

Americans are Motivated to Act on Climate and Want Elected Leaders Who Prioritize Solutions

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Fielded September 16-19th and October 25-28th, 2020

US Total
 (%)
 N= 1,000

Me vs. We: I Can and We Can Act on Climate, NOW

Q1. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. We need to take action now to reduce the pollution that is causing climate change.

Strongly agree	56
Not so strongly agree	19
Not so strongly disagree.....	10
Strongly disagree.....	7
Not sure	8
Agree	75
Disagree	17

Q2. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. We can reduce the pollution that is causing climate change.

Strongly agree	55
Not so strongly agree	24
Not so strongly disagree.....	9
Strongly disagree.....	5
Not sure	7
Agree	79
Disagree	14

Q3. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. I can help reduce the pollution that is causing climate change.

Strongly agree	41
Not so strongly agree	29
Not so strongly disagree.....	12
Strongly disagree.....	8
Not sure	10
Agree	70
Disagree	19

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Q4. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. I need to take action now to reduce pollution that is causing climate change.

Strongly agree	45
Not so strongly agree	24
Not so strongly disagree	12
Strongly disagree	9
Not sure	10
Agree	70
Disagree	21

Americans Want to Elect Climate Champions

Q5. How important of a priority should it be for the next President and Congress to take immediate action on climate change?

The top priority	28
A very important priority, but not the top priority	34
A somewhat important priority	16
Not that important a priority	6
Not an important priority at all	10
Not sure	6
Top/Very important	62
Somewhat/Not that/Not at all priority	32
Top/Very/Somewhat important	78
Not that/Not at all priority	16

Q6. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. Investing in solutions to climate change will secure American communities and make our country stronger.

Strongly agree	50
Not so strongly agree	20
Not so strongly disagree	11
Strongly disagree	8
Not sure	12
Agree	69
Disagree	19

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Q7. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. We need to elect leaders who will prioritize climate change.

Strongly agree	51
Not so strongly agree	20
Not so strongly disagree.....	12
Strongly disagree.....	9
Not sure	8
Agree	71
Disagree	21

Q8. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. We could address climate change effectively, but our government is broken and can't agree on how to do it.

Strongly agree	45
Not so strongly agree	24
Not so strongly disagree.....	11
Strongly disagree.....	7
Not sure	11
Agree	70
Disagree	19

Potential to Triple Political Engagement on Climate in 2020

Q3. Please indicate which of the following actions you have done personally. Contacted or voted for an elected official based on his or her support for taking action on climate change.

Yes - Have done	21
No - Have not, but would be willing to do.....	43
No - Have not, and not willing to do	36

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Demographics

Political Party

Strong Republican	18
Republican	36
Independent	12
Democrat	44
Strong Democrat	23

Age

<18	0
18-29	21
30-39	17
40-49	16
50-64	25
>65	21

Gender

Male	48
Female	52
Other	0
Prefer not to say	0

Region

New England	5
Middle Atlantic	13
East North Central	14
West North Central	6
South Atlantic	20
East South Central	6
West South Central	12
Mountain	7
Pacific	16

Methodology

Lake Research Partners and ecoAmerica designed and administered this survey, which was conducted online from September 16-19, 2019, when we reached 800 adults, and from October 25-28, 2019, when we reached 200 adults. The survey reached a total of 1,000 adults. The sample was drawn from an online panel and the respondents were screened to ensure that they were over the age of 18. The national sample was weighted slightly by race, gender by race, age by race, and party identification.

The margin of error for the sample is +/-3.1%. 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 1,000 respondents answered, "Yes" to a particular question, we can be 95% confident that the true percentage would fall within 3.1 points, or range from 46.9% to 53.1%.

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