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N = 1005 likely voters
Margin of error plus/minus 3.1%

Hello, my name is XX and I am calling from Action Research. This is not a sales call. We are conducting a brief survey of voters and would just like your opinions on a few issues.

1. Are you or is someone in your house a registered voter? May I speak with that person?

100 Yes

2. How likely are you to vote in the November 2020 elections?

92 Very likely
8 Likely

3. What is the most pressing issue facing the United States right now? [**OPEN CODED**][all responses above 5%]

23 Immigration
15 President
8 Health Care
7 Economy
6 Government/politicians

4. And the second most? [**OPEN CODED**][all responses above 5%]

11 Immigration
10 Health care
8 Economy
5 National security
5 Environment

5. Thinking just about national security issues for a moment, what is the most pressing national security issue facing the United States now? [**OPEN CODED**][all responses above 5%]

33 Immigration
18 China/North Korea
11 Terrorism
8 President Trump

I am going to read you a list of statements. For each one, please tell me whether you . . . with it.

Strongly agree
Somewhat agree
Somewhat disagree
Strongly disagree
Have no strong feeling one way or the other

[QUESTIONS 6 THROUGH 12 ROTATED]

6. Voluntary exchange between people is better than government control of those exchanges.

38 Strongly agree
32 Somewhat agree
70 TOTAL AGREE
10 Somewhat disagree
5 Strongly disagree
15 TOTAL DISAGREE
15 Have no strong feeling one way or the other

7. The federal government should avoid giving large companies financial support.

41 Strongly agree
31 Somewhat agree
72 TOTAL AGREE
13 Somewhat disagree
7 Strongly disagree
20 TOTAL DISAGREE
8 Have no strong feeling one way or the other

8. Capitalism is a better system than socialism.

	45	Strongly agree
	20	Somewhat agree
65		TOTAL AGREE
	11	Somewhat disagree
	10	Strongly disagree
21		TOTAL DISAGREE
	14	Have no strong feeling one way or the other

9. I usually trust the federal government to make the right decisions.

	9	Strongly agree
	29	Somewhat agree
38		TOTAL AGREE
	25	Somewhat disagree
	33	Strongly disagree
58		TOTAL DISAGREE
	5	Have no strong feeling one way or the other

10. In general, the federal government does a good job.

	10	Strongly agree
	33	Somewhat agree
43		TOTAL AGREE
	24	Somewhat disagree
	26	Strongly disagree
50		TOTAL DISAGREE
	6	Have no strong feeling one way or the other

11. The federal government should have more power with respect to the economy in the United States.

	17	Strongly agree
	26	Somewhat agree
43		TOTAL AGREE
	22	Somewhat disagree
	25	Strongly disagree
47		TOTAL DISAGREE
	10	Have no strong feeling one way or the other

12. The federal government should have more power with respect to the health care system in the United States.

	24	Strongly agree
	23	Somewhat agree
47		TOTAL AGREE
	17	Somewhat disagree
	29	Strongly disagree
46		TOTAL DISAGREE
	7	Have no strong feeling one way or the other

[PAUSE]

13. Have you heard of the green new deal?

	54	Yes
	43	No
	3	Don't know/refused [NOT READ]

The green new deal is a resolution that has been proposed in Congress. I want to read a few features of it. For each one, please tell me whether you . . . that feature.

Strongly favor
Somewhat favor
Somewhat oppose
Strongly oppose
Have no strong feeling one way or the other

[QUESTIONS 14 THROUGH 19 ROTATED]

14. It calls for guaranteed jobs for all citizens.

	34	Strongly favor
	23	Somewhat favor
57		TOTAL FAVOR
	11	Somewhat oppose
	26	Strongly oppose
37		TOTAL OPPOSE
	6	Have no strong feeling one way or the other

15. It calls for government-sponsored health care for all citizens.

	37	Strongly favor
	20	Somewhat favor
57		TOTAL FAVOR
	10	Somewhat oppose
	28	Strongly oppose
38		TOTAL OPPOSE
	5	Have no strong feeling one way or the other

16. It calls for all the buildings in the United States to be upgraded.

	20	Strongly favor
	27	Somewhat favor
47		TOTAL FAVOR
	15	Somewhat oppose
	29	Strongly oppose
44		TOTAL OPPOSE
	9	Have no strong feeling one way or the other

17. It calls for the United States to use no energy derived from oil, natural gas, or coal by 2030.

	23	Strongly favor
	21	Somewhat favor
44		TOTAL FAVOR
	14	Somewhat oppose
	34	Strongly oppose
48		TOTAL OPPOSE
	8	Have no strong feeling one way or the other

18. It would double the budget of the federal government by 2030.

	13	Strongly favor
	16	Somewhat favor
29		TOTAL FAVOR
	17	Somewhat oppose
	41	Strongly oppose
58		TOTAL OPPOSE
	14	Have no strong feeling one way or the other

19. The green new deal would cause the federal government to double in size by 2030.

11 Strongly favor
15 Somewhat favor
26 TOTAL FAVOR
18 Somewhat oppose
43 Strongly oppose
61 TOTAL OPPOSE
13 Have no strong feeling one way or the other

20. Some say that the green new deal will improve the lives for millions of Americans by guaranteeing a job, health care for all, and a decisive move away from fossil fuels. Others say that it would unwisely expand the size, power, and budget of the federal government and lead directly to socialism. Which of those comes closest to your views?

50 It will expand the size and power of the federal government
33 It will improve the lives of millions of Americans
7 Both [**NOT READ**]
10 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

Switching topics for a moment . . .

The corporate average fuel efficiency standard is a program run by the federal government that determines and enforces compliance with the miles-per-gallon standard for cars and trucks. I'd like to ask you a few questions about this program.

21. Some argue that the program is a good way to address global warming because it encourages the sale of small cars and electric vehicles. In general, do you think that the program makes sense for that reason?

54 Yes
37 No
9 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

22. The program was created in the mid-1970s in part to reduce our dependence on imported oil. Now that the U.S. is the number oil producer in the world, do you think this mandate still needed?

- 32 No, not really
- 45 Yes
- 20 I'm not sure
- 2 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

23. The program is built on the idea of a single national standard for all cars. Do you think that standard should be set by . . . [**FIRST TWO RESPONSES ROTATED**]

- 43 The federal government
- 9 The State of California
- 34 Someone else
- 14 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

24. The way the program works in practice is that those who buy larger cars -- like trucks and SUVs -- subsidize those who buy smaller cars. In general, do you think this is fair?

- 33 Yes
- 54 No
- 13 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

25. Right now, those who buy SUVs, crossovers, and pickup trucks unknowingly pay more per vehicle than they otherwise would to support those who purchase electric vehicles and more efficient cars. In your opinion, what is a fair amount for those who buy SUVs and trucks to contribute to those who buy other vehicles? I just need a number in dollars.

MEAN = \$2518
MEDIAN = \$200

[38% responded "zero"]

26. Do you trust the federal government to decide what kind of cars or transportation technologies should be subsidized or mandated?

- 22 Yes
- 69 No
- 10 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

27. Who should make decisions about what kind of cars you should be able to buy or what kinds of fuels you should use? [**ROTATED**]

- 10 State governments, especially California
- 11 The federal government
- 73 You
- 5 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

28. Which of the following statements best describe your views? [**ROTATED**]

- 55 The U.S. is the largest oil producer in the world. While electric cars and efficient vehicles might be a good choice for some consumers, we don't need government policies that force consumers to buy them. [OR]
- 37 Continued reliance on gasoline represents a real risk. We need to prepare for the future. We need government policies that encourage us to buy more electric vehicles and more efficient vehicles. [OR]
- 8 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

29. Taken everything into consideration, do you favor or oppose the corporate average fuel economy program?

- 41 Favor
- 35 Oppose
- 24 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

Switching topics one last time . . .

30. Which of the following comes closest to describing how you think about global warming? [**ROTATED**]

- 53 It is mostly caused by human activity
- 27 It is mostly the result of natural patterns
- 13 There is no solid evidence of global warming
- 7 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

31. Which of the following is more likely to lead to solutions to global warming? [**ROTATED**]

- 39 Innovators and entrepreneurs
- 25 Government actions
- 19 Consumer demand
- 7 Other [**NOT READ**]
- 10 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

32. How much would you personally be willing to pay each year to address global warming? I just need a number in dollars.

MEAN = \$747

MEDIAN = \$50

[35% answered "zero"]

33. Right now, each taxpayer in the United States is already paying more than 100 dollars a year through taxes to address global warming. Is that . . .

- 33 Too much
- 30 Not enough
- 29 Just about the right amount
- 8 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

34. Some say that solutions to climate change will involve technological breakthroughs that will help the economy and create new economic opportunities. Others say that part of the answer has to be government action because people are unlikely to make the necessary changes on their own. Which of those comes closest to your thinking?

- 60 Solutions will involve technological breakthroughs
- 22 Solutions will require government action to modify our lives
- 10 Both [**NOT READ**]
- 8 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

35. Thinking about carbon dioxide for a moment, which of the following statements comes closest to your thoughts? [**ROTATED**]

- 37 Carbon dioxide is a pollutant that is damaging the environment and compromising human health.
- 49 Carbon dioxide is needed for plant life, and humans both exhale it and consume it every day.
- 14 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

We're almost done . . .

36. The American Lung Association and the State and federal governments issue reports each year that show air quality in the U.S. has improved dramatically over the last 40 years as a result of businesses using energy more efficiently and individuals taking steps like recycling and driving more fuel efficient cars. Knowing that, which of the following comes closest to your thoughts?

[SPLIT SAMPLE][RESPONSES ROTATED]

- 50 We don't really need additional federal regulations or taxes, we just need to keep developing and using better technologies that will help us reduce emissions.
29 There are still too many places and too many people at risk from air pollution.
18 Both **[NOT READ]**
2 Don't know/refused **[NOT READ]**

- 50 We don't really need additional federal regulations, we just need to keep developing and using better technologies that will help us reduce emissions, taking sensible steps like recycling and buying fuel efficient cars, and educating ourselves.
24 Government regulation has been essential in making the environmental progress we have made. We need to expand our regulations and make sure individuals and companies do the right thing.
22 Both **[NOT READ]**
3 Don't know/refused **[NOT READ]**

37. Which one of the following groups makes most of the decisions about energy in the United States? **[ROTATED]**

- 48 Government
26 Businesses
22 Consumers
4 Other **[NOT READ]**

38. Who should make most of the decisions? **[ROTATED]**

- 56 Consumers
26 Government
8 Businesses
10 Other **[NOT READ]**

We have just a few final questions for demographic purposes . . .

39. What is your age please?

12 18-26
15 27-35
22 36-49
29 50-64
22 65 and older

40. What is your race or ethnic background?

75 White
12 African American
3 Asian
7 Hispanic
3 Other/don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

41. With respect to politics, would you describe yourself as . . . ?

26 Conservative
15 Somewhat conservative
27 Moderate
12 Somewhat liberal
17 Liberal
2 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

42. Which of the following best describes the highest level of education you have achieved?

2 Some high school
16 High school diploma
24 Some college
35 College degree
5 Some postgraduate work
18 Graduate or professional degree
1 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

43. Into which category does your annual household income fall? Just stop me when I get to right category.

- 26 Less than \$40,000
- 28 \$40 to \$80,000
- 20 Over \$80,000 but less than \$120,000
- 18 \$120,000 and over
- 7 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

44. Do you usually vote for Republicans or Democrats in Congressional elections?

- 39 Republicans
- 45 Democrats
- 9 Neither/other [**NOT READ**]
- 4 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

45. In what region do you live? [**FROM LIST**]

- 22 EAST
- 24 SOUTH
- 20 MIDWEST
- 18 MOUNTAIN WEST
- 16 PACIFIC

46. Gender [**BY OBSERVATION**]

- 48 Male
- 52 Female