

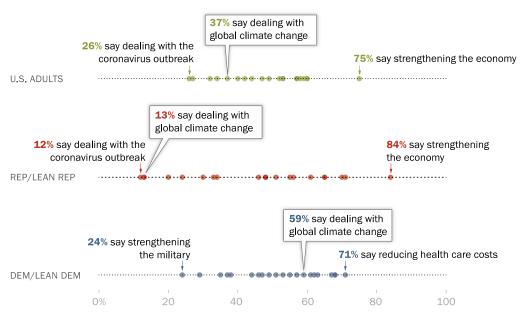
Americans' Views About Climate and Energy Policy

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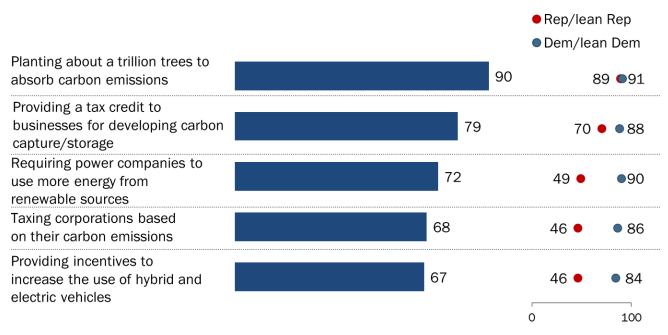
Wide differences between Republicans and Democrats on policy priorities for the president and Congress

% of U.S. adults who say each issue should be a top priority for the president and Congress to address this year



Two-thirds of Americans support incentives for more use of hybrid and electric vehicles

% of U.S. adults who say they **favor** the following proposals to reduce the effects of climate change



Source: Survey conducted May 2-8, 2022.

Younger Republicans more supportive of range of policies to reduce the effects of climate change

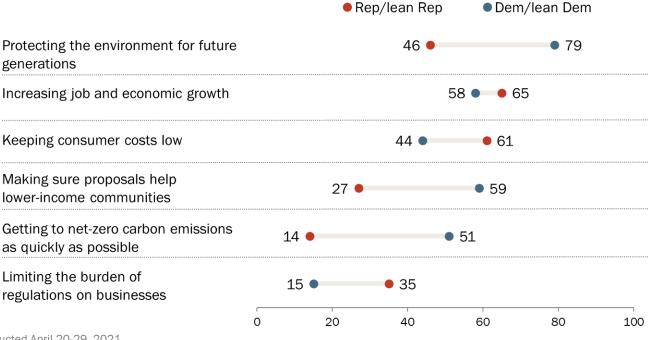
% of Republicans/Republican leaners who say each of the following

● Ages 18-29 ● 30-49 ● 50-64 ● 65	Dem/lean	
Favor the following to reduce the effects of climate change		
Providing incentives to increase the use of hybrid and electric vehicles	84	
Requiring power companies to use more energy from renewable sources 42 42	64 90	
Taxing corporations based on their carbon emissions	86	
Planting about a trillion trees to absorb carbon emissions	37 · •• · 90 91	
Providing a tax credit to businesses for developing carbon capture/storage	• 73 ··· 88	

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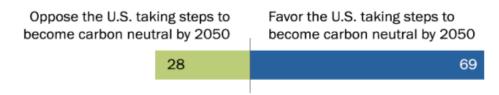
Republicans and Democrats have different priorities when evaluating climate policies

% of U.S. adults who say each of the following is **very important** to them personally when thinking about proposals to reduce the effects of climate change

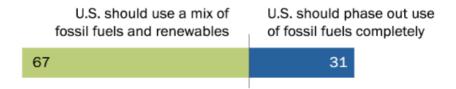


A majority backs U.S. taking steps to become carbon neutral



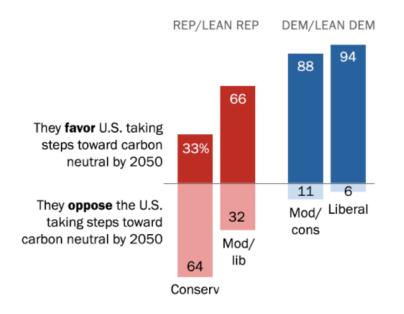


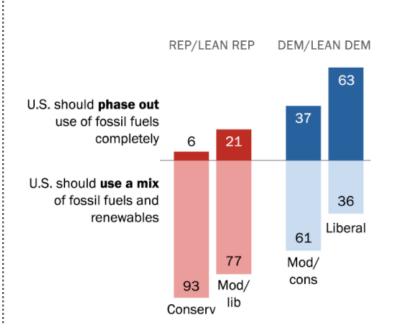
But two-thirds want U.S. to keep a mix of fossil fuel and renewable energy sources



Both party coalitions have internal differences over energy policy

% of U.S. adults who say ...

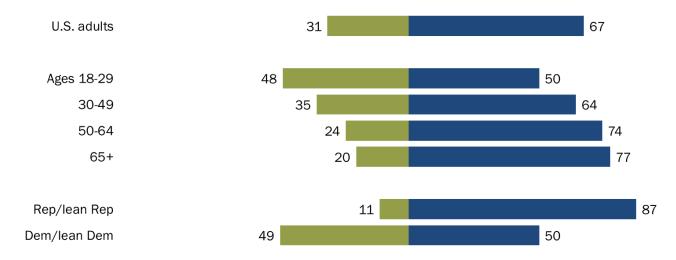




Still, most Americans – and especially older adults – not ready to phase out fossil fuels entirely

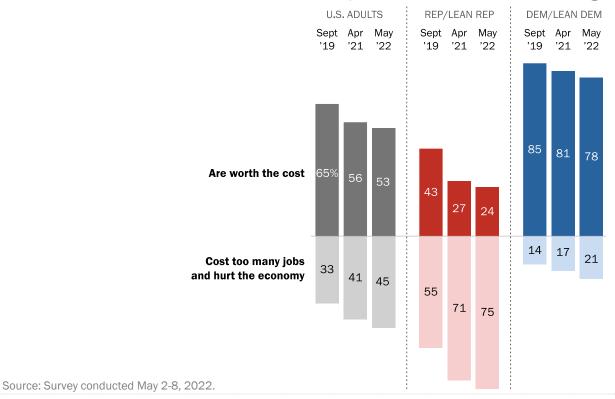
% of U.S. adults who say the U.S. should ...

- Phase out the use of oil, coal and natural gas completely, relying instead on renewable sources
- Use a mix of energy sources including oil, coal and natural gas along with renewable sources



By narrow margin, Americans more likely than not to say stricter environmental laws are worth the cost

% of U.S. adults who say stricter environmental laws and regulations ...



Democrats expect positive impacts from a possible transition to much more renewable energy in U.S.

If the U.S. greatly reduces energy production from fossil fuel sources and increases energy production from renewable sources, % of U.S. adults who say it would ___ each of the following in their local area

		Make better	Make worse	Not have much of an effect
Air and water quality	DEM/LEAN DEM	81%	6	12
	REP/LEAN REP	40	10	48
Job opportunities in the energy sector	DEM/LEAN DEM	73	9	16
	REP/LEAN REP	35	34	31
Prices you pay to heat and cool your home	DEM/LEAN DEM	52	23	25
	REP/LEAN REP	23	61	15
Reliability of the electrical grid	DEM/LEAN DEM	53	15	31
	REP/LEAN REP	21	52	25
Frequency of extreme weather events	DEM/LEAN DEM	56	8	35
	REP/LEAN REP	15	14	69
Prices you	DEM/LEAN DEM	38	23	38
pay for everyday goods	REP/LEAN REP	16	63	20

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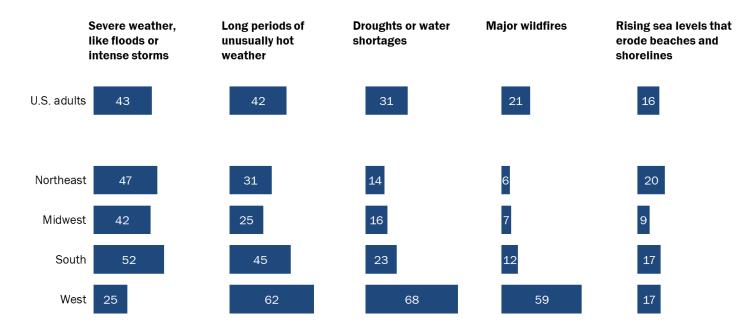
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LOCAL PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND EXTREME WEATHER

Majorities of Americans who live in the West report unusually hot weather, droughts and major wildfires in the last year

% of U.S. adults who say that their local community has experienced each of the following in the past 12 months



Source: Survey conducted May 2-8, 2022.

Most who say their community experienced extreme weather see climate change as a factor

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