

# Global Public Confidence Study on Climate Change



## Introduction

- The 2023 IRIS Global Public Confidence Study provides a multi-country view of public sentiment across the most important issues of the day. The project aimed to understand:
  - 1. Public assessments of the economy and personal finances
  - 2. Levels of confidence and concern about climate change
  - 3. Perspectives on the state of healthcare systems
- This report presents the climate results. Separate reports address views on economic confidence, and on health care.
- Nearly 19,000 people were surveyed across 27 countries (18,688).
- Fieldwork was completed during February, March, and April 2023 (with one additional country added in June).
- A nationally representative sample of 500 to 1,000 adults was interviewed in each country.
- Data were collected online in 25 countries, by telephone (CATI) in Turkey and in-person (TAPI) in Bulgaria.





## **Participating Countries**

**France** 

Finland

Greece

India

Indonesia

Ireland

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Australia









**Austria** 









Canada











Germany









































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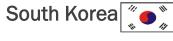




Romania













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# **Executive Summary**





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- It has often been argued that during times of economic stress, people pay less attention to other issues like the environment and health care, but concern remains in this study. Concern about climate change is high across most countries with an overall average of eight in ten saying they are at least somewhat worried.
- In almost every country, climate change is seen as a more serious problem for the planet, than for the
  country, and least so in the local area where people live. Many people look at climate change as a distant
  problem, not something of direct local concern or relevance which may be limiting people's willingness to
  act. An exception is Turkey, where concern is high locally, nationally and globally.
- Asked how important the development of renewable energy should be for their country, overall, 50% consider this a top priority. That reaches eight in ten in Mexico and Panama, and two in three in Brazil, Columbia, India, Romania and Italy. Small proportions rate this a top priority in Bulgaria, Turkey, Lithuania, and the Netherlands.
- When asked if knowing that a company uses a range of sustainability factors influences the purchase decision, about four in ten say that a company reducing packaging, limiting use of plastics, reducing CO2 emissions and reducing energy or water waste, would definitely affect their decision. The proportions vary considerably across countries. Amongst these factors, reducing CO2 emissions is the least influential on the purchase decision.
- Almost six in ten say products that are healthy/safe to use and clean/toxin free would definitely affect their decision, which make these factors more effective at differentiating brands.





# Climate Outlook

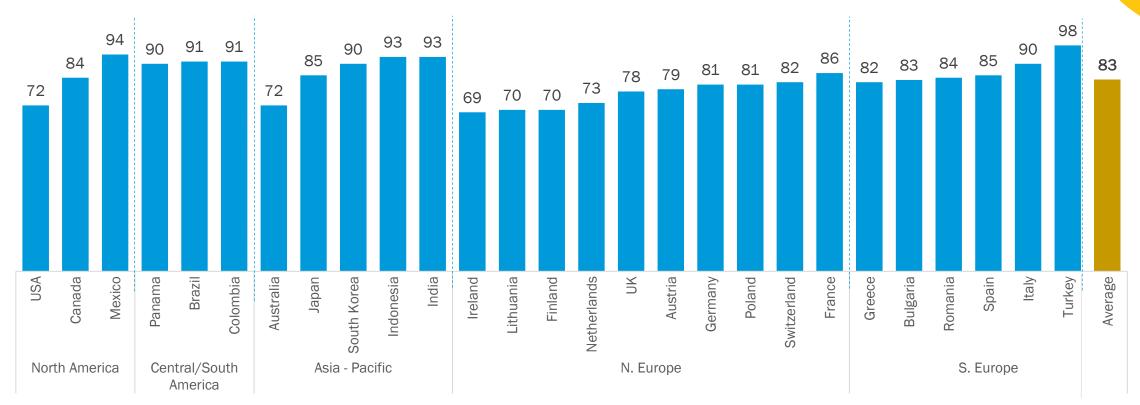




## **Concern About Climate Change**

Q. How worried are you about climate change?

#### **% Worried / Very worried about climate change**



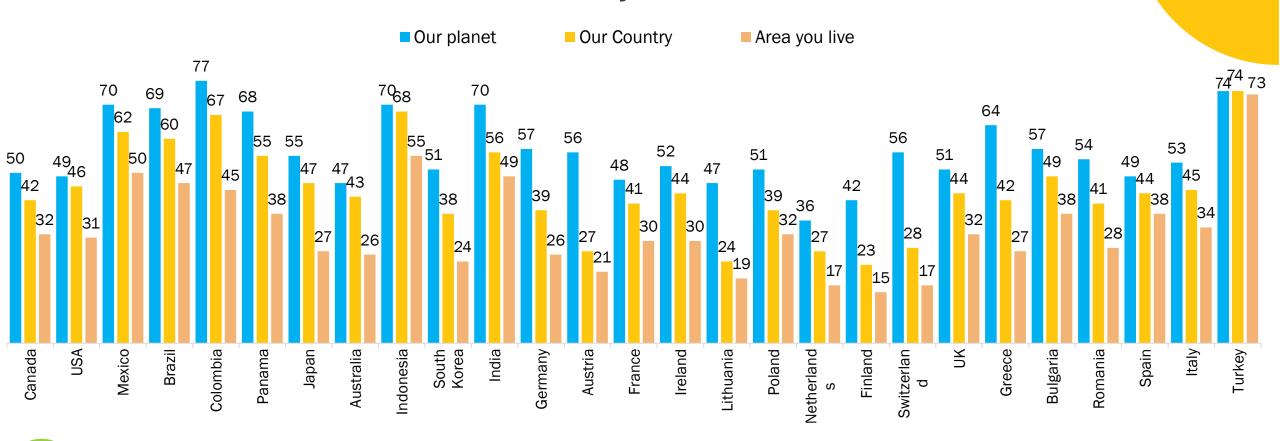




## Climate change a serious problem?

- Q. How serious a problem or not do you consider climate change for... our planet?
- Q: How serious a problem or not do you consider climate change for... our country?
- Q: How serious a problem or not do you consider climate change for... the area where you live?

#### **% Very Serious**



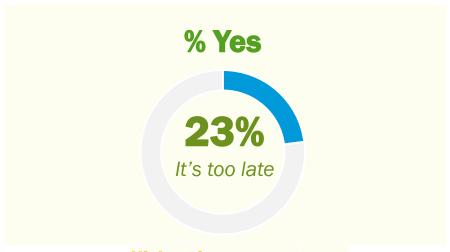




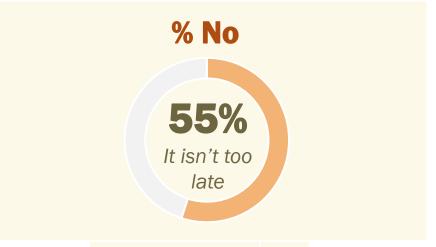
## **Negative Impacts due to Climate Change**

Too late to prevent negative impact due to climate change vs. Not to late

Q. Is it too late to prevent major negative impacts due to climate change?



Highest in	
India	41%
Switzerland	35%
Italy	35%
Austria	34%
France	34%
Finland	28%
Panama	27%
Germany	27%



Highest in	
Spain	88%
Indonesia	82%
Turkey	76%
Colombia	70%
Mexico	68%
Brazil	68%
South Korea	58%
Greece	57%

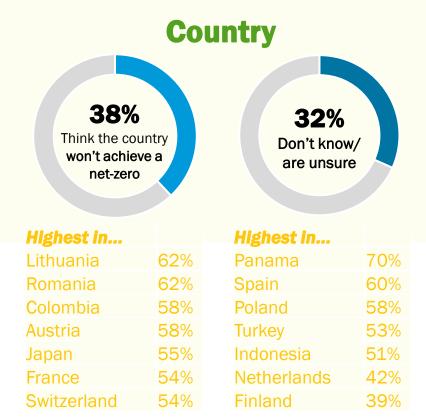


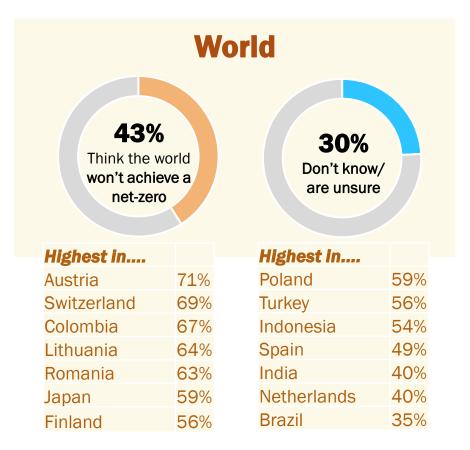


#### **Net-Zero Emissions**

What year will a net-zero emissions economy be achieved?

- Q. Based on current progress, in what year, if ever, do you think the country you live in will achieve a net-zero emissions economy?
- Q. Based on current progress, in which year, if ever, do you think the world will achieve a net-zero emissions economy?









<sup>\*</sup> UK n=0



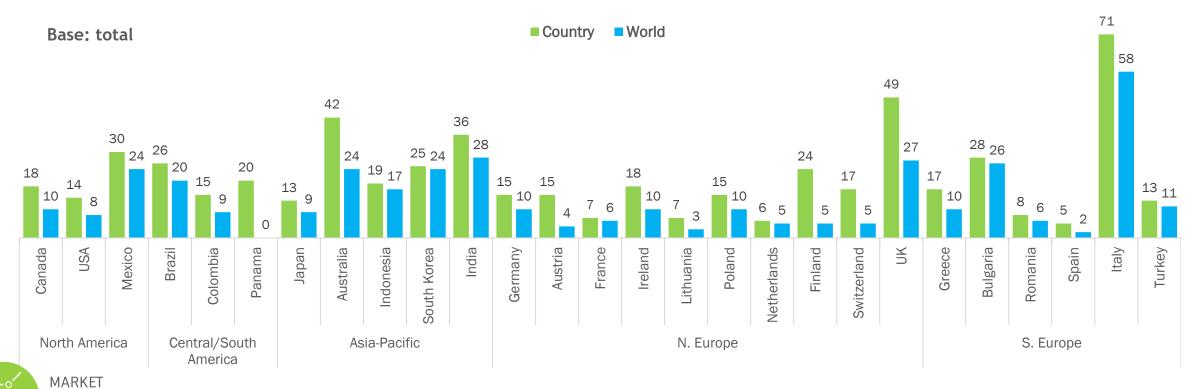
## Planning for 2050

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Few in any country think we are on track for 2050

- Q. Based on current progress, in what year, if ever, do you think the country you live in will achieve a net-zero emissions economy?
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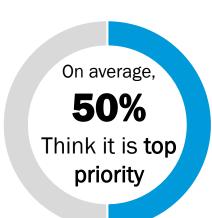
#### % Country/World will achieve a net-zero emissions economy by 2050

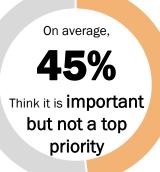


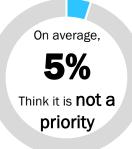


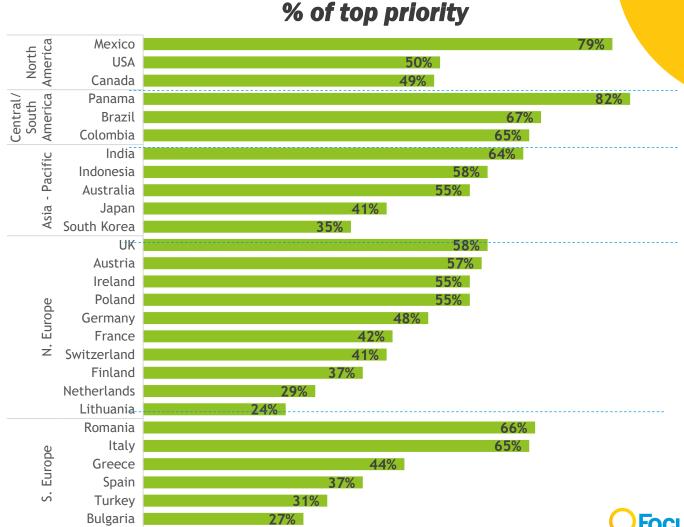
## Clean/Renewable Energy

Q. How much of a priority should the development of clean/renewable energy be for your country?













# Sustainability Impact on Purchase Decision





## **Sustainability Impact on Purchase**

Q. To what extent would knowing that a company does the following influence your decision to choose that company's product or service over another? (definitely, maybe, not really, not at all)



Higher in	
Colombia	67%
Indonesia	64%
Panama	62%
Turkey	61%
Brazil	58%
Mexico	57%
Switzerland	54%

Lowest in	
Japan	12%
South Korea	14%
Lithuania	18%
Netherlands	22%

### Limits use of plastics



Higher in	
Indonesia	66%
Panama	53%
Colombia	52%
Turkey	50%
Mexico	50%
India	58%
Brazil	52%

Lowest in	
Japan	13%
South Korea	14%
Lithuania	20%
Netherlands	30%

### Decreasing/eliminating CO2 emissions



Indonesia 72%	
Spain 68%	
Turkey 59%	
Colombia 58%	
Panama 52%	
Mexico 52%	

Lowest in	
Japan	14%
South Korea	15%
Lithuania	18%
Netherlands	21%

Reduces energy/water
waste



Higher in	
Indonesia	74%
Panama	68%
Colombia	68%
Brazil	64%
Mexico	61%
India	58%
Turkey	57%

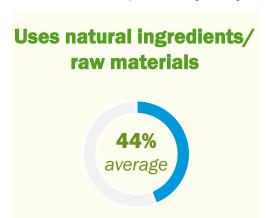
Lowest in	
Japan	15%
South Korea	18%
Lithuania	23%
Finland	30%





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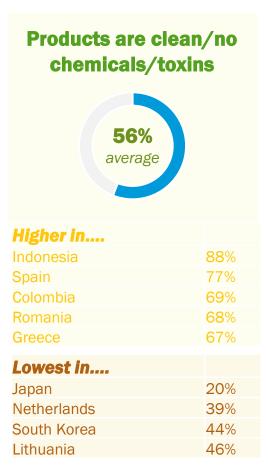


Higher in	
Indonesia	69%
Colombia	63%
Romania	63%
Turkey	61%
Mexico	60%
India	59%
Panama	58%

Lowest in	
South Korea	10%
Japan	13%
Netherlands	15%
Lithuania	33%



Higher in	
Indonesia	87%
Spain	85%
Brazil	71%
Colombia	71%
India	70%
Greece	68%
Romania	68%
Panama	68%
Lowest in	
Japan	25%
South Korea	39%
Lithuania	43%
Netherlands	45%



Makes biodegradable products  39% average		
Higher in		
Indonesia	78%	
Colombia	63%	
Mexico	62%	
Turkey	59%	
India	56%	
Brazil	56%	
Panama	51%	
Lowest in		
Japan	12%	
Netherlands	20%	
South Korea	20%	
Lithuania	23%	





# Thank you



