

President Biden Sees Climate Change as a Justice Issue, Do Americans?

February 2021 American Climate Perspectives Survey - Toplines
 Fielded January 4, 2021

	NATIONAL (%)	Rep (%)	Indep (%)	Dem (%)
N=	853	198	215	336

Q1. Some people are harmed more than others by climate change. Do you agree with this statement?

Strongly agree	38	22	40	49
Somewhat agree	43	41	42	43
Somewhat disagree	12	22	9	7
Strongly disagree	7	15	8	2

Q2. Do you think climate change is disproportionately harming...?

Black, Indigenous, and People of Color

Strongly agree	21	12	22	29
Somewhat agree	37	24	34	47
Somewhat disagree	25	31	26	18
Strongly disagree	17	33	18	7

Younger people and future generations

Strongly agree	43	23	51	51
Somewhat agree	32	34	29	33
Somewhat disagree	15	24	11	11
Strongly disagree	10	19	10	6

Low income, rural, and labor communities

Strongly agree	30	16	37	37
Somewhat agree	37	26	35	44
Somewhat disagree	20	31	18	15
Strongly disagree	13	27	10	5

Women and girls

Strongly agree	14	12	14	19
Somewhat agree	37	23	33	46
Somewhat disagree	31	33	33	28
Strongly disagree	18	32	21	8

I don't believe climate change disproportionately harms any of these groups

Strongly agree	17	40	13	8
Somewhat agree	26	27	23	26
Somewhat disagree	26	22	29	23
Strongly disagree	31	12	34	25

Q3. Please select all that match your opinion. "I feel motivated to take action on climate change because..."

Climate change is impacting me and my community	34	27	33	41
Climate change is unfairly impacting some communities				

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more than others.....	36	20	34	47
Climate change is affecting the environmental and nature.....	63	42	72	72
I do not feel motivated to act on climate change.....	18	39	14	5

Q4. To address the disproportionate impacts of climate change, the United States should (please select all that match your opinion):

Provide training for jobs and support for communities as we transition to a clean energy economy.....	56	37	58	69
Ensure that solutions to climate change benefit people fairly and equitably	50	35	51	59
Compensate people who have been unfairly harmed by pollution from dirty energy plants	34	18	30	47
Prioritize funding for the communities hurt by severe weather and sea level rise	35	20	34	45
Provide subsidies for climate solutions (ex. Public transit, solar panels, electric cars, locally grown food)	45	26	50	53
Charge a fee for climate pollution and use the money to support climate solutions.....	36	17	44	47
Not take any of these actions	14	29	12	4

Q5. There are some issues in America that unfairly impact certain groups of people. These are often called justice issues. Please select all from the following list that you believe are important justice issues.

Racial discrimination.....	61
LGBTQ discrimination	50
Educational funding disparities.....	54
Climate change	48
Affordability and availability of health services.....	57
Affordability and availability of healthy food	50
Income inequality	48
None of the above	9

Q6. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a Republican, Independent, or Democrat?

Republican	23
Independent.....	39
Democrat	25
Other.....	12

DEMOGRAPHICS

	NATIONAL (%) N= 816
Age	
< 18	0
18 - 29	24
30 - 44	25
45 - 60	35
> 60	17

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Gender

Male.....	47
Female.....	53

Household Income

\$0 - \$9,999.....	9
\$10,000 - \$24,999.....	14
\$25,000 - \$49,999.....	20
\$50,000 - \$74,999.....	16
\$75,000 - \$99,999.....	12
\$100,000 - \$124,999.....	8
\$125,000 - \$149,999.....	4
\$150,000 - \$174,999.....	2
\$175,000 - \$199,999.....	1
\$200,000 +	2
Prefer not to answer.....	11

Region

New England.....	4
Middle Atlantic.....	17
East North Central.....	14
West North Central.....	6
South Atlantic.....	19
East South Central.....	4
West South Central.....	12
Mountain.....	7
Pacific.....	17

Methodology

ecoAmerica designed and administered this survey, which was conducted online January 4, 2021 using Survey Monkey. The survey yielded a total of 853 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 +/-3.4%. 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 853 respondents answered, "Yes" to a particular question, we can be 95% confident that the true percentage would fall within 3 points, or range from 46.6% to 53.4%.

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