



# Where Americans Stand On Energy & Climate

Based on a poll conducted with 1,038 Americans by The AP-NORC Center and the Energy Policy Institute at The University of Chicago



✓ Most Americans want the government to **combat climate change**, and some are willing to pay a high amount.

✓ The largest share of Americans say they **oppose the repeal** of the Clean Power Plan and the withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.

✓ The number of people who say they favor fracking **more than doubles** when presented with evidence that it will save them money on utility bills.

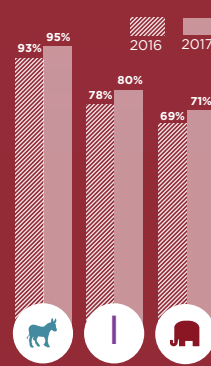
## Reducing Carbon Emissions

# 61%

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

### A Large Majority

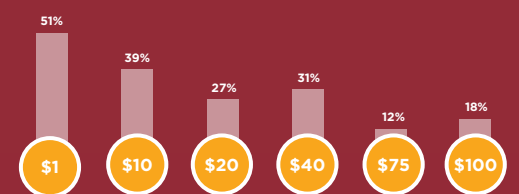
Among those who believe climate change is happening, the vast majority believe the government should take steps to address it, including a majority of Republicans.



### Majorities Support State & Local Governments Taking Action to Reduce Emissions

Fifty-five percent think their state and local government should do more to address climate change. Fifty-seven percent support actions taken by some mayors and governors to honor the goals of the Paris Agreement.

### 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, 18 percent are willing to pay at least \$100 per month. Thirty one percent indicate they are willing to pay \$40 per month. Party affiliation is the main determinant of how much people are willing to pay, not education, or geographic location. Democrats are consistently willing to pay more than Republicans.

## Energy Policy



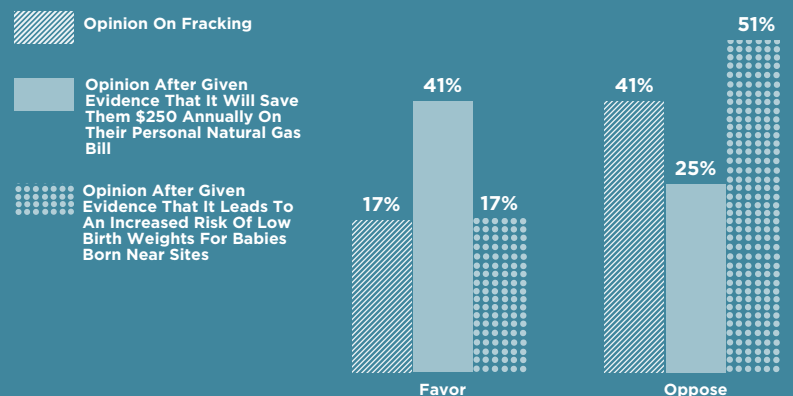
4 in 5 Americans say **energy policy is important**



Only 1 in 5 support the **repeal** of the Clean Power Plan

## Attitudes Towards Fracking

The number of people who say they favor fracking more than doubles when presented with evidence that it will save them money, while few change their opinion on fracking when presented with environmental or health arguments.



## Solar Energy Employs More Americans

The solar industry employed more than twice as many people as the coal industry in 2016, though more than 4 in 10 incorrectly believe the coal industry employs people.



## International Action on Climate Change

# 42%

OPPOSE WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PARIS AGREEMENT, WHILE AN EQUAL AMOUNT SUPPORT WITHDRAWAL OR LACK AN OPINION (28%)

### Those Who Favor vs. Those Who Oppose

#### Favor

## 95%

Believe climate change is a serious threat

## 94%

Believe the U.S. should follow through on its commitments

## 94%

Believe the U.S. should play a leadership role on climate change

#### Oppose

## 83%

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

## 79%

Don't believe other countries will stick to the agreement

## 68%

Don't believe climate change is a serious threat