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	%			%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

How many years do you think it will take for humans to die out, or do you think humans will not die out?

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Less than 100 years	4	5	3	5	5	5	4	5	4	6	4	5	4	4	6	5	7	4	5	4	7	3
101 - 500 years	12	14	11	21	9	17	12	14	14	21	16	13	10	15	13	14	13	15	13	15	17	14
501 - 1000 years	11	15	14	17	19	18	14	15	15	17	18	12	12	17	13	15	13	17	14	14	14	17
More than 1000 years	24	23	23	23	33	26	22	27	19	23	25	24	18	25	21	23	25	18	22	22	23	25
Not applicable - I don't think humans will ever die out	23	23	30	17	19	17	31	22	25	14	19	26	32	22	25	23	28	25	26	21	19	23
Don't know	26	20	19	17	14	18	18	16	23	20	17	20	25	17	23	20	14	21	20	23	20	18

How likely or unlikely do you think it is that a human extinction event will strike in your lifetime?

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Very likely	3	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1
Somewhat likely	8	8	4	10	8	9	5	8	8	16	10	5	3	9	7	8	8	8	8	8	11	7
TOTAL LIKELY	11	10	6	11	10	10	7	10	9	19	12	6	4	11	9	10	9	10	9	10	13	8
Somewhat unlikely	23	23	18	28	27	27	20	23	22	22	27	23	15	24	20	23	27	21	23	22	23	23
Very unlikely	54	57	67	52	55	53	66	56	57	43	50	61	70	56	57	57	56	53	57	58	49	60
TOTAL UNLIKELY	77	80	85	80	82	80	86	79	79	65	77	84	85	80	77	80	83	74	80	80	72	83
Don't know	13	11	8	9	8	10	7	10	12	16	11	10	10	9	14	11	8	15	12	11	15	9

If a human extinction event were to occur, do you think it is more likely to be a result of **technology** (e.g. artificial intelligence or nuclear weaponry), or an **environmental cause** (e.g. climate change or an asteroid)?

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Technology	34	37	46	29	34	33	44	41	33	31	33	39	44	39	34	37	33	35	37	34	36	39
An environmental cause	44	46	36	56	49	53	38	44	47	50	51	43	38	47	44	45	52	44	45	49	45	44
Don't know	21	18	18	15	17	14	18	16	20	20	16	18	18	14	22	17	15	21	18	17	19	17

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

And which of the following, if any, do you think are the most likely to cause human extinction? Please select up to three.

		Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	England	Wales	Scotland	North	Midlands	London	Rest of South
Nuclear war	*61*	**55**	61	57	51	54	61	52	57	46	55	55	59	57	52	55	56	52	54	51	54	59
Global warming / climate change	*41*	**38**	26	53	46	50	26	34	43	48	43	34	30	42	34	39	31	41	35	40	42	39
A pandemic	*29*	**29**	32	31	35	31	30	28	30	19	28	32	31	31	26	28	34	32	23	25	26	35
A meteor / asteroid	*25*	**20**	23	19	22	22	23	24	17	13	21	23	20	20	20	20	27	26	17	20	19	21
The bees dying out	*16*	**17**	16	23	20	21	15	13	20	10	18	17	18	16	17	17	16	17	17	18	17	16
Robots / artificial intelligence	*7*	**17**	22	14	15	16	20	20	14	15	16	17	21	17	18	18	15	12	17	14	18	20
An extreme seismic event (volcano / tsunami)	*18*	**15**	16	15	13	15	15	14	16	18	18	12	12	15	15	15	13	14	11	19	16	16
A solar flare	*7*	**6**	6	6	6	8	6	8	5	9	7	6	5	7	6	6	6	11	7	7	4	6
A religious apocalypse	*3*	**4**	3	3	4	3	4	4	3	6	4	3	3	4	4	3	6	6	2	4	7	3
An alien invasion	*2*	**2**	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	3	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2
A zombie apocalypse	*1*	**1**	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	1
Other	*2*	**1**	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	0	2	2	2	1	1
Don't know	*12*	**11**	9	7	6	7	9	11	11	14	11	9	11	9	14	11	10	11	12	13	11	9

And do you think the government should or should not be developing realistic contingency plans for the following threats?

A zombie apocalypse

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Should be developing a contingency plan	*7*	**10**	7	10	9	9	9	10	10	21	12	5	7	10	10	10	10	9	9	10	13	10
Should **not** be developing a contingency plan	*77*	**76**	79	79	82	80	77	78	74	67	75	83	74	78	74	76	73	79	78	75	70	77
Don't know	*16*	**14**	13	10	9	11	15	11	16	12	13	12	19	12	16	14	17	12	13	15	17	13

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Should **not** be developing a contingency plan	*8*	**10**	15	5	7	5	16	14	6	9	8	11	11	9	11	10	12	8	12	9	10	9
Don't know	*11*	**8**	8	3	3	4	9	8	9	9	8	8	9	6	11	8	9	8	9	9	9	7

A meteor / asteroid

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Should **not** be developing a contingency plan	*19*	**20**	22	22	18	20	23	22	19	20	19	18	26	22	19	20	24	19	21	19	22	20
Don't know	*20*	**17**	15	17	12	16	15	13	21	18	16	17	19	15	20	18	14	16	20	18	18	15

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Should be developing a contingency plan	*74*	**76**	76	83	81	82	76	75	77	72	75	80	75	77	74	76	77	76	75	74	74	78
Should **not** be developing a contingency plan	*10*	**11**	12	7	13	10	11	12	9	13	11	10	11	10	11	11	10	10	11	12	11	10
Don't know	*16*	**13**	12	10	6	8	13	13	14	15	15	11	13	13	15	13	13	15	14	14	15	12

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		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
An alien invasion																						
Should be developing a contingency plan	16	17	17	17	15	16	18	20	14	19	20	15	13	16	17	17	14	19	16	16	19	17
Should **not** be developing a contingency plan	65	66	67	68	72	69	65	66	66	63	66	68	67	69	63	66	70	67	68	64	61	67
Don't know	19	17	16	15	13	15	17	14	20	18	15	17	20	15	20	17	16	14	16	20	20	16
A pandemic																						
Should be developing a contingency plan	86	87	88	93	96	95	85	86	88	81	86	91	88	90	84	87	85	88	86	85	85	90
Should **not** be developing a contingency plan	5	6	8	3	2	2	9	6	5	6	5	7	5	5	7	6	7	4	6	6	6	5
Don't know	9	7	4	4	2	3	6	7	7	13	8	3	7	5	10	7	8	7	8	9	8	5
Nuclear war																						
Should be developing a contingency plan	87	88	90	91	88	90	89	86	89	84	86	90	89	90	84	88	82	86	88	86	84	91
Should **not** be developing a contingency plan	4	5	5	4	6	4	5	6	3	8	4	5	3	4	6	5	5	5	4	6	9	3
Don't know	9	8	6	5	5	6	7	8	8	8	9	5	8	6	10	7	13	9	8	8	8	6
A solar flare																						
Should be developing a contingency plan	50	50	46	52	57	55	46	53	48	52	54	53	40	52	47	50	51	49	47	49	49	53
Should **not** be developing a contingency plan	22	24	29	20	21	20	29	28	20	26	20	24	30	24	25	24	24	27	24	23	25	24
Don't know	28	26	25	28	22	25	25	19	32	22	26	23	30	24	28	26	25	24	29	29	26	23
Robots / artificial intelligence																						
Should be developing a contingency plan	44	64	68	66	66	69	64	67	62	61	64	67	64	67	61	65	55	63	62	60	68	68
Should **not** be developing a contingency plan	35	20	19	19	22	17	21	20	19	23	20	18	18	19	20	19	28	18	20	22	18	18
Don't know	21	16	13	16	13	14	15	13	19	17	16	15	18	14	19	16	17	18	18	18	14	14
An extreme seismic event (volcano / tsunami)																						
Should be developing a contingency plan	62	64	62	68	69	69	60	62	66	67	69	63	56	67	61	64	59	68	62	67	63	65
Should **not** be developing a contingency plan	21	21	25	19	20	19	26	25	18	21	16	24	27	20	22	21	21	19	23	17	21	22
Don't know	17	15	13	13	11	12	14	13	16	13	15	13	18	13	18	15	19	13	15	15	16	13
A religious apocalypse																						
Should be developing a contingency plan	18	19	19	17	15	16	20	18	20	27	20	17	14	19	18	19	20	14	18	24	19	17
Should **not** be developing a contingency plan	58	61	62	67	65	65	60	67	55	51	62	65	60	63	58	61	63	64	62	56	57	63
Don't know	23	20	19	17	20	19	20	15	25	22	18	17	26	18	24	20	18	22	19	20	23	20

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