

Mothers Know Best: Our Moral Obligation on Climate Change

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	U.S. 2018 (%)	U.S. 2017 (%)	U.S. 2016 (%)	U.S. 2015 (%)	Mom 2018 (%)	Mom 2017 (%)	Mom 2016 (%)	Mom 2015 (%)
N=	800	802	800	800	132	188	225	159

Mom Says Climate Change is Happening and the Weather is Changing

Q1. Climate change refers to the idea that the world’s average temperature is increasing, may increase more in the future, and that the world’s climate may change as a result. What do you think?

Yes, climate change is happening.....	80	80	83	77	83	88	85	81
No, climate change is not happening.....	9	11	9	13	5	6	5	6
Not sure.....	11	9	8	9	13	6	10	12

Q2. Have you noticed more severe weather or changing seasonal weather patterns over the last several years, or not?

Yes.....	81	78	78	71	93	83	87	76
No.....	15	16	16	24	3	10	9	20
Not sure.....	5	6	6	5	4	7	4	4

Mom Says She is Worried About Climate Change

Q3. How personally concerned are you about climate change?

Very concerned.....	40	44	38	30	44	45	41	35
Somewhat concerned.....	32	32	38	37	37	39	39	40
A little concerned.....	14	12	14	19	11	10	14	21
Not concerned at all.....	13	12	11	15	7	6	6	5
Concerned.....	73	76	76	67	81	84	80	75
Not concerned.....	27	24	24	33	19	16	20	25

Mom Says We Have a Moral Responsibility to Our Children for a Safe and Healthy Climate

Q4. Now you are going to see a series of statements. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with each one.

We have a moral responsibility to create a safe and healthy climate for ourselves and our children.

Strongly agree.....	71	63	65	63	84	67	70	74
Not so strongly agree.....	17	20	22	25	9	20	19	18
Not so strongly disagree.....	6	8	6	7	4	6	5	5
Strongly disagree.....	3	4	4	3	3	3	2	2
Not sure.....	3	5	3	2	0	4	4	1
Agree.....	88	83	87	87	93	87	89	92
Disagree.....	9	12	10	10	7	9	7	7

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DEMOGRAPHICS

Political Party

Republican.....	34	38	33	35	36	35	32	28
Independent	12	14	14	15	10	17	17	19
Democrat	44	42	49	41	46	42	46	43
Other	6	4	4	9	5	3	5	10

Age

18 - 24.....	12	10	10	11	14	17	8	10
25 - 29.....	10	12	12	10	12	25	21	12
30 - 34.....	9	10	10	10	18	19	19	22
35 - 39.....	8	7	6	7	13	11	13	15
40 - 44.....	8	9	9	8	13	5	14	17
45 - 49.....	8	8	8	9	13	9	13	12
50 - 54.....	7	8	10	8	5	5	7	4
55 - 59.....	10	11	8	9	4	6	2	4
60 - 64.....	9	7	8	9	7	1	2	1
65 - 69.....	10	10	12	9	1	1	0	1
70 - 74.....	5	5	4	5	0	1	1	1
Over 74.....	3	3	3	4	0	0	0	0

Gender

Male.....	49	48	48	48	0	0	0	0
Female	51	52	52	52	100	100	100	100

Region

New England.....	5	5	5	5	5	3	6	4
Middle Atlantic.....	13	13	13	13	7	10	9	7
East North Central.....	14	15	15	15	11	18	16	14
West North Central.....	7	7	7	7	11	7	10	4
South Atlantic.....	20	20	19	19	16	21	18	22
East South Central.....	6	6	6	6	5	5	8	8
West South Central.....	12	12	12	12	17	15	13	12
Mountain.....	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	10
Pacific.....	16	16	16	16	20	16	15	19

Race or Ethnicity

White/Caucasian.....	65	65	70	70	57	60	68	56
Black/African American.....	12	12	12	12	13	14	13	16
Hispanic/Latino.....	16	15	13	11	22	22	15	17
Asian/Pacific Islander.....	5	5	3	4	8	1	3	6
Native American/American Indian.....	3	1	1	1	3	2	1	1
Other	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	3

Methodology

ecoAmerica and Lake Research Partners designed and administered this survey, which was conducted online September 14-16, 2018. The survey yielded a total of 800 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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