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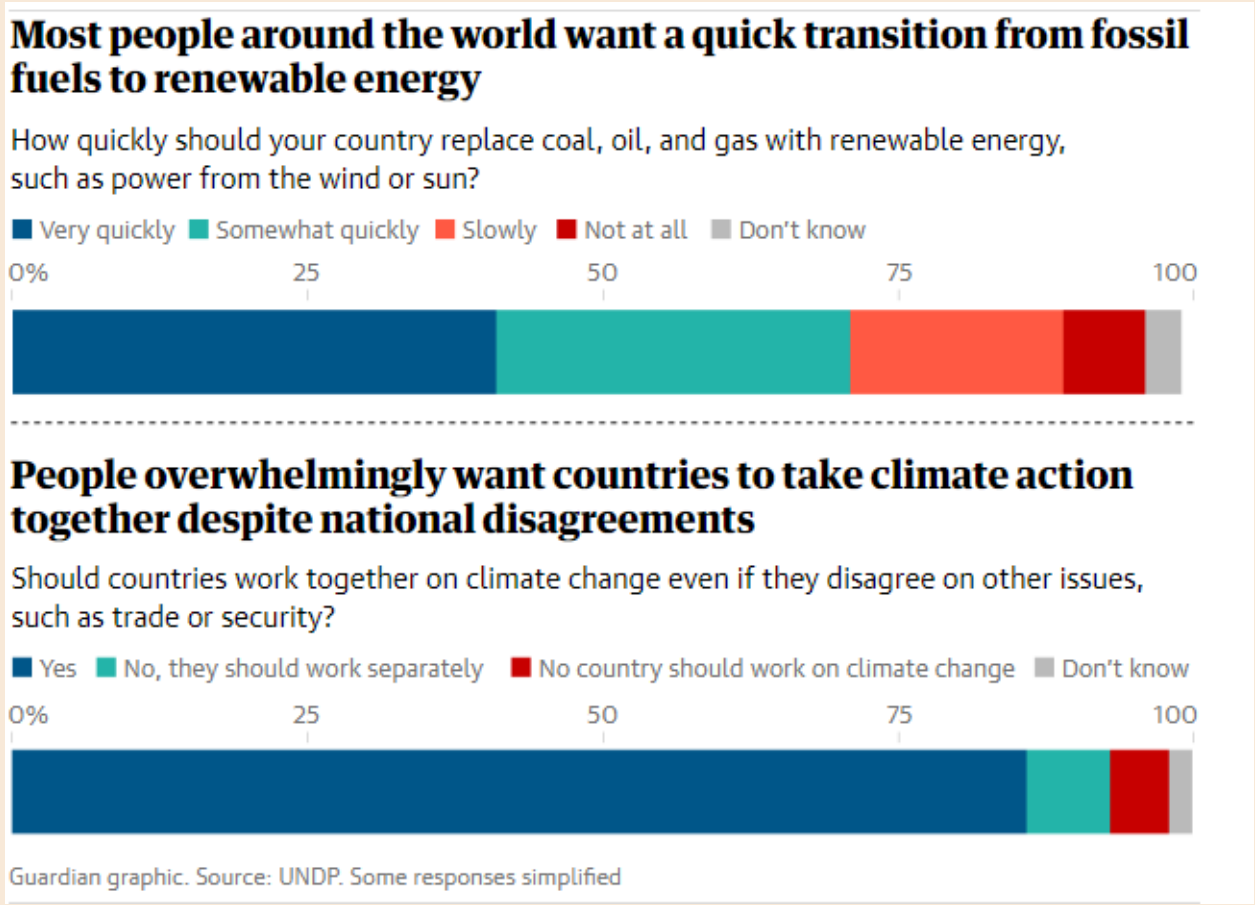


but not so much in the U.S.

Among average citizens support for addressing climate change is overwhelming

The United Nations Development Program recently completed the largest ever opinion poll on climate change.

75,000 people in 77 countries that represent almost 90% of the world's population were polled.





The poll was conducted to show political leaders the strong support for climate action.

It's a great first step, but people need to back their support with votes – at least in countries where that option exists.

Which countries registered the highest support?



- The world's two largest coal producers registered what in polling metrics could be considered unanimity – China at 80% and India at 76% support.
- Interestingly, the people in the country most associated with oil production – Saudi Arabia - showed similar support levels at 75%.
- And 86% of those polled want their countries to put aside geographical differences and cooperate on climate change.



Achim Steiner, the head of the UNDP described the level of consensus as “stunning”

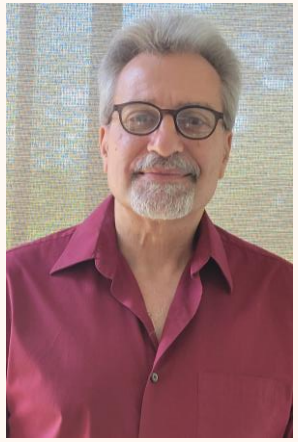
I would agree, yet there are political factions throughout the world that remain roadblocks.

How did the U.S. fare?



- Not great – although a majority still support a fast transition to clean energy sources, at 54% it is a disappointingly small one.
- Russia fared far worse at 16%, but given that country’s penchant for surveilling its citizens, I would discount the result. That would mean actual support may be even more overwhelming.

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