

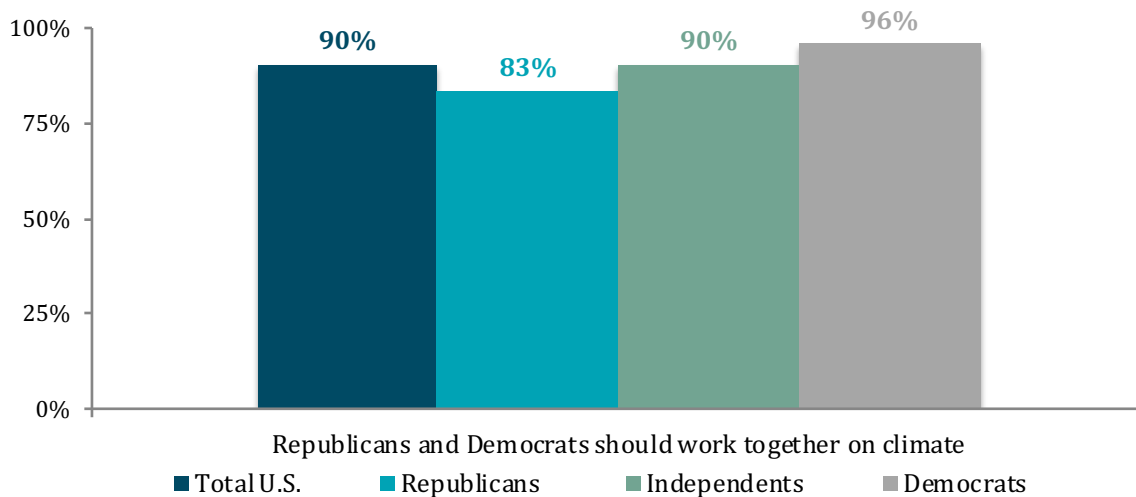
90% of Americans Think Dems and Reps Should Work Together on Climate

The magnitude of the partisan split on key issues in the United States is the [largest it's been in decades](#). This includes a 20-point difference (Rep vs. Dem) on whether environmental regulation hurts jobs and the economy. But, how large is the partisan split on climate change? Do Americans prefer to accept a partisan divide on climate, or would they rather see Republicans and Democrats work together to address it? ecoAmerica set out to find these answers in the **September 2018 American Climate Perspective Survey**.

While ecoAmerica found partisan splits across climate change topics, they also found glimmers of hope. **90% of Americans are looking for policy makers to find a way to work together to address climate change, including 83% of Republicans who support this and 96% of Democrats**, strong majorities across all party affiliations.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree: Republicans and Democrats should find a way to work together to address climate change.

849 respondent(s) total nationally, % Total "Strongly agree and Somewhat agree"



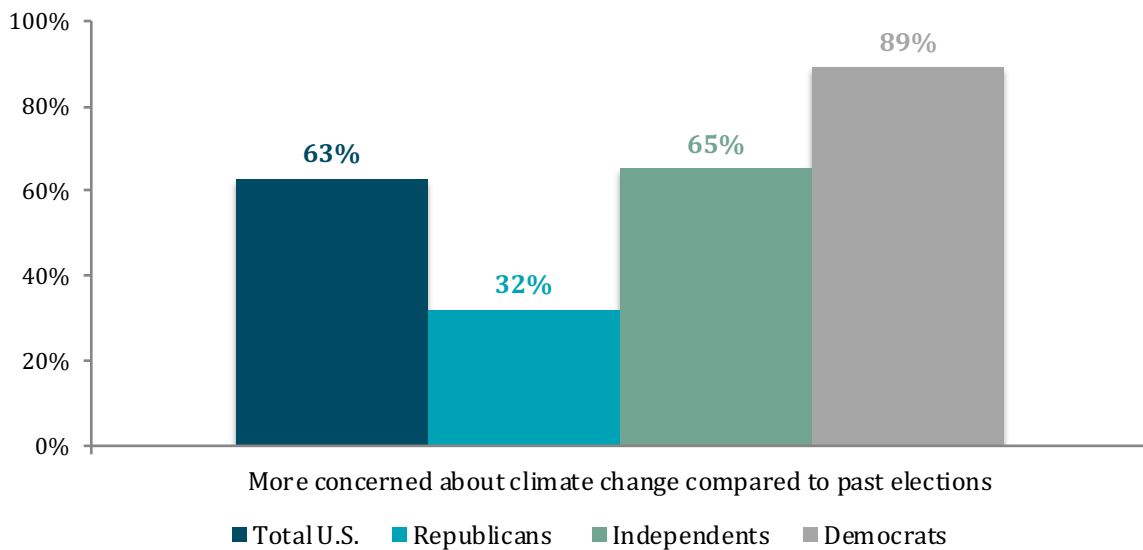
Independents Siding with Democrats on Environmental Rollbacks

ecoAmerica asked Americans how they are feeling about the Trump administration’s rollbacks of environmental protections. They found that a **majority of Americans (62%) disapprove of the rollback, including lowering fuel economy standards, opening offshore drilling, and exiting the Paris Climate Agreement**. Notably, 64% of Independents, who currently comprise the largest voting bloc ([43%](#)), disapprove of the rollbacks, aligning more closely with Democrats on the issue (of which 86% disapprove) than Republicans (of which 23% disapprove). When asked about who benefits from these rollbacks, a **majority of Americans (73%) believe that corporations benefit** with little partisan difference.

Americans Are More Concerned About Climate Change Today than in Past Elections

Americans across political affiliations report being more concerned about climate change. In fact, ecoAmerica found that more than **three in five Americans (63%) report feeling more concerned about climate change now than in previous elections.**

While there are partisan variances in climate concern, the issue is far from an all-or-nothing divide. A vast majority (89%) of Democrats, 65% of Independents, and even nearly a third (32%) of Republicans report being *more* concerned about climate change compared to previous elections.



Methodology

ecoAmerica designed and administered this survey, which was conducted online August 24th, 2018 using Survey Monkey. The survey yielded a total of 849 adult responses. The sample was drawn from an online panel and the respondents were screened to ensure that they were over the age of 18. The margin of error for the sample is +/-3.5%. In interpreting the survey results, it is important to note that all sample surveys are subject to possible sampling error. Thus, the results of a survey may differ from the results that would be obtained if the entire population was interviewed. The size of the sampling error depends upon both the total number of respondents in the survey and the percentage distribution of the responses to a particular question. For example, if 50% of the respondents in a sample of 802 respondents answered, “Yes” to a particular question, we can be 95% confident that the true percentage would fall within 3.5 points, or range from 46.5% to 53.5%.

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