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N = 1000 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 nationwide 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) Did you vote in the 2020 elections?

100 Yes

3) What is the most pressing issue facing the United States right now? (*responses at or above 4%*)

25	Coronavirus
11	Trump
8	Political divide
7	Economy
6	Elections
5	Racism
3	Democrats
3	Civil unrest

4) And the second most?

17	Coronavirus
14	Economy
5	Health care
5	Trump
5	Racism

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

**[QUESTIONS 5 THROUGH 10 ROTATED]**

5) Energy is a good thing. We should not make it more expensive.

75     Agree  
12     Disagree  
13     Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

6) I'm concerned about the amount of the federal debt.

70     Agree  
17     Disagree  
13     Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

7) The federal government should control the entire energy system of the United States.

17     Agree  
67     Disagree  
16     Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

8) Capitalism is better than socialism

60     Agree  
18     Disagree  
21     Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

9) I trust the government to solve problems.

25     Agree  
62     Disagree  
13     Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

10) The federal debt and deficit will mean less economic growth and a lower standard of living for the next generation.

58 Agree  
21 Disagree  
20 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

[PAUSE]

11) In general, does the federal government spend too much, too little, the right amount?

62 Too much  
13 Too little  
12 The right amount  
13 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

12) To address the deficit, should we focus more on cutting spending or raising taxes?

60 Cutting spending  
15 Raising taxes  
19 Both [**NOT READ**]  
6 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

13) Do you pay too much in taxes, too little, or the right amount?

45 Too much  
7 Too little  
42 The right amount  
7 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

14) Would you be . . . to vote for someone who increased federal spending, the federal deficit, and federal debt?

12 More likely  
52 Less likely  
22 It would have no effect on my vote.  
14 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

15) Which of the following usually drives innovation and change in the United States?  
[ROTATED]

- 28 Inventors and entrepreneurs
- 24 Consumers and their preferences
- 17 Businesses
- 6 The federal government
- 19 All of the above [NOT READ]
- 6 Don't know/refused [NOT READ]

16) Thinking about energy for a moment, some say that we should increase our use of renewable energy from 11 percent currently to 100 percent by 2035, even if it means that energy costs might increase.

How much would you be willing to spend to achieve 100 renewable energy by 2035? I just need a number in dollars.

Mean            813  
Median         10

*(36% answered zero; in all 42% answered less than 10 dollars)*

17) Do you think the federal government should mandate what kind of cars you can buy?

- 16 Yes
- 80 No
- 4 Don't know/refused [NOT READ]

18) Thinking about electricity prices and gasoline prices, do you think an electric vehicle would . . .

- 31 Be more expensive to power than a gasoline-powered car
- 30 Be cheaper to power than a gasoline powered car
- 26 Cost about the same to operate
- 13 Don't know/refused [NOT READ]

19) If the federal government mandates that only electric vehicles can be sold in the United States, do you think electricity prices will . . .

- 69 Increase
- 6 Decrease
- 17 Stay pretty much the same
- 7 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

20) Do electric vehicles result in . . .

- 56 Less pollution than gasoline powered cars
- 22 About the same amount of pollution as gasoline-powered cars
- 11 More pollution than gasoline-powered cars
- 11 Don't know/refused to answer [**NOT READ**]

21) How concerned are you that China currently dominates in the production of all the materials that go into making large batteries and electric vehicles?

- 43 Very
- 29 Somewhat
- 13 Not very
- 9 Not at all
- 26 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

22) Which of the following best describes your views? [**ROTATED**]

- 27 We need government policies that encourage us to buy more electric vehicles.
- 61 Electric cars may be a good idea for some, but those purchases should not be paid for by other consumers
- 12 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

Switching topics . . .

23) Which of the following statements best captures your thinking? Global warming is . .

- 13 Not a problem
- 14 A small problem
- 23 A moderate problem
- 23 A major challenge or problem
- 24 A crisis
- 3 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

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

- 42 Solutions will involve technological breakthroughs
- 23 Solutions will require government action to modify behavior
- 24 Both [**NOT READ**]
- 11 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

**[SPLIT SAMPLE]**

25a) Which of the following is more likely to lead to solutions to global warming?  
**[ROTATED]**

- 36 Innovators and entrepreneurs
- 20 Consumer demand
- 16 Government
- 11 Business
- 6 Other **[NOT READ]**
- 11 Don't know/refused **[NOT READ]**

25b) If I asked you to divide 100 points between consumer demand, government, business, and innovators and entrepreneurs on the basis of which is more likely to be important to solving global warming, how would you divide those points? (*means for each*)

Consumer demand	30.8
Innovators and entrepreneurs	30.6
Government	20.0
Business	18.7

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

Mean	775
Median	20

(37% responded zero; 44% of all respondents responded less than 10 dollars)

27) Do you think the federal government should impose a tax on carbon dioxide emissions collected at the gas pump and as part of heating and utility bills?

- 28 Yes
- 62 No
- 10 Don't know/refused **[NOT READ]**

28) Would you trust the federal government to spend money from such a tax wisely?

- 23 Yes
- 69 No
- 8 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

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

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

I am going to read you a list of actions that the Biden Administration can take with respect to climate change. For each one, please tell me whether you would support it, oppose it or have no opinion on it.

[**QUESTIONS 30 TO 35 ROTATED**]

30) Spend more on research and development of new technologies

- 67 Support
- 17 Oppose
- 12 Have no opinion on it
- 4 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

31) Subsidize companies that make renewable energy or electric vehicles

- 48 Support
- 32 Oppose
- 17 Have no opinion on it
- 4 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]



32) Increase regulations on businesses

- 42 Support
- 42 Oppose
- 12 Have no opinion on it
- 4 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

33) Raise taxes on energy

- 21 Support
- 59 Oppose
- 15 Have no opinion on it
- 5 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

34) Make it illegal to sell gasoline-powered cars

- 9 Support
- 75 Oppose
- 12 Have no opinion on it
- 4 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

35) The federal government currently spends about 30 billion dollars each year of taxpayer money on climate change. That's about 300 dollars per household every year. Is that . . . ?

- 37 Too much
- 22 Too little
- 31 About right
- 9 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

36) Which of the following will wind up paying for efforts to address climate change?

- 63 Consumers
- 14 Government
- 12 Businesses
- 11 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

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

37) What is your age please?

8	18-26
14	27-35
22	36-49
30	50-64
24	65 and older
1	Don't know/refused [ <b>NOT READ</b> ]

38) What is your race or ethnic background?

71	White
12	African American
8	Hispanic
3	Asian
3	Other [ <b>NOT READ</b> ]
4	Don't know/refused [ <b>NOT READ</b> ]

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

28	Conservative
14	Somewhat conservative
29	Moderate
12	Somewhat liberal
14	Liberal
3	Don't know/refused [ <b>NOT READ</b> ]

40) Which of the following best describes the highest level of education you have achieved?

2	Some high school
16	High school diploma
22	Some college
31	College degree
6	Some postgraduate work
23	Graduate or professional degree
1	Don't know/refused [ <b>NOT READ</b> ]

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

- 20 Less than \$40,000
- 27 \$40 to \$80,000
- 22 Over \$80,000 but less than \$120,000
- 22 \$120,000 and over
- 9 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

42) Do you usually vote for Republicans or Democrats in Congressional elections?

- 39 Republicans
- 41 Democrats
- 15 Neither/other [**NOT READ**]
- 5 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

43) Who did you vote for in the Presidential election?

- 48 Joe Biden
- 41 Donald Trump
- 11 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

44) In what region do you live? [**FROM LIST**]

- 21 East
- 26 South
- 20 Midwest
- 17 West
- 15 Pacific

45) Gender [**BY OBSERVATION**]

- 48 Male
- 52 Female

