

SURVEY:

**Voters Think
Climate Agenda is
Misdirected, Reject
Associated Costs**

AEA and CTU completed a nationwide survey of 1000 likely voters (3.1% margin of error) executed in the first two weeks of May.

The results pretty much speak for themselves, although there are a few salient points worth noting.

First, and probably most pointedly, *Republicans continue to be on solid ground with respect to who should make decisions about (and who should pay for) car and truck purchases, on carbon dioxide taxes, on willingness to pay to address climate change, on issue prioritization, and even on the fundamentals of the science* (by a margin of 19 points respondents identified carbon dioxide as “needed for plant life” rather than a “pollutant”).

Second, *voter sentiment and attitudes on energy and climate change seem to be characterized by stasis; despite what you may have read in the media*, there has been little change in voter sentiments and attitudes with respect to energy and climate change. Many of the responses in the survey are either consistent with or more emphatic than what we have found previously.

Third, *voters don't seem to care much about climate change and their willingness to pay anything to address has dissolved in the last year*.

Finally, *voters don't trust government very much*. More than two-thirds (70%) said that they did not trust the federal government to decide what kind of cars should be subsidized or mandated.

Bottom Line:

*Voters think climate agenda is
misdirected and overwhelmingly
reject associated costs.*

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

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

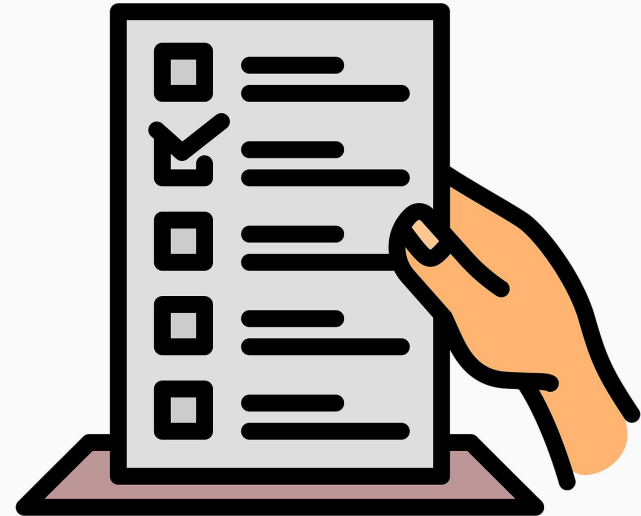
- 100% - Yes

How likely are you to vote in the November 2024 elections?

- 90% - Very Likely
- 10% - Likely

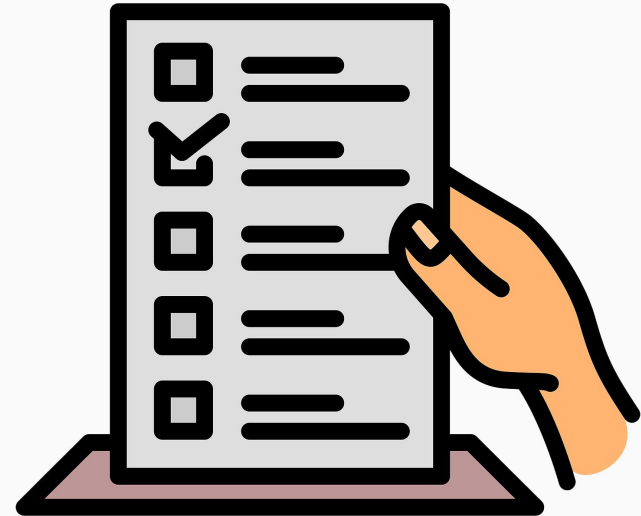
What is the most pressing issue facing the United States right now?

- 38% - Economy/inflation
- 9% - Guns/Second Amendment
- 8% - Inflation
- 8% - Immigration
- 5% - President Biden
- 4% - Budget/Debt



And the second most?

- 17% - Economy/inflation
- 10% - Immigration
- 7% - Guns/Second Amendment
- 5% - Abortion
- 4% - Crime
- 4% - Healthcare



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

The State of California should be able to determine what kinds of cars can be sold in other States.

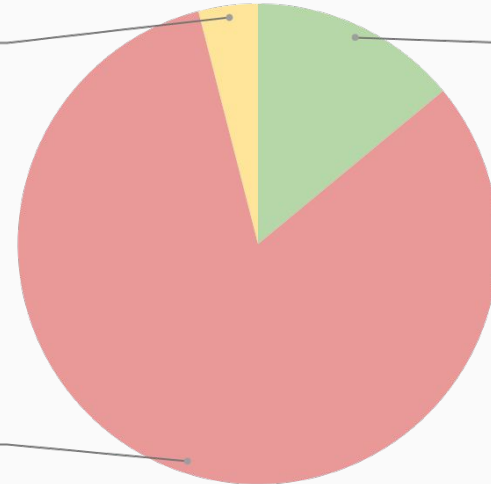
- 5% - Strongly agree
- 9% - Somewhat agree
 - **14% TOTAL AGREE**
- 12% - Somewhat disagree
- 70% - Strongly disagree
 - **82% - TOTAL DISAGREE**
- 4% - Don't know/refused

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Unsure/Refused
4.0%

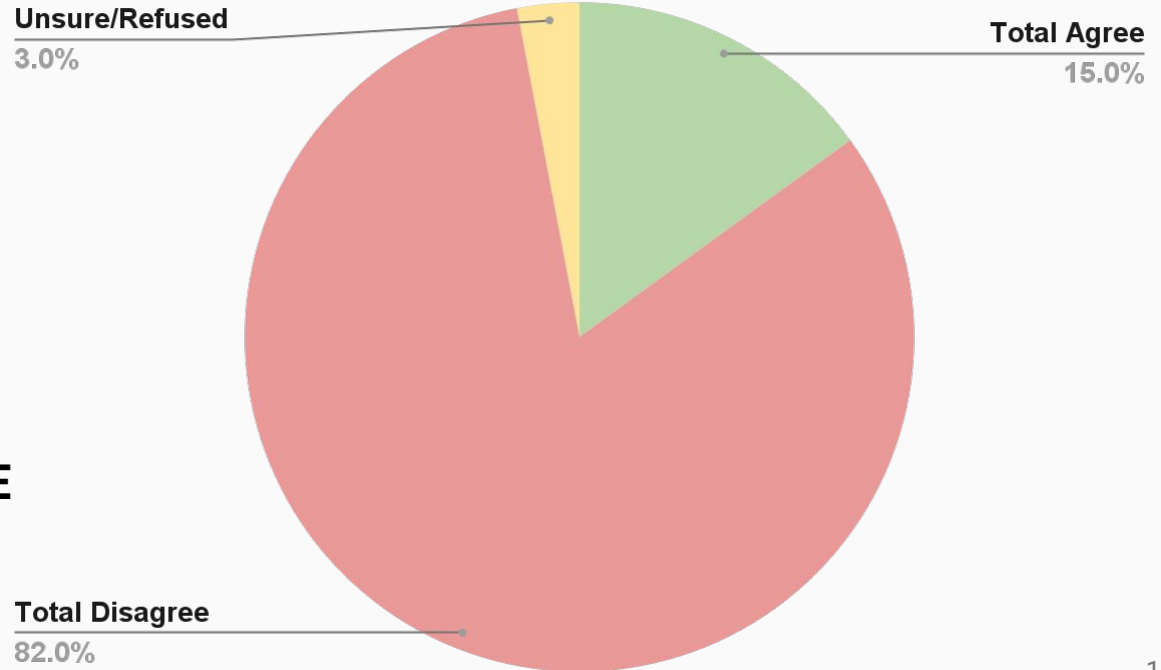
Total Agree
14.0%

Total Disagree
82.0%



Gasoline-powered cars should be banned.

- 4% - Strongly agree
- 11% - Somewhat agree
 - **15% TOTAL AGREE**
- 22% - Somewhat disagree
- 60% - Strongly disagree
 - **82% - TOTAL DISAGREE**
- 3% - Don't know/refused



We shouldn't make energy more expensive.

- 59% - Strongly agree
- 20% - Somewhat agree
 - **79% TOTAL AGREE**
- 8% - Somewhat disagree
- 11% - Strongly disagree
 - **19% - TOTAL DISAGREE**
- 3% - Don't know/refused

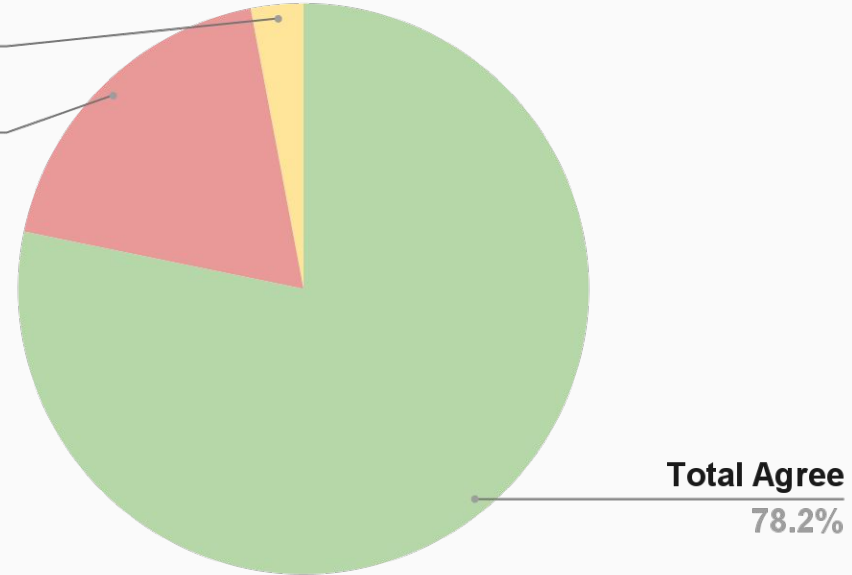
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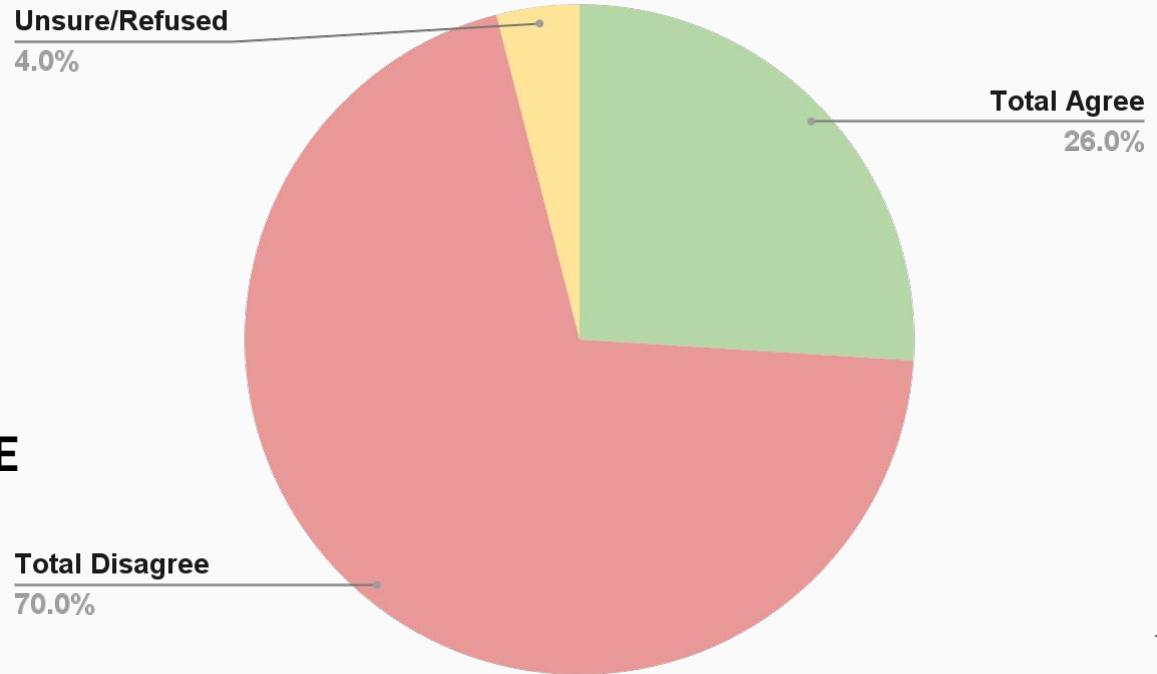
Total Disagree

18.8%



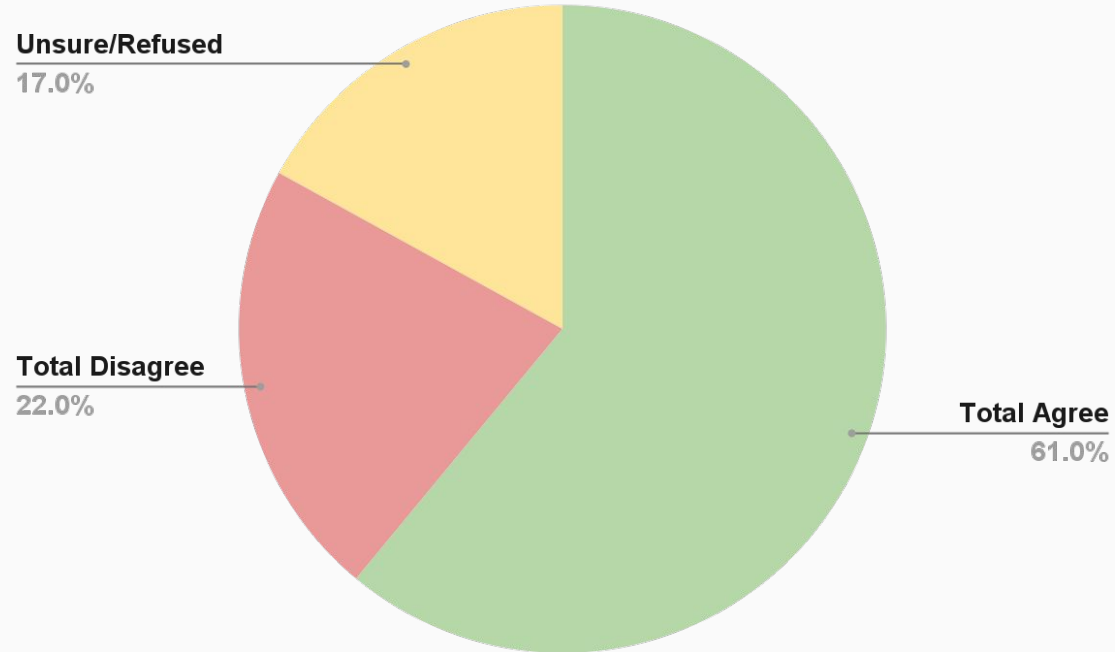
I trust the federal government to decide what kind of cars should be subsidized or mandated.

- 6% - Strongly agree
- 20% - Somewhat agree
 - **26% TOTAL AGREE**
- 19% - Somewhat disagree
- 51% - Strongly disagree
 - **70% - TOTAL DISAGREE**
- 4% - Don't know/refused



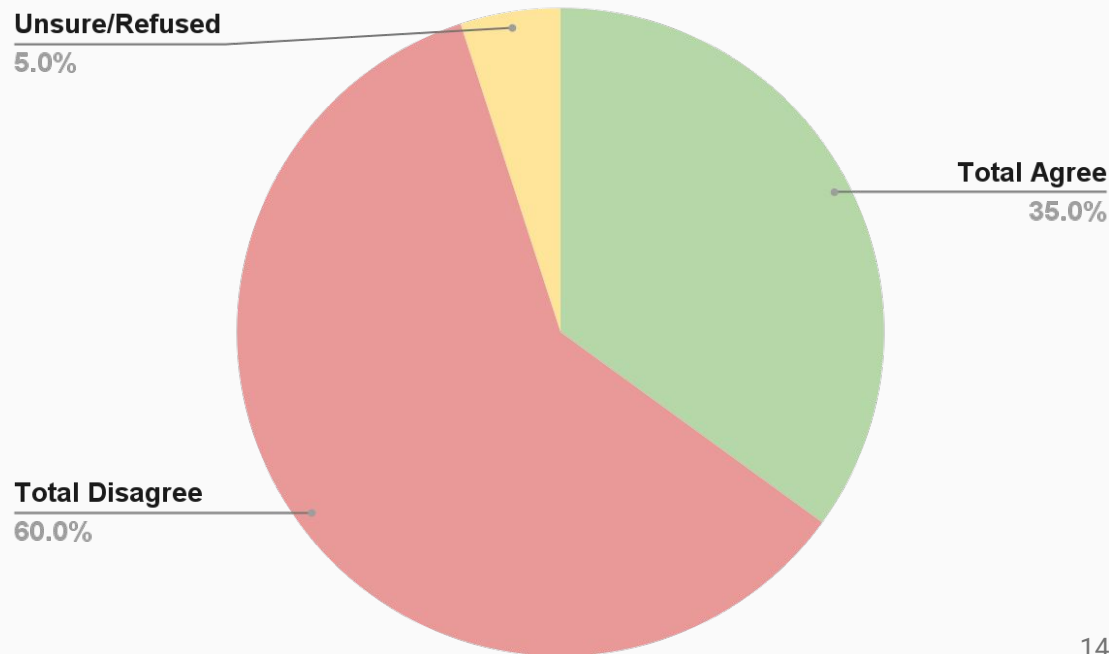
Consumers should not subsidize the car purchases of other consumers.

- 38% - Strongly agree
- 23% - Somewhat agree
 - **61% TOTAL AGREE**
- 14% - Somewhat disagree
- 8% - Strongly disagree
 - **22% - TOTAL DISAGREE**
- 17% - Don't know/refused



We should eliminate the use of gasoline, natural gas, and coal by 2050, irrespective of the cost.

- 14% - Strongly agree
- 21% - Somewhat agree
 - **35% TOTAL AGREE**
- 17% - Somewhat disagree
- 43% - Strongly disagree
 - **60% - TOTAL DISAGREE**
- 5% - Don't know/refused



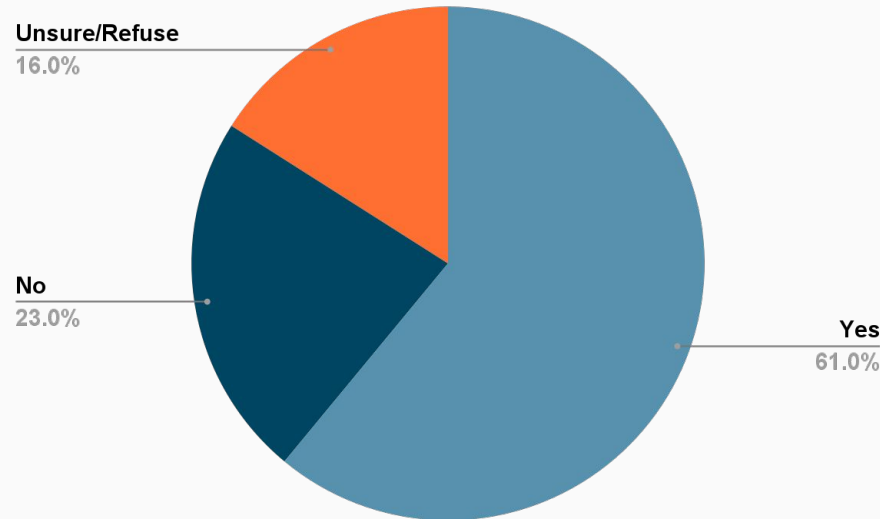
Do you think electric vehicles result in?

- 26% - Greater environmental impact than gasoline powered car
- 32% - About the same amount of environmental impact as gasoline-powered cars
- 31% - Less environmental impact than gasoline-powered cars
- 12% - Don't know/refused to answer [NOT READ]

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

- 81% - Increase
- 4% - Decrease
- 10% - Stay pretty much the same
- 5% - Don't know/refused to answer [NOT READ]

Do you think that companies that make electric vehicles should pledge not to use materials from places like China?



Right now, China controls about 80% of the materials that go into making electric vehicles and batteries for those vehicles. How concerned should the United States be about that?

- 64% - Very
- 27% - Somewhat
- 5% - Not Very
- 3% - Not at all
- 2% - Don't know/refused to answer [NOT READ]

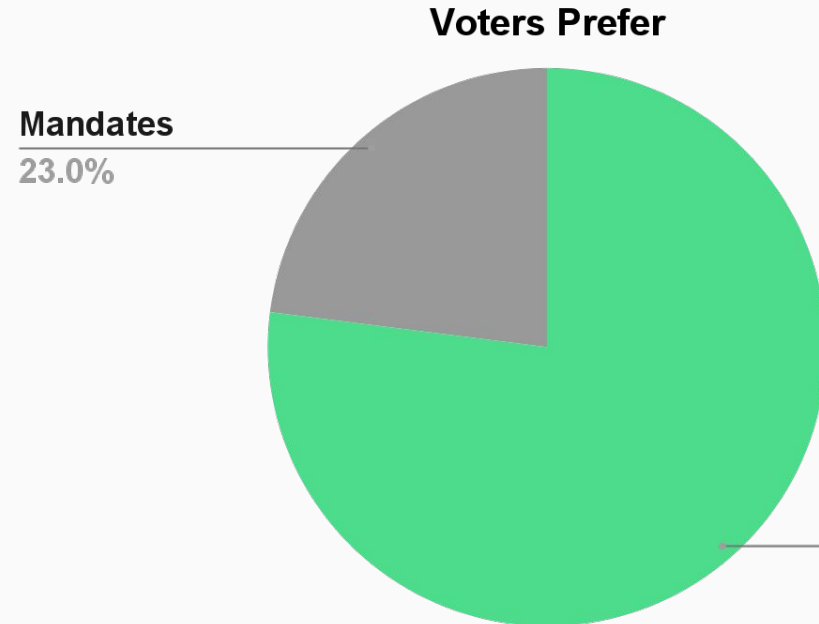


Who should make decisions about what kind of cars you should be able to buy?

- 80% - Me/consumers themselves
- 8% - The federal government
- 4% - State governments
- 4% - Automakers
- 4% - Don't know/refused to answer [NOT READ]



Which of the following statements best describe your views?



- 77% - While electric cars might be a good choice for some consumers, we don't need government policies that force consumers to buy them. [OR]
- 23% - Continued reliance on gasoline represents a real risk. We need to prepare for the future. We need government policies that require us to buy more electric vehicles. [OR]

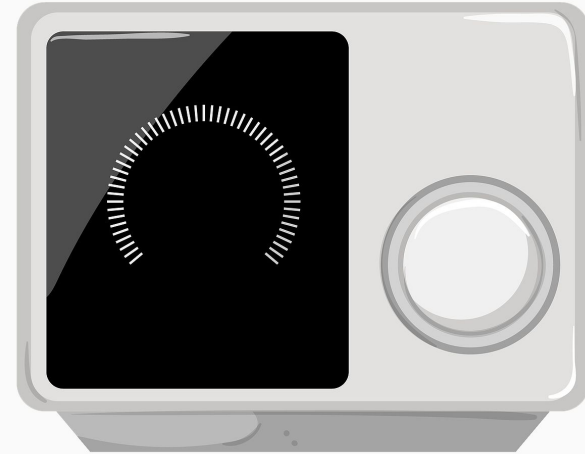
Are you paying . . . for [gasoline] right now?

- 78% - Too much
- 2% - Not enough
- 18% - About the right amount
- 2% - Don't know/refused to answer [NOT READ]



Are you paying . . . for [home heating] right now?

- 59% - Too much
- 3% - Not enough
- 33% - About the right amount
- 5% - Don't know/refused to answer [NOT READ]

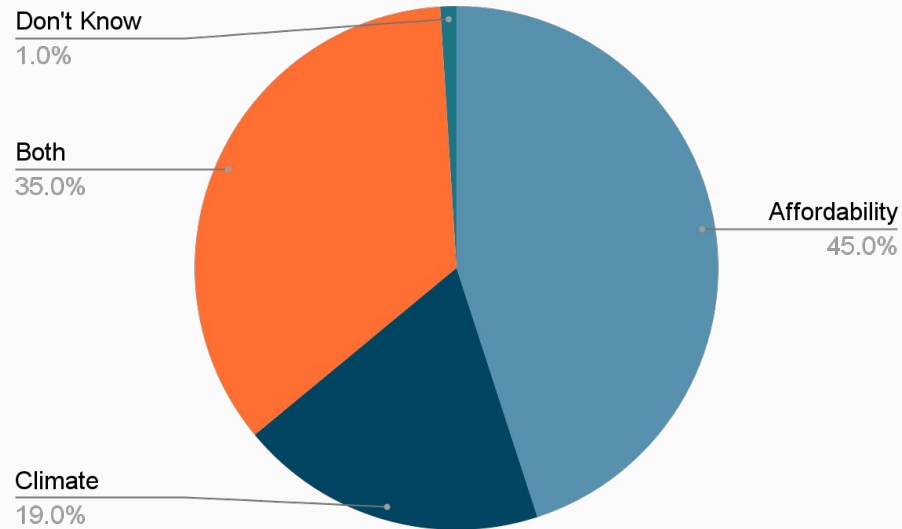


Are you paying . . . for [electricity] right now?

- 53% - Too much
- 1% - Not enough
- 40% - About the right amount
- 6% - Don't know/refused to answer [NOT READ]

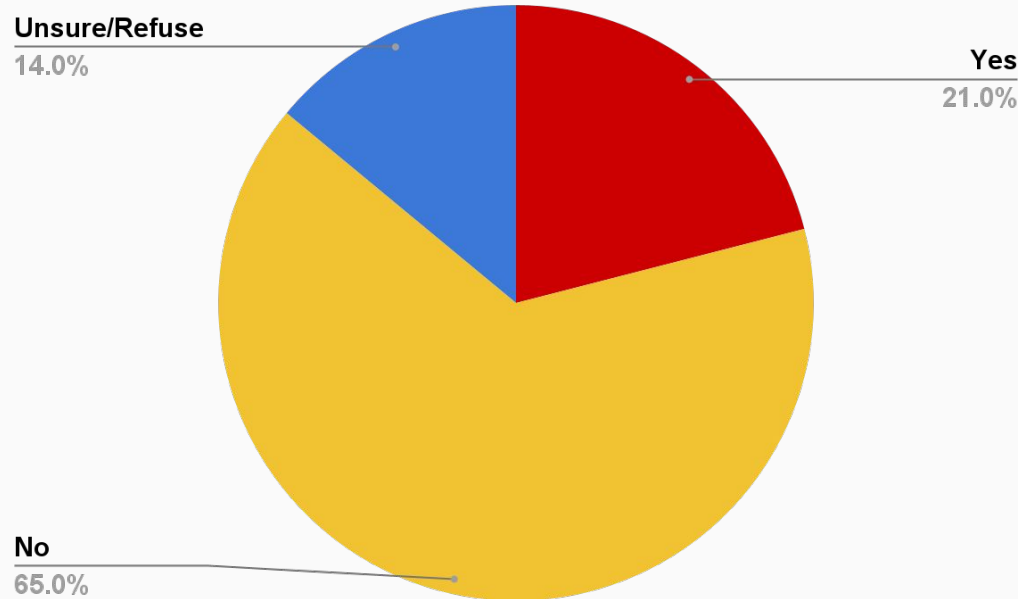


Which should the federal government focus on right now -- ensuring affordable and reliable energy or addressing climate change?

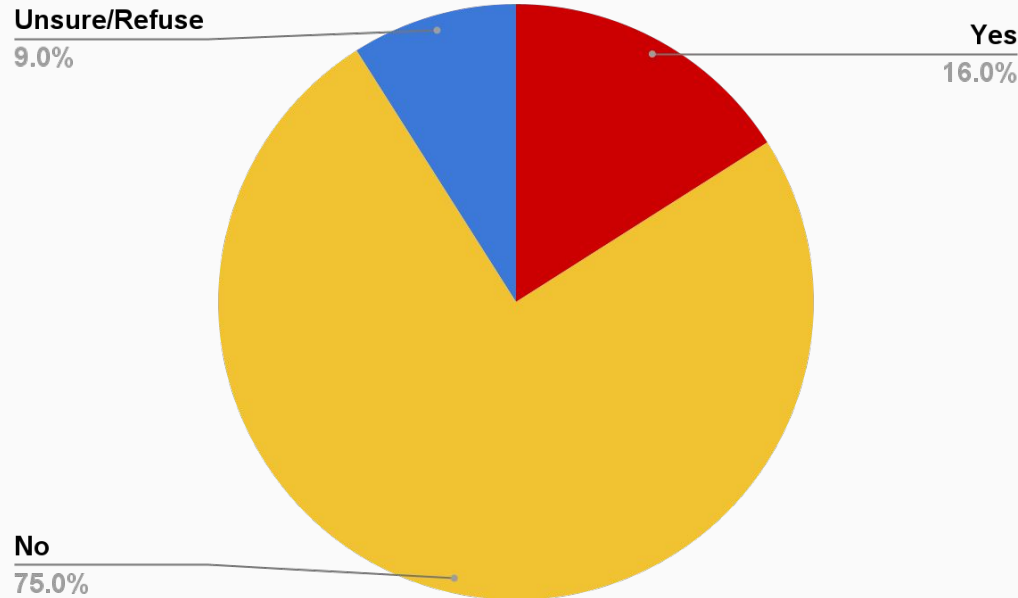


- 45% - Ensuring affordable energy
- 19% - Addressing climate change
- 35% - Both [NOT READ]
- 1% - Don't know/refused [NOT READ]

Do you think the federal government should impose a tax on carbon dioxide emissions collected at the gas pump and in heating and utility bills?



Do you trust the federal government to spend the revenues from such a tax wisely?



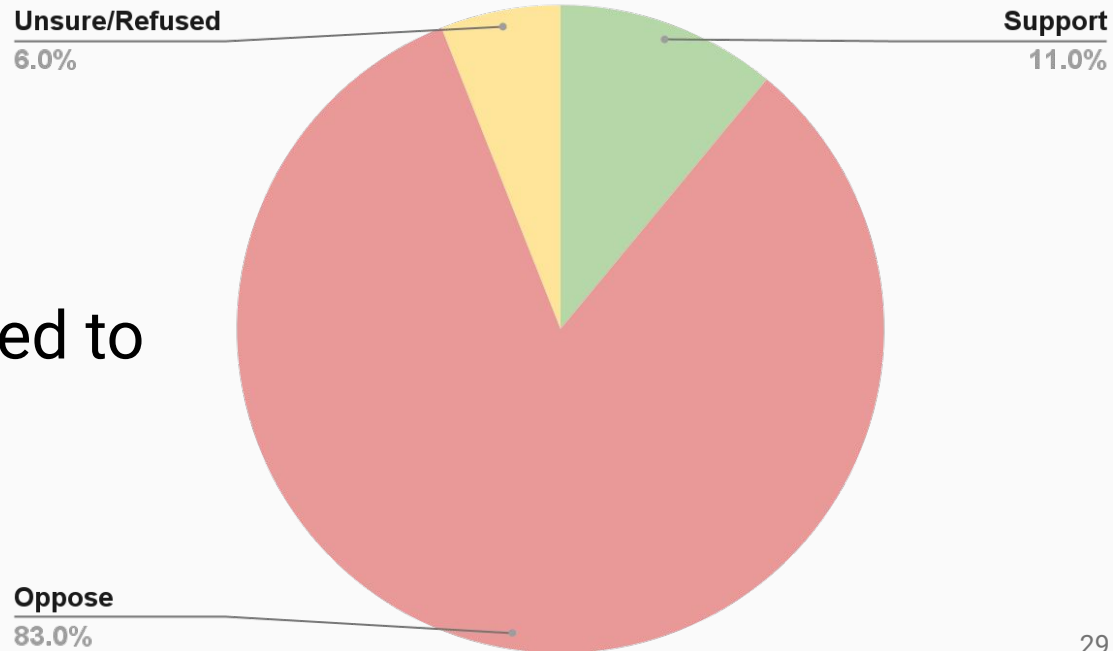
Thinking about carbon dioxide for a moment, which of the following statements comes closest to your thoughts?

- 34% - 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.
- 13% - Don't know/refused to answer [NOT READ]

I am going to read you a list of actions that the federal government can take with respect to climate change. For each one, please tell me whether you would support or oppose it.

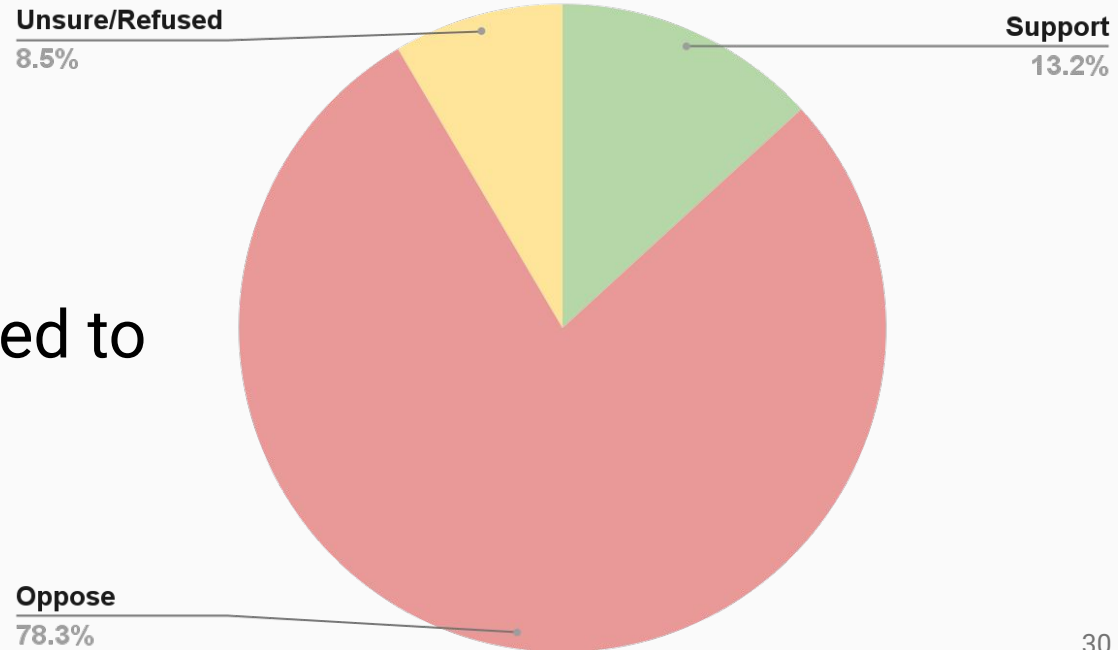
Make it illegal to sell gasoline-powered cars, lawn mowers, snow blowers, and other equipment.

- 11% - Support
- 83% - Oppose
- 6% - Don't know/refused to answer [NOT READ]



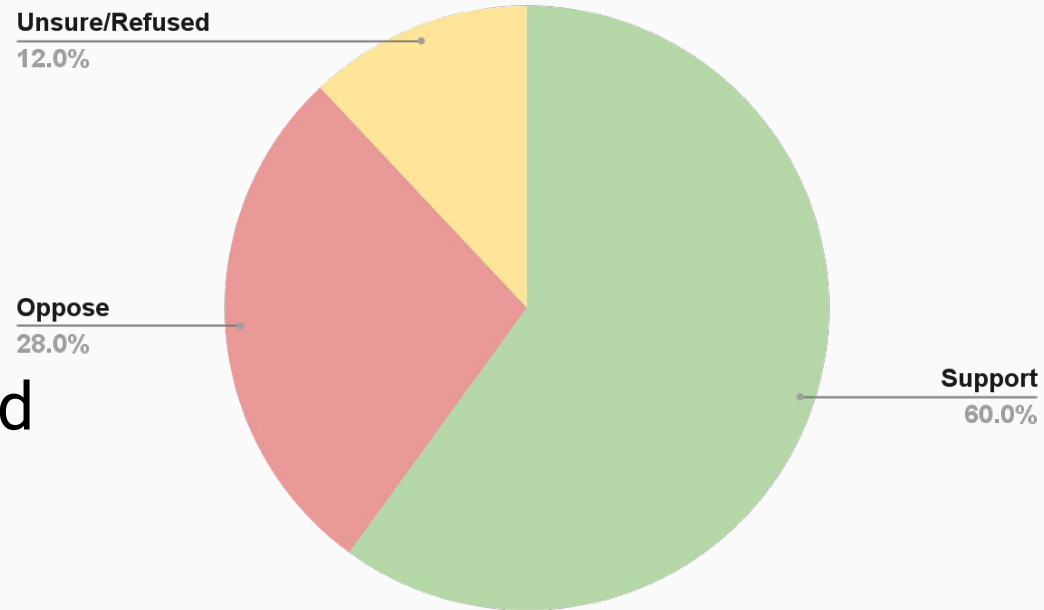
Raise taxes on energy.

- 14% - Support
- 77% - Oppose
- 9% - Don't know/refused to answer [NOT READ]



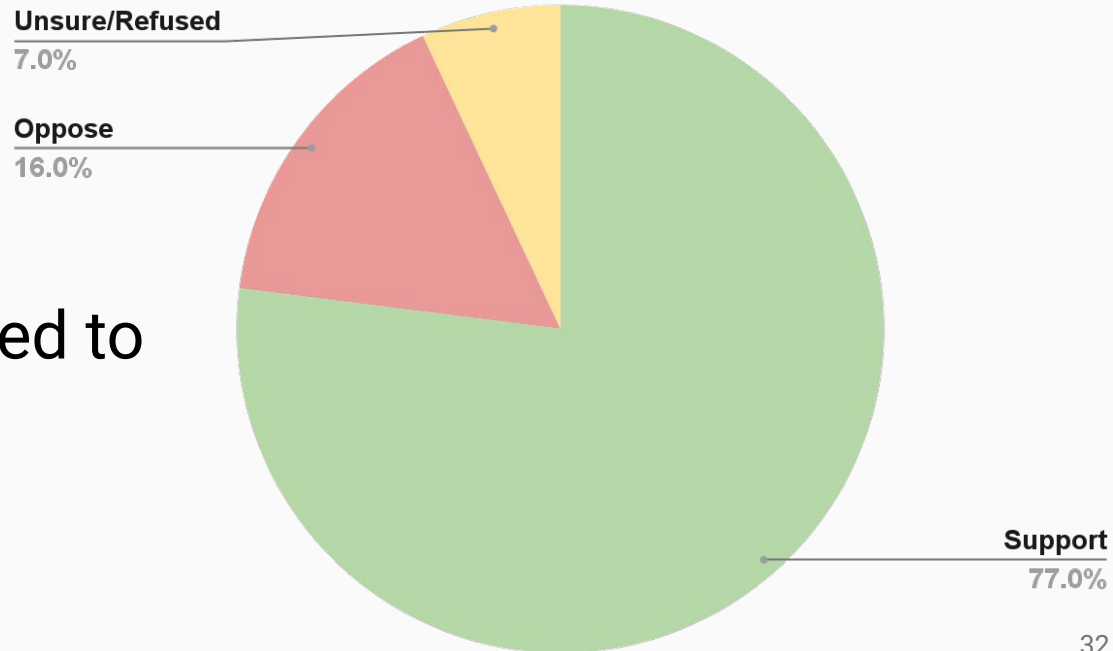
Increase regulations on certain industries.

- 60% - Support
- 28% - Oppose
- 12% - Don't know/refused to answer [NOT READ]



Spend more on research and development of new technologies.

- 77% - Support
- 16% - Oppose
- 7% - Don't know/refused to answer [NOT READ]



How much would you personally be willing to pay each year to address global warming?



Mean:

\$371



Median:

\$20



35% of Answers:

\$0

Right now, the average household in the U.S. is already paying about 600 dollars a year in taxes to the federal government so it can address global warming. Is that ...



- 54% - Too much
- 14% - Not enough
- 23% - Just about the right amount
- 9% - Don't know/refused to answer [NOT READ]

Demographic Data

Age	Race or ethnic background	Political Leaning	Usually vote for	2024 presidential choice
• 12 18-26	• 71 White	• 21 Conservative	• 42 Republicans	• 22 Joe Biden
• 13 27-35	• 12 African American	• 15 Somewhat conservative	• 41 Democrats	• 22 Donald Trump
• 23 36-49	• 8 Hispanic	• 32 Moderate	• 12 Neither/other	• 6 Democrat
• 27 50-64	• 3 Asian	• 14 Somewhat liberal	• 5 Refused	• 6 Republican
• 25 65 and older	• 3 Other	• 13 Liberal		• 11 Other
	• 4 Refused	• 4 Refused		• 33 Unsure

Education	Household income	Region	Gender
• 2 Some high school	• 22 Less than \$40,000	• 20 East	• 48 Male
• 17 High school diploma	• 31 \$40 to \$80,000	• 27 South	• 52 Female
• 28 Some college	• 20 Over \$80,000 less than \$120,000	• 19 Midwest	
• 32 College degree	• 19 \$120,000 and over	• 18 West	
• 5 Some postgraduate work	• 8 Refused	• 16 Pacific	
• 16 Graduate or professional degree			

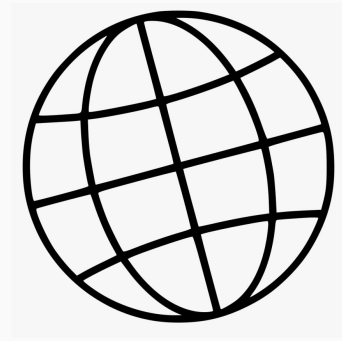
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