

# Public First Poll about future technology

**Fieldwork:** 8th Feb - 11th Feb 2022  
**Interview method:** Online Survey  
**Population represented:** UK Adults  
**Sample size:** 2011

## Methodology:

All results are weighted using Iterative Proportional Fitting, or 'Raking'. The results are weighted by interlocking age & gender, region and social grade to Nationally Representative Proportions

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(1.A) When you were a child or teenager, which if any of the following did you think were likely to happen in your lifetime? Please select all that apply.

	Total	Age						Social Grade				2019 Vote				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	The Brexit Party	I did not vote
Unweighted	2011	231	361	339	353	294	433	623	562	354	465	776	528	163	24	242
Weighted	2011	280	343	342	342	283	421	541	521	441	501	755	525	161	25	247
China becomes a democracy	4%	6%	7%	5%	2%	2%	2%	6%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	8%	4%	3%
Cancer is cured	27%	37%	29%	25%	26%	23%	24%	24%	28%	30%	26%	26%	30%	16%	18%	27%
Self-driving cars are widely available	23%	40%	26%	28%	23%	17%	9%	22%	22%	28%	20%	20%	24%	20%	25%	26%
A woman is elected President of the United States	21%	31%	26%	22%	17%	15%	17%	24%	24%	19%	17%	17%	24%	25%	8%	19%
Flying cars are widely available	17%	23%	19%	22%	19%	15%	8%	19%	15%	17%	18%	15%	20%	13%	11%	22%
Nuclear fusion becomes a major source of power	15%	16%	13%	14%	15%	15%	18%	20%	17%	14%	9%	16%	14%	24%	7%	9%
Homelessness in the UK is eliminated	14%	19%	15%	17%	13%	10%	11%	12%	12%	16%	15%	12%	16%	10%	3%	14%
Artificial Intelligence reaches a human level of intelligence	14%	25%	15%	16%	14%	8%	10%	16%	14%	14%	14%	13%	13%	17%	19%	14%
Scientists would bring back an extinct animal species	14%	22%	16%	16%	16%	7%	8%	14%	11%	16%	14%	13%	14%	12%	8%	14%
Global poverty is near eliminated	13%	14%	15%	15%	11%	9%	12%	16%	12%	10%	12%	11%	13%	11%	4%	14%
Humanity creates a permanent base on Mars	12%	17%	15%	13%	11%	8%	8%	12%	9%	15%	11%	11%	10%	14%	5%	13%
Racial tensions in society would be near eliminated	12%	19%	12%	12%	10%	9%	9%	12%	10%	9%	15%	9%	16%	11%	9%	11%
Virtual Reality becomes the most popular leisure activity	11%	24%	13%	13%	9%	6%	4%	9%	11%	11%	13%	8%	10%	10%	8%	14%
Genetic engineering would be used to enhance human abilities	11%	14%	13%	12%	9%	8%	10%	12%	11%	12%	9%	11%	9%	15%	22%	10%
None of the above	30%	11%	20%	23%	32%	45%	45%	26%	34%	25%	34%	36%	23%	25%	24%	35%

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BASE: All Respondents

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(1.B) When you were a child or teenager, which if any of the following did you think were likely to happen in your lifetime? Please select all that apply.

	Gender			Region											
	Total	Male	Female	London	South East	South West	East of England	East Midlands	West Midlands	Yorkshire and the Humber	North East	North West	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland
Unweighted	2011	898	1107	268	286	177	168	145	183	173	92	240	144	91	44
Weighted	2011	990	1015	282	261	161	181	141	181	161	80	221	181	101	60
China becomes a democracy	4%	5%	3%	6%	5%	5%	2%	1%	3%	3%	7%	5%	2%	2%	5%
Cancer is cured	27%	24%	29%	22%	23%	27%	25%	24%	28%	27%	31%	30%	32%	30%	38%
Self-driving cars are widely available	23%	24%	21%	25%	20%	20%	25%	26%	29%	27%	23%	18%	24%	17%	13%
A woman is elected President of the United States	21%	21%	21%	26%	22%	20%	18%	19%	21%	25%	17%	17%	22%	19%	25%
Flying cars are widely available	17%	19%	15%	22%	17%	17%	21%	18%	14%	20%	16%	13%	15%	13%	18%
Nuclear fusion becomes a major source of power	15%	22%	8%	15%	13%	15%	19%	19%	14%	15%	22%	10%	16%	10%	25%
Homelessness in the UK is eliminated	14%	13%	15%	14%	11%	17%	11%	10%	16%	12%	19%	17%	18%	12%	11%
Artificial Intelligence reaches a human level of intelligence	14%	17%	12%	17%	11%	9%	16%	14%	15%	13%	19%	15%	15%	16%	22%
Scientists would bring back an extinct animal species	14%	15%	12%	16%	12%	14%	14%	11%	14%	12%	17%	14%	15%	12%	18%
Global poverty is near eliminated	13%	15%	11%	16%	11%	15%	9%	8%	8%	13%	17%	12%	17%	13%	16%
Humanity creates a permanent base on Mars	12%	15%	8%	13%	10%	10%	15%	12%	13%	8%	14%	15%	7%	12%	11%
Racial tensions in society would be near eliminated	12%	11%	13%	16%	10%	8%	9%	11%	13%	12%	14%	14%	11%	14%	11%
Virtual Reality becomes the most popular leisure activity	11%	12%	10%	10%	12%	9%	11%	17%	11%	12%	16%	8%	8%	12%	18%
Genetic engineering would be used to enhance human abilities	11%	13%	9%	13%	9%	11%	9%	14%	12%	14%	14%	9%	8%	11%	12%
None of the above	30%	25%	34%	25%	33%	34%	30%	36%	30%	29%	23%	28%	32%	33%	17%

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(2.A) Which of the same list do you now think are likely to happen in your lifetime? Please select all that apply.

	Total	Age						Social Grade				2019 Vote				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	The Brexit Party	I did not vote
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Humanity creates a permanent base on Mars	9%	17%	10%	11%	8%	8%	4%	9%	8%	12%	9%	8%	10%	10%	0%	11%
Flying cars are widely available	8%	11%	8%	9%	7%	10%	4%	9%	6%	9%	8%	8%	6%	9%	5%	11%
Homelessness in the UK is eliminated	7%	11%	11%	9%	3%	4%	3%	6%	6%	7%	9%	7%	6%	7%	7%	7%
Racial tensions in society would be near eliminated	5%	9%	9%	6%	3%	3%	2%	5%	4%	5%	7%	5%	5%	5%	11%	6%
Global poverty is near eliminated	4%	3%	6%	6%	3%	2%	2%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%
China becomes a democracy	4%	6%	5%	5%	3%	3%	2%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%	2%
Self-driving cars are widely available	39%	40%	31%	38%	39%	44%	42%	43%	39%	36%	38%	42%	34%	37%	40%	40%
A woman is elected President of the United States	38%	33%	30%	35%	43%	39%	44%	38%	42%	33%	36%	40%	35%	41%	13%	35%
Virtual Reality becomes the most popular leisure activity	25%	26%	22%	26%	28%	25%	23%	24%	22%	25%	27%	25%	23%	26%	14%	21%
Nuclear fusion becomes a major source of power	23%	18%	14%	19%	26%	24%	34%	25%	24%	25%	19%	27%	21%	33%	13%	18%
Artificial Intelligence reaches a human level of intelligence	22%	26%	20%	20%	22%	23%	23%	22%	21%	22%	23%	23%	22%	19%	19%	21%
Genetic engineering would be used to enhance human abilities	19%	16%	15%	14%	20%	21%	28%	21%	17%	22%	16%	21%	17%	19%	23%	19%
Scientists would bring back an extinct animal species	18%	19%	18%	15%	17%	20%	16%	17%	15%	19%	19%	17%	20%	15%	9%	17%
Cancer is cured	14%	18%	11%	15%	13%	13%	13%	11%	13%	17%	14%	15%	12%	13%	3%	12%
None of the above	22%	15%	23%	22%	23%	28%	23%	20%	23%	21%	25%	21%	23%	13%	24%	20%

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Humanity creates a permanent base on Mars	9%	11%	8%	11%	7%	5%	11%	14%	11%	9%	10%	7%	6%	16%	10%
Flying cars are widely available	8%	11%	5%	9%	10%	5%	14%	10%	8%	3%	8%	7%	2%	7%	10%
Homelessness in the UK is eliminated	7%	8%	5%	9%	6%	4%	5%	5%	11%	7%	8%	6%	4%	5%	10%
Racial tensions in society would be near eliminated	5%	6%	5%	7%	5%	3%	3%	3%	5%	8%	7%	8%	2%	3%	4%
Global poverty is near eliminated	4%	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%	6%	2%	5%	2%	7%	2%	3%	0%	2%
China becomes a democracy	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	5%	1%	3%	5%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%
Self-driving cars are widely available	39%	42%	36%	36%	44%	39%	39%	37%	40%	35%	37%	37%	49%	37%	31%
A woman is elected President of the United States	38%	36%	39%	32%	44%	39%	40%	41%	39%	34%	29%	30%	44%	40%	36%
Virtual Reality becomes the most popular leisure activity	25%	24%	25%	20%	24%	31%	31%	30%	18%	25%	28%	24%	24%	17%	39%
Nuclear fusion becomes a major source of power	23%	29%	18%	20%	30%	22%	25%	24%	24%	18%	21%	20%	26%	25%	21%
Artificial Intelligence reaches a human level of intelligence	22%	23%	21%	19%	27%	21%	25%	21%	25%	19%	23%	17%	27%	14%	27%
Genetic engineering would be used to enhance human abilities	19%	21%	17%	15%	20%	23%	18%	20%	19%	26%	21%	18%	18%	13%	19%
Scientists would bring back an extinct animal species	18%	19%	16%	15%	20%	21%	20%	20%	20%	17%	23%	12%	15%	14%	18%
Cancer is cured	14%	15%	13%	17%	15%	12%	17%	9%	11%	11%	12%	14%	11%	11%	19%
None of the above	22%	19%	26%	20%	18%	23%	19%	26%	22%	29%	26%	26%	18%	29%	19%

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(3.A) And which of the same list do you now think are unlikely to happen in the next century?

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Weighted	2011	280	343	342	342	283	421	541	521	441	501	755	525	161	25	247
Global poverty is near eliminated	44%	43%	35%	40%	48%	47%	49%	45%	43%	43%	44%	47%	42%	42%	31%	44%
Homelessness in the UK is eliminated	40%	39%	33%	36%	47%	43%	44%	42%	38%	41%	41%	41%	38%	39%	39%	40%
Cancer is cured	38%	35%	34%	37%	42%	42%	38%	35%	37%	40%	41%	39%	36%	36%	46%	39%
Racial tensions in society would be near eliminated	38%	36%	30%	30%	41%	43%	44%	39%	38%	36%	36%	40%	36%	35%	26%	37%
Flying cars are widely available	35%	34%	31%	32%	37%	38%	37%	34%	35%	33%	37%	35%	33%	32%	46%	34%
China becomes a democracy	33%	25%	26%	29%	35%	40%	43%	39%	36%	26%	31%	38%	28%	39%	37%	29%
Humanity creates a permanent base on Mars	32%	25%	27%	28%	32%	39%	40%	35%	34%	28%	30%	36%	26%	33%	34%	31%
Scientists would bring back an extinct animal species	26%	22%	25%	24%	28%	31%	27%	26%	27%	26%	25%	28%	23%	32%	26%	26%
Artificial Intelligence reaches a human level of intelligence	20%	19%	21%	21%	15%	17%	24%	24%	21%	16%	17%	18%	19%	23%	11%	21%
Self-driving cars are widely available	19%	13%	15%	18%	18%	20%	26%	18%	21%	17%	18%	19%	17%	20%	19%	15%
A woman is elected President of the United States	17%	14%	16%	16%	16%	19%	21%	19%	20%	13%	16%	18%	17%	20%	22%	13%
Genetic engineering would be used to enhance human abilities	17%	19%	17%	16%	15%	14%	20%	16%	17%	16%	19%	17%	18%	19%	18%	16%
Virtual Reality becomes the most popular leisure activity	16%	15%	18%	13%	13%	16%	19%	17%	16%	15%	15%	16%	16%	14%	15%	14%
Nuclear fusion becomes a major source of power	16%	14%	16%	14%	15%	17%	21%	16%	19%	13%	16%	15%	15%	18%	12%	16%
None of the above	14%	12%	18%	15%	14%	13%	11%	10%	14%	14%	18%	12%	15%	7%	8%	22%

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(3.B) And which of the same list do you now think are unlikely to happen in the next century?

	Total	Gender		Region											
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Global poverty is near eliminated	44%	44%	44%	39%	42%	45%	49%	52%	43%	42%	38%	42%	43%	52%	48%
Homelessness in the UK is eliminated	40%	39%	41%	37%	39%	45%	45%	43%	35%	39%	32%	41%	40%	53%	39%
Cancer is cured	38%	36%	40%	30%	42%	41%	49%	45%	35%	38%	31%	31%	38%	45%	39%
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Flying cars are widely available	35%	33%	36%	30%	35%	38%	38%	34%	34%	40%	37%	28%	34%	45%	36%
China becomes a democracy	33%	37%	30%	30%	35%	33%	40%	38%	32%	30%	35%	30%	33%	39%	33%
Humanity creates a permanent base on Mars	32%	33%	32%	27%	31%	39%	36%	32%	34%	33%	28%	32%	29%	33%	31%
Scientists would bring back an extinct animal species	26%	28%	24%	25%	24%	28%	27%	39%	23%	24%	19%	22%	27%	32%	27%
Artificial Intelligence reaches a human level of intelligence	20%	21%	18%	21%	21%	18%	27%	22%	18%	15%	20%	15%	22%	19%	17%
Self-driving cars are widely available	19%	20%	18%	19%	23%	27%	18%	18%	12%	18%	13%	18%	20%	13%	13%
A woman is elected President of the United States	17%	18%	17%	19%	18%	22%	17%	16%	13%	17%	17%	18%	18%	14%	10%
Genetic engineering would be used to enhance human abilities	17%	18%	16%	20%	16%	21%	18%	18%	16%	15%	11%	16%	17%	16%	16%
Virtual Reality becomes the most popular leisure activity	16%	18%	14%	19%	17%	17%	16%	15%	19%	11%	15%	14%	15%	14%	12%
Nuclear fusion becomes a major source of power	16%	17%	16%	20%	17%	22%	19%	22%	10%	12%	12%	13%	14%	12%	19%
None of the above	14%	12%	15%	12%	11%	12%	8%	12%	18%	17%	21%	17%	14%	15%	16%

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(4.A) Overall, how much higher or lower do you think average incomes in the UK are likely to be at the end of the century (2100) than they are today?

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Over 500% higher	5%	5%	2%	3%	3%	6%	8%	6%	5%	3%	4%	7%	3%	4%	3%	3%
300-500% higher	5%	3%	4%	3%	4%	6%	9%	6%	4%	5%	4%	6%	3%	6%	8%	4%
100-300% higher	11%	10%	10%	10%	9%	12%	12%	12%	10%	12%	8%	13%	10%	10%	12%	7%
50-100% higher	14%	15%	18%	13%	14%	12%	12%	19%	14%	10%	12%	16%	15%	22%	9%	6%
10-50% higher	16%	21%	16%	14%	17%	13%	15%	13%	17%	20%	13%	17%	16%	17%	16%	12%
0-10% higher	9%	13%	6%	11%	11%	8%	6%	7%	9%	8%	11%	8%	9%	8%	18%	10%
Around the same	9%	8%	11%	12%	11%	9%	6%	8%	8%	10%	12%	8%	10%	5%	3%	15%
Over 500% lower	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	4%	1%	2%	1%	5%	3%
300-500% lower	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
100-300% lower	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
50-100% lower	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	2%	0%	0%	2%
10-50% lower	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	12%	2%
0-10% lower	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%
Don't Know	24%	15%	22%	25%	26%	27%	29%	22%	27%	23%	26%	22%	23%	24%	14%	33%

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300-500% higher	5%	6%	3%	4%	5%	4%	5%	8%	5%	5%	5%	5%	2%	7%	6%
100-300% higher	11%	14%	8%	9%	13%	9%	13%	8%	13%	9%	9%	16%	8%	3%	13%
50-100% higher	14%	17%	11%	22%	11%	12%	11%	12%	13%	12%	17%	12%	13%	16%	17%
10-50% higher	16%	14%	17%	14%	15%	17%	14%	18%	19%	16%	12%	12%	19%	19%	15%
0-10% higher	9%	8%	9%	7%	7%	7%	10%	8%	7%	11%	1%	11%	15%	12%	6%
Around the same	9%	8%	10%	7%	8%	13%	15%	11%	9%	6%	8%	11%	9%	9%	4%
Over 500% lower	2%	1%	2%	4%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	4%	1%	0%	1%	5%
300-500% lower	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%
100-300% lower	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	0%	1%	3%	1%	1%	0%	0%
50-100% lower	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	0%	3%	1%	1%	1%	5%
10-50% lower	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	4%	1%	1%	2%	0%
0-10% lower	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%
Don't Know	24%	20%	28%	20%	26%	24%	23%	25%	24%	30%	26%	25%	25%	24%	22%

Note:

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(5.A) Overall, do you think technological progress in the twenty-first century is likely to be faster or slower than in the twentieth century?

	Total	Age						Social Grade				2019 Vote				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	The Brexit Party	I did not vote
Unweighted	2011	231	361	339	353	294	433	623	562	354	465	776	528	163	24	242
Weighted	2011	280	343	342	342	283	421	541	521	441	501	755	525	161	25	247
Significantly faster	17%	25%	15%	16%	16%	16%	18%	21%	16%	15%	17%	18%	17%	15%	7%	16%
Somewhat faster	40%	36%	35%	37%	40%	43%	46%	42%	40%	41%	37%	45%	38%	42%	55%	28%
Around the same	23%	17%	24%	25%	23%	24%	23%	21%	21%	25%	24%	23%	22%	20%	19%	27%
Somewhat slower	8%	10%	7%	7%	8%	6%	7%	8%	9%	5%	7%	7%	8%	11%	10%	8%
Significantly slower	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	3%	2%	1%	4%	5%	5%	1%
Don't Know	10%	9%	15%	14%	11%	10%	5%	7%	11%	10%	14%	6%	10%	7%	4%	20%

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(5.B) Overall, do you think technological progress in the twenty-first century is likely to be faster or slower than in the twentieth century?

	Total	Gender		Region											
		Male	Female	London	South East	South West	East of England	East Midlands	West Midlands	Yorkshire and the Humber	North East	North West	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland
Unweighted	2011	898	1107	268	286	177	168	145	183	173	92	240	144	91	44
Weighted	2011	990	1015	282	261	161	181	141	181	161	80	221	181	101	60
Significantly faster	17%	19%	15%	20%	17%	13%	14%	11%	15%	23%	18%	20%	13%	24%	23%
Somewhat faster	40%	40%	40%	44%	41%	36%	43%	44%	40%	37%	49%	38%	41%	28%	33%
Around the same	23%	21%	24%	18%	23%	31%	24%	23%	24%	17%	20%	22%	25%	22%	30%
Somewhat slower	8%	8%	7%	8%	6%	8%	9%	10%	7%	7%	6%	10%	6%	6%	2%
Significantly slower	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	0%	1%	4%	7%	0%
Don't Know	10%	8%	13%	9%	10%	10%	7%	12%	13%	13%	7%	10%	11%	13%	13%

*Note:*

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(6.A) You said that you think technological progress is likely to be slower in the twenty-first century than the twentieth. What are important reasons why you think this is likely to be the case? Please select all that apply.

	Total	Age						Social Grade				2019 Vote				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Conservative Labour	Liberal Democrat	The Brexit Party	I did not vote	
Unweighted	194	31	34	29	40	24	36	59	67	28	40	65	56	24	4	22
Weighted	196	38	35	30	36	23	34	50	63	37	46	59	62	25	4	22
It's getting hard to make new science or technological discoveries	51%	45%	51%	52%	52%	49%	54%	59%	52%	41%	48%	62%	41%	52%	0%	59%
Climate change will make it harder to invest in new technologies	34%	41%	36%	40%	17%	32%	37%	42%	28%	30%	35%	23%	35%	52%	0%	21%
Current Government isn't spending enough on science or research	32%	21%	23%	42%	43%	25%	40%	38%	33%	34%	24%	27%	46%	23%	55%	15%
Government regulation is making it harder to invent new things	21%	25%	27%	13%	14%	12%	31%	25%	17%	18%	25%	22%	21%	22%	77%	22%
Society today is too risk averse	20%	14%	15%	24%	21%	12%	33%	27%	19%	12%	19%	19%	18%	21%	45%	18%
Inventors today aren't as capable as those in the past	18%	22%	18%	15%	25%	14%	13%	7%	20%	22%	25%	20%	11%	15%	24%	30%
Other (Please specify)	2%	0%	4%	0%	3%	0%	3%	4%	2%	0%	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Don't Know	2%	2%	1%	7%	2%	3%	0%	3%	3%	0%	4%	2%	3%	0%	0%	7%

Note:

BASE: Question displayed when the Question "Overall, do you think technological progress in the twenty-first century is likely to be faster or slower than in the twentieth century?" is one of the following answers ("Somewhat slower", "Significantly slower")

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(6.B) You said that you think technological progress is likely to be slower in the twenty-first century than the twentieth. What are important reasons why you think this is likely to be the case? Please select all that apply.

	Gender			Region											
	Total	Male	Female	London	South East	South West	East of England	East Midlands	West Midlands	Yorkshire and the Humber	North East	North West	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland
Unweighted	194	97	97	26	26	16	20	14	16	19	5	25	15	11	1
Weighted	196	108	88	29	24	16	21	15	15	16	5	23	18	13	1
It's getting hard to make new science or technological discoveries	51%	55%	45%	69%	39%	40%	51%	71%	61%	56%	47%	26%	53%	49%	0%
Climate change will make it harder to invest in new technologies	34%	27%	43%	35%	40%	28%	35%	53%	29%	41%	0%	12%	42%	34%	100%
Current Government isn't spending enough on science or research	32%	35%	29%	38%	21%	34%	32%	14%	27%	39%	33%	35%	41%	40%	0%
Government regulation is making it harder to invent new things	21%	24%	18%	33%	18%	5%	32%	17%	12%	9%	67%	21%	19%	15%	0%
Society today is too risk averse	20%	21%	19%	19%	15%	11%	31%	33%	6%	29%	28%	16%	13%	30%	0%
Inventors today aren't as capable as those in the past	18%	18%	18%	20%	13%	26%	12%	12%	29%	28%	0%	17%	21%	16%	0%
Other (Please specify)	2%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	8%	0%
Don't Know	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	5%	0%	9%	0%	5%	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%

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BASE: Question displayed when the Question "Overall, do you think technological progress in the twenty-first century is likely to be faster or slower than in the twentieth century?" is one of the following answers ("Somewhat slower", "Significantly slower")

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