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Extreme Heat Fuels Public Concern Over Health and Climate Cuts

New research finds concern in high majorities, including amongst Republicans

WASHINGTON, DC: A new [national survey](#) from ecoAmerica finds that Americans are drawing a straight line from this summer's extreme heat to climate change, health risks, and a government falling short on protection.

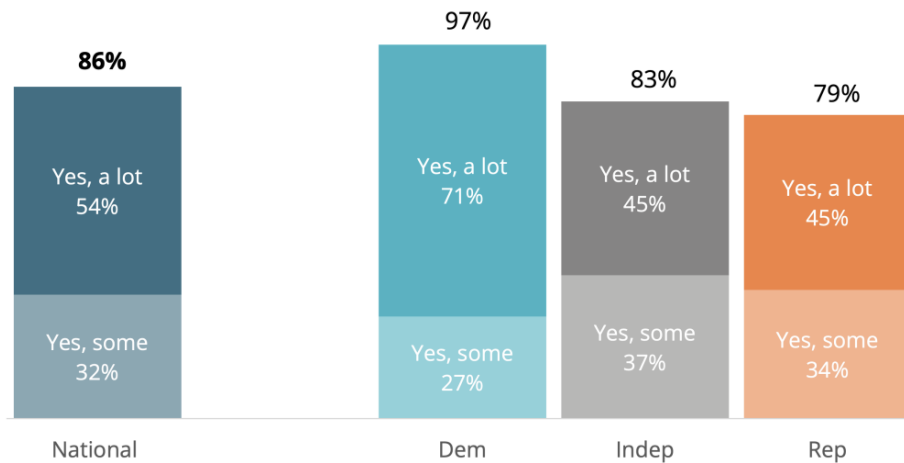
As temperatures break records, a strong majority believes climate change is fueling dangerous weather, and they're voicing concern over cuts to FEMA and NOAA.

"Americans are connecting extreme heat to climate change, their health, and government inaction," said Meighen Speiser, Executive Director, ecoAmerica. ***"These findings show it's time to drop partisan politics and rather meet this moment with urgency, leadership, and protection."***

Key Highlights:

- **86%** of Americans say rising heat has increased their concern about climate change, including 79% of Republicans.
- **89%** recognize that heat is impacting people's health, with nearly 60% saying it affects health "a lot."
- **82%** now say climate change is driving more extreme weather, including 75% of Republicans (reflecting a 17-point jump since 2021).
- **79%** express heightened concern about the government's ability to protect people amid FEMA and NOAA cuts, including 69% of Republicans (with 30% saying "much more" concerned).

Extreme heat is making sweeping majorities of Americans more concerned about climate change. *Q: Have increased temperatures, leading to heat waves and extreme heat, made you more concerned about climate change?*
Showing total for “Yes, a lot” and “Yes, some”. 1,181 national respondents. +/- 3% margin of error.



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The ecoAmerica team behind the survey is available for interviews to share insights and answer questions. Contact Research@ecoAmerica.org.