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South Africa
G20+ Global Report: planetary stewardship

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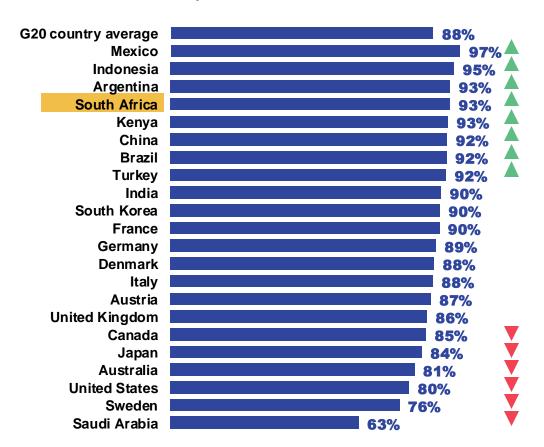
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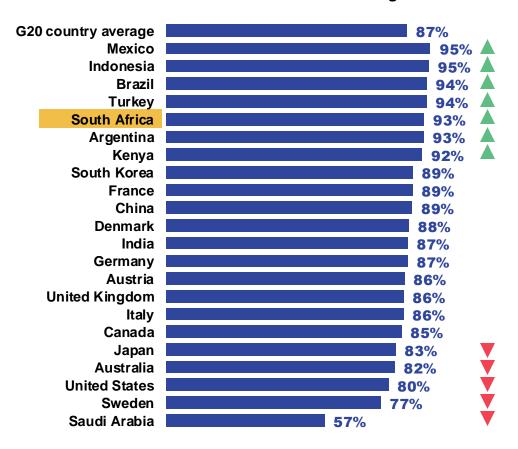
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Q4. How worried, if at all, are you about the following?

The state of nature today



The state in which we will leave nature for future generations



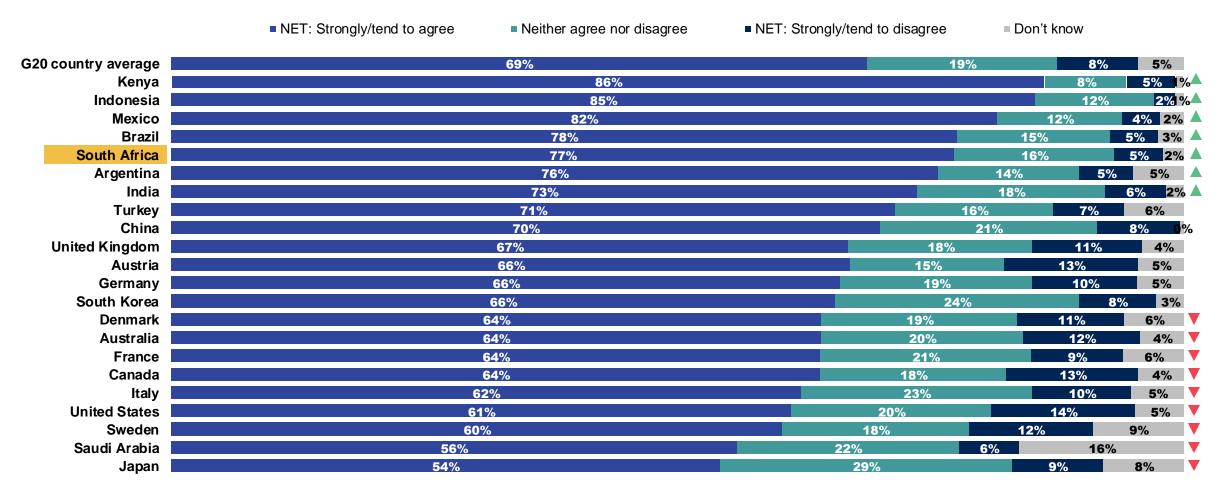


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The state of nature today	93% E	93%	93%	94%	90%	95% E	92%	92%	93%	97% AGH	94%
The state in which we will leave nature for future generations	93%	92%	95%	92%	92%	94%	93%	91%	94%	96% H	91%



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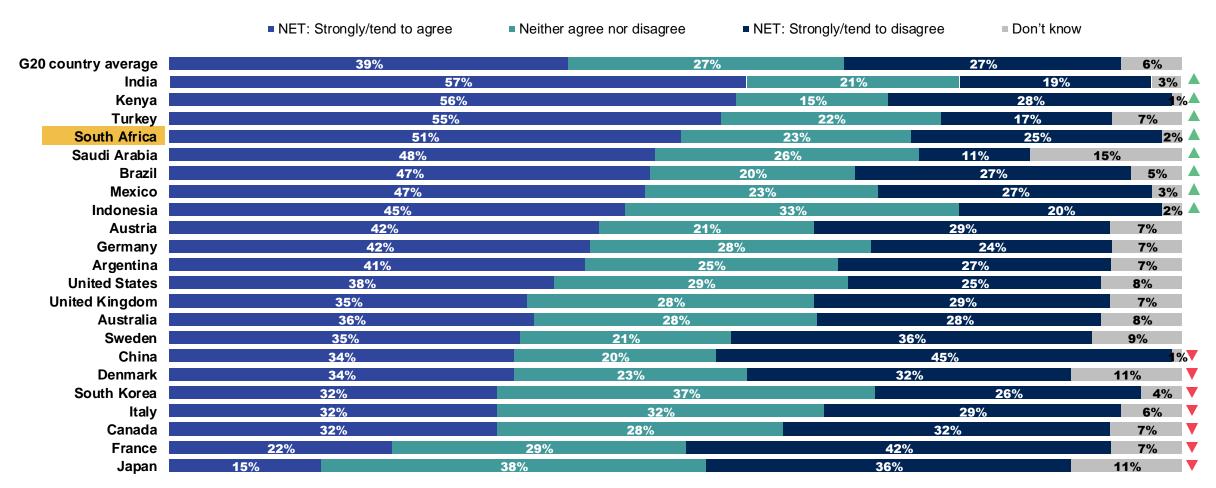
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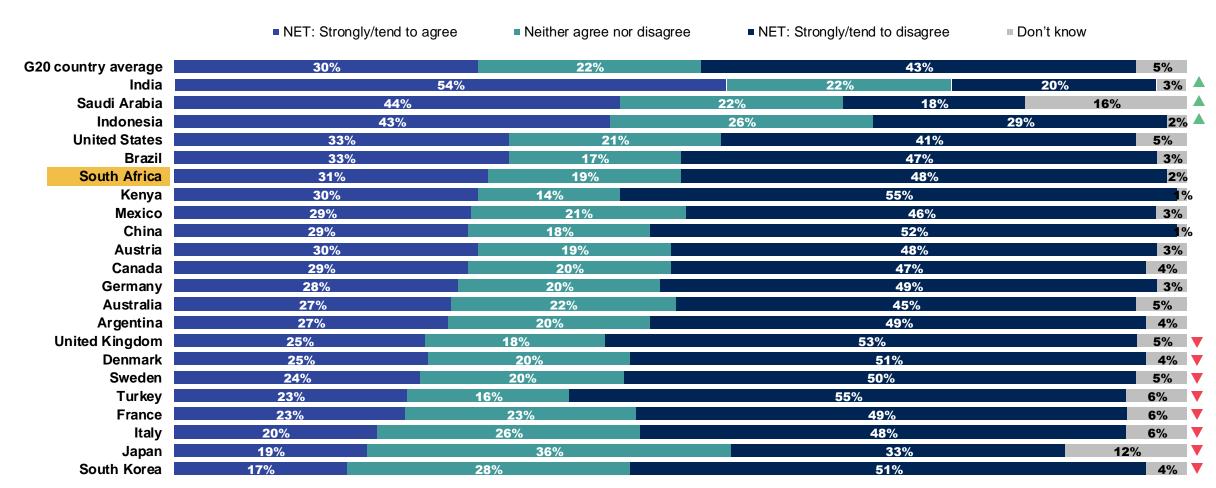
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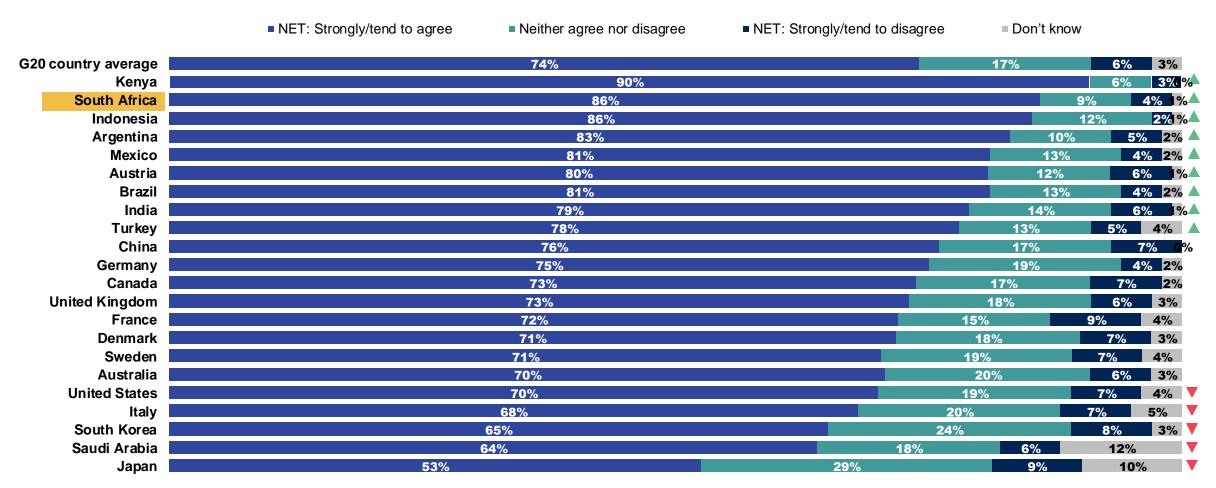
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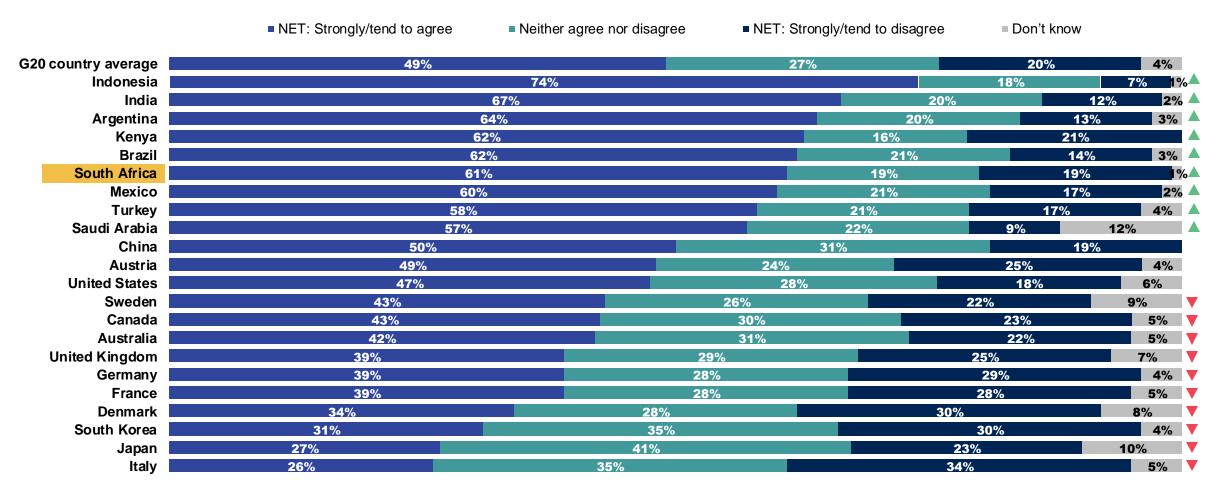
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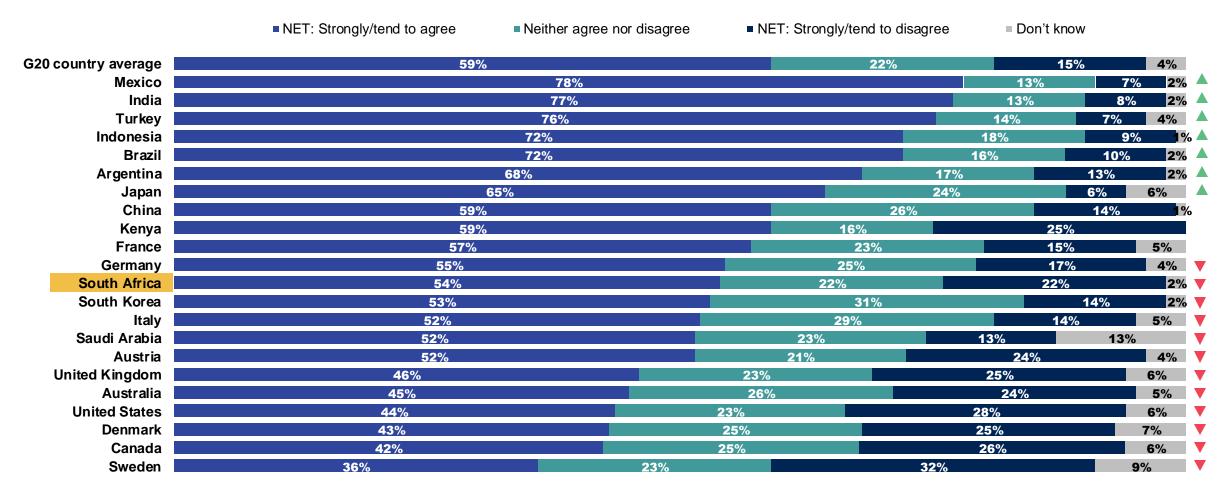
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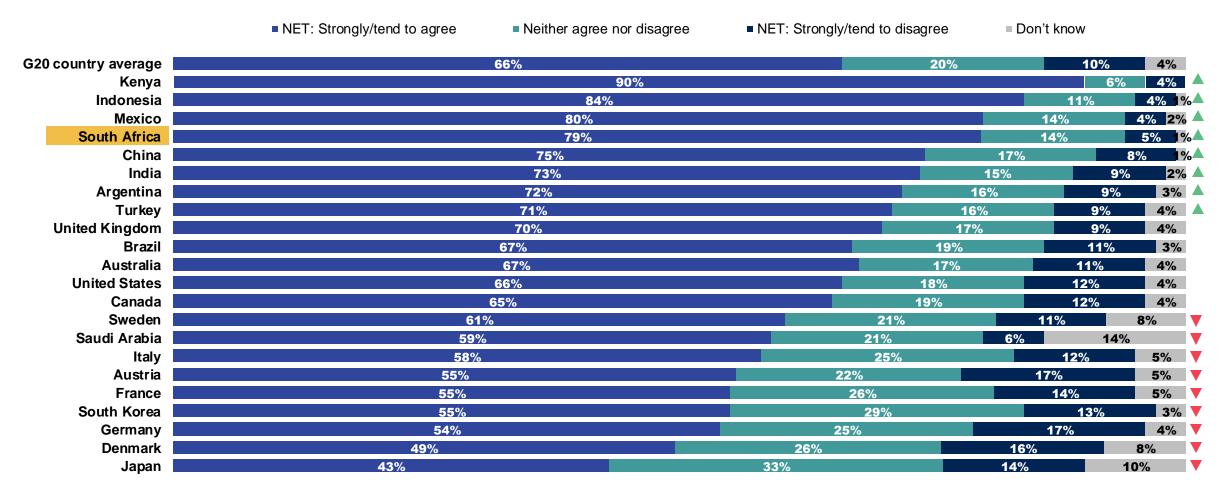
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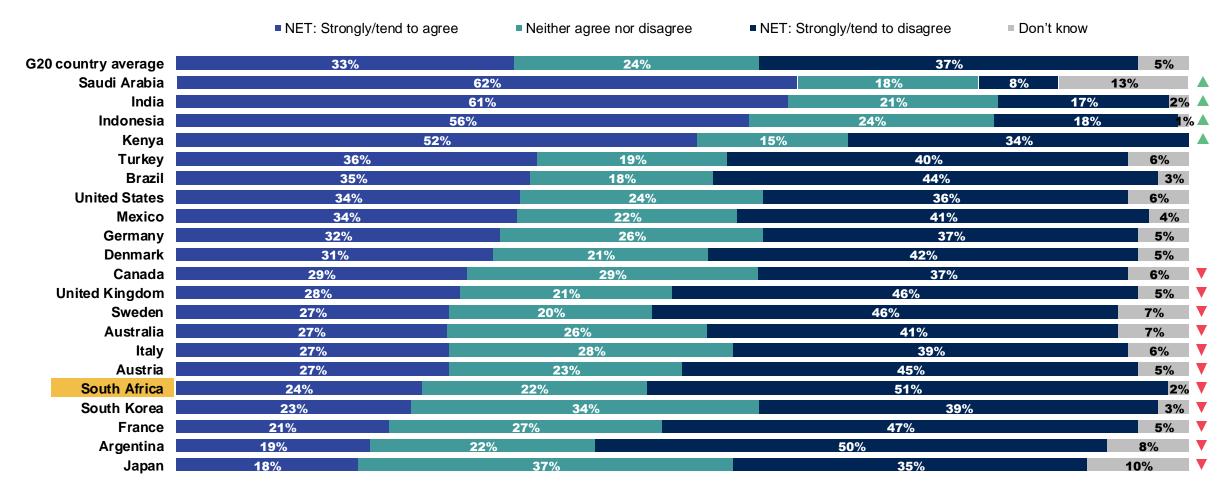


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The [COUNTRY]'s government is doing enough to tackle climate change and environmental damage.

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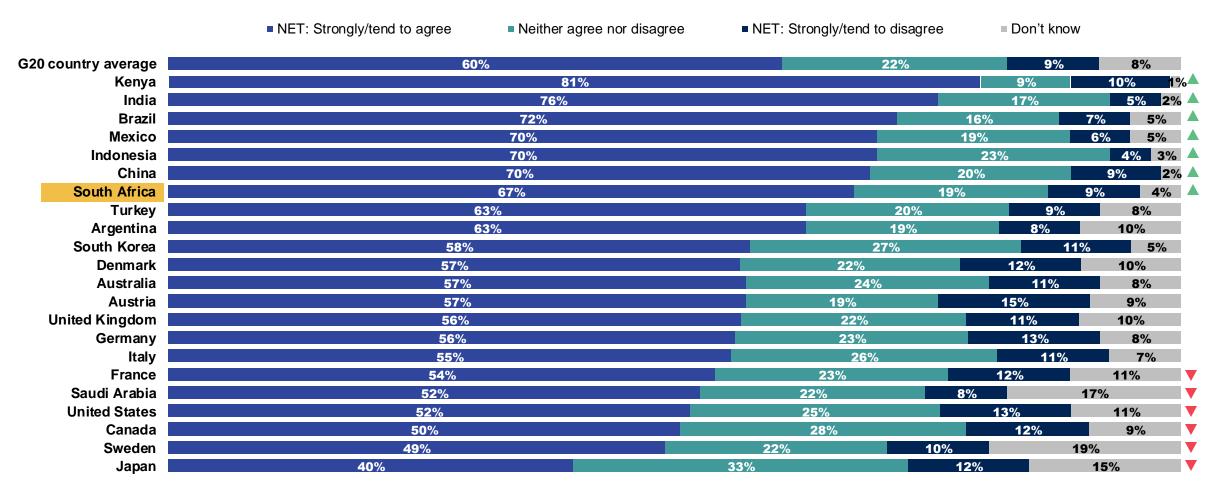


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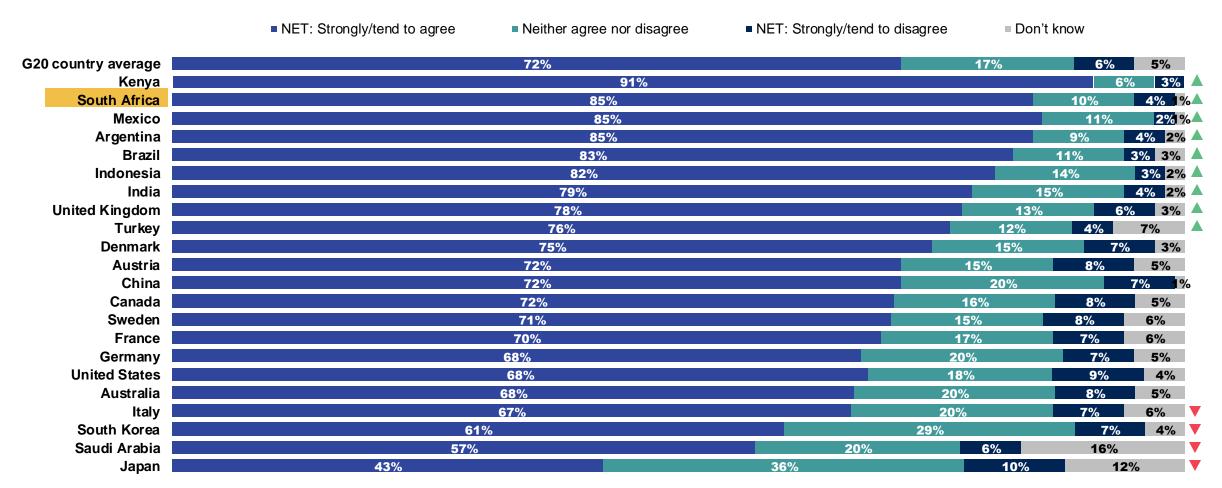
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To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (Strongly / tend to agree).

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	Total (A)	Male (B)	Female (C)	Low (D)	Middle (E)	High (F)	18-24 (G)	25-34 (H)	35-44 (I)	45-54 (J)	55-65 (K)
Human health and wellbeing are closely connected to the health and wellbeing of nature	86%	85%	88%	87%	83%	88%	86%	83%	89%	92%	81%
It should be a criminal offence for leaders of large businesses or senior government officials to approve or permit actions they know are likely to cause damage to nature and climate that is widespread, long term or cannot be reversed		85%	86%	85%	84%	86%	84%	81%	85%	91% AGH	90%
Addressing climate change and environmental damage can bring many benefits to people in South Africa	79%	77%	82%	81%	77%	80%	80%	77%	82%	80%	76%
Because of human activities, the Earth is close to environmental 'tipping points' where climate or nature, such as rainforests or glaciers, may change suddenly or be more difficult to stabilise in the future	77%	76%	79%	79%	74%	78%	76%	75%	75%	86% AGHI	78%
The costs of the damages due to environmental pollution are much higher than the costs of the investments needed for a green transition	67% I	68%	66%	69%	66%	67%	70%	72% Al	60%	65%	69%



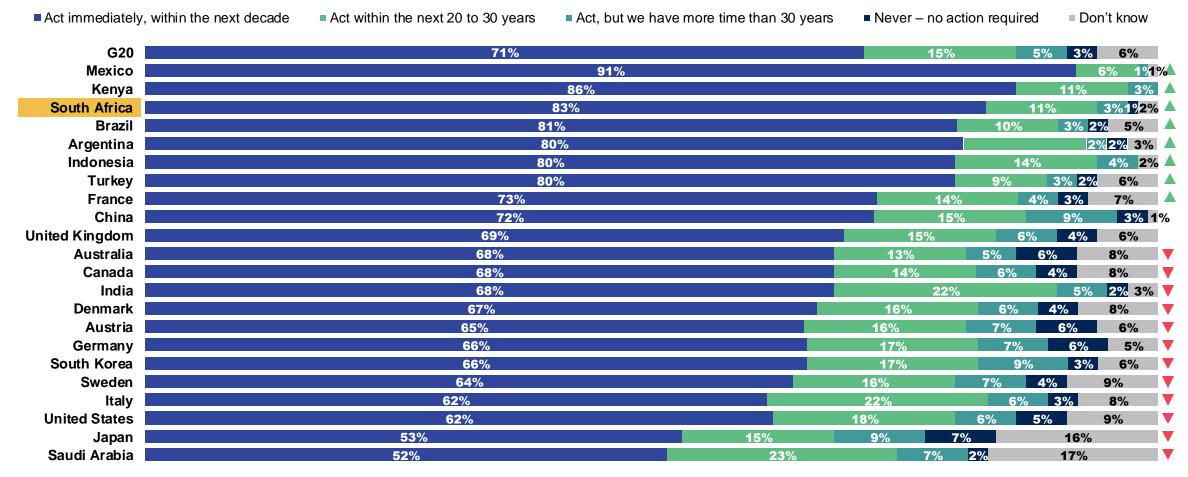
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Nature can meet the needs of humans right now	61%	64%	58%	66%	56%	61%	72%	65%	62%	53%	41%	
	CJK	AC		AE			AIJK	JK	K			
Nature is already too damaged to continue meeting humans' needs in the long-term		49%	59%	59%	54%	50%	51%	55%	52%	57%	55%	
the long-term	В		AB	AF								
New technologies can solve environmental problems without individuals having to make big changes in their lives		54%	48%	51%	47%	55%	57%	55%	46%	48%	44%	
	С	AC					AI					
Many of the claims about environmental threats are exaggerated	31%	32%	29%	32%	30%	30%	37%	34%	28%	24%	23%	
	JK						AIJK	AIJK	K	K		
South Africa's government is doing enough to tackle climate change and environmental damage		24%	24%	27%	22%	26%	33%	34%	20%	18%	6%	
and environmental damage							AIJK	J				



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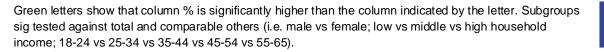
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Act immediately, within the next decade	83%	79%	86%	81%	79%	85%	81%	81%	83%	85%	85%
Act within the next 20 to 30 years	B 11%	14%	AB 8%	12%	12%	10%	14%	13%	9%	9%	7%
Act, but we have more time than 30 years	C 3%	AC 3%	3%	3%	5%	1%	2%	3%	4%	3%	2%
Never – no action required	1%	2%	1%	1%	AF 1%	2%	1%	1%	-	2%	3%
Don't know	2%	A 2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	3%	3%	1%	3%



In your opinion, which of the following should be held most responsible for reversing damage to environment (e.g. climate, water and air pollution, forests)? Please select up to three.

Q7.

	Tetal	Ge	nder	Но	usehold inco	ome			Age		
	Total (A)	Male (B)	Female (C)	Low (D)	Middle (E)	High (F)	18-24 (G)	25-34 (H)	35-44 (I)	45-54 (J)	55-65 (K)
Business and industry	54% D	54%	53%	47%	51%	63% ADE	54%	49%	53%	57%	60%
National governments of wealthy countries	41% DH	43%	38%	33%	40% D	48% AD	36%	35%	41%	43%	56% AGHIJ
National governments of developing countries	38%	38%	38%	38%	37%	42%	34%	36%	40%	41%	45%
Environmental groups	35% BJK	30%	39% AB	40% AEF	30%	33%	38% JK	39% AJK	40% JK	25%	23%
International organisations (e.g. the UN or the World Bank)	34%	36%	33%	31%	36%	36%	31%	32%	33%	41%	37%
The global super rich	23% C	27% AC	19%	21%	26%	23%	21%	21%	24%	24%	26%
High-income and middle-income earners in South Africa	13% J	13%	14%	17% AF	13%	11%	15% J	18% AJK	13%	7%	9%
Not applicable – no action required	1%	2% A	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	-	2%	1%
Don't know	4% BF	2%	6% AB	4% F	5% F	1%	3%	3%	5%	6%	2%





Here is a list of qualities that children can be encouraged to learn at home. Which, if any, do you consider to be especially important?

Q1.

	Total	Ge	nder	Ηοι	usehold inco	ome			Age		
	(A)	Male (B)	Female (C)	Low (D)	Middle (E)	High (F)	18-24 (G)	25-34 (H)	35-44 (I)	45-54 (J)	55-65 (K)
Good manners	71%	72%	71%	76% AE	67%	70%	74%	71%	73%	71%	64%
Tolerance and respect for other people	59% H	60% H	58% H	58%	61%	60%	55%	52%	54%	71% AGHI	77% AGHI
Hard work	50% EJ	52% EJ	48% E	54% E	43%	52% E	56% J	52% J	49%	41%	52%
Independence	45% B	39%	51% ABDEJK	42%	45%	50%	47%	48%	48%	39%	39%
Feeling of responsibility	40%	40%	39%	37%	44%	39%	48% AHI	39%	35%	43%	34%
Respect for animals, nature, and the environment	40% BDGH	37% G	43% ABDGH	33%	40%	45% AD	27%	34%	38% G	49% AGHI	67% AGHIJ
Religious faith	40% G	37%	42% FG	44% AF	39%	37%	34%	37%	48% AGH	41%	39%
Determination, perseverance	37% K	37%	38% K	37%	38%	37%	40% K	41% K	36%	37%	27%
Obedience	30%	30%	29%	28%	35% AF	26%	27%	30%	30%	28%	36% F
Thrift, saving money and things	30% K	30% K	30% K	29%	29%	31%	27%	35% AK	32% K	28%	22%
Not being selfish (unselfishness)	27% F	30% FK	25%	29%	30% F	23%	26%	29% C	28%	28%	20%
lmagination	13% C	15% ACDH	10%	10%	11%	16% AD	17% AH	10%	12%	14%	10%



Values and demographics





To what extent are you optimistic or pessimistic about each of the following... (Very / somewhat optimistic).

Q2.

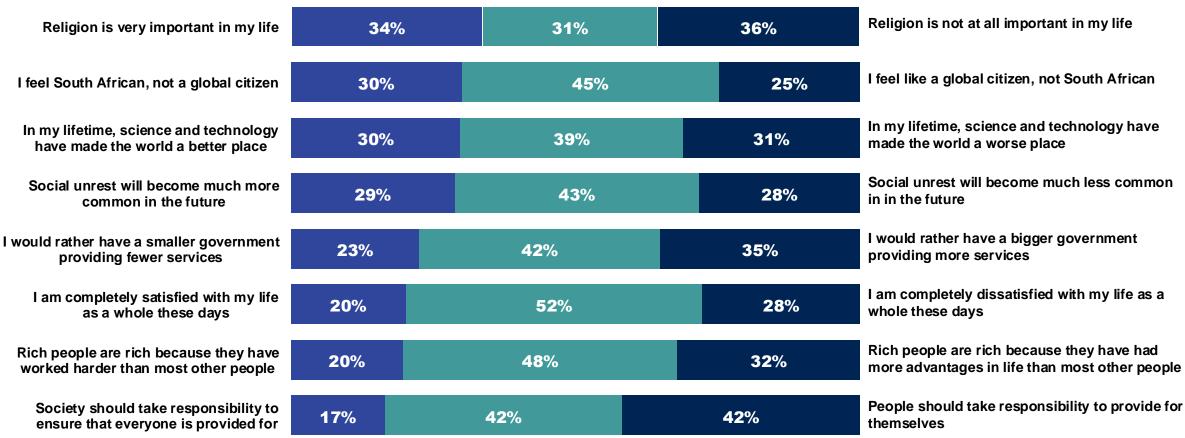
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	Total (A)	Male (B)	Female (C)	Low (D)	Middle (E)	High (F)	18-24 (G)	25-34 (H)	35-44 (I)	45-54 (J)	55-65 (K)
Volum findrimo	77%	77%	77%	79%	76%	79%	90%	84%	74%	70%	56%
Your future	JK						AHIJK	AIJK	K	K	
	51%	53%	49%	59%	47%	48%	65%	61%	45%	39%	30%
The future of the world	JK			AEF			AIJK	AIJK	K		
	47%	48%	45%	54%	43%	45%	57%	61%	40%	34%	27%
The future of your country	IJK			AEF			AIJK	AIJK	K		



Please now give us your views on the following issues. We will show you two statements – please tell us which of these statements is closer to your beliefs.

Q3. 1 means you agree completely with the statement on the left; 7 means you agree completely with the statement on the right; and if your views fall somewhere in between, you can choose any number in between.

■ Net: 1-2 ■ Net: 3-5 ■ Net: 6-7



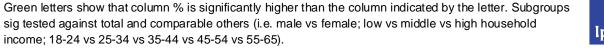


How satisfied are you with the financial situation of your household? How exposed, if at all, are you personally to environmental and climate related risks, and threats?

QD4, QD5.

income; 18-24 vs 25-34 vs 35-44 vs 45-54 vs 55-65).

			Ge	nder	Household income			Age				
		Total (A)	Male (B)	Female (C)	Low (D)	Middle (E)	High (F)	18-24 (G)	25-34 (H)	35-44 (I)	45-54 (J)	55-65 (K)
How satisfied are you with the financial situation of your household?	Very/fairly satisfied	35% DI	35%	36%	17%	34% D	54% ADE	49% AIJK	40% AlJ	25%	28%	29%
	Very/fairly dissatisfied	48% FG	50%	45%	70% AEF	45% F	29%	38%	44%	60% AGHJ	45%	52% G
How exposed, if at all, are you personally to environmental and climate related risks, and threats?	Very/somewhat exposed	64% K	62%	66%	63%	68%	62%	66% K	66% K	64%	63%	55%
	Not very/not at all exposed	35%	37%	33%	36%	31%	37%	33%	33%	34%	36%	43% AGH



Methodology



Objectives and methodology.

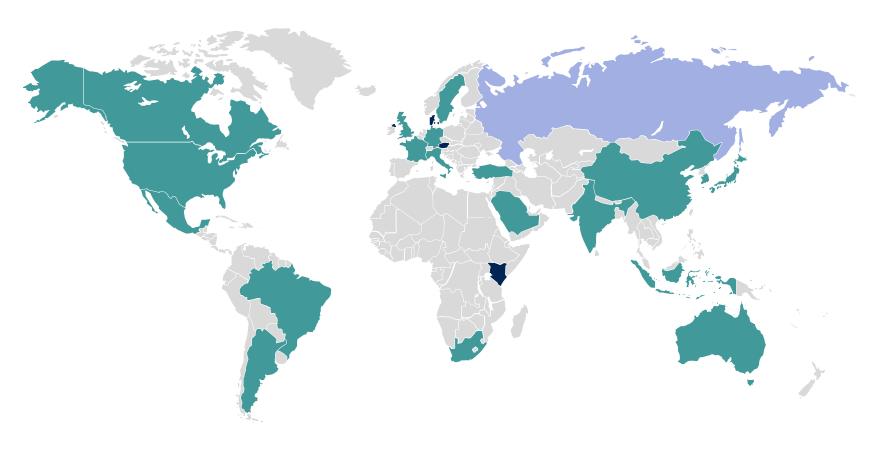
- Commissioned by Earth4All and the Global Commons Alliance, in partnership with The Policy Institute Kings College, Wellbeing Alliance, ISWE, and Wellbeing Economy Alliance, Ipsos conducted research to understand attitudes to societal transformations, political / economic systems and planetary stewardship. Questions focused on: values and worldviews, attitudes towards nature and planetary stewardship, attitudes towards national and global political and economic systems, levels of support for Earth4All policy recommendations. This report focuses on attitudes towards national and global political and economic systems, and levels of support for Earth4All policy proposals.
- Ipsos surveyed 22,000 participants aged 18 to 55-75 in total across 22 countries. This included 18 G20 countries (Argentina (1,000), Australia (1,000), Brazil (1,000), Canada (1,000), China (1,000), France (1,000), Germany (1,000), India (1,000), Indonesia (1,000), Italy (1,000), Japan (1,000), Mexico (1,000), Saudi Arabia (1,000), South Africa (1,000), South Korea (1,000), Turkey (1,000), United Kingdom (1,000), United States (1,000)), plus four counties outside the G20 (Austria (1,000), Denmark (1,000), Kenya (1,000) and Sweden (1,000)). Not all questions were asked in China. All interviews were conducted online and took place between 5th March and 8th April 2024.
- Quota sampling was used, and in each country data are weighted to be representative of the national population on age, gender, region and working status. Where results do not sum to 100, this may be due to rounding, multiple responses, or the exclusion of 'don't know' categories.
- This report presents a 'G20 country average' and compares individual countries against this. Overall 'G20 country average' percentage is an arithmetic average of national results across the 18 G20 countries surveyed (or 17 G20 countries in the case of questions that were not asked in China), where the results from each country have the same weight and are not pro-rata to the true population proportions for this audience.
- This report presents the findings from **South Africa**, comparing responses with the other nations surveyed. This study also compares responses from different demographic groups in South Africa. In South Africa, **1,000 participants aged 18-65 were interviewed** in English between 5th March and 8th April 2024.

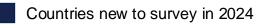


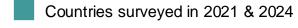
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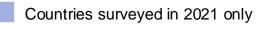
22 countries were included in the study, a total of **22,000 participants** from age 18 to 55-75.

Some questions that were asked were also run in the Global Commons Survey in 2021. Where this is the case, trend data has been shown for those countries included in both the 2021 and 2024 studies.











Sample overview by country.

	Country	Abbreviation	Sample Size	Ages covered	Language
<u> </u>	United Kingdom	UK	1000	18-75	English
	Italy	IT	1000	18-65	Italian
G	Turkey	TR	1000	18-60	Turkish
	United States	us	1000	18-75	English
•	Argentina	AR	1000	18-55	Spanish
	Australia	AU	1000	18-65	English
	Brazil	BR	1000	18-55	Portuguese
	China	CN	1000	18-55	Chinese (Simplified)
	India	IN	1000	18-65	English
	Indonesia	ID	1000	21-65	Bahasa Indonesia
	Japan	JP	1000	18-65	Japanese
()	South Korea	sĸ	1000	18-55	Korean
	Mexico	MX	1000	18-55	Spanish
227.4	Saudi Arabia	SA	1000	18-65	Arabic
	South Africa	ZA	1000	18-65	English
(*)	Canada	CA	1000	18-65	English, French
	France	FR	1000	18-65	French
	Germany	DE	1000	18-65	German
	Austria	AT	1000	18-75	German
	Denmark	DK	1000	18-75	Danish
	Kenya	KE	1000	18-65	Swahili
	Sweden	sw	1000	18-65	Swedish



Methodology: Demographics

	Unweighted 1000 / Weighted 1000					
	Gender					
Male	490 / 493					
iviaic	49% / 49%					
Female	508 / 505					
	51% / 51%					
Emplo	yment Status					
Working	458 / 457					
vvonding	46% / 46%					
Not working	542 / 543					
_	54% / 54%					
E	ducation					
Secondary	667 / 675					
Occoridary	67% / 68%					
Degree or above	325 / 317					
-	33% / 32%					
House	hold Income					
Low	347 / 337					
Low	35% / 34%					
Middle	260/262					
IVIIdaic	26% / 26%					
High	354 / 362					
	35% / 36%					
Childre	n in Household					
Yes	692 / 671					
100	69% / 67%					
No	299 / 320					
110	30% / 32%					

	Unweighted 1000 / Weighted 1000							
	Age							
18-24	220 / 200							
10-24	22% / 20%							
05.04	309 / 282							
25-34	31% / 28%							
25.44	237 / 232							
35-44	24% / 23%							
45-54	143 / 166							
40-54	14% / 17%							
FF 0F	91 / 121							
55-65	9% / 12%							
	Region							
Manta wa Cana	122 / 122							
Western Cape	12% / 12%							
Footom Con o	109 / 108							
Eastern Cape	11% / 11%							
Northorn Cono	20 / 21							
Northern Cape	2% / 2%							
Free State	49 / 49							
riee State	5% / 5%							
KwaZulu-Natal	184 / 184							
KwaZuiu-Natai	18% / 18%							
North West	67 / 67							
NOTHT WEST	7% / 7%							
Gauteng	275 / 275							
Gauterig	28% / 28%							
Mpumalanga	77 / 76							
wpumalanga	8% / 8%							
Limpopo	97 / 97							
ьштроро	10% / 10%							

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Appendix: Trending vs Global Commons research



How worried, if at all, are you about the following? (Extremely / very worried).

Q4. How worried, if at all, are you about the following?

	The state of r	nature today	The state in which we wi		
	2021	2023	2021	2023	
G20*	58%	59%	61%	62%	
Argentina	68%	65%	68%	71%	
Australia	46%	46%	51%	53%	
Brazil	74%	78%	77%	80%	
Canada	52%	52%	55%	56%	
China	46%	53%	47%	57%	
France	57%	66%	58%	69%	
United Kingdom	46%	53%	47%	56%	
Germany	57%	56%	59%	60%	
India	70%	69%	70%	63%	
Indonesia	68%	67%	70%	68%	
Italy	69%	53%	72%	58%	
Japan	44%	48%	47%	52%	
Saudi Arabia	26%	30%	31%	28%	
South Korea	64%	56%	66%	64%	
Mexico	77%	77%	81%	81%	
South Africa	66%	74%	69%	76%	
Turkey	79%	72%	83%	77%	
United States	45%	43%	49%	48%	
Sweden	40%	39%	45%	46%	





Because of human activities, the Earth is close to environmental 'tipping points' where climate or nature, such as rainforests or glaciers, may change suddenly or be more difficult to stabilise in the future.

(Strongly / tend to agree).

Q5. To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	2021	2023	
G20*	73%	69%	
Argentina	77%	76%	
Australia	66%	64%	
Brazil	83%	78%	
Canada	66%	64%	
China	74%	70%	
France	72%	64%	
United Kingdom	65%	67%	
Germany	67%	66%	
India	77%	73%	
Indonesia	86%	85%	
Italy	79%	62%	
Japan	63%	54%	
Saudi Arabia	72%	56%	
South Korea	73%	66%	
Mexico	78%	82%	
South Africa	76%	77%	
Turkey	85%	71%	
United States	60%	61%	
Sweden	63%	60%	



Nature can meet the needs of humans right now. (Strongly / tend to agree).

Q5. To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

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	2021	2023	
G20*	50%	49%	
Argentina	64%	64%	
Australia	42%	42%	
Brazil	57%	62%	
Canada	47%	43%	
China	47%	50%	
France	37%	39%	
United Kingdom	35%	39%	
Germany	38%	39%	
India	61%	67%	
Indonesia	76%	74%	
Italy	40%	26%	
Japan	33%	27%	
Saudi Arabia	65%	57%	
South Korea	35%	31%	
Mexico	55%	60%	
South Africa	56%	61%	
Turkey	62%	58%	
United States	53%	47%	
Sweden	41%	43%	





Nature is already too damaged to continue meeting humans' needs in the long-term. (Strongly / tend to agree).

Q5. To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	2021	2023	
G20*	59%	59%	
Argentina	66%	68%	
Australia	43%	45%	
Brazil	75%	72%	
Canada	35%	42%	
China	57%	59%	
France	59%	57%	
United Kingdom	42%	46%	
Germany	55%	55%	
India	75%	77%	
Indonesia	64%	72%	
Italy	60%	52%	
Japan	72%	65%	
Saudi Arabia	66%	52%	
South Korea	62%	53%	
Mexico	75%	78%	
South Africa	47%	54%	
Turkey	81%	76%	
United States	34%	44%	
Sweden	31%	36%	



