Where Americans Stand On Energy & Climate

Fifty-nine percent of Americans, including most Democrats and over a third of Republicans, view climate change as a very or extremely important issue—an increase in the last three years.

Around half of Americans support a type of clean electricity standard and a requirement that all new vehicles be electric. Democrats overwhelmingly support these measures.

About half of Americans are willing to pay something for a fee on carbon. About a third would support the fee even if it meant paying $100 more for their energy—half as many Americans said the same in a similar 2018 survey.

Science is More Convincing

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Americans are Taking Action

Three in four Americans have taken at least one step to address climate change. That includes more than half who have purchased energy efficient appliances and nearly a quarter who get their energy from renewable sources.

Willingness to Pay

Support for a Carbon Fee

Percent of Americans willing to pay a given dollar amount each month in higher energy costs in order to combat climate change.

Environmental Justice

Half of Americans would pay at least $1 a month to clean up communities impacted by air pollution. Similarly, 60% of Americans are willing to pay the monthly fee when told the nearby community is low income, and 53% are willing to pay the fee when told the nearby community is minority.

Clean Energy Policy

Implementing a Clean Electricity Standard

More than half support, and only 15 percent oppose, a type of clean electricity standard. Democrats overwhelmingly support the measure, while more Republicans support than oppose it.

Requiring New Electric Vehicles

When it comes to shifting to electric vehicles, around half would support such policies to transition the fleet. More Americans support (42%) than oppose (32%) requiring all new vehicles be electric.

International Climate Aid

Less than half support providing funding to poorer countries to allow them to develop their economies using clean energy sources.

Transmission for Renewables

Support if receiving $60 rebate

Support if it reduced carbon emissions

52%