

Global Climate Change Questions

Nationwide Survey of 1,016 Adults (general population) Conducted March 15 - 19, 2015

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Margin of Error: +/- 3.0% with a 95% level of confidence (subgroups larger)

Some percentages may add up to more or less than 100 due to rounding

We need your help. The Saint Leo University Polling Institute is conducting a brief national public opinion survey. Your own responses to this important online survey are strictly confidential. Thank you very much.

SCREEN:

Are you currently a resident of the United States and 18 years of age or older?

100 % Yes

The following question has an N of 809 and include only "likely voters," that is, those individuals who said they vote "all of the time" or "most of the time." The margin of error for these results is approximately 3 percent.

Q: What do you think is the most important issue facing the country today?

Political affiliation
Republican, Independent, Democrat

Total	Choices (tabular results continue to next page)	R	I	D
28%	Jobs and the economy	22%	29%	34%
18%	Government spending and the federal budget deficit	24%	20%	11%
15%	Homeland security and anti-terror policy	17%	14%	13%
11%	Healthcare	6%	13%	14%
7%	Immigration	8%	8%	6%
5%	Education	4%	4%	9%
5%	Foreign affairs	10%	3%	4%
3%	Global climate change	2%	4%	2%
2%	Gun control / Second Amendment rights	3%	1%	3%

<1%	Energy policy
2%	Some other issue
2%	Not sure / don't know

<1%	<1%	1%
1%	2%	2%
2%	<1%	2%

The following questions have an N of 1,016 and include all respondents, both voters and non-voters.

SECTION: Public Policy

Q: Changing topics...How concerned are you about global climate change? Would you say you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, somewhat not concerned, or not at all concerned about global climate change?

By gender and political affiliation

Total	Possible answers
30%	Very concerned
43%	Somewhat concerned
15 %	Somewhat not concerned
11 %	Not at all concerned
1 %	Don't know / unsure

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M	W	R	I	D
29%	31%	22%	27%	41%
37%	48%	35%	45%	47%
18%	13%	23%	15%	8%
14%	8%	20%	12%	3%
2%	<1%	1%	2%	1%
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Q: Some people believe global climate change is currently occurring due to human activities, while others believe global climate change is part of a natural cycle. Which of the following best reflects what you believe?

By gender and political affiliation

Total	Choices	M	W	R	I	D
16%	Global climate change is caused entirely by human activity	17%	16%	11%	14%	23%
14%	Global climate change is caused entirely by nature	18%	11%	22%	11%	11%
61%	Global climate change is caused by a combination of human activity and nature	56%	66%	54%	65%	63%
4%	I don't believe global climate change is occurring	4%	4%	8%	5%	<1%
4%	Don't know/unsure	4%	4%	5%	4%	2%
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Q: Which of the following things have occurred in your state or region? Indicate all that apply; you may choose more than one.

45%	Warmer temperatures
45%	Unusually severe weather / storms
25%	Worsened air quality
24%	Worsened drought conditions
22%	Beach erosion
15%	Ocean rising or seacoast flooding
15%	Loss or threatened loss of habitats
10%	Loss or threatened loss of species

Q: How strongly do you think global climate change is responsible for the following things?

Conditions - ranked by responses directly above	Very strongly	Somewhat Strongly	Not very strongly	Not at all strongly	Don't know / not sure
Warmer temperatures	35%	34%	17%	9%	6%
Unusually severe weather / storms	35%	32%	18%	9%	7%
Worsened air quality	26%	28%	23%	14%	9%
Worsened drought conditions	32%	34%	17%	10%	7%
Beach erosion	25%	37%	18%	11%	9%
Ocean rising or seacoast flooding	30%	35%	17%	10%	8%
Loss or threatened loss of habitats	24%	33%	22%	12%	9%
Loss or threatened loss of species	24%	32%	22%	13%	9%

Q: Which of the following do you trust as reliable sources of information about global climate change? Check all that apply

45%	Non-government scientists and educators
33%	Environmental groups
22%	Mainstream media such as U.S. newspapers, broadcasters, and online media such as CBS, ABC, NBC, CNN, Associated Press, <i>New York Times</i>
22%	Scientist and Cosmos TV series host Neil deGrasse Tyson
17%	Fox News
13%	U.S. government
11%	President Obama
11%	Family, friends, or co-workers
9%	Social media
6%	Radio commentators Sean Hannity and/or Rush Limbaugh
5%	Business or industry groups
5%	Utility companies
3%	Entertainers and celebrities
14%	Don't know / not sure

Q: Pope Francis recently said protecting the environment is the responsibility of all Christians. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with this statement?

By groups: religious and ethnic

Total	Choices	Catholics	Non-Catholics	White	Black	Hispanic/Latino
38%	Strongly agree	47%	36%	35%	42%	45%
39%	Somewhat agree	39%	39%	42%	34%	34%
9%	Somewhat disagree	6%	9%	8%	9%	8%
7%	Strongly disagree	3%	8%	7%	6%	8%
7%	Don't know/unsure	5%	7%	7%	9%	6%
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Q: Which of the following entities do you think is best able to deal with problems attributed to global climate change? (Choose one)

By gender and political affiliation

Total	Choices
7%	Local governments
12%	State governments
29%	Federal or national government
18%	International bodies
17%	Private sector businesses or entrepreneurs
18%	Don't know / not sure

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M	W	R	I	D
6%	7%	8%	5%	6%
11%	13%	16%	7%	16%
29%	29%	24%	22%	41%
22%	14%	12%	25%	15%
17%	16%	23%	17%	11%
15%	21%	17%	23%	12%
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Q: Which of the following have been effective in dealing with the problems attributed to global climate change? Indicate all that apply; you may choose more than one.

By gender and political affiliation

Total	Choices
14%	Local governments
21%	State governments
25%	Federal or national government
16%	International bodies
23%	Private sector businesses or entrepreneurs
39%	Don't know / not sure

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M	W	R	I	D
12%	15%	13%	12%	18%
21%	21%	25%	16%	24%
27%	23%	24%	20%	32%
20%	14%	12%	18%	19%
24%	23%	27%	24%	20%
35%	42%	32%	46%	35%
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Q: Whose responsibility is it to deal with the problems attributed to global climate change?
Indicate all that apply; you may choose more than one.

By gender and political affiliation

Total	Choices
38%	Local governments
43%	State governments
56%	Federal or national government
39%	International bodies
40%	Private sector businesses or entrepreneurs
15%	Don't know / not sure

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M	W	R	I	D
35%	40%	34%	41%	39%
42%	44%	41%	44%	47%
56%	56%	47%	54%	68%
41%	38%	30%	47%	41%
41%	40%	38%	47%	36%
12%	17%	15%	18%	9%
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Q: Which of the following have you done to reduce carbon pollution? Indicate all that apply; you may choose more than one.

33%	Bought a smaller or more fuel efficient car
28%	None of these
22%	Car pool or use mass transit
14%	Reduced or stop eating meat
14%	Installed or purchased alternative energy sources such as solar for my home
11%	Reduced or stop eating dairy products
11%	Pay higher energy taxes to fund environmental efforts
8%	Pay higher taxes for the construction of mass transit infrastructure
6%	Bought an electric car
7%	Don't know / not sure

Q: Which of the following would you be willing to do to reduce carbon pollution? Indicate all that apply; you may choose more than one.

42%	Bought a smaller or more fuel efficient car
40%	Installed or purchased alternative energy sources such as solar for my home
34%	Car pool or use mass transit
27%	Bought an electric car
16%	Reduced or stop eating meat
15%	Pay higher energy taxes to fund environmental efforts
14%	Reduced or stop eating dairy products
13%	Pay higher taxes for the construction of mass transit infrastructure
10%	None of these
9%	Don't know / not sure

Q: Which of the following outdoor activities do you participate in on a regular basis? Check all that apply.

69%	Running or walking
53%	Gardening
29%	Fishing
25%	Hiking
25%	Camping
25%	Bicycling
17%	Bird watching
14%	Boating / Canoeing / Kayaking
11%	Hunting
4%	Snow skiing

Q: Changing topics again...Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Pope Francis?
Would you say your opinion of Pope Francis is...

Total	Choices	Catholics	Non-Catholics
29%	Strongly favorable	48%	24%
39%	Somewhat favorable	36%	40%
8%	Somewhat unfavorable	5%	9%
6%	Not at all favorable	0%	8%
18%	Don't know unsure	11%	20%
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