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Opinion Polls 2020 Summary

In June-July 2020, we commissioned opinion polls in the following countries:

Europe: Italy, France, Germany, UK, Spain, Switzerland* and Russia

Outside of Europe: India, China and USA

Question 1:

Temperatures measured on land and at sea for more than a century show that the Earth's globally averaged surface temperature in the last 20 years is rising much faster than before. To prevent the rising temperatures from becoming irreversible, scientists suggest abandoning fossil fuels as soon as possible (no later than 2030) and converting all heating systems, food cooking systems and vehicles to be powered by electric or hydrogen energy rather than by fossil fuels. They also recommend producing electricity only from renewable sources by 2030. To what extent would you support or oppose the goal of abandoning fossil fuels, outlined above, if there were to be higher costs for citizens, with electricity/ electric powered products being up to 5% more expensive than it is currently as a result?

Countries	Net Support	Net Oppose	Don't know	Survey made by
1. Italy**	83%	11%	6%	YouGov
2. Germany***	58%	26%	17%	YouGov
3. France	64%	18%	18%	Eumetra Mannheimer
4. Switzerland*	60%	21%	19%	St Gallen University
5. UK	71%	16%	12%	YouGov
6. Spain	80%	14%	6%	YouGov
7. Russia	65%	23%	12%	YouGov
8. China	74%	18%	8%	YouGov
9. India	84%	8%	7%	YouGov
10. USA	59%	25%	16%	YouGov

* The survey was conducted by St Gallen University. Such survey is part of a longer annual survey St Gallen has been conducting since 2011 (<https://kuba.iwoe.unisg.ch>). The question is the following: *To what extent do you agree to the following statement? 'Policymakers should take measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2030'*.

** In July 2019, we commissioned a similar survey to Eumetra Mannheimer (the question did not mention the higher costs for citizens). According to the results, 89% of the Italians would support the net carbon neutrality goal by 2030.

*** In January 2020, we commissioned the same survey to Eumentra Mannheimer. According to the results, only 52% of the Germans would support the net carbon neutrality goal by 2030.

Question 2:

Every day, the levels of greenhouse gases (CO₂, methane, etc.) increase in the atmosphere from human activities such as heating, burning fossil fuels, using transportation etc. For the following question, please imagine that a fee (tax) on the emission of greenhouse gases was introduced. This fee (tax) would then be collected by the government and invested in planting new forests and other carbon offsetting solutions (i.e. investing in renewable sources projects that would substitute the emissions of CO₂) to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions to zero. To what extent would you support or oppose the introduction of this fee (tax) in your country to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions to zero?

Countries*	Net Support	Net Oppose	Don't know	Survey made by
1. Italy	73%	18%	9%	YouGov
2. Germany	47%	38%	16%	YouGov
3. UK	62%	24%	15%	YouGov
4. Spain	66%	28%	6%	YouGov
5. Russia	52%	38%	10%	YouGov
6. China	72%	21%	7%	YouGov
7. India	84%	11%	6%	YouGov
8. USA	55%	29%	16%	YouGov

* With regard to the second question, France and Switzerland are excluded from this survey.



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