# Public Opinion Survey: April 2023

Q% Report: Global

## **KEY SPECIFICATIONS**

SAMPLE: N=30,591 legal-age general population adults (21+) across 15 markets (approximately n=2,000 per market)
GEOGRAPHY: Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Serbia, South Africa, Tunisia, United Kingdom, United States.
METHODOLOGY: Online
MARGIN OF ERROR: ±0.6% at the global level
WEIGHTING: This survey was fielded online in all countries, thus the results are representative of the online population in each country. The data has been weighted by the following variables by country as needed to align with national population statistics: age, gender, and nicotine product consumption.
FIELDWORK DATES: 30 March - 20 April 2023
LANGUAGE: Native
RESEARCH AGENCY: Povaddo

Note: Results may not total 100% due to rounding.

S0. Please indicate your place of residence: [RANDOMIZE]

7% Argentina
7% Austria
7% Brazil
7% Colombia
7% Dominican Republic
7% South Korea
7% Malaysia
7% Mexico
7% Pakistan
7% Pakistan
7% Serbia
7% South Africa
7% United Kingdom
7% United States

S1. What is your age?

40% 21-34 36% 35-54 24% 55+ S2. What is your gender?
50% Male
50% Female
\*% Other
\*% Prefer not to say

Are you – or is any member of your immediate family – currently employed with/as:

(RANDOMIZE)	Yes	No
A newspaper, radio, or television station	0%	100%
A market research or opinion research firm	0%	100%
An elected official or in a policy making role in government	0%	100%
A tobacco or nicotine product manufacturer	0%	100%

D1-6. Please indicate whether you are a regular consumer, occasional consumer, former consumer, or have never consumed each of the following products.

(RANDOMIZE)	Regular consumer	Occasional consumer	Former consumer	Never consumed	TOTAL CONSUMER	TOTAL NONCONSUMER
Cigarettes	15%	4%	20%	62%	19%	81%
E-cigarettes / Electronic cigarettes / Vapes	3%	2%	12%	83%	5%	95%
Heated tobacco products	2%	2%	9%	87%	5%	95%
Oral tobacco or nicotine products	3%	2%	11%	84%	5%	95%
Individual coffee capsules / pods	22%	28%	10%	40%	50%	50%
Liquid laundry detergent	59%	20%	5%	16%	79%	21%

\*% = less than one-half of one percent

- Q1. Generally speaking, do you believe things in [COUNTRY] are headed in the right direction or wrong direction? And, do you feel strongly about that?
  - 42% TOTAL RIGHT DIRECTION
  - 51% TOTAL WRONG DIRECTION
  - 13% Right direction strongly
  - 29% Right direction somewhat
  - 24% Wrong direction somewhat
  - 28% Wrong direction strongly
  - 6% Unsure
- Q2. And, in the past few years, do you believe [COUNTRY] has been making progress addressing the big issues facing the country?

39%	TOTAL YES
54%	TOTAL NO
14%	Yes – definitely
25%	Yes
30%	No
24%	No – definitely not
7%	Unsure

Q3. Which of the following do you think will become obsolete in this country in the next 10-20 years due to new technologies and innovations? Please select all that apply.

## (RANDOMIZE)

46%	Cash
41%	Alarm clocks
41%	Gasoline cars
34%	Fossil fuel energy
31%	Digital cameras
21%	Cigarettes
13%	None of the above

- Q4. Generally speaking, do you believe the government moves too slow, too fast, or at about the right speed embracing technological breakthroughs and innovation?
  - 55% Too slow6% Too fast28% At about the right speed11% Unsure

Q5. And, do you believe there have ever been negative consequences as a result of government being too slow to embrace technological breakthroughs and innovation?

66% Yes 15% No 19% Unsure

[IF Q5="YES", ASK:]

Q6. And, in which areas do you believe there have been negative consequences as a result of government moving too slow to embrace technological breakthroughs and innovation? Please select all which apply.

### (RANDOMIZE)

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74%	Public health
61%	Green technology to decarbonize the planet
39%	Cryptocurrencies and digital assets
38%	Smoke-free technology to end cigarette sales
25%	Micro mobility (e-scooters)
4%	Unsure
2%	None of the above

You will now be shown a list of potential actions which some have suggested that governments need to undertake in order to ensure people in this country can benefit from technological breakthroughs.

Q7a-e. Please indicate whether or not you expect the government to undertake each of the following.

(RANDOMIZE)	Yes	No	Unsure
Implement regulations which facilitate access to innovations and technological breakthroughs	72%	17%	11%
Review innovations and technological breakthroughs in a timely fashion	71%	19%	10%
Communicate to the public fact-based information about innovations and technological breakthroughs	71%	19%	10%
Implement safeguards to protect the public from unintended consequences of innovations and technological breakthroughs	68%	20%	12%

Ensure innovations are affordable by taxing them appropriately	63%	23%	14%
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Q8. How would you feel if you learned that a breakthrough which could help address a societal issue was not made available to the public due to government inaction?

## 82% TOTAL FRUSTRATED

## 13% TOTAL NOT FRUSTRATED

- 43% Very angry, frustrated, or upset
- 39% Somewhat angry, frustrated, or upset
- 10% Not that angry, frustrated, or upset
- 3% Not at all angry, frustrated, or upset
- 5% Unsure

Switching topics...

Q9. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statement:

*I am provided with the right tools and information by the government and public health authorities to make the best choices for my health.* 

54%	TOTAL AGREE
42%	TOTAL DISAGREE

- 18% Strongly agree
- 36% Somewhat agree
- 25% Somewhat disagree
- 17% Strongly disagree
- 5% Unsure
- Q10. Do you believe government and public health authorities have done a good job or a poor job embracing new technologies and innovations designed to improve public health in this country?

43%TOTAL GOOD JOB46%TOTAL POOR JOB10%Good job - strongly34%Good job33%Poor job

- 13% Poor job strongly
- 11% Unsure

Q11. Generally speaking, do you believe government and public health authorities in this country

have done a good job or a poor job ensuring <u>everyone</u> has access to the latest innovations and technologies that can improve public health?

40%	TOTAL GOOD JOB
52%	TOTAL POOR JOB
10%	Good job – strongly
29%	Good job
36%	Poor job
16%	Poor job – strongly
9%	Unsure

Still thinking about the topic of public health...

You will now be shown a number of different statements. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each. (RANDOMIZE)

Q12. Public health authorities should make decisions based on science and facts.

- 91% TOTAL AGREE
- 5% TOTAL DISAGREE
- 63% Strongly agree
- 29% Somewhat agree
- 4% Somewhat disagree
- 1% Strongly disagree
- 3% Unsure
- Q13. Public health policy needs to be re-examined on a regular basis to ensure it keeps up with scientific and technological breakthroughs.
  - 92% TOTAL AGREE
  - 4% TOTAL DISAGREE
  - 66% Strongly agree
  - 27% Somewhat agree
  - 3% Somewhat disagree
  - 1% Strongly disagree
  - 3% Unsure

Q14. Public health authorities should fully embrace and seek to learn from evidence and data from other countries.

88%	TOTAL AGREE
8%	TOTAL DISAGREE
52%	Strongly agree
36%	Somewhat agree
6%	Somewhat disagree
2%	Strongly disagree
4%	Unsure

Q15. Do you see new technology and innovation playing a role in reducing smoking rates in this country?

50%	TOTAL YES
38%	TOTAL NO
21%	Yes – definitely
29%	Yes
29%	No
9%	No – definitely not
12%	Unsure

Q16. As you may or may not know, harm reduction is an approach which seeks to minimize the negative health impacts of harmful behaviors when it is not possible to completely stop these behaviors. Do you believe harm reduction is an appropriate approach to cigarette smoking?

63%	TOTAL YES
24%	TOTAL NO
24%	Yes – definitely
39%	Yes
18%	No
5%	No – definitely not
14%	Unsure

Q17. Do you believe the government needs to consider the role alternative products, like e-cigarettes and heated tobacco products, can play in eradicating cigarette smoking in this country?

 56%
 TOTAL YES

 32%
 TOTAL NO

 20%
 Yes – definitely

 35%
 Yes

22% No10% No – definitely not13% Unsure

Q18a-c. For each of the following, please indicate whether you believe they have a responsibility to objectively review and consider scientific evidence about smoke-free alternative products such as ecigarettes and heated tobacco products.

(RANDOMIZE)	Yes - definitely	Yes	No	No - definitely not	Unsure	TOTAL YES	TOTAL NO
Your national/federal government	37%	40%	12%	3%	8%	77%	15%
Independent scientific bodies	30%	45%	12%	3%	10%	76%	15%
Public health charities/nongovernmental organizations (NGOs)	32%	43%	13%	3%	9%	75%	16%

Q19. If the data and evidence indicated that smoke-free products were a better alternative than cigarettes, would you support or oppose your government enacting policies that encouraged smokers to switch to these products?

## 71% TOTAL SUPPORT

#### **20% TOTAL OPPOSE**

- 31% Strongly support
- 40% Somewhat support
- 11% Somewhat oppose
- 9% Strongly oppose
- 9% Unsure
- Q20. Do you believe smokers who would otherwise continue to smoke should have the same level of access to, and information about, a range of smoke-free products so that they can find whichever product is right for them as an alternative to smoking.

80% TOTAL YES
12% TOTAL NO
38% Yes – definitely
42% Yes
8% No
4% No – definitely not

8% Unsure

[ASK TO REGULAR OR OCCASIONAL CONSUMERS OF ANY NICOTINE CONTAINING PRODUCT] Q21. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statement:

The government needs to consider the views of adult smokers and adults who consume nicotine products when deciding how to tax and regulate different nicotine products.

- 81% TOTAL AGREE
- 14% TOTAL DISAGREE
- 42% Strongly agree
- 40% Somewhat agree
- 9% Somewhat disagree
- 5% Strongly disagree
- 5% Unsure

## [ASK TO EXCLUSIVE CIGARETTE SMOKERS]

Q22. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

As a smoker, I feel discriminated against.

58%TOTAL AGREE39%TOTAL DISAGREE25%Strongly agree33%Somewhat agree20%Somewhat disagree19%Strongly disagree4%Unsure

#### [ASK TO EXCLUSIVE CIGARETTE SMOKERS]

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. (RANDOMIZE)

- Q23a. I would be more likely to consider smoke-free alternatives if I had clarity on how these products differ from cigarettes.
  - 76% TOTAL AGREE
  - 20% TOTAL DISAGREE
  - 40% Strongly agree
  - 36% Somewhat agree
  - 11% Somewhat disagree
  - 9% Strongly disagree
  - 5% Unsure

- Q23b. I would be more likely to consider smoke-free alternatives if the government provided information on how these products differ from cigarettes.
  - 73% TOTAL AGREE
  - 21% TOTAL DISAGREE
  - 38% Strongly agree
  - 35% Somewhat agree
  - 12% Somewhat disagree
  - 9% Strongly disagree
  - 6% Unsure
- Q23c. I would be more likely to consider smoke-free alternatives if they were more affordable than cigarettes.
  - 75% TOTAL AGREE

## 20% TOTAL DISAGREE

- 44% Strongly agree
- 32% Somewhat agree
- 11% Somewhat disagree
- 9% Strongly disagree
- 4% Unsure
- Q23d. I would be more likely to consider smoke-free alternatives if I had access to accurate information about them where these products are sold.

74%	TOTAL AGREE
22%	TOTAL DISAGREE
38%	Strongly agree
35%	Somewhat agree
11%	Somewhat disagree
10%	Strongly disagree
5%	Unsure

Now, just a few final questions for statistical purposes...

D7. Thinking about national level elections in this country, do you tend to vote in these elections all of the time, most of the time, some of the time, rarely, or never?

## 79% FREQUENT VOTERS

57% All of the time

22% Most of the time10% Some of the time5% Rarely6% Never

D9.

# Do you live in an urban, suburban, or rural area?

65%	Urban
21%	Suburban
14%	Rural

D10. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

45%	Full-time employee
9%	Part-time employee
1%	Employer
12%	Self-employed
10%	Retired
5%	Studying
10%	Unemployed
1%	Unable to work due to bad health/disability
5%	Caring for home and family
1%	Inactive due to other reasons
2%	Prefer not to answer

#### THANK AND CLOSE SURVEY