CLIMATE ACTIVISM: BELIEFS, ATTITUDES, AND BEHAVIORS

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Introduction

This report is based on findings from a nationally representative survey – *Climate Change in the American Mind* – conducted by the <u>Yale Program on Climate Change Communication</u> (climatecommunication.yale.edu) and the <u>George Mason University Center for Climate Change</u> <u>Communication</u> (climatechangecommunication.org). Interview dates: November 8 – 20, 2019. Interviews: 1,303 adults (18+), 1,114 of whom are registered to vote. Average margin of error: +/- 3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. A special thank you to Parrish Bergquist, PhD, Xinran Wang, and Andry Rajaoberison for creating an automated version of the data tables. The research was funded by the 11th Hour Project, the Energy Foundation, and the MacArthur Foundation.

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Reading notes

- References to Republicans, Democrats, and Independents include only registered voters. References to Republicans and Democrats include registered voters who initially identify as either a Republican or Democrat, as well as those who do not initially identify as a Republican or Democrat but who say they "are closer to" one of those parties (i.e., "leaners") in a follow-up question. The category "Independents" does not include any of these "leaners."
- In data tables, bases specified are unweighted, but percentages are weighted.
- For tabulation purposes, percentage points are rounded to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given chart may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. Summed response categories (e.g., "strongly support" + "somewhat support") are rounded after sums are calculated (e.g., 25.3% + 25.3% = 50.6%, which, after rounding, would be reported as 25% + 25% = 51%).
- Weighted percentages among registered voters of each of the groups discussed in this report:
 - Democrats (total) including leaners: 47%
 - Liberal Democrats: 25%
 - Moderate/Conservative Democrats: 22%
 - (Moderate Democrats: 19%; Conservative Democrats: 3%)
 - ➤ Independents excluding leaners: 10%
 - Republicans (total) including leaners: 38%
 - o Liberal/Moderate Republicans: 13%
 - (Liberal Republicans: 2%; Moderate Republicans: 11%)
 - o Conservative Republicans: 25%
 - ➢ No party/Not interested in politics/No response: 6%





Executive Summary

Drawing on a nationally representative survey (N = 1,303; including 1,114 registered voters), this report describes how Americans view climate activism – including their views of public activists, their sense of efficacy about climate activism, and the activism behaviors they are taking or would consider.

Attitudes About Climate Activists

- About half of Americans (53%) either "strongly" or "somewhat" support climate activists who urge elected officials to take action to reduce global warming. Democrats are the most likely to support climate activists (84%), followed by Independents (50%), and Republicans (23%).
- Nearly four in ten Americans (38%) personally *identify* with climate activists. Democrats are the most likely to identify with climate activists (58%), followed by Independents (41%), and Republicans (13%).

Activism Efficacy

- Only one in three Americans (33%) think elected officials are influenced by the advocacy actions of citizens (for example, rallies, marches, petitions, phone calls, etc.) when officials consider policies to reduce global warming.
- About half of Americans are at least "moderately confident" that people like them, working together, can influence what local businesses (50%) or their local government (48%) do about global warming. Fewer Americans are confident that they can influence what their state governments (42%), corporations (37%), or the federal government (35%) do about global warming.

Individual and Collective Action to Reduce Global Warming

- About half of Americans say they would sign a petition about global warming (55%) or vote for a candidate for public office because of their position on global warming (51%), if a person they like and respect asked them to.
- If asked by someone they like and respect, three in ten Americans (31%) would support an organization engaging in non-violent civil disobedience against corporate or government activities that make global warming worse, and one in five (20%) say they would personally engage in non-violent civil disobedience.
- Three in ten Americans say that, if asked by a person they like and respect, they would meet with an elected official or their staff (34%) or contact government officials (33%) about global warming. However, fewer Americans have actually taken these actions in the past year only 11% say they have contacted an elected official during the past 12 months to urge them to take action to reduce global warming.
- About one in three Americans (32%) have rewarded companies that are taking steps to reduce global warming by buying their products in the past 12 months, and about one in four (27%) have punished companies that are opposing steps to reduce global warming by *not* buying their products.





- Only 3% of Americans say they are currently participating in a campaign to convince elected officials to take action to reduce global warming. However, an additional 11% say they "definitely would" participate in such a campaign, and another 21% say they "probably would."
- Americans overestimate how many people in the U.S. have urged an elected official to take action to reduce global warming in the past 12 months, estimating on average that 28% of Americans have done so (while in fact, only 11% say they have done so).
- Most Americans think the percentage of adults in the U.S. who have contacted elected officials to urge them to take action to reduce global warming has stayed about the same over the past 12 months (53%) and that it will continue to stay about the same over the next 12 months (51%). However, about four in ten Americans think those percentages have increased in the past year (40%) or will increase over the next year (42%). Few Americans (about 5%) think those percentages have decreased in the past year or will decrease over the next year.

The Impact of Public Figures on Climate Activism

- Americans are familiar with a number of public figures who support climate action, including Leonardo DiCaprio (85% of Americans are familiar with him), Pope Francis (77%), Bill Nye "The Science Guy" (77%), Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (63%), and the Swedish teenage climate activist, Greta Thunberg (61%).
- Many Americans trust a number of public figures as sources of information about global warming. Of Americans who are familiar with each public figure, the highest percentage (76%) trust Bill Nye "The Science Guy" as a source of information. Six in ten or more also trust Greta Thunberg (67%) and/or Pope Francis (64%). Half or more trust Leonardo DiCaprio (58%) and/or Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (51%).
- Many Americans say they would join a campaign to convince elected officials to take action to reduce global warming if various public figures asked Americans to. Of Americans who are familiar with each public figure, about four in ten would join a campaign if Greta Thunberg (43%) or Bill Nye "The Science Guy" (42%) asked Americans to. About one in three would join a campaign if Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (34%), Pope Francis (34%), and/or Leonardo DiCaprio (31%) asked Americans to.



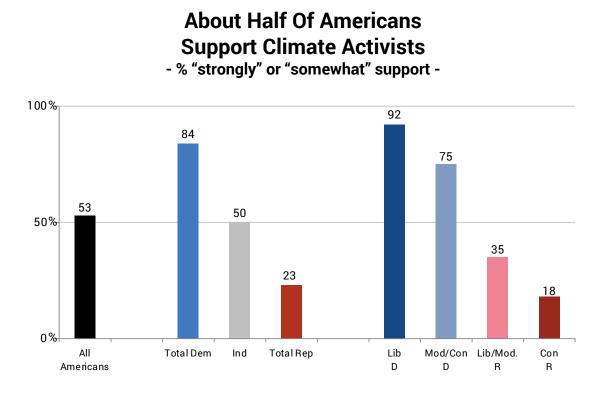


1. Attitudes About Climate Activists

1.1. About half of Americans support climate activists.

About half of Americans (53%) say they support climate activists who urge elected officials to take action to reduce global warming. This includes a large majority of Democrats (84%), half of Independents (50%), and about one in four Republicans (23%).

Only about one in five Americans (17%) oppose climate activists, and three in ten (29%) neither support nor oppose them (see Data Tables, p. 20).



Generally, how much do you support or oppose climate activists who urge elected officials to take action to reduce global warming?

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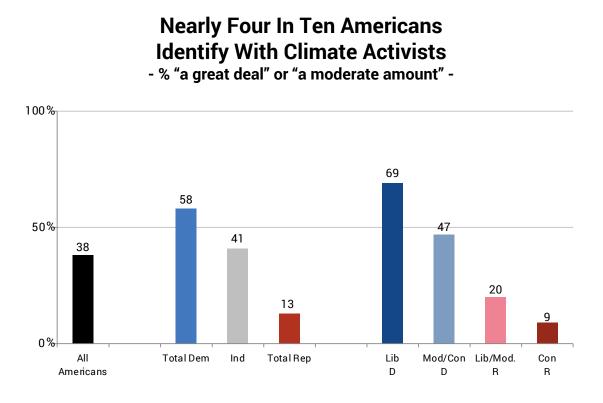




1.2. Nearly four in ten Americans identify with climate activists.

Although about half of Americans support climate activists (see previous section), fewer Americans *identify* with climate activists. Thirty-eight percent of Americans say they identify with climate activists who urge elected officials to take action to reduce global warming either "a great deal" (15%) or "a moderate amount" (23%). A majority of Americans identify either "a little" (22%) or "not at all" (39%; see Data Tables, p. 20).

Democrats (58%) are most likely to identify with climate activists, while fewer Independents (41%) and very few Republicans (13%) do so.



How much, if at all, do you <u>identify</u> with climate activists who urge elected officials to take action to reduce global warming? November 2019.

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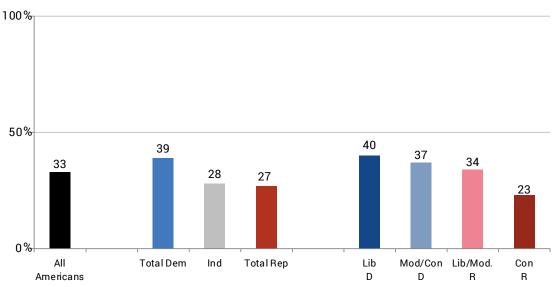


2. Activism Efficacy

2.1. Only one in three Americans think citizens can influence elected officials' global warming policy decisions.

Only one in three registered voters (33%) think elected officials are influenced by the advocacy actions of citizens (for example, rallies, marches, petitions, phone calls, etc.) when considering policies to reduce global warming. No political subgroup has a majority of members who think citizens influence elected officials with regard to climate policies. Liberal Democrats are the most likely to think so (40%) while conservative Republicans are the least likely (23%).

Only One In Three Americans Think Citizens Can Influence Elected Officials' Global Warming Policy Decisions - % "a great deal" or "a moderate amount" -



When elected officials are considering policies to reduce global warming, how much do you think they are influenced by the actions of citizens (for example, rallies, marches, petitions, phone calls, emails, and letters)? GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY November 2019. Climate Change CENTER for CLIMATE CHANGE



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2.2. Americans are more confident they can influence local than national decision-makers.

Perceived collective efficacy regarding global warming – the belief that like-minded citizens can work together to influence the global warming actions of government and business leaders – is an important motivator for individuals to take collective action.¹ Half of Americans (50%) are at least "moderately confident" that people like them, working together, can affect what local businesses do about global warming, and 48% are confident that people can affect what their local government does. Fewer are confident that people can influence what their state government (42%), corporations (37%), or the federal government (35%) do about global warming.

Democrats are more likely than Independents or Republicans to express confidence that people can affect what government and business do about global warming.

Americans Are More Confident They Can Influence Local Than National Decision-Makers

			Democrats	5		F	Republicar	IS
	All Americans	Total	Lib	Mod/ Con	Ind	Total	Lib/ Mod	Con
How confident are you that people like you, working together, can?	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
affect what <u>local businesses in your</u> <u>community</u> do about global warming?	50	65	72	57		33	34	33
affect what your <u>local government</u> does about global warming?	48	63	70	54	41	31	33	31
affect what your <u>state government</u> does about global warming?	42	56	60	51	38	26	29	24
affect what <u>corporations</u> do about global warming?	37	44	40	48	33	26	27	25
affect what the <u>federal government</u> does about global warming?	35	42	42	42	37	24	26	24

- % "extremely," "very," or "moderately" confident -

How confident are you that people like you, working together, can...? November 2019.



¹Bandura, A. (2000). Exercise of human agency through collective efficacy. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, *9*, 75-78. doi:10.1111/1467-8721.00064





3. Individual and Collective Action to Reduce Global Warming

3.1. Many Americans are willing to take political actions to reduce global warming.

About half of Americans (51%) say they would vote for a candidate for public office because of the candidate's position on global warming if a person they like and respect asked them to. This includes a large majority of Democrats (79%), and about half of Independents (53%), but only about one in four Republicans (26%).

A majority of Americans also say they would sign a petition about global warming (55%). Fewer would publicly wear a t-shirt or display a or bumper sticker (45%), share information on social media (35%), attend a public or neighborhood meeting (42% and 40%), volunteer time (34%) or donate money to an organization (35%).

Three in ten Americans say that, if asked by a person they liked and respected, they would meet with an elected official or their staff (34%) or contact government officials (33%) about global warming. Fewer Americans have actually taken these actions in the past year (see Sections 3.2 and 3.3), suggesting the potential to mobilize more Americans as climate change policy advocates through their social networks.

Three in ten Americans (31%) would support an organization engaging in non-violent civil disobedience against corporate or government activities that make global warming worse, and one in five (20%) say they would personally engage in non-violent civil disobedience.

Overall, Democrats are most likely to say they would take these actions, with a majority of liberal Democrats saying they would take all of the actions listed other than engaging in non-violent civil disobedience. Independents and Republicans are less likely to take these actions.





Many Americans are Willing to Take Political Actions To Reduce Global Warming - % "definitely" or "probably" would -

			Democrate	6		F	Republicar	IS
Would take the following actions regarding global warming	All Americans %	Total %	Lib %	Mod/ Con %	Ind %	Total %	Lib/ Mod %	Con %
Sign a petition	55	83	88	77	59	28	38	22
Vote for a candidate	51	79	85	72	53	26	33	23
Publicly display t-shirt, bumper sticker, etc.	45	66	70	62	53	19	27	14
Attend a public meeting or presentation	42	61	66	56	47	21	28	18
Attend a neighborhood meeting	40	59	61	55	44	22	29	18
Donate money to an organization	35	57	65	47	38	14	22	10
Share information on social media	35	51	56	44	41	15	20	12
Volunteer your time to an organization	34	51	58	44	43	13	19	10
Meet with an elected official or their staff	34	51	56	44	39	18	22	15
Contact government officials	33	52	60	44	37	13	15	12
Support an org.'s non-violent civil disobedience	31	51	61	40	35	11	14	9
Attend a political rally, speech, protest	28	45	57	32	29	12	15	11
Engage in non-violent civil disobedience	20	30	35	25	23	7	7	7

How likely would you be to do each of the following things if a person you like and respect asked you to?

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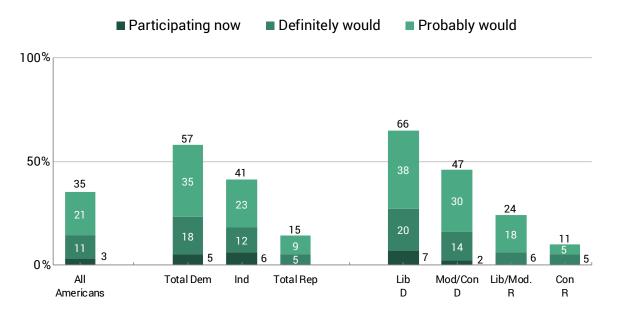


3.2. About one in three Americans would join, or are already participating in, a campaign to convince elected officials to take action to reduce global warming.

A total of about one in three Americans (35%) are either participating (3%), definitely would participate (11%), or probably would participate (21%) in a campaign to convince elected officials to take action to reduce global warming. This includes a majority of Democrats (57%; 66% of liberal Democrats and 47% of moderate/conservative Democrats), four in ten Independents (41%), and 15% of Republicans (24% of liberal/moderate Republicans and 11% of conservative Republicans).

The percentage of Americans who are participating or would participate in such a campaign has increased by 10 percentage points since our previous survey in April 2019, particularly among Democrats and Independents (both groups +15 percentage points). This is due primarily to an increase in the percentage of Americans who way they are *willing* to participate in a campaign rather than an increase in the percentage who are already participating in one.

About One Three Americans Would Join, Or Are Already Participating In, A Campaign To Convince Elected Officials To Take Action To Reduce Global Warming



How willing or unwilling would you be to join a campaign to convince elected officials to take action to reduce global warming?





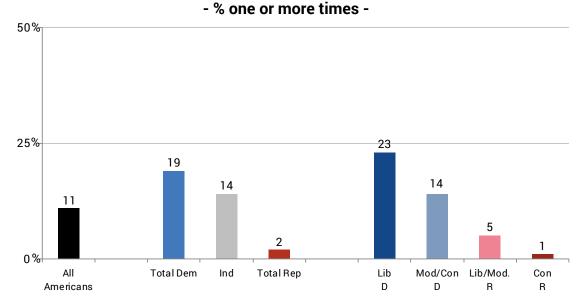




3.3. Few Americans have urged an elected official to take action to reduce global warming during the past 12 months.

Only about one in nine Americans (11%) say they have contacted an elected official during the past 12 months to urge them to take action to reduce global warming. However, about one in five Democrats (19%), including 23% of liberal Democrats and 14% of moderate/conservative Democrats, say they have done so. Additionally, 14% of Independents, but only 2% of Republicans, have contacted an elected official to urge them to take action to reduce global warming.

Few Americans Have Urged An Elected Official To Take Action To Reduce Global Warming During the Past 12 Months



(a) Over the past 12 months, how many times have you written letters, emailed, or phoned government officials about global warming? (b) [If one or more times] When you contacted a government official, did you...[urge them to take action to reduce global warming]?

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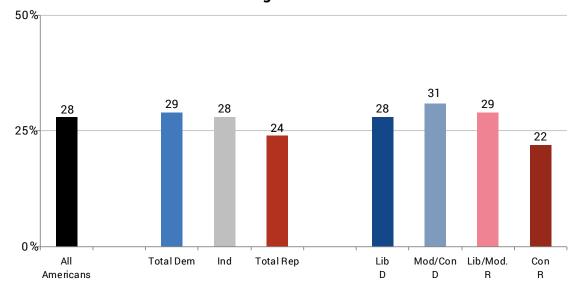




3.4. Americans overestimate how many people in the U.S. have urged an elected official to take action to reduce global warming.

Although only 11% of adults in the U.S. have contacted an elected official over the past 12 months to urge them to take action to reduce global warming (see previous section), Americans, on average, think that more than one in four U.S. adults (28%) have done so. This overestimation applies across the political spectrum – conservative Republicans, whose average estimates are the most accurate, still think that twice as many Americans have contacted elected officials about global warming (22%) as have actually done so.

Americans Overestimate How Many People In The U.S. Have Urged An Elected Official To Take Action To Reduce Global Warming - Average estimate -



In your estimation, over the past 12 months, what percentage of adults (18 years and older) in the United States contacted elected officials to urge them to take action to reduce global warming? If you're not sure, please provide your best estimate.

Please click on the slider bar to indicate your answer. You can side the indicator to the position that best describes your estimate.

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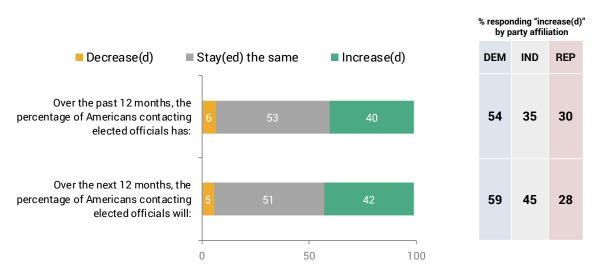


3.5. Many Americans think an increasing number of people in the U.S. are contacting elected officials about global warming.

Four in ten Americans (40%) think the percentage of adults in the U.S. who have contacted elected officials to urge them to take action to reduce global warming has increased over the past 12 months. About half of Americans (53%; see Data Tables, p. 28) think that percentage has stayed about the same. Few (6%) think it has decreased. Democrats (54%) – particularly liberal Democrats (61%; see Data Tables, p. 28) – are the most likely to think this form of activism has increased. This may be in part because liberal Democrats are also the group that has actually contacted elected officials about global warming the most over the past 12 months (see Section 3.3).

Similarly, 42% of Americans think that over the *next* 12 months, the percentage of adults who will contact elected officials to urge them to take action to reduce global warming will increase. About half (51%) think it will stay about the same, while only 5% think it will decrease. About six in ten Democrats (59%), including 66% of liberal Democrats (see Data Tables, p. 28), think the percentage will increase over the next 12 months.

Many Americans Think an Increasing Number of People in the U.S. Are Contacting Elected Officials About Global Warming



- Do you think that over the *past* 12 months the percentage of adults in the United states who contacted elected officials to urge them to take action to reduce global warming increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?
- Do you think that over the next 12 months the percentage of adults in the United states who will contact elected
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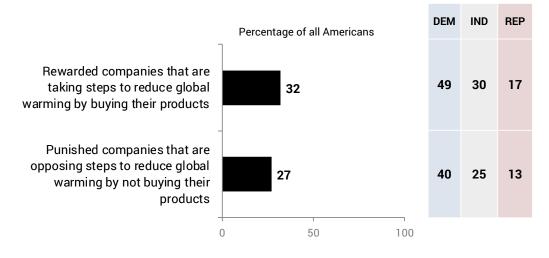




3.6. About one in three Americans have engaged in consumer activism on global warming.

About one in three Americans (32%) have rewarded companies that are taking steps to reduce global warming by buying their products in the past 12 months, and about one in four (27%) have punished companies that are opposing steps to reduce global warming by *not* buying their products. Democrats are most likely to have engaged in these "buycotts" (49%) and "boycotts" (40%). Additionally, three in ten Independents (30%) have rewarded companies and one in four (25%) have punished companies. Fewer Republicans have taken either action.

About One In Three Americans Engages In Consumer Activism on Global Warming - % one or more times -



Over the past 12 months, how many times have you done the following?

· Rewarded companies that are taking steps to reduce global warming by buying their products.

Punished companies that are opposing steps to reduce global warming by NOT buying their products.

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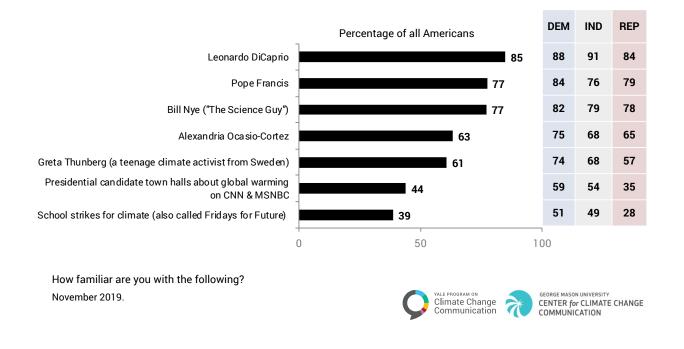
4. The Impact of Public Figures on Climate Activism

4.1. A majority of Americans are familiar with several public figures who support climate action.

Americans are generally at least "a little familiar" with a number of public figures who have taken a public position supporting climate action. A large majority of Americans are familiar with Leonardo DiCaprio (85%), Pope Francis (77%), and Bill Nye ("The Science Guy"; 77%). Majorities are also familiar with Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (63%) and the Swedish teenage climate activist, Greta Thunberg $(61\%)^2$. Majorities across political party lines are at least a little familiar with each public figure.

Fewer Americans are familiar with the presidential candidate town halls about global warming on CNN and MSNBC (44%) or with the weekly school strikes for climate (also called Fridays for Future; 39%).

A Majority Of Americans Are Familiar With Several Public Figures Who Support Climate Action



- % at least "a little familiar" -

² The survey was conducted shortly before Greta Thunberg was named <u>Time Magazine's Person of the Year for 2019</u>.





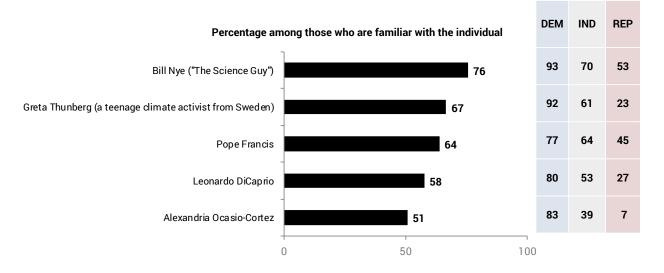
4.2. Americans trust several public figures as sources of information about global warming.

Of Americans who are at least "a little familiar" with the five individuals asked about in the previous section (see Section 4.1 for details), half or more "strongly" or "somewhat" trust each as a source of information about global warming. The highest percentage trust Bill Nye ("The Science Guy") - three in four Americans who are familiar with Bill Nye trust him as a source of information about global warming (76%), including nearly all Democrats (93%), a majority of Independents (70%), and about half of Republicans (53%).

Teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg is trusted as a source of information by two in three Americans who are familiar with her (67%), including most Democrats (92%) and Independents (61%), but fewer Republicans (23%). Pope Francis is trusted by more than six in ten Americans who are familiar with him (64%), and that trust is less politically divided – he is trusted by majorities of Democrats (77%) and Independents (64%), and by 45% of Republicans. Similarly, 58% of those familiar with Leonardo DiCaprio trust him as a source of global warming information.

Trust in Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is the most politically divided - half of Americans who are familiar with her (51%) trust her as a source of information about global warming. While she is trusted by 83% of Democrats who are familiar with her, only 39% of Independents and 7% of Republicans who are familiar with her trust her as a source of global warming information.

Americans Trust A Number Of Public Figures As Sources Of Information About Global Warming - % who "strongly" or "somewhat" trust -



How much do you trust or distrust the following as a source of information about global warming?

November 2019. Base: Americans who are familiar with the individual. The percentage who trust each individual is calculated among only Americans who are familiar with that individual (Bill Nye = 77% of Americans are familiar; Greta Thunberg = 61%; Pope Francis = 77%; Leonardo DiCaprio = 85%; Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez = 63%). For details, see GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY Climate Change Climate Activism: Beliefs, Attitudes, and Behaviors - November 2019, Section 4.1.



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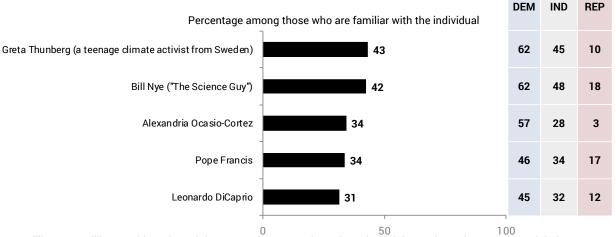


4.3. Americans are likely to join a campaign to convince public officials to take action to reduce global warming if several public figures asked Americans to.

Of Americans who are at least "a little familiar" with the five individuals asked about in Section 4.1, three in ten or more would "definitely" or "probably" join a campaign to convince elected officials to take action to reduce global warming if each individual asked Americans to. The teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg (43% of Americans who are familiar with her) and Bill Nye ("The Science Guy"; 42% of Americans who are familiar with him) are most likely to influence Americans who are familiar with them.

Majorities of Democrats who are familiar with Greta Thunberg (62%), Bill Nye (62%), and Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (57%) are likely to influenced by them to join a campaign. Four in ten or more Independents who are familiar with Bill Nye (48%) and Greta Thunberg (45%) are likely to be influenced by them. Many fewer Republicans would join such a campaign if these public figures asked Americans to.

Americans Are Likely To Join A Campaign To Convince Elected Officials To Take Action To Reduce Global Warming If Several Public Figures Asked Americans To



- % "definitely" or "probably" would -

How willing or unwilling would you be to join a campaign to convince elected officials to take action to reduce global warming if the following individuals asked Americans to?

November 2019. Base: Americans who are familiar with the individual. The percentage who would be convinced by each individual is calculated among only Americans who are familiar with that individual (Greta Thunberg = 61% of Americans are familiar; Bill Nye = 77%; Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez = 63%; Pope Francis = 77%; Leonardo DiCaprio = 85%). For details, see

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Appendix I: Data Tables

Note: Percentages reported are weighted to match U.S. Census parameters.

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

Generally, how much do you support or oppose climate activists who urge elected officials to take action to reduce global warming?

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
	-			Democrats		-	Republicans	-
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Strongly support (%)	31	54	68	38	30	8	11	7
Somewhat support (%)	23	30	24	38	20	15	24	11
Neither support nor oppose (%)	29	13	7	21	28	37	45	33
Somewhat oppose (%)	4	1	1	1	3	10	7	12
Strongly oppose (%)	12	1	0	2	18	28	11	37
Refused (%)	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	0

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

How much, if at all, do you *identify* with climate activists who urge elected officials to take action to reduce global warming?

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
A great deal (%)	15	26	33	17	18	4	6	3
A moderate amount (%)	23	32	35	29	23	9	14	5
A little (%)	22	29	25	33	22	16	21	13
Not at all (%)	39	13	7	19	36	71	59	77
Refused (%)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

When elected officials are considering policies to reduce global warming, how much do you think they are influenced by the actions of citizens (for example, rallies, marches, petitions, phone calls, emails, and letters)?

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
A great deal (%)	8	7	7	7	10	7	8	6
A moderate amount (%)	25	32	33	30	17	20	26	17
A little (%)	37	42	43	42	36	38	35	40
Not at all (%)	15	11	11	11	20	22	19	23
Don't know (%)	15	8	6	11	17	13	12	14
Refused (%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





How confident are you that people like you, working together, can...? ...affect what local businesses in your community do about global warming

	All Deenen dente	Total Domestrate	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/ Other	Total Domuhlioung	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative Democrats	Other	Republicans	Moderate Republicans	Republicans
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Extremely confident (%)	3	3	4	3	6	1	1	1
Very confident (%)	12	19	22	15	10	6	7	6
Moderately confident (%)	34	43	46	40	30	27	27	27
Only a little confident (%)	31	27	22	33	36	35	40	33
Not at all confident (%)	18	8	6	10	15	30	25	33
Refused (%)	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	1

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

How confident are you that people like you, working together, can...? ...affect what your local government does about

global warming

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Extremely confident (%)	3	4	4	4	6	1	1	1
Very confident (%)	13	21	23	17	9	6	8	4
Moderately confident (%)	32	39	43	34	26	25	24	25
Only a little confident (%)	31	29	25	33	34	34	37	32
Not at all confident (%)	21	8	5	13	20	33	29	35
Refused (%)	1	0	0	0	4	1	1	2

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

How confident are you that people like you, working together, can...? ...affect what your state government does about

global warming

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Extremely confident (%)	2	2	2	2	3	0	1	0
Very confident (%)	10	15	17	12	13	3	4	3
Moderately confident (%)	30	39	41	37	22	22	24	21
Only a little confident (%)	35	35	33	37	39	36	37	35
Not at all confident (%)	22	9	6	12	20	37	33	39
Refused (%)	1	0	1	0	3	1	1	2





How confident are you that people like you, working together, can...? ...affect what corporations do about global warming

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Extremely confident (%)	2	2	2	3	3	1	1	1
Very confident (%)	8	12	12	12	7	5	7	4
Moderately confident (%)	26	30	27	33	23	20	19	21
Only a little confident (%)	35	39	42	35	40	33	37	31
Not at all confident (%)	27	17	17	17	22	40	36	42
Refused (%)	1	0	0	0	6	1	1	1

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

How confident are you that people like you, working together, can...? ...affect what the federal government does about

global warming

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Extremely confident (%)	2	2	1	2	3	1	1	1
Very confident (%)	7	10	11	10	6	4	6	2
Moderately confident (%)	26	30	30	30	28	20	19	20
Only a little confident (%)	36	41	42	39	32	33	38	30
Not at all confident (%)	28	17	16	19	27	42	35	45
Refused (%)	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	1

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

How likely would you be to do each of the following things if a person you like and respect asked you to?

Sign a petition about global warming, either online or in person

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Definitely would (%)	32	54	63	43	32	10	14	7
Probably would (%)	23	29	25	34	27	18	23	15
Probably would not (%)	9	3	3	3	7	19	19	20
Definitely would not (%)	21	6	4	8	22	42	24	51
Don't know (%)	11	7	4	10	8	10	16	7
Prefer not to answer (%)	3	1	2	1	4	1	3	0
Refused (%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



How likely would you be to do each of the following things if a person you like and respect asked you to?

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Definitely would (%)	27	48	57	38	23	9	9	9
Probably would (%)	24	31	28	34	30	17	24	13
Probably would not (%)	11	4	2	5	11	23	23	23
Definitely would not (%)	17	4	2	5	17	34	20	41
Don't know (%)	17	12	9	16	16	15	23	12
Prefer not to answer (%)	4	2	1	2	3	1	2	1
Refused (%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Vote for a candidate for public office because of their position on global warming

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

How likely would you be to do each of the following things if a person you like and respect asked you to?

Publicly display a t-shirt, bumper sticker, button, wrist band, or sign about global warming

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Definitely would (%)	20	33	37	28	30	6	8	4
Probably would (%)	24	34	33	34	22	13	20	10
Probably would not (%)	14	13	13	12	9	19	23	17
Definitely would not (%)	28	10	7	14	29	55	39	63
Don't know (%)	10	8	7	9	6	6	9	4
Prefer not to answer (%)	4	2	2	2	3	1	1	1
Refused (%)	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

How likely would you be to do each of the following things if a person you like and respect asked you to?

Attend a public meeting or presentation about global warming

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Definitely would (%)	14	21	24	18	17	5	7	5
Probably would (%)	28	40	43	38	30	16	21	13
Probably would not (%)	21	18	18	17	26	28	28	28
Definitely would not (%)	21	8	5	11	14	40	26	47
Don't know (%)	12	10	8	13	9	9	15	5
Prefer not to answer (%)	4	3	2	3	4	2	2	1
Refused (%)	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1





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How likely would you be to do each of the following things if a person you like and respect asked you to?

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Definitely would (%)	13	20	24	16	15	4	7	3
Probably would (%)	28	38	38	39	30	18	22	16
Probably would not (%)	21	21	23	18	26	26	31	23
Definitely would not (%)	22	9	6	12	20	42	25	50
Don't know (%)	12	10	8	12	7	9	14	6
Prefer not to answer (%)	4	1	1	2	3	1	2	1
Refused (%)	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1

Attend a neighborhood meeting to discuss global warming and actions people can take

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

How likely would you be to do each of the following things if a person you like and respect asked you to?

Donate money to an organization working on global warming

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Definitely would (%)	12	19	22	16	17	3	4	2
Probably would (%)	23	38	43	31	21	11	18	8
Probably would not (%)	18	17	17	18	18	22	29	19
Definitely would not (%)	27	10	6	14	26	53	34	62
Don't know (%)	14	13	9	17	12	7	12	5
Prefer not to answer (%)	5	3	3	3	6	2	3	2
Refused (%)	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

How likely would you be to do each of the following things if a person you like and respect asked you to?

Share information about global warming on social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube)

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Definitely would (%)	16	25	30	18	19	5	8	4
Probably would (%)	19	26	26	26	22	10	12	8
Probably would not (%)	19	20	18	22	14	24	28	22
Definitely would not (%)	30	17	15	20	32	53	38	61
Don't know (%)	12	10	7	12	10	7	12	4
Prefer not to answer (%)	4	2	2	2	3	1	2	1
Refused (%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



How likely would you be to do each of the following things if a person you like and respect asked you to?

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Definitely would (%)	12	17	18	16	15	5	7	5
Probably would (%)	22	34	39	29	28	8	12	5
Probably would not (%)	20	21	22	19	19	25	29	22
Definitely would not (%)	25	8	5	11	22	52	36	60
Don't know (%)	16	17	13	22	9	9	14	6
Prefer not to answer (%)	4	3	2	3	6	1	2	1
Refused (%)	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

Volunteer your time to an organization working on global warming

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

How likely would you be to do each of the following things if a person you like and respect asked you to?

Meet with an elected official or their staff about global warming

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Definitely would (%)	12	17	20	14	16	4	7	3
Probably would (%)	22	33	36	30	23	13	15	13
Probably would not (%)	23	23	23	22	27	27	34	24
Definitely would not (%)	25	11	8	14	20	44	30	52
Don't know (%)	14	14	11	17	11	8	13	6
Prefer not to answer (%)	4	2	1	3	3	1	1	1
Refused (%)	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

How likely would you be to do each of the following things if a person you like and respect asked you to?

Write letters, email, or phone government officials about global warming

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
	-			Democrats		-	Republicans	-
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Definitely would (%)	12	20	24	15	12	4	5	4
Probably would (%)	21	33	36	29	24	9	10	8
Probably would not (%)	22	21	22	21	26	27	34	24
Definitely would not (%)	27	11	6	17	25	51	37	58
Don't know (%)	13	13	10	15	8	8	13	5
Prefer not to answer (%)	4	2	2	3	4	1	1	1
Refused (%)	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1





How likely would you be to do each of the following things if a person you like and respect asked you to?

Support an organization engaging in non-violent civil disobedience (e.g., sit-ins, blockades, or trespassing) against
corporate or government activities that make global warming worse

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Definitely would (%)	10	15	19	10	17	3	6	1
Probably would (%)	21	36	42	30	18	8	9	8
Probably would not (%)	18	21	17	24	14	19	27	15
Definitely would not (%)	32	13	9	17	35	61	44	69
Don't know (%)	14	12	10	15	11	8	13	5
Prefer not to answer (%)	5	3	3	3	5	1	1	1
Refused (%)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

How likely would you be to do each of the following things if a person you like and respect asked you to?

Attend a political rally, speech, or organized protest about global warming

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
	-			Democrats		-	Republicans	-
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Definitely would (%)	10	14	17	11	8	4	6	4
Probably would (%)	19	31	40	21	21	8	9	7
Probably would not (%)	23	26	22	30	24	24	30	20
Definitely would not (%)	30	13	9	18	32	56	43	62
Don't know (%)	14	13	10	17	12	7	11	5
Prefer not to answer (%)	4	2	2	3	3	1	1	1
Refused (%)	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

How likely would you be to do each of the following things if a person you like and respect asked you to?

Personally engage in non-violent civil disobedience (e.g., sit-ins, blockades, or trespassing) against corporate or government activities that make global warming worse

	All Respondents	Total Democrats	Liberal Democrats	Moderate/ Conservative	Independent/ Other	Total Republicans	Liberal/ Moderate	Conservative Republicans
	•			Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Definitely would (%)	8	11	13	9	10	3	4	2
Probably would (%)	12	19	23	15	13	5	4	5
Probably would not (%)	23	31	32	30	21	21	31	16
Definitely would not (%)	38	21	16	27	42	64	51	71
Don't know (%)	14	14	13	14	10	6	10	4
Prefer not to answer (%)	5	3	3	3	5	2	1	2
Refused (%)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1



	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
I am participating in a	3	5	7	2	6	0	0	0
campaign like this now								
(%)								
I definitely wound do it	11	18	20	14	12	5	6	5
(%)								
I probably would do it (%)	21	35	39	30	23	9	18	5
I probably would not do it	14	11	8	15	14	18	23	16
(%)								
I definitely would not do it	21	6	5	6	24	45	30	53
(%)								
Not sure (%)	21	20	17	24	11	14	18	13
Prefer not to answer (%)	9	6	4	8	10	7	5	8

How willing or unwilling would you be to join a campaign to convince elected officials to take action to reduce global warming?

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

Over the past 12 months, how many times have you done the following?

Written letters, emailed, or phoned government officials about global warming

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
	<u>^</u>			Democrats		-	Republicans	-
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Many times (6+) (%)	1	1	2	0	4	0	0	0
Several times(4-5) (%)	3	4	6	2	2	1	3	0
A few times(2-3) (%)	5	9	11	7	9	1	1	2
Once (%)	4	6	5	6	1	1	2	1
Never (%)	82	76	73	81	79	95	92	96
Don't know (%)	5	4	4	4	5	2	3	1

Base: Respondents who have contacted a government official about global warming one or more times over the past 12 months

When you contacted a government official did you...

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
	-			Democrats		-	Republicans	-
Unweighted Base	143	105	66	39	18	15	7	8
Urge them to take action to reduce global warming? (%)	88	94	96	92	84	66	92	45
Urge them to not take action to reduce global warming? (%)	7	2	2	3	13	26	0	48
Other (%)	5	3	3	5	3	8	8	7





In your estimation, over the past 12 months what percentage of adults (18 years and older) in the United States contacted elected officials to urge them to take action to reduce global warming? If you're not sure, please provide your best estimate.

Please click on the slider bar below to indicate your answer. You can slide the indicator to the position that best describes your estimate. If the indicator does not work, you can enter a number in the number box.

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
0-10 (%)	23	22	25	19	26	31	21	35
11-20 (%)	19	20	21	18	21	22	25	21
21-30 (%)	15	16	15	17	11	13	12	14
31-40 (%)	11	13	13	12	11	10	10	9
41-50 (%)	13	11	9	13	17	12	14	10
51-60 (%)	8	9	8	11	6	5	6	4
61-70 (%)	3	4	4	4	3	2	5	1
71-80 (%)	2	2	1	3	3	1	3	1
81-90 (%)	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
91-100 (%)	1	2	2	2	0	1	1	1

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

Do you think that over the past 12 months the percentage of adults in the United States who contacted elected officials to urge them to take action to reduce global warming increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Increased a lot (%)	4	5	6	4	2	3	2	4
Increased a little (%)	35	48	55	41	33	27	35	23
Stayed about the same (%)	53	43	37	50	57	60	58	60
Decreased a little (%)	5	3	1	5	3	7	3	9
Decreased a lot (%)	2	0	0	0	3	2	2	2
Refused (%)	1	0	0	1	3	1	1	1

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

Do you think that <u>over the next 12 months</u> the percentage of adults in the United States who will contact elected officials to urge them to take action to reduce global warming will increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Increase a lot (%)	5	8	10	5	5	2	1	3
Increase a little (%)	37	51	57	45	40	26	34	22
Stay about the same (%)	51	37	30	46	49	61	59	62
Decrease a little (%)	4	3	3	3	3	8	3	11
Decrease a lot (%)	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	2
Refused (%)	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	1





Over the past 12 months, how many times have you done the following?

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Many times (6+) (%)	9	16	18	13	11	3	4	2
Several times(4-5) (%)	8	12	17	6	10	4	8	3
A few times(2-3) (%)	14	19	22	16	7	9	12	8
Once (%)	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
Never (%)	44	27	22	32	43	63	45	73
Refused (%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't Know (%)	24	24	19	30	28	20	30	14

Rewarded companies that are taking steps to reduce global warming by buying their products.

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

Over the past 12 months, how many times have you done the following?

Punished companies that are opposing steps to reduce global warming by NOT buying their products.

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
	-			Democrats		-	Republicans	-
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Many times (6+) (%)	6	11	13	9	10	2	2	2
Several times(4-5) (%)	6	10	12	7	6	2	6	0
A few times(2-3) (%)	11	16	20	12	6	7	10	5
Once (%)	3	3	3	4	3	2	1	3
Never (%)	51	33	27	41	49	70	57	77
Refused (%)	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Don't Know (%)	22	26	25	27	25	17	24	13

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

How familiar are you with the following:

Leonardo DiCaprio

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Extremely familiar (%)	13	15	11	18	20	8	6	9
Very familiar (%)	26	32	40	24	28	22	23	21
Moderately familiar (%)	27	27	24	31	18	31	39	27
Only a little familiar (%)	18	14	14	13	24	23	20	24
Not at all familiar (%)	14	12	10	14	8	15	12	16
Refused (%)	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1







How familiar are you with the following:

Pope Francis

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Extremely familiar (%)	10	12	10	15	18	8	4	10
Very familiar (%)	18	22	24	19	21	19	19	19
Moderately familiar (%)	25	27	26	29	21	23	26	22
Only a little familiar (%)	24	23	25	20	15	28	27	29
Not at all familiar (%)	22	16	14	17	23	20	23	19
Refused (%)	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

How familiar are you with the following:

Bill Nye ("The Science Guy")

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Extremely familiar (%)	14	19	21	16	21	8	6	9
Very familiar (%)	21	26	34	17	19	19	20	18
Moderately familiar (%)	24	24	25	23	27	25	26	25
Only a little familiar (%)	18	13	11	15	12	26	24	27
Not at all familiar (%)	22	18	9	29	18	21	24	21
Refused (%)	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	1

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

How familiar are you with the following:

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Extremely familiar (%)	8	9	10	8	13	7	6	8
Very familiar (%)	18	24	34	11	23	18	16	19
Moderately familiar (%)	20	23	26	21	15	21	18	22
Only a little familiar (%)	17	18	14	23	17	19	14	22
Not at all familiar (%)	36	26	16	37	30	34	45	29
Refused (%)	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1





How familiar are you with the following:

Greta Thunberg (a teenage climate activist from Sweden)

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
			Democrats			Republicans		
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Extremely familiar (%)	7	9	9	9	15	4	3	5
Very familiar (%)	14	21	29	13	16	11	10	10
Moderately familiar (%)	20	26	29	23	19	14	14	15
Only a little familiar (%)	20	17	14	20	19	29	27	30
Not at all familiar (%)	39	26	18	35	31	42	46	40
Refused (%)	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

How familiar are you with the following:

Presidential candidate town halls about global warming on CNN MSNBC

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative		
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans		
	Democrats						Republicans	1		
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294		
Extremely familiar (%)	3	5	5	5	5	2	0	3		
Very familiar (%)	5	7	10	4	7	4	3	4		
Moderately familiar (%)	16	24	27	20	17	8	9	7		
Only a little familiar (%)	20	23	24	23	25	21	18	22		
Not at all familiar (%)	55	41	35	49	45	64	70	62		
Refused (%)	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1		

Base: Americans 18+ (first column), Registered American voters (remaining columns)

How familiar are you with the following:

School strikes for climate (also called Fridays for Future)

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
			Democrats			Republicans		
Unweighted Base	1,303	515	282	232	107	441	145	294
Extremely familiar (%)	3	4	4	5	10	2	1	2
Very familiar (%)	6	10	12	7	4	5	6	4
Moderately familiar (%)	13	17	22	12	15	7	7	8
Only a little familiar (%)	16	20	22	17	20	15	11	16
Not at all familiar (%)	61	49	39	60	50	70	75	68
Refused (%)	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2



Base: Americans 18+ who are familiar with the person (first column), Registered American voters who are familiar with the person (remaining columns)

How much do you trust or distrust the following as a source of information about global warming?

Leonardo DiCaprio

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	1,106	456	256	199	96	368	128	238
Strongly trust (%)	12	20	22	17	15	2	2	3
Somewhat trust (%)	45	60	59	61	38	24	34	19
Somewhat distrust (%)	22	15	18	12	27	29	35	26
Strongly distrust (%)	19	4	1	8	16	43	27	52
Refused (%)	1	1	0	1	3	1	2	0

Base: Americans 18+ who are familiar with the person (first column), Registered American voters who are familiar with the person (remaining columns)

How much do you trust or distrust the following as a source of information about global warming?

Pope Francis

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats		Republicans	-	
Unweighted Base	1,019	438	245	193	84	348	111	235
Strongly trust (%)	18	27	21	34	17	10	12	8
Somewhat trust (%)	46	50	51	49	46	36	43	32
Somewhat distrust (%)	21	15	21	9	23	27	30	25
Strongly distrust (%)	14	7	7	8	12	27	15	33
Refused (%)	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1

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	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative	
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans	
				Democrats		Republicans			
Unweighted Base	1,018	428	257	170	85	343	112	229	
Strongly trust (%)	31	50	58	38	33	9	11	8	
Somewhat trust (%)	45	43	36	53	37	44	63	36	
Somewhat distrust (%)	13	6	5	7	13	19	14	22	
Strongly distrust (%)	11	1	1	1	15	27	12	34	
Refused (%)	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	





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How much do you trust or distrust the following as a source of information about global warming?

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
				Democrats			Republicans	
Unweighted Base	848	389	241	148	75	291	81	209
Strongly trust (%)	16	29	35	19	14	0	0	0
Somewhat trust (%)	35	55	53	57	26	7	16	3
Somewhat distrust (%)	15	12	11	15	21	13	24	8
Strongly distrust (%)	34	4	1	8	40	80	60	88
Refused (%)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

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How much do you trust or distrust the following as a source of information about global warming?

Greta Thunberg (a teenage climate activist from Sweden)

	All	Total	Liberal	Moderate/	Independent/	Total	Liberal/	Conservative
	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
	Democrats Repub						Republicans	icans
Unweighted Base	820	389	233	156	71	263	80	182
Strongly trust (%)	25	42	43	40	20	5	9	4
Somewhat trust (%)	41	50	52	48	42	17	29	12
Somewhat distrust (%)	12	5	3	8	16	21	30	17
Strongly distrust (%)	21	3	2	4	23	57	32	68
Refused (%)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

Base: Americans 18+ who are familiar with the person (first column), Registered American voters who are familiar with the person (remaining columns)

How willing or unwilling would you be to join a campaign to convince elected officials to take action to reduce global warming if the following individuals asked Americans to?

Leonardo DiCaprio

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	Respondents	Democrats	Democrats	Conservative	Other	Republicans	Moderate	Republicans
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Unweighted Base	1,106	456	256	199	96	368	128	238
Definitely would (%)	10	14	15	13	17	3	3	3
Probably would (%)	21	31	34	27	15	9	12	7
Probably would not (%)	20	22	22	23	24	17	26	13
Definitely would not (%)	30	11	8	15	31	63	49	70
Don't know (%)	18	21	21	22	13	9	11	7
Refused (%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





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Unweighted Base	1,019	438	245	193	84	348	111	235
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Probably would (%)	22	30	30	30	19	11	15	9
Probably would not (%)	23	24	26	20	21	25	32	21
Definitely would not (%)	27	12	10	13	32	51	34	58
Don't know (%)	17	19	19	19	13	8	9	7
Refused (%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Probably would (%)	25	33	35	30	23	14	20	11
Probably would not (%)	18	17	13	22	13	20	28	16
Definitely would not (%)	25	5	4	7	28	55	38	63
Don't know (%)	15	16	14	19	11	7	6	7
Refused (%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Unweighted Base	848	389	241	148	75	291	81	209
Definitely would (%)	13	20	24	14	16	0	0	0
Probably would (%)	22	37	42	30	11	3	8	1
Probably would not (%)	14	17	16	19	15	7	11	5
Definitely would not (%)	40	10	5	18	49	87	80	90
Don't know (%)	12	15	13	18	8	3	1	3
Refused (%)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0



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Unweighted Base	820	389	233	156	71	263	80	182
Definitely would (%)	16	23	26	18	26	2	5	1
Probably would (%)	27	40	44	33	19	8	16	4
Probably would not (%)	16	17	13	22	19	13	20	10
Definitely would not (%)	29	5	3	9	30	73	55	81
Don't know (%)	12	15	13	18	6	4	4	4
Refused (%)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0





Appendix II: Survey Method

The data in this report are based on a nationally representative survey of 1,303 American adults, aged 18 and older, 1,114 of whom are registered to vote. The survey was conducted November 8 - 20, 2019. All questionnaires were self-administered by respondents in a web-based environment. The survey took, on average, about 25 minutes to complete.

The sample was drawn from the Ipsos (formerly GfK) KnowledgePanel®, an online panel of members drawn using probability sampling methods. Prospective members are recruited using a combination of random digit dial and address-based sampling techniques that cover virtually all (non-institutional) resident phone numbers and addresses in the United States. Those contacted who would choose to join the panel but do not have access to the Internet are loaned computers and given Internet access so they may participate.

The sample therefore includes a representative cross-section of American adults - irrespective of whether they have Internet access, use only a cell phone, etc. Key demographic variables were weighted, post survey, to match US Census Bureau norms.

From November 2008 to December 2018, no KnowledgePanel® member participated in more than one Climate Change in the American Mind (CCAM) survey. Beginning with the April 2019 survey, panel members who have participated in CCAM surveys in the past, excluding the most recent two surveys, may be randomly selected for participation. In the current survey, 352 respondents, 295 of whom are registered voters included in this report, participated in a previous CCAM survey.

The survey instrument was designed by Anthony Leiserowitz, Seth Rosenthal, Matthew Ballew, Matthew Goldberg, Abel Gustafson, and Parrish Bergquist of Yale University, and Edward Maibach and John Kotcher of George Mason University.

Margins of error

All samples are subject to some degree of sampling error - that is, statistical results obtained from a sample can be expected to differ somewhat from results that would be obtained if every member of the target population was interviewed. Average margins of error, at the 95% confidence level, are as follows:

- All Americans (N = 1,303): Plus or minus 3 percentage points.
- Democrats (total; *n* = 515): Plus or minus 4 points.
- Liberal Democrats (n = 282): Plus or minus 6 points.
- Moderate/conservative Democrats (*n* = 232): Plus or minus 6 points.
- Independents (*n* = 107): Plus or minus 10 points.
- Republicans (total; n = 441): Plus or minus 5 points.
- Liberal/moderate Republicans (n = 145): Plus or minus 8 points.
- Conservative Republicans (n = 294): Plus or minus 6 points.





Appendix III: Sample Demographics

Registered Voters

	N (unweighted)	% (weighted)
Total	1,114	100
Male	560	48
Female	554	52
iGen (1997 -)	41	5
Millennials (1981 - 1996)	249	27
Generation X (1965 - 1980)	285	26
Baby Boomers (1946 - 1964)	424	33
Silent (1928 - 1945)	109	8
Greatest (Before 1928)	6	0
Less than high school	47	7
High school	252	25
Some college	350	30
Bachelor's degree or higher	465	37
<\$25K	110	11
\$25K-<\$50K	187	17
\$50K-<\$75K	209	18
\$75K-<\$100K	184	14
\$100K-<\$125K	138	13
\$125K+	286	28
White, Non-Hispanic	810	66
Black, Non-Hispanic	107	12
Hispanic	124	14
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic	32	1
Other, Non-Hispanic	41	6
Northeast	202	17
Midwest	248	21
South	397	39
West	267	23





Full Sample

	N (unweighted)	% (weighted)
Total	1,303	100
Male	659	48
Female	644	52
iGen (1997 -)	55	6
Millennials (1981 - 1996)	320	29
Generation X (1965 - 1980)	336	26
Baby Boomers (1946 - 1964)	474	31
Silent (1928 - 1945)	112	7
Greatest (Before 1928)	6	0
Less than high school	83	11
High school	340	28
Some college	385	28
Bachelor's degree or higher	495	33
<\$25K	157	14
\$25K-<\$50K	243	18
\$50K-<\$75K	234	17
\$75K-<\$100K	207	14
\$100K-<\$125K	152	12
\$125K+	310	25
White, Non-Hispanic	917	63
Black, Non-Hispanic	124	12
Hispanic	165	16
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic	42	1
Other, Non-Hispanic	55	7
Northeast	235	17
Midwest	289	21
South	461	38
West	318	24





