

Global Climate Change Questions

Statewide Florida Survey of 522 Adults (general population) Conducted March 15 - 21, 2015

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Margin of Error: +/- 4% with a 95% level of confidence

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.

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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 433 and includes 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 4.5 percent.

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

Total	Choices	Political affiliation		
		R	I	D
29%	Jobs and the economy	24%	31%	33%
19%	Government spending and the federal budget deficit	25%	19%	12%
15%	Homeland security and anti-terror policy	21%	9%	14%
13%	Healthcare	11%	11%	15%
7%	Immigration	8%	7%	6%
6%	Education	1%	6%	9%
4%	Foreign affairs	6%	5%	2%
3%	Gun control / Second Amendment rights	2%	5%	3%
3%	Global climate change	1%	4%	5%
<1%	Some other issue	0%	2%	1%
0%	Energy policy	0%	0%	0%
<1%	Not sure / don't know	0%	0%	2%

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?

Total	Choices
28%	Very concerned
39%	Somewhat concerned
18%	Somewhat not concerned
14%	Not at all concerned
2%	Don't know / unsure

By gender and political affiliation

M	W	R	I	D
22%	34%	23%	28%	37%
38%	39%	32%	39%	41%
18%	17%	16%	17%	17%
19%	8%	28%	14%	3%
3%	2%	2%	1%	2%
268	251	151	99	179

N=

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?

Total	Choices
16%	Global climate change is caused entirely by human activity
14%	Global climate change is caused entirely by nature
57%	Global climate change is caused by a combination of human activity and nature
8%	I don't believe global climate change is occurring
5%	Don't know / unsure

By gender and political affiliation

M	W	R	I	D
16%	16%	13%	12%	21%
15%	13%	20%	7%	13%
55%	59%	51%	70%	58%
9%	6%	15%	6%	4%
5%	5%	1%	5%	6%
268	251	151	99	179

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Which of the following things have occurred in your state or region? Indicate all that apply; you may choose more than one.

56%	Beach erosion
49%	Warmer temperatures
29%	Loss or threatened loss of habitats
26%	Loss or threatened loss of species
25%	Unusually severe weather / storms
23%	Ocean rising or seacoast flooding
19%	Worsened air quality
18%	Worsened drought conditions

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

	Very strongly	Somewhat Strongly	Not very strongly	Not at all strongly	Don't know / not sure
1. Ocean rising or seacoast flooding	27	36	18	10	9
2. Beach erosion	25	35	19	14	8
3. Warmer temperatures	32	36	15	12	6
4. Worsened drought conditions	23	38	19	13	8
5. Worsened air quality	20	31	22	18	10
6. Unusually severe weather / storms	25	34	19	14	8
7. Loss or threatened loss of habitats	21	33	22	16	9
8. Loss or threatened loss of species	22	22	21	17	9

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

47%	Non-government scientists and educators
35%	Environmental groups
22%	Mainstream media such as U.S. newspapers, broadcasters, and online media such as CBS, ABC, NBC, CNN, Associated Press, New York Times
21%	Fox News
20%	Scientist and Cosmos TV series host Neil deGrasse Tyson
15%	U.S. government
12%	President Obama
12%	Family, friends, or co-workers
9%	Social media
7%	Radio commentators Sean Hannity and/or Rush Limbaugh
6%	Business or industry groups
6%	Utility companies
3%	Entertainers and celebrities
12%	Don't know / not sure

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?

41%	Strongly agree
33%	Somewhat agree
11%	Somewhat disagree
7%	Strongly disagree
9%	Don't know unsure

[Additional demographics, related to results above. Our sample reflected these faiths.]

23%	Catholic
22%	Protestant (Baptist, Lutheran, Congregational, Presbyterian)
24%	Christian (non-denominational)
<1%	Greek Orthodox
4%	Jewish
1%	Buddhist
<1%	Muslim
<1%	Latter Day Saint / Mormon
5%	Other
19%	No preference / no religious affiliation

Which of the following entities do you think is best able to deal with problems attributed to global climate change?

By gender and political affiliation

Total	Choices	M	W	R	I	D
9%	Local governments	7%	10%	9%	9%	8%
12%	State governments	7%	16%	16%	7%	12%
28%	Federal or national government	27%	28%	19%	22%	38%
21%	International bodies	28%	13%	19%	17%	22%
13%	Private sector businesses or entrepreneurs	15%	10%	21%	17%	2%
19%	Don't know / not sure	16	22	15	27	17
N =						

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	M	W	R	I	D
19%	Local governments	13%	26%	13%	19%	21%
24%	State governments	19%	30%	23%	13%	29%
26%	Federal or national government	22%	30%	25%	16%	31%
19%	International bodies	23%	14%	10%	10%	26%
20%	Private sector businesses or entrepreneurs	20%	21%	26%	20%	10%
36%	Don't know / not sure	37	34	38	22	31
N =						

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	M	W	R	I	D
39%	Local governments	36%	43%	34%	19%	36%
43%	State governments	37%	49%	37%	19%	44%
53%	Federal or national government	52%	54%	43%	21%	58%
44%	International bodies	48%	39%	31%	19%	47%
36%	Private sector businesses or entrepreneurs	36%	36%	35%	17%	31%
17%	Don't know / not sure	16	17	22	5	12
N =						

Which of the following have you done to do to reduce carbon pollution? Indicate all that apply; you may choose more than one.

34%	Bought a smaller or more fuel efficient car
24%	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
12%	Pay higher taxes for the construction of mass transit infrastructure
11%	Pay higher energy taxes to fund environmental efforts
10%	Reduced or stop eating dairy products
6%	Bought an electric car
27%	None of these
7%	Don't know / not sure

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

41 %	Installed or purchased alternative energy sources such as solar for my home
40 %	Bought a smaller or more fuel efficient car
34 %	Car pool or use mass transit
24 %	Bought an electric car
15 %	Reduced or stop eating meat
15 %	Pay higher taxes for the construction of mass transit infrastructure
14 %	Pay higher energy taxes to fund environmental efforts
13 %	Reduced or stop eating dairy products
13 %	None of these
9 %	Don't know / not sure

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

63%	Running or walking
44%	Gardening
31%	Bicycling
29%	Fishing
20%	Boating / Canoeing / Kayaking
17%	Hiking
16%	Camping
14%	Bird watching
8%	Hunting
<1%	Snow skiing