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WHERE AMERICANS STAND ON CLIMATE CHANGE AS WORLD LEADERS DISCUSS A WAY FORWARD AT THE G7 SUMMIT

BROOKVILLE, NY, June 14, 2021 – Results of a newly released Long Island University Steven S. Hornstein Center for Policy, Polling and Analysis national poll reveal where Americans stand on climate change as President Biden and world leaders recently met to discuss a way forward at the G7 Summit in the United Kingdom.

THE G7 SUMMIT, WORLD LEADERS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

World leaders met at the G7 summit in Cornwall, England from June 11-13, 2021. The [G7 Summit](#) is an event that brings together leaders of some of the world's largest economies: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The agenda included discussion on [climate change](#). World leaders at the G7 Summit pledged a commitment to cut carbon emissions in half by 2030 and reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. These pledges are anticipated to impact the direction of climate change policy measures of the world's largest economies.

WHERE AMERICANS STAND ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Is global warming a serious and pressing problem?

73% OF AMERICANS SAID YES.

Americans were asked if global warming is a serious and pressing problem. Of the respondents, 73% of Americans said yes, 17% said no, and 9% were unsure or had no answer. 94% of Democrats said yes, 70% of independent/other said yes, and 48% of Republicans said yes. Younger Americans were more concerned that global warming was a serious and pressing problem than older Americans. 80% of respondents between the ages of 18 and 29 said yes, while 68% of respondents aged 45 years and older said yes. The largest regional differences indicated the Northeast region of the United States has the highest concern (83%) compared to the Mountain region (67%).

How much is the United States as a country doing to combat climate change?

65% OF AMERICANS SAID TOO LITTLE.

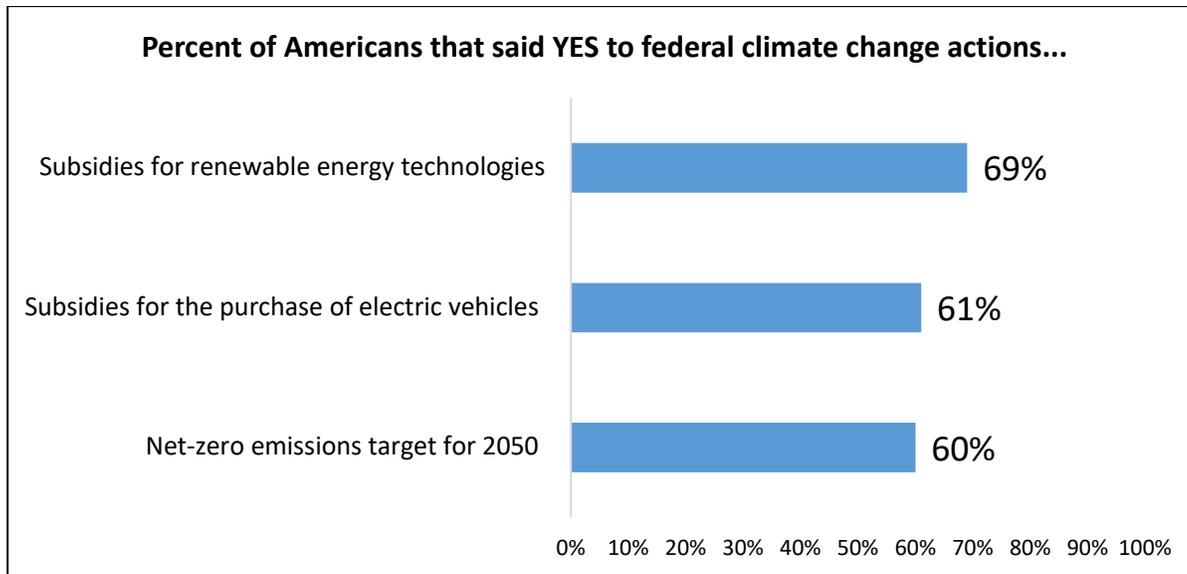
Americans were asked how much the United States is doing to combat climate change as a country. 65% of respondents agreed that the United States is doing too little. 20% of respondents said what the United States is doing to combat climate change is about right. 15% of respondents said the United States is doing too much to combat climate change. Respondents were mixed based on political identification. 84% of Democrats said the United States is doing too little, 67% of independent/other said the United States is doing too little, and 35% of Republicans said the United States is doing too little.

Do you believe the benefits of taking further action on climate change will outweigh the costs?

63% OF AMERICANS SAID YES.

Americans were asked if they believe the benefits of taking further action on climate change will outweigh the costs. 63% of American respondents said yes, 21% said no, and 16% said they were unsure or had no answer. Respondents were again mixed based on political identification. 83% of Democrats said yes, 57% of independent/other said yes, and 42% of Republicans said yes.

What climate change actions do Americans agree on?



SOURCE: LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY HORNSTEIN CENTER POLL (JUNE 2021)

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Americans were asked what federal policies they would support to combat climate change. 69% of Americans said YES to policies that would support subsidies for renewable energy technologies. 61% of respondents said YES to policies that would support subsidies for the purchase of electric vehicles. 60% of Americans said YES to a net-zero emissions target for 2050.

METHODOLOGY

This Long Island University Steven S. Hornstein Center for Policy, Polling, and Analysis online poll was conducted through SurveyMonkey from June 10 – 11, 2021 among a national sample of 1,607 adults ages 18 and up. Respondents for this survey were selected from over 2.5 million people who take surveys on the SurveyMonkey platform each day. Data for this week have been weighted for age and gender using the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey to reflect the demographic composition of the United States. The modeled error estimate for this survey is plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.

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**STEVEN S. HORNSTEIN CENTER
FOR POLICY, POLLING, AND ANALYSIS**

NATIONAL POLL: WHAT AMERICANS THINK ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

June 10-11, 2021

1,607 RESPONDENTS

MODELED ERROR ESTIMATE +/- 2.5%

Do you believe that global warming is a serious and pressing problem?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mountain	Pacific	Republican	Democrat	Independent/Other
Yes	73%	71%	75%	80%	78%	68%	68%	73%	75%	70%	75%	78%	83%	72%	70%	67%	76%	48%	94%	70%
No	17%	20%	15%	13%	13%	21%	22%	17%	17%	22%	15%	16%	9%	17%	22%	25%	14%	39%	4%	16%
Unsure/no answer	9%	9%	10%	7%	9%	11%	10%	10%	8%	8%	9%	6%	8%	11%	8%	8%	10%	13%	2%	14%

Do you believe the benefits of taking further action on climate change will outweigh the costs?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mountain	Pacific	Republican	Democrat	Independent/Other
Yes	63%	62%	64%	65%	70%	58%	58%	63%	64%	65%	65%	70%	69%	61%	62%	58%	65%	42%	83%	57%
No	21%	25%	17%	17%	17%	23%	25%	20%	20%	24%	18%	21%	16%	20%	24%	26%	17%	40%	9%	20%
Unsure/no answer	16%	13%	19%	17%	13%	18%	17%	17%	16%	11%	17%	9%	15%	19%	15%	16%	18%	18%	8%	23%

How much is the United States as a country doing to combat climate change?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mountain	Pacific	Republican	Democrat	Independent/Other
Too much	15%	19%	12%	12%	16%	16%	16%	14%	15%	18%	9%	16%	16%	13%	17%	16%	13%	32%	7%	12%
Too little	65%	60%	69%	76%	66%	60%	60%	67%	65%	61%	63%	69%	66%	67%	62%	63%	69%	35%	84%	67%
About right	20%	21%	19%	11%	18%	24%	24%	18%	20%	20%	28%	15%	18%	20%	22%	21%	17%	33%	9%	21%

Would you support federal policies that provide subsidies for the development of renewable energy technologies?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mountain	Pacific	Republican	Democrat	Independent/Other
Yes	69%	69%	69%	68%	74%	66%	69%	67%	70%	76%	68%	73%	75%	71%	65%	65%	71%	49%	88%	64%
No	16%	19%	13%	17%	12%	17%	16%	16%	16%	14%	14%	18%	13%	13%	17%	20%	15%	29%	6%	16%
Unsure/no answer	15%	12%	18%	16%	14%	17%	14%	17%	14%	10%	18%	9%	12%	16%	18%	15%	14%	22%	5%	20%

Would you support federal policies that set a net-zero emissions target for 2050?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mountain	Pacific	Republican	Democrat	Independent/Other
Yes	60%	60%	60%	63%	67%	55%	56%	61%	60%	63%	58%	67%	69%	60%	56%	50%	65%	37%	81%	55%
No	19%	23%	16%	14%	15%	22%	26%	16%	20%	22%	23%	18%	13%	20%	22%	25%	18%	40%	6%	18%
Unsure/no answer	20%	16%	24%	23%	18%	23%	19%	23%	20%	15%	18%	15%	19%	20%	22%	25%	18%	23%	12%	27%

Would you support federal policies that provide subsidies for the purchase of electric vehicles?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mountain	Pacific	Republican	Democrat	Independent/Other
Yes	61%	62%	60%	65%	67%	58%	53%	61%	60%	65%	68%	64%	67%	60%	56%	51%	68%	42%	81%	53%
No	22%	25%	19%	17%	17%	23%	31%	20%	23%	21%	22%	27%	20%	20%	25%	23%	19%	41%	9%	23%
Unsure/no answer	17%	13%	21%	18%	16%	19%	16%	19%	17%	14%	11%	9%	13%	20%	19%	26%	12%	16%	11%	24%

Nature of Sample

Age	Per cent
< 18	0%
18-29	22%
30-44	26%
45-60	28%
> 60	24%

Gender	Per cent
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Male	48%
Female	52%

Household Income	Per cent
\$0-\$49,999	39%
\$50,000-\$99,999	28%
\$100,000-\$149,999	13%
\$150,000-\$174,999	4%
\$200,000+	4%
Prefer not to answer	11%

Party Identification	Per cent
Republican	24%
Democrat	36%
Independent/Other	40%

Region	Per cent
Northeast	18%
Midwest	22%
South	35%
Mountain	8%
Pacific	17%

Device Type	Per cent
iOS Phone / Tablet	56%
Android Phone / Tablet	35%
Other Phone / Tablet	0%
Windows Desktop / Laptop	7%
MacOS Desktop / Laptop	2%
Other	0%