

Greenpeace Fracking Survey

METHODOLOGY NOTE

Methodology Note: ComRes interviewed 2,035 British adults online between 20th and 22nd March 2015. Data were weighted to be representative of all GB adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

Q1. Fracking is a process by which natural gas is extracted for energy production from underground by drilling a hole, creating a tiny explosion to fracture the rock and then injecting water, sand and chemicals at high pressure to allow gas to be released. To what extent would you support or oppose energy companies fracking for natural gas in Britain?

Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	2035	949	1086	282	238	285	384	356	490	601	617	332	485	244	768
Weighted base	2035	997	1038	242	343	343	363	302	443	544	564	443	483	282	857
NET: Support	856 42%	560 56%	296 29%	88 36%	146 43%	117 34%	131 36%	117 39%	257 58%	258 47%	229 41%	190 43%	179 37%	106 38%	362 42%
Strongly support	(4) 236 12%	178 18%	58 6%	16 7%	37 11%	27 8%	39 11%	27 9%	89 20%	89 16%	60 11%	40 9%	46 9%	34 12%	90 10%
Tend to support	(3) 621 30%	382 38%	238 23%	71 30%	109 32%	91 26%	92 25%	90 30%	168 38%	169 31%	169 30%	150 34%	133 28%	72 26%	272 32%
Tend to oppose	(2) 360 18%	135 14%	225 22%	42 17%	48 14%	78 23%	62 17%	69 23%	61 14%	107 20%	97 17%	81 18%	75 16%	55 20%	150 17%
Strongly oppose	(1) 347 17%	169 17%	178 17%	33 14%	55 16%	54 16%	75 21%	66 22%	63 14%	84 15%	98 17%	56 13%	109 22%	54 19%	134 16%
NET: Oppose	707 35%	304 30%	403 39%	75 31%	103 30%	132 39%	138 38%	135 45%	124 28%	191 35%	195 35%	137 31%	184 38%	110 39%	284 33%
Don't know	472 23%	133 13%	339 33%	79 33%	93 27%	93 27%	94 26%	50 17%	62 14%	95 17%	140 25%	116 26%	121 25%	67 24%	211 25%
Mean	2.48	2.66	2.25	2.44	2.51	2.36	2.35	2.31	2.74	2.59	2.45	2.53	2.32	2.40	2.49
Standard deviation	1.00	1.01	0.93	0.92	1.00	0.94	1.04	0.98	1.00	1.01	1.00	0.92	1.03	1.03	0.97
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.07	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.08	0.04

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Unweighted base	2035	1766	179	84	212	181	201	154	90	189	267	282	196	500	550	104	277	
Weighted base	2035	1750	183	81	224	183	183	142	102	204	265	285	183	493	552	110	288	
NET: Support	856 42%	747 43%	68 37%	30 37%	109 49%	86 47%	74 41%	56 40%	41 41%	86 42%	106 40%	123 43%	76 41%	287 58%	197 36%	50 46%	167 58%	
Strongly support	(4) 12%	236 12%	213 12%	16 9%	8 10%	30 13%	24 13%	16 9%	18 13%	7 6%	23 12%	38 14%	37 13%	18 10%	84 17%	43 8%	14 13%	62 21%
Tend to support	(3) 30%	621 30%	534 31%	52 28%	22 27%	79 35%	61 34%	58 32%	38 27%	35 34%	63 31%	68 26%	86 30%	58 32%	203 41%	154 28%	36 33%	106 37%
Tend to oppose	(2) 18%	360 18%	310 18%	32 17%	16 19%	40 18%	23 13%	32 17%	23 16%	18 18%	31 15%	55 21%	54 19%	37 20%	80 16%	115 21%	22 20%	35 12%
Strongly oppose	(1) 17%	347 17%	279 16%	50 27%	11 13%	37 16%	27 15%	26 14%	25 17%	19 18%	42 21%	41 15%	40 14%	30 16%	34 7%	119 22%	18 17%	42 15%
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Don't know	472 23%	414 24%	34 19%	25 30%	38 17%	47 26%	52 28%	38 26%	23 23%	44 21%	63 24%	68 24%	41 22%	92 19%	122 22%	19 18%	43 15%	
Mean	2.48	2.51	2.23	2.49	2.55	2.62	2.49	2.47	2.38	2.42	2.51	2.55	2.44	2.84	2.28	2.52	2.76	
Standard deviation	1.00	0.99	1.03	0.97	0.99	1.00	0.95	1.04	0.94	1.04	1.02	0.98	0.96	0.85	0.98	0.99	1.02	
Standard error	0.03	0.03	0.08	0.13	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.10	0.11	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.04	0.05	0.11	0.07	

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Q2. If a local candidate in the General Election backed the prospect of drilling for shale gas, known as "fracking", in your local area, would it make you more or less likely to vote for them? Or would it make no difference?

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NET: More likely to vote for them	260 13%	178 18%	83 8%	27 11%	66 19%	27 8%	36 10%	31 10%	73 16%	99 18%	62 11%	64 14%	35 7%	42 15%	112 13%
Would make me much more likely to vote for them (+2)	94 5%	74 7%	20 2%	5 2%	19 5%	12 3%	13 4%	15 5%	30 7%	37 7%	27 5%	17 4%	12 3%	14 5%	40 5%
Would make me a little more likely to vote for them (+1)	166 8%	103 10%	63 6%	22 9%	48 14%	15 4%	23 6%	16 5%	43 10%	62 11%	35 6%	46 10%	23 5%	29 10%	72 8%
Would have no impact (0)	895 44%	474 48%	422 41%	100 41%	122 36%	144 42%	185 51%	120 40%	224 51%	229 42%	257 46%	190 43%	220 46%	109 39%	389 45%
Would make me a little less likely to vote for them (-1)	261 13%	104 10%	157 15%	30 12%	38 11%	64 19%	37 10%	44 15%	47 11%	78 14%	68 12%	58 13%	56 12%	40 14%	105 12%
Would make me much less likely to vote for them (-2)	380 19%	176 18%	204 20%	44 18%	55 16%	60 17%	70 19%	81 27%	70 16%	92 17%	107 19%	68 15%	113 23%	61 22%	139 16%
NET: Less likely to vote for them	640 31%	279 28%	361 35%	74 30%	94 27%	124 36%	107 30%	125 41%	118 27%	170 31%	176 31%	126 28%	169 35%	101 36%	245 29%
Don't know	239 12%	66 7%	172 17%	41 17%	60 18%	48 14%	35 10%	26 9%	28 6%	46 8%	69 12%	65 15%	59 12%	30 11%	112 13%
Mean	-0.37	-0.22	-0.53	-0.42	-0.23	-0.49	-0.39	-0.58	-0.21	-0.25	-0.39	-0.30	-0.55	-0.42	-0.31
Standard deviation	1.07	1.12	1.00	1.03	1.14	1.00	1.02	1.13	1.07	1.12	1.07	1.04	1.03	1.13	1.05
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Would make me much more likely to vote for them (+2)	94 5%	81 5%	8 4%	6 7%	11 5%	7 4%	7 4%	6 4%	5 5%	6 3%	17 6%	16 5%	5 3%	35 7%	22 4%	5 4%	21 7%
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Would have no impact (0)	895 44%	783 45%	64 35%	34 42%	111 49%	94 51%	86 47%	66 46%	48 47%	90 44%	97 37%	123 43%	83 46%	257 52%	248 45%	38 35%	137 48%
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Mean	-0.37	-0.35	-0.58	-0.14	-0.27	-0.26	-0.39	-0.36	-0.32	-0.50	-0.35	-0.34	-0.46	-0.08	-0.40	-0.49	-0.21
Standard deviation	1.07	1.07	1.16	1.13	1.04	1.03	1.02	1.00	1.05	1.03	1.20	1.09	0.99	1.00	1.06	1.13	1.09
Standard error	0.03	0.03	0.09	0.13	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.12	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.12	0.07