

YouGov / Friends of the Earth Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 26th May - 6th June 2017

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Shale gas is natural gas trapped inside shale rock, which is extracted using a method known as hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking". There could be large reserves of shale gas in parts of England. Some people think that using shale gas could be a solution to Britain's energy needs. Other people think that fracking is a dangerous technique that risks contaminating ground water, and causes minor earth tremors.

Generally speaking, how safe or unsafe do you think fracking is?

Very safe	6	5	7	13	4	9	8	9	2	4	4	8	15	7	5
Fairly safe	22	14	28	33	16	21	30	29	14	21	20	24	33	23	21
TOTAL SAFE	28	19	35	46	20	30	38	38	16	25	24	32	48	30	26
Fairly unsafe	24	26	23	19	28	24	18	25	23	27	24	23	16	25	23
Very unsafe	30	39	27	16	38	34	30	25	35	30	31	28	24	28	31
TOTAL UNSAFE	54	65	50	35	66	58	48	50	58	57	55	51	40	53	54
Don't know	19	16	15	19	14	13	14	13	25	18	20	17	12	17	21

To what extent do you support or oppose the Conservative Party's proposal in their manifesto to allow non-fracking drilling to occur without planning permission from a local county council or other government body?

Strongly support	6	2	10	16	4	0	9	10	3	2	5	11	12	7	6
Tend to support	14	11	16	23	7	14	17	16	11	10	13	17	23	16	12
TOTAL SUPPORT	20	13	26	39	11	14	26	26	14	12	18	28	35	23	18
Tend to oppose	20	17	22	21	16	16	24	22	17	18	18	23	24	22	17
Strongly oppose	46	63	37	24	65	50	41	44	48	54	47	40	31	44	48
TOTAL OPPOSE	66	80	59	45	81	66	65	66	65	72	65	63	55	66	65
Don't know	14	8	15	16	8	19	9	8	21	16	17	9	9	12	17

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Thinking about energy projects such as a fracking site based in Lancashire, who do you think should have the final say as to whether it goes ahead?

Lancashire County Council	73	83	69	61	84	75	65	69	78	81	73	70	63	74	72
National government in Westminster	16	11	21	32	8	16	25	24	7	8	14	22	32	19	12
Don't know	11	6	10	7	8	9	10	7	16	11	13	8	5	7	15

How concerned, if at all, are you about the impact of fracking on Lancashire's natural environment?

Very concerned	36	48	33	25	51	38	30	32	40	39	37	33	29	36	36
Fairly concerned	30	30	29	29	26	23	37	27	34	36	27	34	32	30	31
TOTAL CONCERNED	66	78	62	54	77	61	67	59	74	75	64	67	61	66	67
Not very concerned	19	14	22	26	13	23	18	25	12	15	20	18	25	20	18
Not concerned at all	8	4	10	14	4	6	13	10	5	4	7	10	11	8	7
TOTAL NOT CONCERNED	27	18	32	40	17	29	31	35	17	19	27	28	36	28	25
Don't know	7	4	7	7	7	10	3	5	10	5	10	4	3	5	9

To what extent do you support or oppose fracking if it went ahead in a town or village near you (e.g. within 5 miles of where you live)?

Strongly support	7	4	10	15	4	5	12	10	3	2	6	10	14	8	5
Tend to support	14	10	20	24	11	19	19	19	9	10	12	21	27	15	14
TOTAL SUPPORT	21	14	30	39	15	24	31	29	12	12	18	31	41	23	19
Tend to oppose	20	16	20	18	19	16	17	19	20	27	18	19	18	19	20
Strongly oppose	46	59	39	27	58	48	43	43	48	50	48	40	33	44	47
TOTAL OPPOSE	66	75	59	45	77	64	60	62	68	77	66	59	51	63	67
Don't know	14	11	12	15	8	13	9	9	20	12	17	10	7	13	15