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FACTS & FIGURES

ALLENSBACH SURVEY

# GROWING CONCERN ABOUT ENERGY SECURITY. MORE APPROVAL FOR DOMESTIC PRODUCTION

Russia is losing massive trust as an energy supplier. Germans are counting instead on other energy partners and natural gas from domestic production.

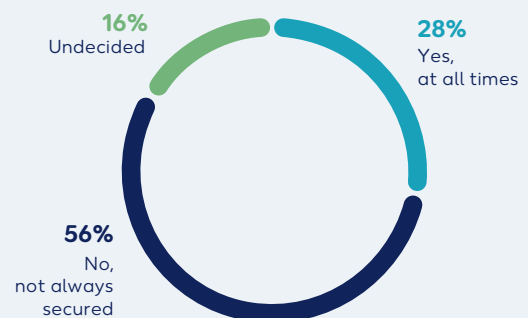
Due to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, criticisms of Russia as the EU's energy partner and related energy security topics have moved into the focus of public debate. The war and sanctions against Russia have left their mark on the German population: this is shown in a representative survey carried out in April 2022 by the Institut für Demoskopie Allensbach (Allensbach Institute for Public Opinion Polling). 1,100 people aged 18 and over from a representative cross-section of the population were interviewed. The results show that attitudes to energy supply security and Europe's energy partnerships have changed significantly.

## Concern about energy security has grown significantly

The costs for electricity and gas are rising. The sanctions against Russia are making energy supply more difficult. That is a concern for German citizens. A majority of 56% believe that the energy supply in Germany is no longer assured at all times. By comparison, in February 2022 – before Russia's attack on Ukraine – less than half of those surveyed (43%) shared this concern.

By reverse token, the proportion of those who regarded Germany's supply as secure at all times dropped in the last two months from 42% to just 28%.

Do you think that the energy supply in Germany is reliably secured?

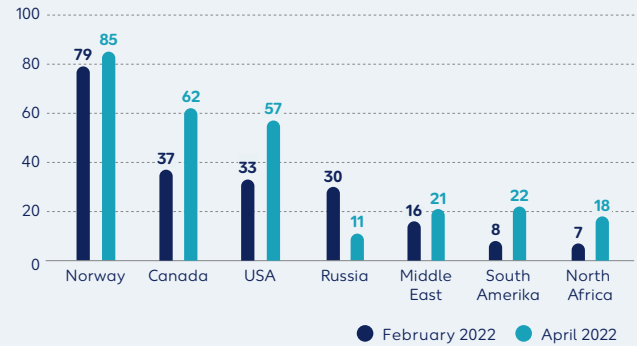


## Which countries are an option as reliable partners?

The war in Ukraine has significantly changed the opinion of Germans on which countries and regions are reliable partners for supplying natural gas. Canada and the US, in particular, are now regarded as more reliable than they were two months ago. Russia is the loser. While 30% of Germans still regarded Russia as a reliable natural gas supplier in February, the figure now is just 11%.

Norway remains the number one among the supplier countries that Germans trust. The approval rate of 79% in February even went up again by six percentage points to the current figure of 85%.

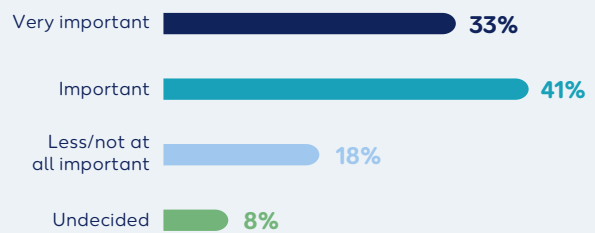
Reliable partners for supplying natural gas (figures as a percentage of those surveyed)



## Large majority in favour of domestic production to boost supply security

Until now, Germany has sourced more than 90% of its natural gas from abroad. In view of this, German citizens consider it increasingly urgent that domestic production is expanded. Almost three quarters – 74% to be exact – consider it important (41%) or even very important (33%) for domestic gas to be produced in Germany. That’s seven percentage points more than in the survey in February 2022.

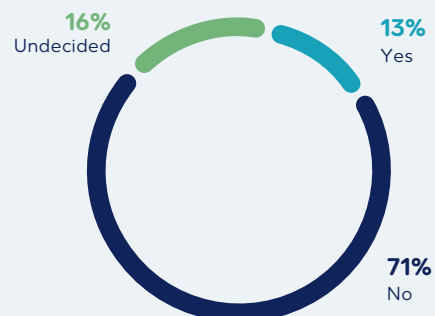
Is it important for natural gas to also be produced in Germany?



## More than two thirds believe that economic relations with Russia have been permanently strained

A clear majority of 71% of the population believe that the economic relations between Germany and Russia will remain fraught for a longer period – even once Russia’s war against Ukraine is over. Only 13% of people in Germany expect relations to normalise again quickly after the end of the war.

Economic relations with Russia will normalise again quickly after the end of the war



## Major reservations about closer cooperation with non-democratic countries

To become more independent from Russian gas, Germany is seeking to source natural gas from other exporters, such as Qatar. A number of these countries embody non-democratic, authoritarian systems. There are major reservations among the German population on this issue: less than a quarter of those surveyed (24%) think it is right to source more natural gas from countries that do not share our democratic values. Just under half (44%) reject it. Around a third are undecided.

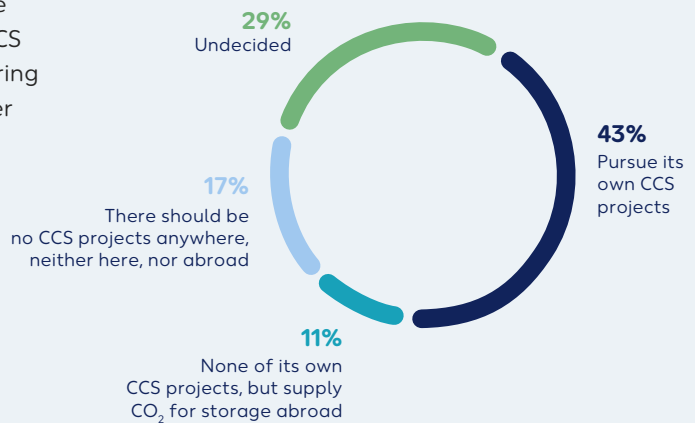
Is it right to source more natural gas from countries that do not share our democratic values?



## Over 40% are in favour of CO<sub>2</sub> storage in Germany

To reduce carbon emissions in industry, CO<sub>2</sub> can be captured and stored underground. Germans are generally positive about this carbon capture & storage (CCS) process in April 2022. The question: Should CCS projects in Germany – as in a number of neighbouring countries – be pursued? 43% are in favour. A further 11% support CO<sub>2</sub> storage only abroad.

How should Germany act with regard to underground CO<sub>2</sub> storage?



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