



Where Americans Stand On Energy & Climate

Based on a poll conducted with 1,096 Americans by the AP-NORC Center and the Energy Policy Institute at The University of Chicago



✓ Most Americans want government to combat climate change, but **remain deeply divided** along party lines on paying for solutions.

✓ Many Americans **don't hold strong attitudes** about fracking. Among those who do, twice as many oppose than support its use.

✓ **About 8 in 10** say the U.S. should maintain its commitment under the Paris Agreement—even if other countries do not.

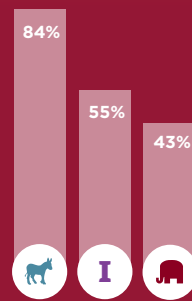
Reducing Carbon Emissions

65%

OF AMERICANS SAY CLIMATE CHANGE IS A PROBLEM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHOULD ADDRESS

A Large Majority

Democrats say climate change is happening and that the government should do something to address it, while independents and Republicans remain more ambivalent.



Willingness to Pay a Modest Fee to Combat Climate Change



% who would support a monthly fee of at least...

When asked whether they would support a monthly fee on their electricity bill to combat climate change, 42 percent of respondents say they are unwilling to pay even \$1. Twenty percent indicate they are willing to pay \$50 per month. Party affiliation is the main determinant of how much people are willing to pay, not education, income, or geographic location. Democrats are consistently willing to pay more than Republicans.

Half of Likely Voters Consider Energy & Climate Central Issues

While the economy, national security, and immigration are the most important issues for likely voters in the 2016 election, energy and climate change are central to about half.

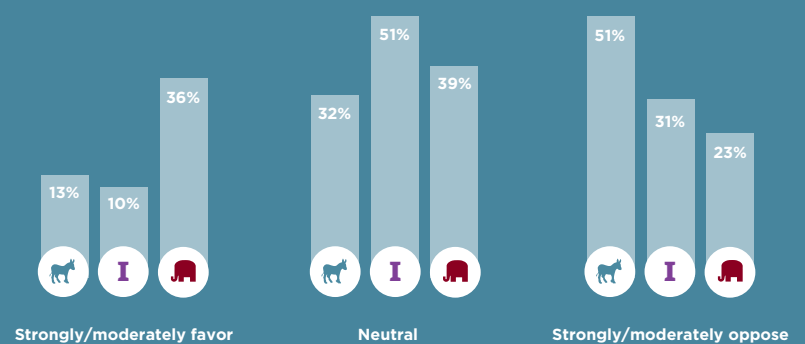
Fracking & Fossil Fuels



Americans largely underestimate fracking's role. **Only 1 in 5 Americans correctly say** that it produces about two-thirds of the U.S. natural gas supply.

Attitudes Towards Fracking

Nearly 4 in 10 Americans have not yet made up their minds on fracking, while just 2 in 10 say they favor the practice.



Attitudes Towards Coal

Most Americans favor federal regulations that would decrease U.S. coal consumption. If this question is paired with the assertion that such regulations have resulted in the loss of thousands of coal jobs, support wanes slightly.



International Action on Climate Change



Most Americans say the U.S. should maintain its commitment under the Paris Agreement—even if other countries do not.

Low Confidence in Fulfilling Our Obligations...



BUT

...Progress Should Continue Anyway.

