

Final Frequencies (n=800)
NATIONAL SURVEY
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Hello. My name is _____. I'm calling long distance from _____. We are conducting a public opinion survey and I would like to ask you some questions. We are not selling anything, and I will not ask you for a contribution or donation.

Could I please speak with the male/female 18 or older in your household who celebrated a birthday most recently? First, are you registered to vote at this address? **[IF NO, ASK FOR A FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS. IF NONE, TERMINATE AND MARK TQ1 ON SAMPLE SHEET.]**

[RECORD, BUT DO NOT ASK, GENDER:]

male.....	49
female.....	51

[SPLIT SAMPLE J]

Generally speaking, how serious of a threat do you think global warming is today, very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not serious at all—or don't you have an opinion on this?

Very serious	43	71
Somewhat serious	29	
Not too serious	11	
Not serious at all	15	26
No opinion/Don't know	3	

[SPLIT SAMPLE K]

Generally speaking, how serious of a threat do you think climate change is today, very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not serious at all—or don't you have an opinion on this?

Very serious	39	68
Somewhat serious	28	
Not too serious	15	
Not serious at all	13	28
No opinion/Don't know	4	

[SPLIT SAMPLE J]

Do you think that global warming is a problem that is happening now, do you think that global warming will happen in the future, or do you think that global warming will not happen—or don't you have an opinion on this?

Happening now	59
Will happen in future	21
Will not happen.....	15
No opinion/Don't know	5

[SPLIT SAMPLE K]

Do you think that climate change is a problem that is happening now, do you think that climate change will happen in the future, or do you think that climate change will not happen—or don't you have an opinion on this?

Happening now	57
Will happen in future	22
Will not happen.....	13
No opinion/Don't know	7

[SPLIT SAMPLE J]

Do you think global warming is mainly the result of human pollution or mainly the result of natural processes? **[IF HUMAN/NATURAL, ASK:]** Do you think that (strongly or not so strongly?)

Human, Strongly	46	60
Human, Not so strongly	14	
Natural, Not so strongly	4	
Natural, Strongly	24	28
[VOL] Don't know	13	

[SPLIT SAMPLE K]

Do you think climate change is mainly the result of human pollution or mainly the result of natural processes? **[IF HUMAN/NATURAL, ASK:]** Do you think that strongly or not so strongly?

Human, Strongly	40	54
Human, Not so strongly	15	
Natural, Not so strongly	8	
Natural, Strongly	28	36
[VOL] Don't know	10	

[SPLIT SAMPLE J]

Do you favor or oppose the United States taking action to reduce the carbon pollution that causes global warming? **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:]** Is that (favor/oppose) strongly or not so strongly?

Favor, strongly	60	73
Favor, not so strongly.....	13	
[VOL] Undecided	7	
Oppose, not so strongly.....	3	
Oppose, strongly	16	18
[VOL] Don't know	1	

[SPLIT SAMPLE K]

Do you favor or oppose the United States taking action to reduce the carbon pollution that causes climate change? **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:]** Is that (favor/oppose) strongly or not so strongly?

Favor, strongly	56	69
Favor, not so strongly.....	13	
[VOL] Undecided	6	
Oppose, not so strongly.....	4	
Oppose, strongly	18	23
[VOL] Don't know	3	

[SPLIT SAMPLE J]

How serious a threat is global warming to the economic security of the United States? Is global warming a very serious threat, somewhat serious, not too serious or not a serious threat at all to the economic security of the United States?

Very serious	29	62
Somewhat serious	33	
Not too serious	16	
Not at all serious	16	32
[VOL] Not sure/DK.....	6	

[SPLIT SAMPLE K]

How serious a threat is climate change to the economic security of the United States? Is climate change a very serious threat, somewhat serious, not too serious or not a serious threat at all to the economic security of the United States?

Very serious	29	63
Somewhat serious	34	
Not too serious	13	
Not at all serious	16	29
[VOL] Not sure/DK.....	8	

[SPLIT SAMPLE J]

How serious a threat is global warming to the national security of the United States? Is global warming a very serious threat, somewhat serious, not too serious or not a serious threat at all to the national security of the United States?

Very serious	23	55
Somewhat serious	33	
Not too serious	16	
Not at all serious	21	37
[VOL] Not sure/DK.....	8	

[SPLIT SAMPLE K]

How serious a threat is climate change to the national security of the United States? Is climate change a very serious threat, somewhat serious, not too serious or not a serious threat at all to the national security of the United States?

Very serious	25	55
Somewhat serious	30	
Not too serious	15	
Not at all serious	22	38
[VOL] Not sure/DK.....	7	

[RESUME ASKING EVERYONE]

Which comes closer to your point of view?

[ROTATE STATEMENTS]

Statement A: Efforts to reduce climate change will cost American jobs.

OR

Statement B: Efforts to reduce climate change will not affect American jobs..

OR

Statement C: Efforts to reduce climate change will create new American jobs.

[IF STATEMENT A/B/C, ASK:] Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Statement A, cost, strongly	18	22
Statement A, cost, not so strongly.....	4	
Statement B, not affect, strongly	9	13
Statement B, not affect, not so strongly	4	
Statement C, create, strongly.....	35	55
Statement C, create, not so strongly.....	19	
[VOL] Not sure/DK.....	10	

[N=266]

Which statement comes closer to your point of view? **[ROTATE STATEMENTS]**

Statement A: Climate change isn't just an environmental concern. It is also a threat to our national security. Climate change is reducing drinking water supplies in developing countries while rising sea levels will displace millions who live on coasts. That will destabilize developing countries, creating the conditions for war and a breeding ground for terrorism —and lead to mass movements of people from places like Mexico and Central America that will overwhelm our borders. We must take action now before the situation gets out of control.

OR

Statement B: The plans to reduce climate change are nothing more than a hidden energy tax of thousands of dollars which Americans will be forced to pay every time they drive their cars, buy groceries, or flip on a light switch. This backdoor tax will make the recession even worse costing us hundreds of thousands more jobs which will be sent to places like China and India which aren't reducing their emissions at all. So America will lose jobs but carbon emissions won't be reduced anyway.

[IF A/B, ASK] Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Statement A, strongly.....	42	55
Statement A, not strongly.....	13	
Statement B, not strongly.....	9	
Statement B, strongly.....	25	34
[VOL] Not sure/DK.....	12	

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else? **[IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT ASK:]** Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not so strong (Republican/Democrat)? **[IF INDEPENDENT ASK:]** Would you say that you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

strong Republican	17	28
not so strong Republican	6	
independent leans Republican	6	
independent.....	26	
independent leans Democratic.....	5	
not so strong Democrat.....	7	
strong Democrat	27	38
dk/na/other.....	8	

Do you consider yourself very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative or very conservative? **[IF MODERATE, ASK:]** Do you tend to lean toward the liberal or conservative side?

very liberal	9	26
somewhat liberal.....	12	
moderate leans liberal.....	6	
moderate	31	
moderate leans conservative.....	4	
somewhat conservative.....	17	
very conservative	18	39
DK/ref.....	4	

What is your age? **[CODE ACTUAL AGE. REFUSED=99]** _____

18-29.....	18
30-39.....	17
40-49.....	16
50-59.....	19
60+.....	26
ref/NA.....	4

What was the last level of schooling you completed?

less than high school graduate	4
high school graduate	26
some college	26
college graduate	28
post-graduate	13
na	2

Do you have any children under the age of 18?

yes	29
no	68
[VOL] DK/ref.....	3

Are you black, white, Hispanic, Asian, Native American or some other race?

black	12
white	71
Hispanic	8
Asian.....	2
Native American.....	1
other	2
ref.....	4

If you were asked to use one of these given names for the economic class you belong to, which would you say you belong in—upper class, upper middle-class, middle class, working class, or lower class?

upper class	1
upper middle-class.....	11
middle-class	54
working class	25
lower class	4
don't know (VOL)	1
other (VOL).....	3

How often do you attend religious services—more than weekly, weekly, a few times a month, seldom, or never?

more than weekly.....	8
weekly.....	31
few times a month	15
seldom.....	24
never	15
dk/refused	6

What is your zip code? _____

Thank you for answering these questions.