

YouGov / CPRE Survey Results

Sample Size: 1600 England Adults
Fieldwork: 18th - 19th February 2019

	Vote in 2017			EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region				
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands	North	
Weighted Sample	1600	550	510	94	600	677	776	824	176	678	379	366	928	672	222	621	306	451
Unweighted Sample	1600	577	533	106	705	681	709	891	146	692	387	375	957	643	205	637	306	452
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Shale gas is natural gas trapped inside shale rock, which is extracted using a method known as fracking. There could be reserves of shale gas in parts of England. Some people think that fracking could be a solution to Britain's energy needs. Other people think that fracking is a dangerous technique because it has caused small earthquakes and has environmental risks. Currently there are regulations that prevent fracking if it causes earthquakes with a magnitude of 0.5 or above.

The industry has recently called for a change in these regulations so that fracking can continue when earthquakes occur with higher magnitudes than this.

In general, would you support or oppose a change in regulations of this kind?

Strongly support	7	9	4	3	5	8	11	3	3	6	9	9	7	6	8	6	7	8
Tend to support	17	25	13	10	16	19	23	12	20	14	19	20	19	14	15	18	14	20
TOTAL SUPPORT	24	34	17	13	21	27	34	15	23	20	28	29	26	20	23	24	21	28
Tend to oppose	22	27	21	29	23	24	20	23	17	21	21	25	21	23	25	21	22	21
Strongly oppose	32	25	43	49	40	30	30	35	26	31	38	32	33	32	30	33	35	30
TOTAL OPPOSE	54	52	64	78	63	54	50	58	43	52	59	57	54	55	55	54	57	51
Don't know	22	14	19	9	16	18	16	27	34	28	13	14	20	24	22	22	22	21

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Thinking about when the government makes decisions on regulations surrounding earthquakes caused by fracking, which of the following do you think they should consider the most?

The general public	54	52	63	65	59	55	54	54	43	53	60	56	56	51	60	52	56	52
The fracking industry	4	5	2	2	3	4	6	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	3	5	6
Both equally	27	34	21	28	26	30	30	25	28	24	30	32	29	26	21	32	24	27
Neither	3	3	3	2	3	2	4	2	4	2	2	3	2	3	3	3	2	2
Don't know	12	7	12	2	9	8	7	16	21	17	4	5	9	16	12	10	13	13

Do you think the government generally are or are not listening to the public on the issue of fracking?

The government are listening to the public on the issue of fracking	13	21	8	13	13	15	19	7	15	9	14	18	14	11	12	14	12	12
The government are not listening to the public on the issue of fracking	51	43	61	61	56	52	50	53	39	50	57	53	52	51	50	48	52	56
Don't know	36	36	31	26	32	33	32	40	47	41	29	29	34	38	39	38	36	32