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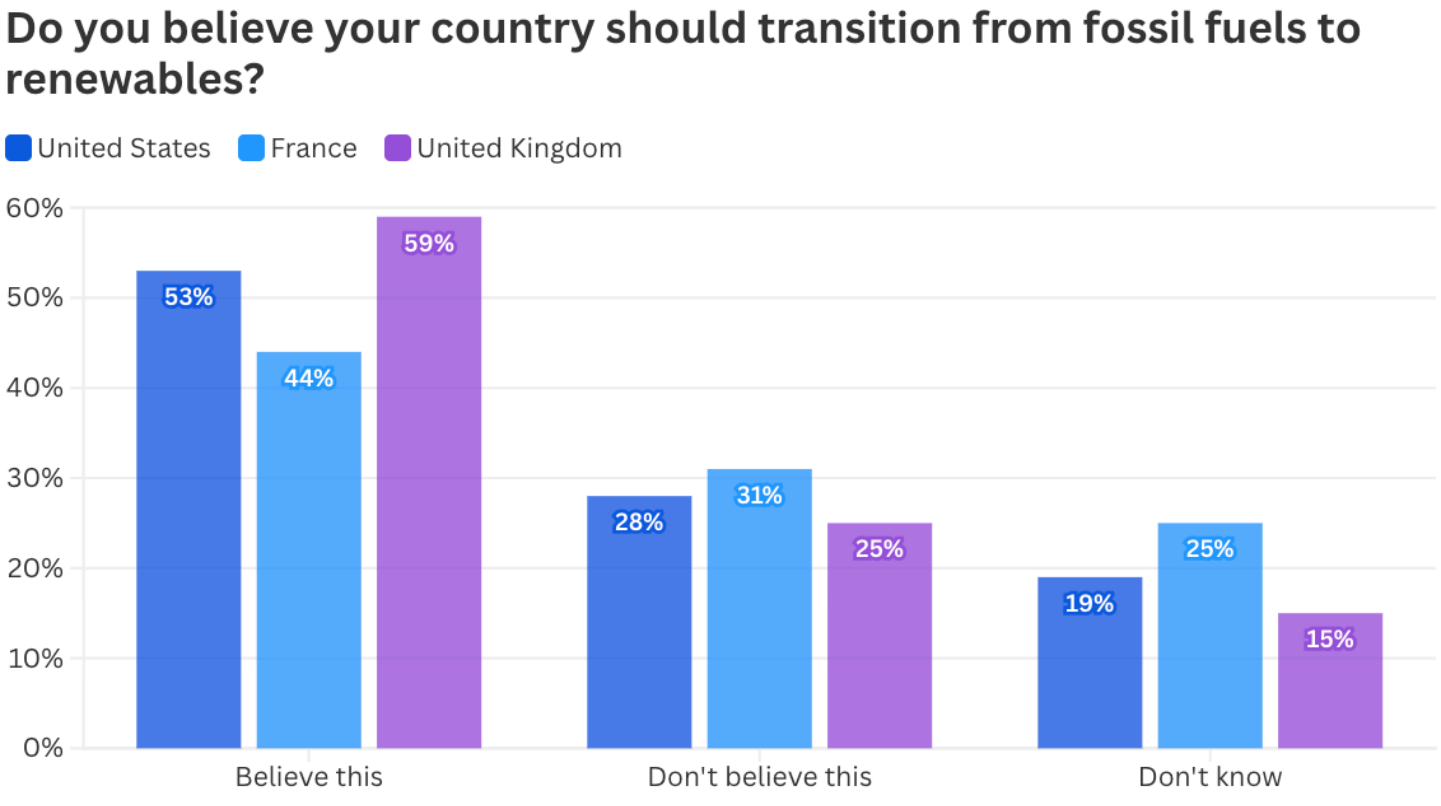
Public Opinion Poll Shows Support to Phase Out Fossil Fuels

A public opinion poll conducted by YouGov across the United States, France, and the United Kingdom found support to phase out fossil fuels among a nationally representative sample of over 2,500 respondents in each country.

All figures, unless otherwise stated, are from YouGov Plc. Total sample size was 2,672 adults in the UK, 2606 adults in France, and 2543 adults in the U.S. Fieldwork was undertaken between 22nd September – 5th October 2026. The survey was carried out online. The figures have been weighted and are representative of all adults in the UK, France and US (aged 18+).

The public opinion poll found the most common views among people in the US, France, and UK are that:

1. People believe their countries should transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy



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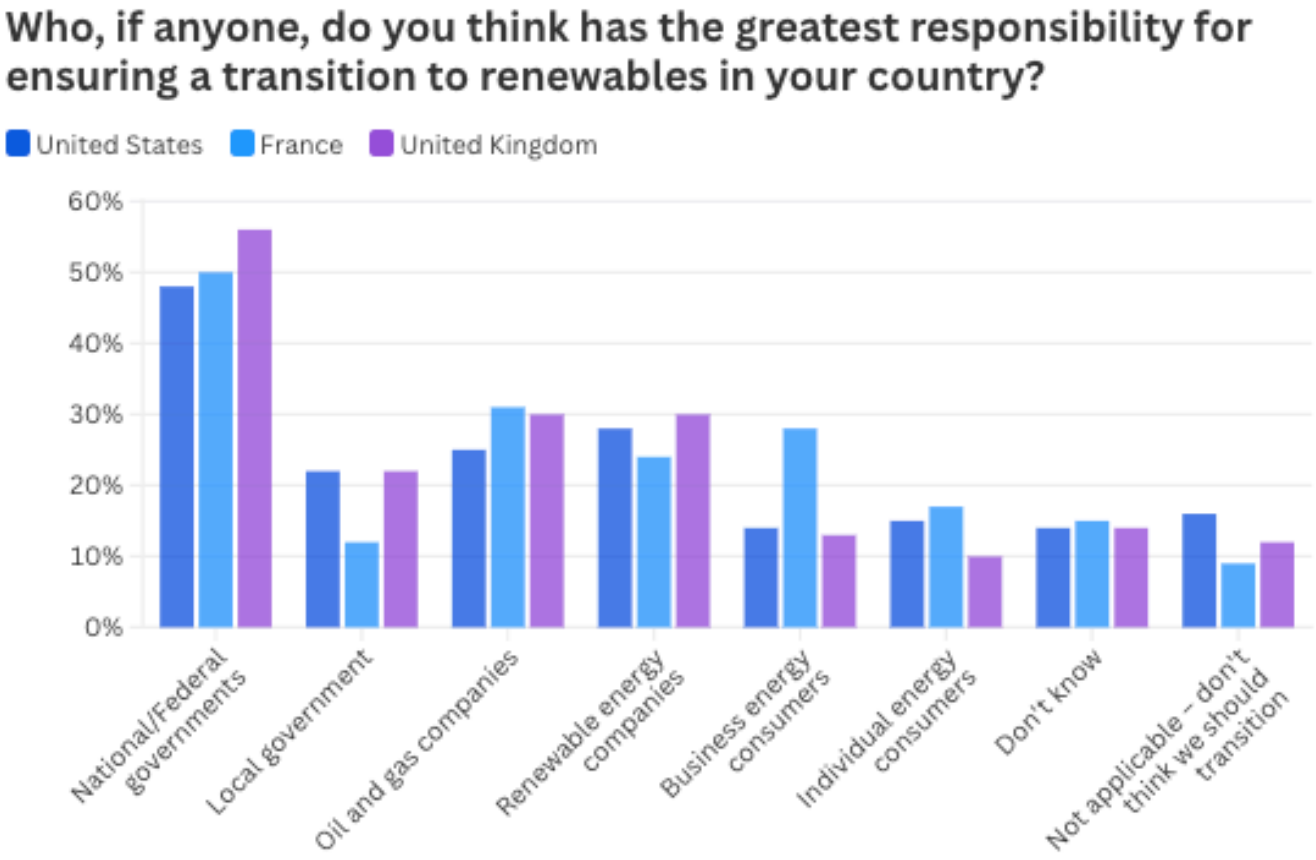
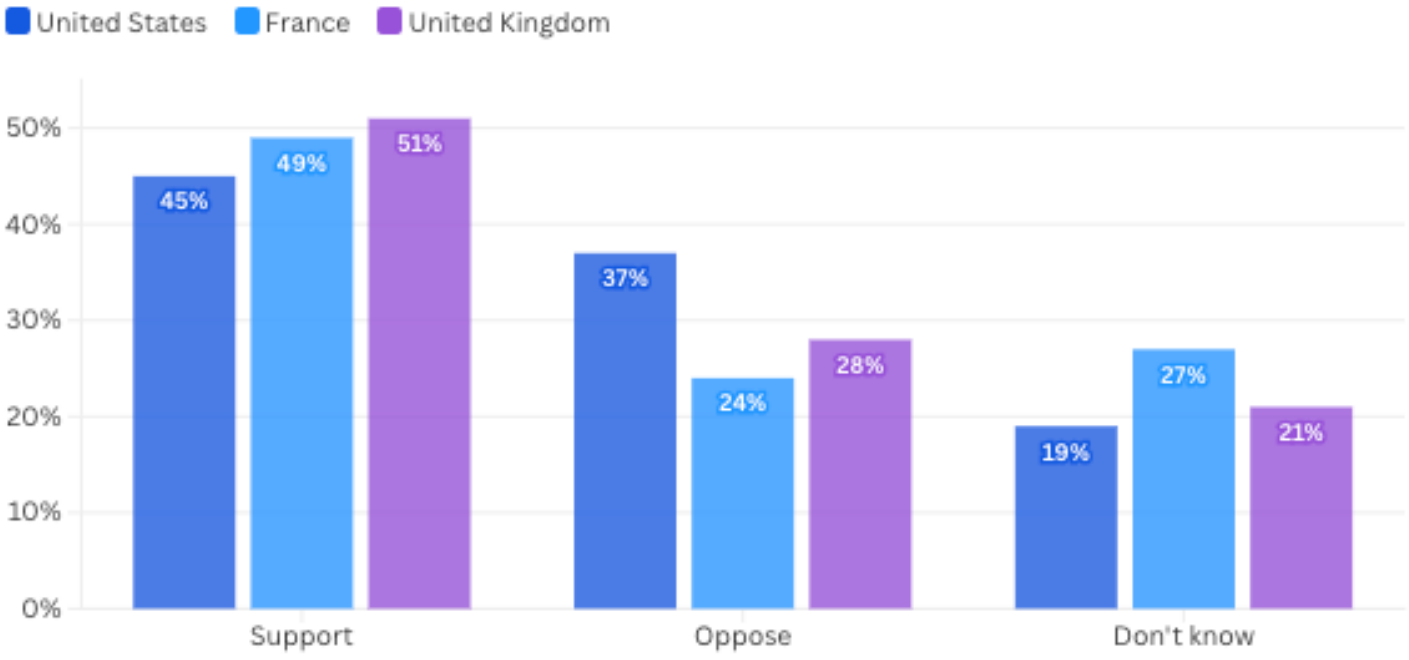
2. People believe governments – much more so than individuals or businesses – have the greatest responsibility to ensure the transition to renewables



3. People believe new laws should be passed to phase out fossil fuel production by oil and gas companies



Appendix 1 — Tables

To what extent, if at all, do you believe COUNTRY should transition from fossil fuels to RENEWABLES

Response	United States	France	United Kingdom	All
Don't know	19%	25%	15%	20%
Fairly Strongly	24%	29%	32%	29%
I do not believe this at all	11%	8%	8%	9%
I don't really believe this	17%	23%	17%	19%
Very strongly	29%	15%	27%	24%
Total respondants	2543	2606	2672	7821

To what extent would you support or oppose the government passing new laws to phase out fossil fuel production by oil and gas

Response	United States	France	United Kingdom	All
Oil and gas companies	25%	31%	30%	29%
National/ Federal governments	48%	50%	56%	51%
Local government	22%	12%	22%	18%
Individual energy consumers	15%	17%	10%	14%
Business energy consumers	14%	28%	13%	19%
Renewable energy companies	28%	24%	30%	27%
Don't know	14%	15%	14%	14%
Not applicable - I do not think we should transition to renewable energy in COUNTRY	16%	9%	12%	12%
Total respondants	2543	2606	2672	7821

Who, if anyone, do you think has the greatest responsibility for ensuring a transition to RENEWABLES in COUNTRY

Response	United States	France	United Kingdom	All
Strongly support	22%	13%	20%	18%
Somewhat support	23%	36%	31%	30%
Somewhat oppose	13%	16%	12%	13%
Strongly oppose	24%	8%	16%	16%
Don't know	19%	27%	21%	22%
Total respondants	625	663	606	1894

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Oil Change International is a research, communications, and advocacy organization focused on exposing the true costs of fossil fuels and facilitating the coming transition towards clean energy.

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