

BEIS Public Attitudes Tracker – Wave 35 questionnaire

Renewable energy

ASK ALL

Q3. The next question is about renewable energy. This covers a number of different forms, including wind power, solar energy and biomass.

Do you support or oppose the use of renewable energy for providing our electricity, fuel and heat?

[INVERT ORDER OF RESPONSES 1-5]

1. Strongly support
2. Support
3. Neither support nor oppose
4. Oppose
5. Strongly oppose
6. Don't know

ASK ALL

Q13. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose the use of the following renewable energy developments:

[RANDOMISE ORDER OF STATEMENTS]

- a) On-shore wind
- b) Biomass – this includes any plant or animal base material such as wood, specially grown energy crops, and other organic wastes that can be used in the process of creating energy
- c) Off-shore wind
- d) Wave and tidal
- e) Solar

[INVERT ORDER OF RESPONSES 1-5]

1. Strongly support
2. Support
3. Neither support nor oppose
4. Oppose
5. Strongly oppose
6. Don't know

Shale gas

ASK ALL

The next question is about shale gas. Shale gas is natural gas found in shale, a non-porous rock which does not allow the gas to escape.

Hydraulic fracturing or “fracking” is a process of pumping water at high pressure into shale to create narrow fractures which allow the gas to be released and captured.

The gas can then be used for electricity and heating.

ASK ALL

Q15a. Before today, how much, if anything, did you know about hydraulic fracturing for shale gas, otherwise known as 'fracking'?

[INVERT ORDER OF RESPONSES 1-4]

1. Knew a lot about it
2. Knew a little about it
3. Aware of it but did not really know what it was
4. Never heard of it

ASK ALL

Q15b. From what you know, or have heard about, extracting **shale gas** to generate the UK's heat and electricity, do you support or oppose its use?

[INVERT ORDER OF STATEMENTS 1-5]

1. Strongly support
2. Support
3. Neither support nor oppose
4. Oppose
5. Strongly oppose
6. Don't know/no opinion

ASK IF Q15b=1 OR 2

Q15c. You said that you support hydraulic fracturing for shale gas, otherwise known as fracking. Why is this?

Please select all that apply.

RANDOMISE LIST

1. Good for local jobs/ investment
2. Reduces dependence on other countries for UK's energy supply
3. Reduces dependence on other fossil fuels (coal, oil)
4. We need to use all available energy sources
5. Positive impact on climate change / meeting carbon reduction targets
6. Cheaper energy bills
7. Positive impact on UK economy
8. No specific reason (SINGLE CODE)
9. Other reason (please type in)
10. Don't know

ASK IF Q15b=4 OR 5

Q15d. You said that you oppose hydraulic fracturing for shale gas, otherwise known as fracking. Why is this?

Please select all that apply.

RANDOMISE LIST

1. Loss/destruction of natural environment
2. Increased traffic/noise/disruption
3. Use of chemicals in the process
4. Should focus on developing renewable energy sources
5. Should focus on developing other energy sources
6. Risk of contamination to water supply
7. Risk of earthquakes
8. Negative impact on climate change / meeting carbon reduction targets
9. Not a safe process
10. Negative reports in the media
11. Too much risk / uncertainty to support at present
12. No specific reason (SINGLE CODE)
13. Other reason (please type in)
14. Don't know

ASK IF Q15b=3 OR 6

Q15e. You said that you [IF Q15b=6 - don't know whether you support or oppose] [IF Q15b=3 - neither support nor oppose] hydraulic fracturing for shale gas, otherwise known as fracking. Why is this?

Please select all that apply.

RANDOMISE LIST

1. Don't know enough about it
2. Not interested in it
3. I can see the positives and negatives
4. Haven't made up my mind yet
5. Will have no impact on me
6. I've heard campaigns for and against and I don't know what to believe
7. Have never heard of it
8. Other reason (please type in)

Climate change

ASK ALL

Q21. How concerned, if at all, are you about climate change, sometimes referred to as 'global warming'?

[INVERT ORDER OF RESPONSES 1-4]

1. Very concerned
2. Fairly concerned
3. Not very concerned
4. Not at all concerned
5. Don't know

Net Zero

ASK ALL

Q220. The Government promotes the concept of 'Net Zero'. Before today, how much, if anything, did you know about this concept?

1. Hadn't heard about this before now
2. Hardly anything but I've heard of this
3. A little
4. A fair amount
5. A lot
6. Don't know

Insulation and energy efficiency

ASK ALL

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Q5INTRO Now some questions about types of insulation in your home. For each of the following types of insulation, please state whether this has been installed in your home.

SET UP A LOOP OF PAIRED QUESTIONS (Q5NEW1 & Q5NEW2) WITH THE FOLLOWING 5 OPTIONS. IF POSSIBLE RANDOMISE ORDER IN WHICH THESE ARE ASKED.

- a) Loft insulation or top-up loft insulation
- b) Double glazing
- c) Cavity wall insulation
- d) Solid wall insulation
- e) Under floor insulation

Q5NEW1a-e Thinking [first/next] about [X], has this been installed in this home, even if not by you or your household?

If you are renting or not the main householder, please answer based on what you think has been installed, otherwise record 'don't know'.

- 1. Yes, in the last 12 months
- 2. Yes, over a year ago
- 3. In process of being installed
- 4. No
- 5. Don't know

IF NO OR DK AT Q5NEW1

Q5NEW2a-e Still thinking about the installation of X, which of the following best applies to your household?

- 1. I am/We are thinking about doing this
 - 2. Would like to do this, but not at this stage
 - 3. Don't want to do this
 - 4. Haven't thought about doing this
 - 5. Have never heard of this
 - 6. Not applicable - not my decision to make
 - 7. Not applicable - not possible to install in my property
- Don't know

ASK IF 'ALREADY DONE' ANY MEASURES AT Q5 (IF ANY Q5NEW1a-e = 1/2)

Q6a. Which, if any, of these measures have been undertaken since you have lived in your property?

Please select all that apply.

1. LIST OF MEASURES CODED TO 'ALREADY DONE THIS' AT Q5
2. None of these
3. Don't know

ASK IF MORE THAN ONE MEASURE CODED AT Q6a

Q6b. And were these measures undertaken at the same time or at separate times?

1. All at the same time
2. Some (but not all) at the same time [ONLY DISPLAY IF > 2 MEASURES CODED AT Q6a]
3. All at separate times
4. Don't know

ASK IF Q5NEW2a=1,2,3

Q6c_1. Are there any particular reasons why you haven't installed loft insulation or top-up loft insulation so far?

RANDOMISE

1. Home is already energy efficient/ warm enough
2. Too expensive
3. Installation would cause too much hassle / disruption
4. Not a priority
5. Not convinced of the benefits
6. Not appropriate for my home
7. Do not own property
8. Never thought about it
- 9.
10. Have not got around to it
11. Other (specify)
12. Don't Know

ASK IF Q5NEW2b=1,2,3Q6c_2. Are there any particular reasons why you haven't installed double glazing so far?

RANDOMISE

1. Home is already energy efficient/ warm enough
2. Too expensive
3. Installation would cause too much hassle / disruption
4. Not a priority
5. Not convinced of the benefits
6. Not appropriate for my home
7. Do not own property
8. Never thought about it
9. Have not got around to it
10. Other (specify)
11. Don't Know

ASK IF Q5NEW2c=1,2,3Q6c_3. Are there any particular reasons why you haven't installed cavity wall insulation so far?

RANDOMISE

1. Home is already energy efficient/ warm enough
2. Too expensive
3. Installation would cause too much hassle / disruption
4. Not a priority
5. Not convinced of the benefits
6. Not appropriate for my home
7. Do not own property
8. Never thought about it
9. I
10. Have not got around to it
11. Other (specify)
12. Don't Know

ASK IF Q5NEW2d=1,2,3Q6c_4. Are there any particular reasons why you haven't installed solid wall insulation so far?

RANDOMISE

1. Home is already energy efficient/ warm enough
2. Too expensive
3. Installation would cause too much hassle / disruption
4. Not a priority
5. Not convinced of the benefits
6. Not appropriate for my home
7. Do not own property
8. Never thought about it
9. Have not got around to it
10. Other (specify)
11. Don't Know

ASK IF Q5NEW2e=1,2,3Q6c_5. Are there any particular reasons why you haven't installed under floor insulation so far?

RANDOMISE

1. Home is already energy efficient/ warm enough
2. Too expensive
3. Installation would cause too much hassle / disruption
4. Not a priority
5. Not convinced of the benefits
6. Not appropriate for my home
7. Do not own property
8. Never thought about it
9. Have not got around to it
10. Other (specify)
11. Don't Know

Awareness of EPC rating

ASK ALL

Q24a. Do you know what the Energy performance certificate (EPC) rating for your home is?

[INVERT ORDER OF RESPONSES 1-4]

1. Yes, I know the exact rating
2. Yes, I have a sense of what the rating is
3. I'm aware of EPCs but I don't know what the EPC rating for my home is
4. I've not heard of EPCs

ASK IF Q24a = 1, 2 or 3

Q24b. Do you recall seeing a section on your Energy Performance Certificate which recommended how you could improve the energy efficiency of your home?

1. Yes
2. No / I haven't seen it
3. Don't know

ASK IF Q24b = 1

Q24c_1. Now think about the recommendations you saw on your Energy Performance Certificate on how you could improve the energy efficiency of your home.

Did you make any changes to your home based on these recommendations?
Please select all that apply.

1. Yes, I made large changes to my home (e.g. insulation, new boiler) based on the recommendations.
2. Yes, I made small changes to my home (e.g. energy efficient light bulbs) based on the recommendations.
3. No – I did not make any changes based on the recommendations

ASK IF Q24c_1= 1 OR 2

Q24c_2. And did you make these changes...

1. Directly because of the recommendations in the Energy Performance Certificate
2. Or would you have made them anyway?
3.] A mixture of both
4. Don't know

ASK IF Q24c_1= 1 OR 2

Q24c_3. To what extent did the recommendations on the Energy Performance Certificate inform you about what was needed to go ahead with the changes you made?

1. It gave me all the information I needed
2. It gave me most of the information I needed but I needed a small amount of further information
3. It gave me a little of the information I needed but I needed a lot of further information
4. A mixture of the above
5. Don't know

Minimum energy standards for rental properties

ASK ALL

Q140. How much, if anything, do you know about the minimum energy standards for rental properties?

1. A lot
2. A fair amount
3. Not very much
4. Nothing at all

Radioactive waste

ASK ALL

Q26a. How much, if anything, do you know about the way the UK currently manages **radioactive waste**?

[INVERT ORDER OF RESPONSES]

1. A lot
2. A fair amount
3. Not very much
4. Nothing at all

The next question is about **Geological Disposal Facilities**. These are deep underground facilities for the permanent disposal of radioactive waste.

ASK ALL

Q26b. Before today, how much, if anything, did you know about the UK's plans to dispose of radioactive waste in Geological Disposal Facilities in the UK?

[INVERT ORDER OF RESPONSES]

1. Knew a lot about them
2. Knew a little about them
3. Aware of them but don't really know what they are
4. Never heard of them

Energy sources

ASK ALL

Q37. As far as you know, which of these are used as energy sources in your home – for example, to provide heating or to power appliances.

Please exclude anything used outside of your home – for example fuel for vehicles.

Please select all that apply.

1. Electricity
2. Natural gas (mains gas)
3. Bottled gas
4. Oil
5. Wood
6. Coal
7. Other
8. Don't know

Advanced nuclear

ASK ALL

The next question is about Small Modular Reactors. These are new types of nuclear reactors, similar to existing nuclear power stations, but on a smaller scale. They can be used for electricity generation, to provide industry with heat and power, or to provide energy to UK communities. not connected to the national gas grid.

Q160. Before today, how much, if anything, did you know about Small Modular Reactors?

1. I knew a great deal
2. I knew a fair amount
3. I knew just a little bit
4. I had heard of this but knew almost nothing about it
5. I had never heard of this

Decommissioning of offshore oil and gas installations and pipelines

ASK ALL

Q170. The next question is about offshore oil and gas in the North Sea. When an oil field reaches the end of its life, oil companies must remove it or withdraw it from service. This includes the physical infrastructure that has been used to extract the oil and gas. This is called decommissioning.

Before today, how much, if anything, do you know about decommissioning offshore oil and gas infrastructure?

1. I knew a great deal about it
2. I knew a fair amount about it
3. I knew just a little bit about it
4. I had heard of this but knew almost nothing about it
5. I had never heard of it

Fusion Energy

ASK ALL

Q230. Fusion energy is an experimental technology that works by fusing together atoms in order to release energy. The UK is exploring whether this technology could be used to generate zero carbon electricity.

Before today, how much, if anything, did you know about fusion energy?

1. Knew a lot about it
2. Knew a little about it
3. Aware of it but did not really know what it was
4. Never heard of it
5. Don't know

ASK ALL

Q231. From what you know, or have heard about fusion energy, do you support or oppose the UK developing this technology?

1. Strongly support
2. Support
3. Neither support nor oppose
4. Oppose
5. Strongly oppose
6. Don't know/no opinion

Workers' rights

ASK ALL

Q150. What is your current working status?

If you have more than one job, please answer about the job with the most hours.

Select one response only.

1. Employed and currently working
2. Employed but on paid leave (including furlough)
3. On maternity or paternity leave
4. Employed and on unpaid leave
5. Self-employed and currently working
6. Self-employed but not currently working
7. Unemployed
8. Permanently sick or disabled
9. Looking after home or family
10. In education at school/college/university
11. Retired
12. Doing something else

ASK IF Q150=1/2/3/4

Q150b Do you usually work full-time or part-time?

If you are temporarily not working (e.g. due to furlough) please answer about your job before your status changed.

1. Full-time (30+ hours a week)
2. Part-time (less than 30 hours a week)

ASK IF Q150=1,2,3,4

Q151. Thinking about your main job, which of the following applies to you?

If you are temporarily not working (e.g. due to furlough) please answer about your job before your status changed.

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

1. My job is permanent
2. I work for an employment agency
3. My work is casual or seasonal
4. My work is done under contract for a fixed period or for a fixed task
5. My job is temporary in some other way
6. Don't know

ASK IF Q150=1,2 3, 4

Q152. How are you usually paid?

If you are temporarily not working (e.g. due to furlough) please answer about your job before your status changed

1. On a continuous basis
2. Or on a job by job basis, only when working
3. Don't know

ASK IF Q150=1,2,3,4

Q153. Some people have special working hours arrangements that vary daily or weekly. In your main job is your agreed working arrangement any of the following?

If you are temporarily not working (e.g. due to furlough) please answer about your job before your status changed.

Please select all that apply

1. Zero hours contract
2. Flexitime (flexible working hours)
3. An annualised hours contract
4. Term-time working
5. Job sharing
6. A nine-day fortnight
7. A four-and-a-half day week
8. On-call working
9. None of these
10. Don't know

ASK IF Q150=1,2,3,4

Q154. How much would you say you know about your employment rights at work?

CODE ONE ONLY

1. Nothing
2. A little
3. A fair amount
4. A lot
5. Don't know

ASK IF Q150=1,2,3,4

Q155. If you needed to find out information about your employment rights at work, where would you find this?

Please select all that apply.

1. Employer/HR department
2. Citizens Advice
3. Solicitor
4. Trade Union/other professional body
5. ACAS
6. Family and friends
7. Government department/government websites
8. General internet search
9. Other (SPECIFY)
10. Don't know

ASK IF Q150=5-12

Q156. Have you worked as an employee in the last two years, that is since [MONTH YEAR]?

1. Yes
2. No

ASK IF Q150=1,2,3,4 or Q156=1

Q157. Now a few questions about any problems or disputes you may have experienced at work.

In the last two years, since [MONTH YEAR], have you **personally** had a problem to do with your employment rights at work in any of these areas?

Please select all that apply

1. Taking unpaid parental leave
2. Taking shared parental leave or pay following birth or adoption
3. Taking time off to look after a dependent child or relative in an emergency
4. Maternity leave/pay
5. Paternity leave/pay
6. Adoption leave or pay
7. None of these
8. Don't know

ASK IF Q150=1,2,3,4 or Q156=1

Q158. In the last two years, since [MONTH YEAR], have you **personally** had a problem to do with your employment rights at work in any of these areas?

Please select all that apply

1. Taking rest breaks at work
2. Holiday entitlement/holiday pay
3. Total number of hours you are required to work
4. Your working pattern (e.g. having to work evenings, weekends)
5. A request you made to work flexibly
6. Rights to work at home
7. Problems to do with pay
8. Your rights as an agency worker/temp
9. Your rights as a part-time worker
10. Receiving a contract or written statement of the terms and conditions of your job
11. None of these
12. Don't know

ASK IF Q150=1,2,3,4 or Q156=1

Q159. In the last two years, since [MONTH YEAR], have you **personally** had a problem to do with your employment rights at work in any of these areas?

Please select all that apply

1. Employer not following/not aware of set procedure when dealing with a complaint against you at work
2. Employer not following/not aware of set procedure when dealing with a work related grievance or other problem
3. Being unfairly dismissed
4. Employer not informing you about changes at the workplace
5. Problems to do with Health and Safety at work
6. Problems to do with taking time off sick or sick pay
7. Problems to do with your pension /retirement
8. Other employment rights problems at work
9. Discrimination
10. None of these
11. Don't know

IF ANY EMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS RECORDED AT Q57/Q158/Q159

QPROBSCOVWHEN You mentioned one or more problems to do with your employment rights at work in the past 2 years. [IF ONE PROBLEM: Did this problem/IF 2+ PROBLEMS: Did any of these problems] occur since March 2020?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

IF ANY EMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS SINCE MARCH 2020 (QPROBSCOVWHEN=1)

QPROBSCOVREL [IF ONE PROBLEM: Was this problem/IF 2+ PROBLEMS: Were any of these problems] in any way related to the coronavirus outbreak?

1. Yes, definitely
2. Yes probably
3. Probably not
4. No, not related to virus outbreak
5. Don't know

Demographics

ASK ALL

Q27. Which of the following types of property best describes your accommodation?

1. Flat or Maisonette
2. Terrace Property
3. Semi Detached Property
4. Detached Property
5. Other (please type in)
6. Don't know

ASK ALL

Q28. And what is the **main** way you heat this property during the winter?

Central heating

1. Gas
2. Oil
3. Solid fuel – coal
4. Solid fuel – biomass (e.g. wood)

Fixed room heaters

5. Electric (storage)
6. Gas
7. Electric (not storage)
8. Solid fuel (open fire/enclosed stove) – coal
9. Solid fuel (open fire/enclosed stove) – wood

Portable heaters

10. Electric
11. Other

Other

12. Communal or district heating
13. Other (please type in)
14. Don't know

ASK ALL

Q29. Are you connected to mains gas in your property?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

IF Q29 = YES

Q30. And do you **use** mains gas in your property?

1. Yes

2. No
3. Don't know

ASK ALL

Q31. Are there any pensioners living in this household?

By this we mean people over state pension age.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know
4. Refused

ASK ALL

Q32. Does anyone in your household have a long-standing illness, disability or infirmity? By long-standing we mean anything that has troubled you or them over a period of time or that is likely to affect you or them over a period of time.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know
4. Refused

ASK ALL

Q33. Please select the income group which represents your **household's total income**, before tax and any other deductions. This includes earnings from employment or self-employment, income from benefits and pensions, and income from other sources such as interest from savings.

Annual	Weekly	Monthly
Under £2,500	Under £50	Under £200
2,500 - £4,999	£50 - £99	£200 - £399
£5,000 - £9,999	£100 - £199	£400 - £829
10,000 - £15,999	£200 - £309	£830 - £1329
16,000 - £19,999	£310 - £389	£1,330 - £1,649
£20,000 - £24,999	£390 - £489	£1,650 - £2,099
25,000 - £29,999	£490 - £579	£2,100 - £2,499
30,000 - £34,999	£580 - £679	£2,500 - £2,899
£35,000 - £39,999	£680 - £769	£2,900 - £3,349
40,000 - £44,999	£770 - £869	£3,350 - £3,749
45,000 - £49,999	£870 - £969	£3,750 - £4,149
£50,000 or more	£970 or more	£4,150 or more
Don't know		
Refused		

ASK if Q33=DK

Q33_1. Please select the income group which of these represents your **household's total income**, before tax and any other deductions. This includes earnings from employment or self-employment, income from benefits and pensions, and income from other sources such as interest from savings.

Annual	Weekly	Monthly
Up to £15,999	Up to £309	Up to £1,329
16,000 - £24,999	£310 - £489	£1,330 - £2,099
£25,000 - £34,999	£490 - £679	£2,100 - £2,899
£35,000 - £49,999	£680 - £969	£2,900 - £4,149
£50,000 or more	£970 or more	£4,150 or more
Don't know		
Refused		

ASK IF Q33_1 = DK

Q34_1. Is your **household's total income**, before tax and any other deductions more than or less than £16,000 per year?

1. £16,000 or more per year
2. Less than £16,000 per year
3. Don't know
4. Refused