### **CONSUMER SEGMENTATION\* BASED ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS**

ACTIVISTS 17%	PRAGMATISTS 29%	CONFLICTED CONTRIBUTORS 18%	SKEPTICS 16%	DISENGAGED DENIALISTS 19%
Younger and more likely female. Believe environment is at a critical stage and the world must act now. Will compromise lifestyle for environment.	Older & affluent. Concerned about the environment and will take action through low-cost, home-oriented actions. Will compromise if necessary.	Concerned about the environment but their financial situation takes precedence.	Think concern for climate change is overblown. See many barriers to action on climate change, believing that it is inconvenient, expensive and not a priority.	Environment is either not a concern, not immediate, or largely overblown. Less inclined to take environmental action nor believe companies should act.

\*More than 40 variables were used to help define the consumer groups. Global Base: 10,530

Inflation, the pandemic, and personal finances are amongst the competing priorities taking precedence over the environment

### TOP CONCERNS | BY GROUP

\*Index 120 or higher relative to Global Country Average

	ACTIVISTS		PRAGMAT	PRAGMATISTS CONFLICTED CONTRIBUTORS		SKEPTICS		DISENGAGED DENIALISTS		
#1	The Environment 35%*		COVID-19 41%		Inflation 49%*		COVID-19 49%*		COVID-19 32%	
<b>#2</b>	COVID-19 32%		Inflation 40%		COVID-19 30%		Inflation 37%		Inflation 31%	
#3	Inflation 28%		Health concerns 21% The Environment 21%		Personal Finance 29%*	°S 🦳	Health concerns 21%		Personal Finance: 22%	5

In February 2022, inflation surpassed the pandemic as the top concern among global citizens



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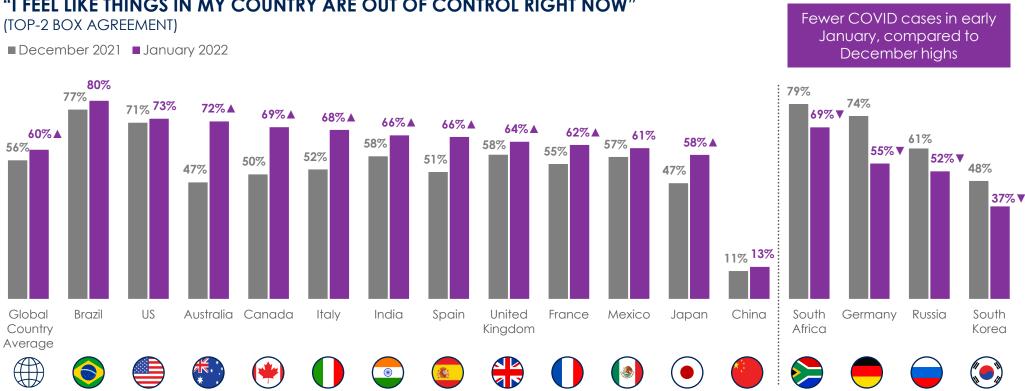
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# **DYOUKNOW?**

Almost 2 years after the WHO declared COVID a global pandemic, citizens are increasingly feeling like things are out of control, and many governments have introduced new restrictions. Globally, citizens have moved from anxiety to annoyance, and we are all eager for things to open up. The Ipsos team predicts the public mood will remain volatile in 2022 as we increasingly learn to live with COVID.



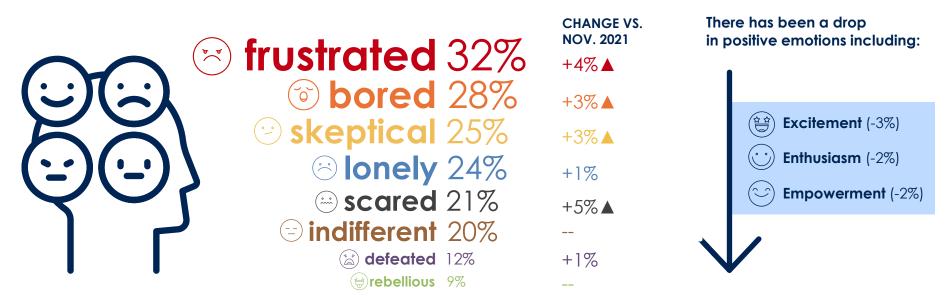
# In most countries surveyed, the perception of things being out of control has increased since December



# "I FEEL LIKE THINGS IN MY COUNTRY ARE OUT OF CONTROL RIGHT NOW"

A spike in frustration, boredom, skepticism and fear is felt across the globe

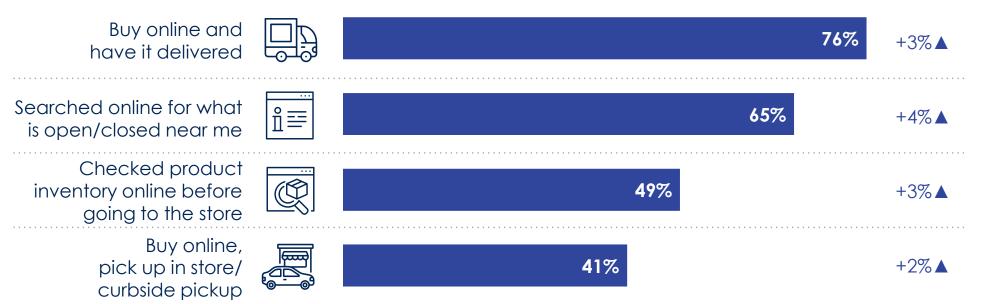
# WHICH OF THESE WORDS DESCRIBE YOUR STATE OF MIND RIGHT NOW?



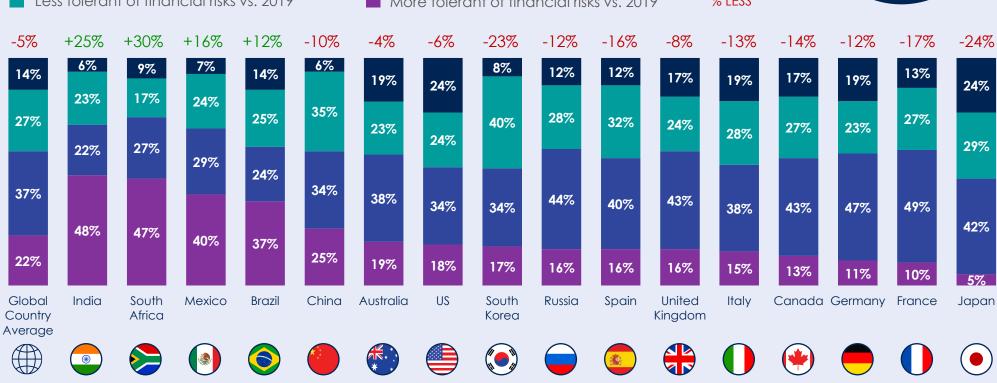
With the risk posed by Omicron, shoppers are increasingly participating in Online-to-Offline activities

### **REPORTED PARTICIPATION IN OMNICHANNEL ACTIVITIES** PAST 4 WEEKS

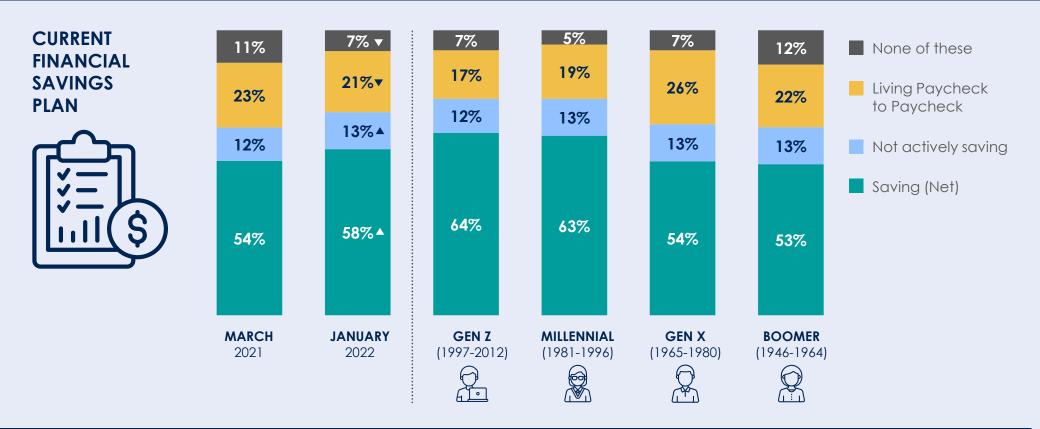
#### CHANGE VS. NOV. 2021







Amid COVID unpredictability, citizens have fewer ways to spend; savings are at their highest since March 2021

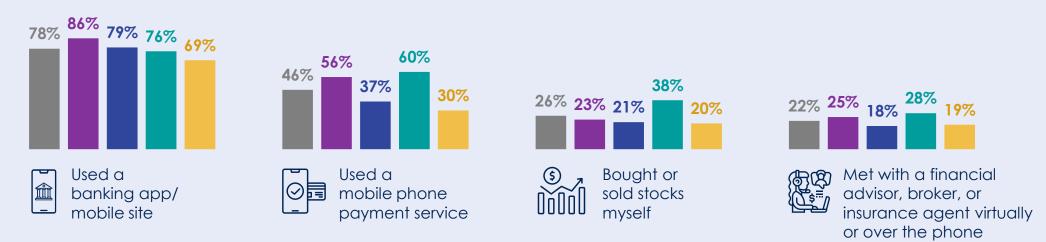


# LATAM and APAC have the highest adoption of digital financial activities

# **CURRENT PARTICIPATION IN DIGITAL FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

(PAST 4 WEEKS)

📕 Global Country Average 📕 LATAM 📕 EMEA 📕 APAC 📕 NA



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