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Support demographics for "Extinction Rebellion" and the "School Strike for Climate Change" within the United Kingdom

[Abstract]

During 2019, there was increasing alarm amongst civil society about the impacts of climate change. This is demonstrated by the mass protests of campaigns such as "Extinction Rebellion" and "School Strike for Climate Change" against the government on a lack of action in combatting climate change. To understand the level of support for the different types of protests, a survey for this research provided to different Facebook groups and targeted emails between May and August 2019. Amongst a total of 1,700 respondents it was found that the majority were overall supportive of "Extinction Rebellion". In addition, it was found that there was also a majority of support for the children striking for climate change and the mass civil disobedience that "Extinction Rebellion" called for in London in April 2019, though at varying levels across the demographic. However, respondents were generally not willing to themselves join future "Extinction Rebellion" protests. Women, younger people and left-leaning voters were more likely to support these two types of protests. Monitoring of the demographic composition of climate protests helps to assess the nature of likely reactions and resistance to the content of COP26 being hosted in the UK during 2021.



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