

Americans May Feel Isolated in Their Climate Concern

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

US Total
(%)
N= 1,000

A Majority of Americans are Concerned About Climate

Q1. How personally concerned are you about climate change?

Very concerned.....	45
Somewhat concerned	29
A little concerned.....	14
Not at all. concerned.....	12
Total Concerned.....	74
Total Not Concerned	26

But, Americans Think Few Around Them are Concerned

Q5. How concerned do you think other people around you are about climate change?

Very concerned.....	23
Somewhat concerned	36
A little concerned.....	27
Not at all. concerned.....	14
Total Concerned.....	59
Total Not Concerned	41

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(%)
N= 1,000

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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