

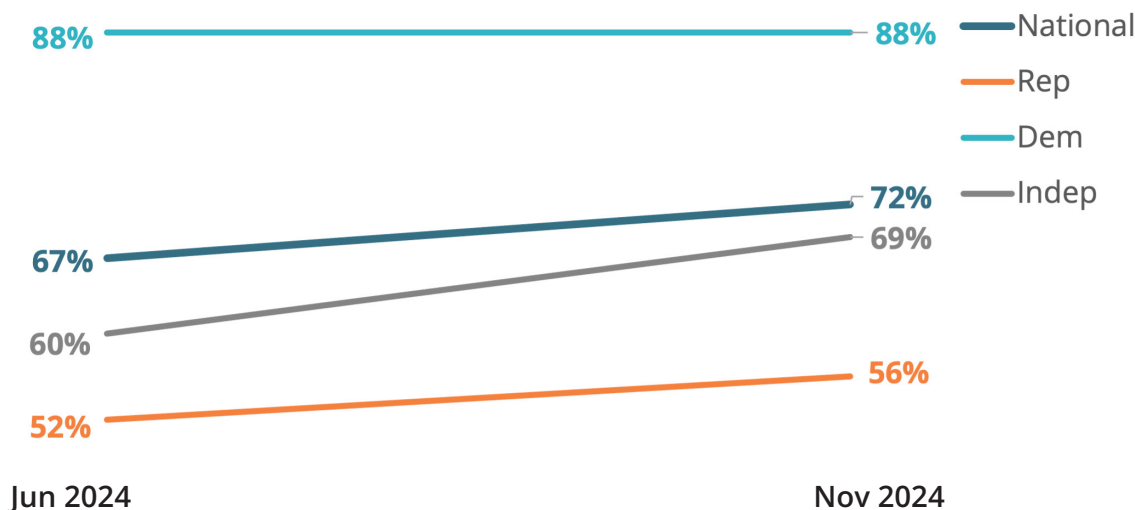
Trump's Victory Sparks Growing Climate Concern — Even Among His Supporters

On the day following the 2024 U.S. election, ecoAmerica fielded a survey to gauge how the results have impacted climate concerns across the country. The survey found a rise in climate concern (72%, up from 67% in [June](#)), most notably driven by increases in concern amongst Republicans and Independents. **Even among people who voted for President-Elect Trump, a striking 55% express concern about climate change, and 24% say their concern has increased since the election results were reported.**

Republicans, Independents, and Trump Voters Drive Increases in Concern

The results are clear: **Donald Trump's election has elevated Americans' climate concern.** A majority (72%) are now concerned about climate change, with 40% very concerned and 32% somewhat concerned. Democrats' concern remains high yet unchanged (holding at 88%). However, **climate concern has notably increased for Republicans (56%, up from 52% in June) and Independents (69%, up from 60% in June).**

Republicans and Independents express rising climate change concern. How concerned are you about climate change? Showing total for "Very concerned" and "Somewhat concerned". 1,088 national respondents. +/- 3% margin of error.

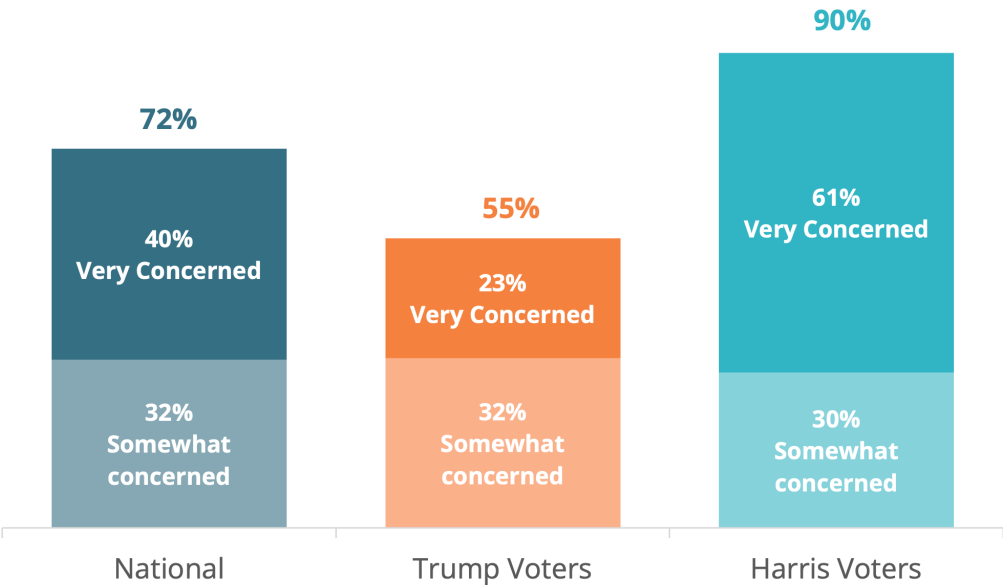


This chart shows trend lines for concern about climate change from June 2024 to November 2024. Nationally, the concern grows from 67% to 72%, indicated by a dark blue trend line. Across party lines, concern for Democrats remains unchanged at 88%, indicated by a light blue line. Concern for Republicans increases from 52% to 56%, indicated by an orange trend line. And concern for Independents increases from 60% to 69%, indicated by a grey trend line.

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And, despite the President-Elect’s stance on climate, **Trump voters also express climate concern.** Findings reveal that over half of Trump voters (55%) are concerned about climate change, including more than 1 in 5 who are very concerned and nearly a third who are somewhat concerned. When asked whether the U.S. election results have shifted their concern about climate change, **24% of Trump voters report that the U.S. election results have *increased their concern* about climate.**

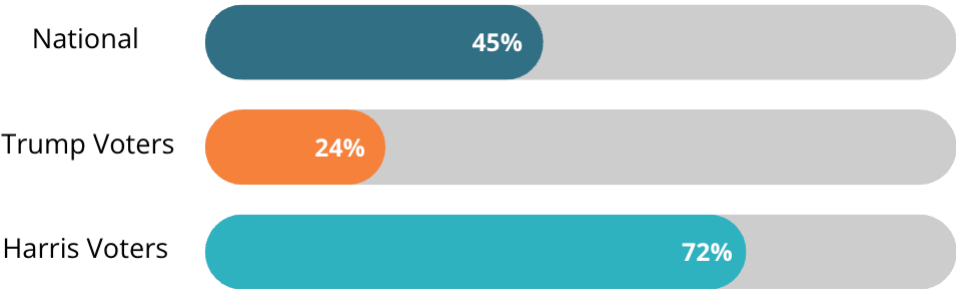
More than half of Trump voters are concerned about climate change. How concerned are you about climate change? 1,088 national respondents. +/- 3% margin of error.



This chart shows that nationally, 72% of Americans are concerned about climate change, with 40% very concerned and 32% somewhat concerned. 55% of Trump voters are concerned about climate change, with 23% very concerned and 32% somewhat concerned. And 90% of Harris voters are concerned about climate change, with 61% very concerned and 30% somewhat concerned.

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Nearly a quarter of Trump voters report increase in climate concern since U.S. election results. Have the U.S. election results shifted your concern about climate change? Showing total for “My concern has increased a lot” and “My concern has increased somewhat”. 1,088 national respondents. +/- 3% margin of error.



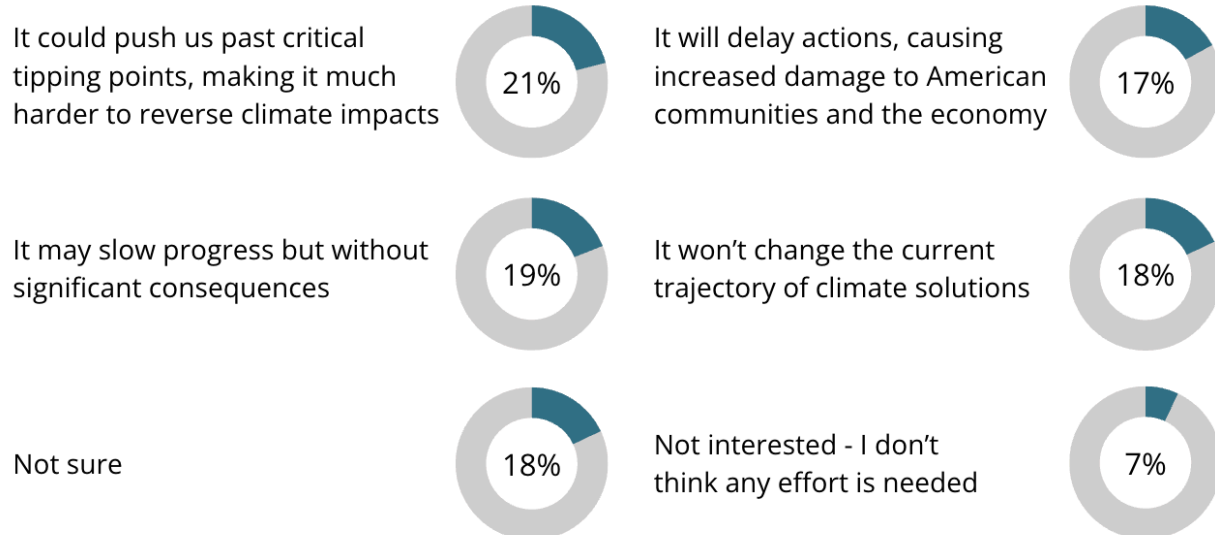
This chart shows that nationally, 45% of Americans say their concern has either increased “a lot” or “somewhat” since the U.S. election results. 24% of Trump voters say their concern has either increased “a lot” or “somewhat” since the U.S. election results. 72% of Harris voters say their concern has either increased “a lot” or “somewhat” since the U.S. election results.

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Americans Have Mixed Understanding of Climate Change and the Impact of Trump's Agenda of Inaction

Putting aside emotions and turning toward understanding, when asked how the Trump presidency will affect climate change efforts in the U.S., roughly equal numbers responded across answer options. Given the [environmental policies of his first presidency](#) and his intentions for his [second](#), the answers to the survey question indicate gaps in American knowledge. Only 21% of Americans believe Trump's actions as President could push us past critical tipping points. 17% think he will delay action, leading to increased damage to American communities and the economy. 19% say he may slow progress but without significant consequences. And 18% think it won't change the current trajectory, which is the same percentage of people who are not sure. Only 7% are not interested.

Americans have mixed beliefs on the impact of Trump's climate inaction agenda. With Donald Trump as the new President-Elect, how do you think it will affect climate change efforts in the U.S.? 1,088 national respondents. +/- 3% margin of error.

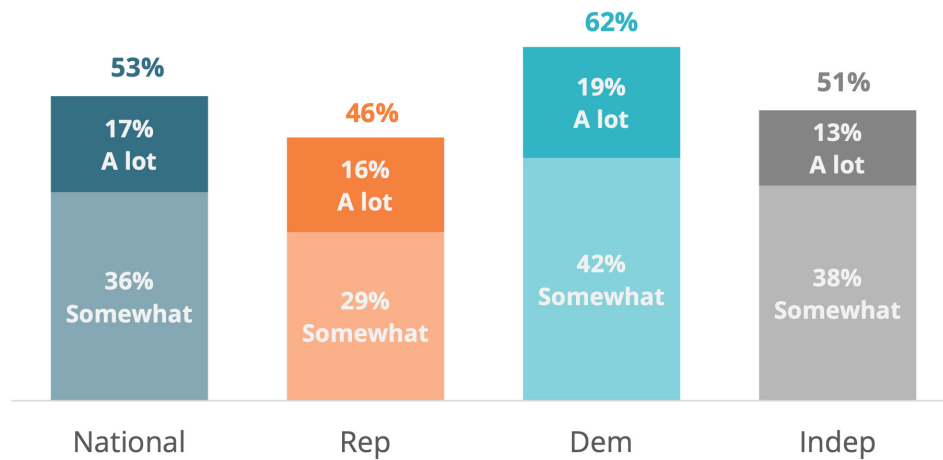


This chart shows that nationally, 21% of Americans say Trump's actions as President could push us past critical tipping points, making it much harder to reverse climate impacts. 17% say he will delay actions, causing increased damage to American communities and the economy. 19% say it may slow progress but without significant consequences. 18% say it won't change the current trajectory of climate solutions. 18% say they are not sure. And 7% say they are not interested and don't think any effort is needed.

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When asked how much they know on the topic, just over half (53%) of Americans report knowing about climate change and the solutions to it, and **only 17% say they know "a lot."** Across parties, 46% of Republicans, 62% of Democrats, and 51% of Independents say they know about climate solutions. But only 16% of Republicans, 19% of Democrats, and 13% of Independents know "a lot". These findings present an opportunity to raise awareness, understanding, and support for climate solutions that will benefit the lives and livelihoods of *all* Americans.

Just over half of Americans understand climate change, few know “a lot.” How much do you know about climate change and the solutions to it? 1,088 national respondents. +/- 3% margin of error.



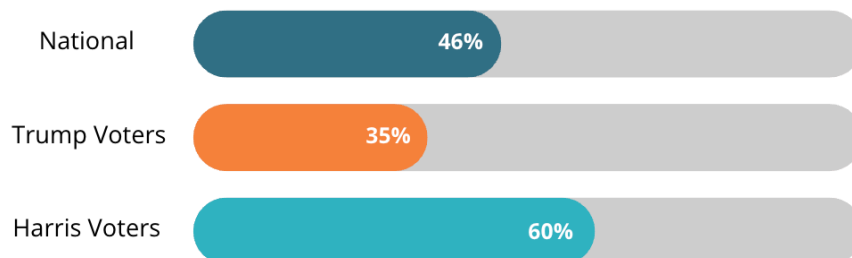
This chart shows that nationally, 53% of Americans know about climate change and the solutions to it, with 17% who know “a lot” and 36% who know “somewhat”. 46% of Republicans know about climate change and the solutions to it, with 16% who know “a lot” and 29% who know “somewhat”. 62% of Democrats know about climate change and the solutions to it, with 19% who know “a lot” and 42% who know “somewhat”. 51% of Independents know about climate change and the solutions to it, with 13% who know “a lot” and 38% who know “somewhat”.

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Over One-Third of Trump Voters Intend to Increase Personal Climate Action

With Donald Trump as the new President-Elect, Americans are not waiting for politicians in Washington to move climate action forward. Rather, 46% of Americans nationally say they plan to increase their personal actions (e.g., reducing waste, conserving energy, etc.) to address climate change. More than one in three Trump voters (35%) and most Harris voters (60%) say the same.

Americans set to increase personal climate actions under Trump presidency. With Donald Trump as the new President-Elect, what changes, if any, do you plan to make in your individual actions to address climate change? Select all that apply. Showing responses for “Increase my personal actions (e.g., reducing waste, conserving energy, etc.)”. 1,088 national respondents. +/- 3% margin of error.



This chart shows that nationally, 46% of Americans plan to increase their personal actions (e.g., reducing waste, conserving energy, etc.) under the Trump administration. 35% of Trump voters say they plan to increase their personal actions. And 60% of Harris voters say they plan to increase their personal actions.

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Full data is available in the accompanying [toplines](#).

Methodology

ecoAmerica designed and administered this survey, which was conducted online from November 7-9, 2024, using Survey Monkey. The survey yielded a total of 1,088 complete adult responses and used the Census Bureau's American Community Survey to weigh the national general population and reflect the demographic composition of the US. 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%. In interpreting the survey results, it is important to note that all sample surveys are subject to possible sampling errors. Thus, the results of a survey may differ from the results that would be obtained if the entire population were 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 1,088 respondents answered "Yes" to a particular question, we can be 95% confident that the true percentage would fall within 3 points or range from 47% to 53%.

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