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The Paris Agreement

FINDINGS FROM AN AUGUST 2017 SURVEY OF ADULTS AGE 18 AND OLDER

- More Americans oppose withdrawal from the Paris Agreement than support it, but 3 in 10 don't have an opinion.
 - Twenty-eight percent say they support withdrawal, 42% oppose it, and 28% neither support nor oppose withdrawal.
 - Opinion remains unchanged since June 2017.
- Half of those who support withdrawal say the agreement was too costly for the U.S.
 - Among those who support withdrawal, 52% say a <u>major</u> reason why is because the agreement was too costly for the U.S.
 - Not believing other countries would stick to the agreement is a <u>major</u> reason why 44% support withdrawal.
 - Seven in 10 under age 45 are concerned that other countries won't stick to the agreement, compared with 84% of adults age 45 and older.
 - Fewer support withdrawal because they believe climate change is not a serious threat.

Support for U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement has more to do with economics than attitudes toward climate change.

% who say a major or minor reason why they support withdrawal is because they...



believe the Paris Agreement will be too costly for the U.S.

don't believe other countries will stick to the agreement.

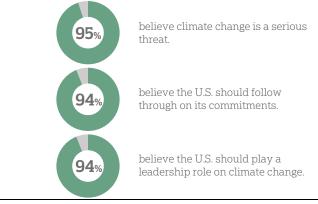
don't believe climate change is a serious threat.

Question: There are many reasons why someone might support U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement. For each of the following, please indicate if it is a major reason, minor reason, or not a reason at all that you support U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.

- Those who oppose withdrawal feel strongly that climate change is a serious threat, the U.S. should meet its commitments, and the U.S. should be a leader on climate change.
 - Eight in 10 who oppose U.S. withdrawal say a <u>major</u> reason why is that they believe climate change is a serious threat.
 - More than 7 in 10 say <u>major</u> reasons for their opposition are that the U.S. should make good on its commitments and that the U.S. should be a global leader on climate change.

Opposition to U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement is motivated by several concerns.

% who say a major or minor reason why they oppose withdrawal is because they...



Questions: There are many reasons why someone might oppose U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement. For each of the following, please indicate if it is a major reason, minor reason, or not a reason at all that you oppose U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.

- Four in 10 Americans believe U.S. withdrawal will have a demotivating effect on other countries in the agreement.
 - Thirty-seven percent say U.S. withdrawal from the agreement will make other countries less likely to meet their obligations.
 - Twenty-one percent think U.S. withdrawal from the agreement will make other countries more likely to meet their obligations, while 38% don't think it will make a difference.
 - Older adults are more likely than younger adults to say other countries will be less likely to meet their obligations (44% of adults age 45 and older vs. 29% of adults age 18 to 44).

This survey was conducted by the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago (EPIC) and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, with funding from EPIC. Interviews were conducted on the AmeriSpeak® Omnibus with a nationally representative sample of 1,038 adults age 18 and over online and using landlines and cell phones from August 17-21, 2017. Results have a margin of sampling error of +/- 4.1 percentage points. A full topline is available at www.apnorc.org.