

Centre for Climate Change and Social Transformations

Looking back over the last four years of climate change perceptions: where are we now?

The following infographics show findings from an online survey conducted in 2020, 2021, 2022 & 2023, in the UK, China, Sweden, and Brazil. The sample size was approximately 1,000 in each country for each survey wave and each sample was representative of

the four countries with regards to gender, age, region and socioeconomic status. Post stratification weights were used to mirror distributions of these groups within the four countries. An associated briefing can be found here or email info@cast.ac.uk for more details on the survey.

Looking back: 2020–2023

The last four years have seen a global pandemic, increased cost of living and more urgent calls for climate action from experts whilst witnessing new weather records across the globe. I feel financial stable:



Worry about climate change



Perceived levels of urgency for addressing climate change remain high



People increasingly feel the impacts of climate change



Personal experiences of extreme weather events are being felt across the world



Younger generations are experiencing more climate change anxiety

% experiencing climate anxiety often & almost always



What needs to be done?



Willingness to engage in lifestyle changes to mitigate

climate change has increased between 2020 and 2023



People continue to support lifestyle changes for diet, transport, heating and material consumption in 2023



There are large differences in support for climate change mitigation policies





How much do you oppose or support politicians allowing citizens' opinions about climate change to directly feed into policy making?



Perceived responsibility of the

2020

2023

2020

2023

2020

2023

2020

2023

has increased...

32%

43%

26%

39%

26%

40%

29%

29%

Support for the Paris agreement remains high

Tend to & strongly support...



BUT citizens do not believe that we will meet these targets

How likely do you think it is that countries will be able to meet the international agreement and global temperature rises will be kept below 2 degrees?



...BUT trust in the UK government to address climate change remains low...

How much do you trust or distrust the UK government to address climate change?



Very few people in the UK believe we are prepared for the impacts of climate change

How prepared do you believe the UK is to deal with the negative impacts of climate change?



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