

MWR Strategies
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N = 1000 likely voters nationwide
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 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? [**OPEN CODE**]

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

And the second most? [**OPEN CODE**]

17 Economy/inflation
10 Immigration
7 Guns/Second Amendment
5 Abortion
4 Crime
4 Health Care

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.

[QUESTIONS 5 TO 11 ROTATED]

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

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

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

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

	5	Strongly agree
	24	Somewhat agree
29		TOTAL AGREE
	25	Somewhat disagree
	43	Strongly disagree
68		TOTAL DISAGREE
	3	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

[PAUSE]

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 [**NOT READ**]

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

61 Yes
23 No
16 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

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 [**NOT READ**]

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

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

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

- 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]

PAUSE [split sample]

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

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

Switching topics . . .

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?

- 21 Yes
- 65 No
- 14 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

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

- 16 Yes
- 75 No
- 9 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

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

- 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 [**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.

[QUESTIONS 23 TO 26 ROTATED]

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

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

Raise taxes on energy

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

Increase regulations on certain industries

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

Spend more on research and development of new technologies

- 77 Support
- 16 Oppose
- 8 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

PAUSE

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

Mean \$371
Median \$20

[35% answered "zero"]

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 [**NOT READ**]

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

For whom do you plan to vote for president in 2024?

- 22 Biden
- 22 Trump
- 6 Democrat
- 6 Republican
- 11 Other
- 33 Unsure

Which candidate do you think is most likely to win in 2024?

- 26 Biden
- 26 Trump
- 16 Other
- 32 Unsure

What is your age please?

- 12 18-26
- 13 27-35
- 23 36-49
- 27 50-64
- 25 65 and older

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

- 21 Conservative
- 15 Somewhat conservative
- 32 Moderate
- 14 Somewhat liberal
- 13 Liberal
- 4 Don't know/refused **[NOT READ]**

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

- 2 Some high school
- 17 High school diploma
- 28 Some college
- 32 College degree
- 5 Some postgraduate work
- 16 Graduate or professional degree

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

- 22 Less than \$40,000
- 31 \$40 to \$80,000
- 20 Over \$80,000 but less than \$120,000
- 19 \$120,000 and over
- 8 Don't know/refused **[NOT READ]**

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

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

Region [**FROM LIST**]

20 East
27 South
19 Midwest
18 West
16 Pacific

Gender [**BY OBSERVATION**]

48 Male
52 Female