

Americans' Views About Climate and Energy Policy

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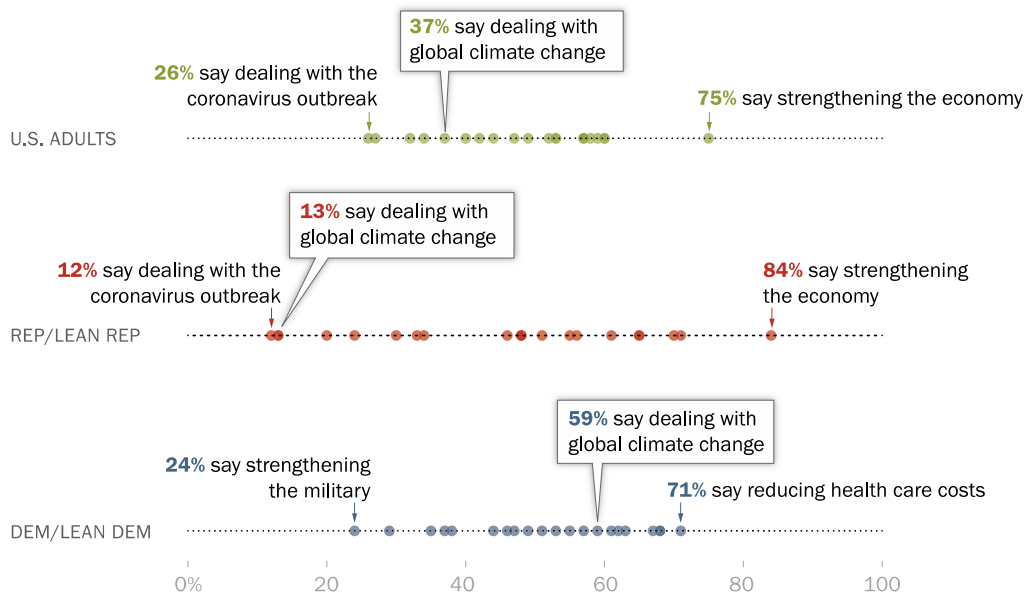
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Wide differences between Republicans and Democrats on policy priorities for the president and Congress

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

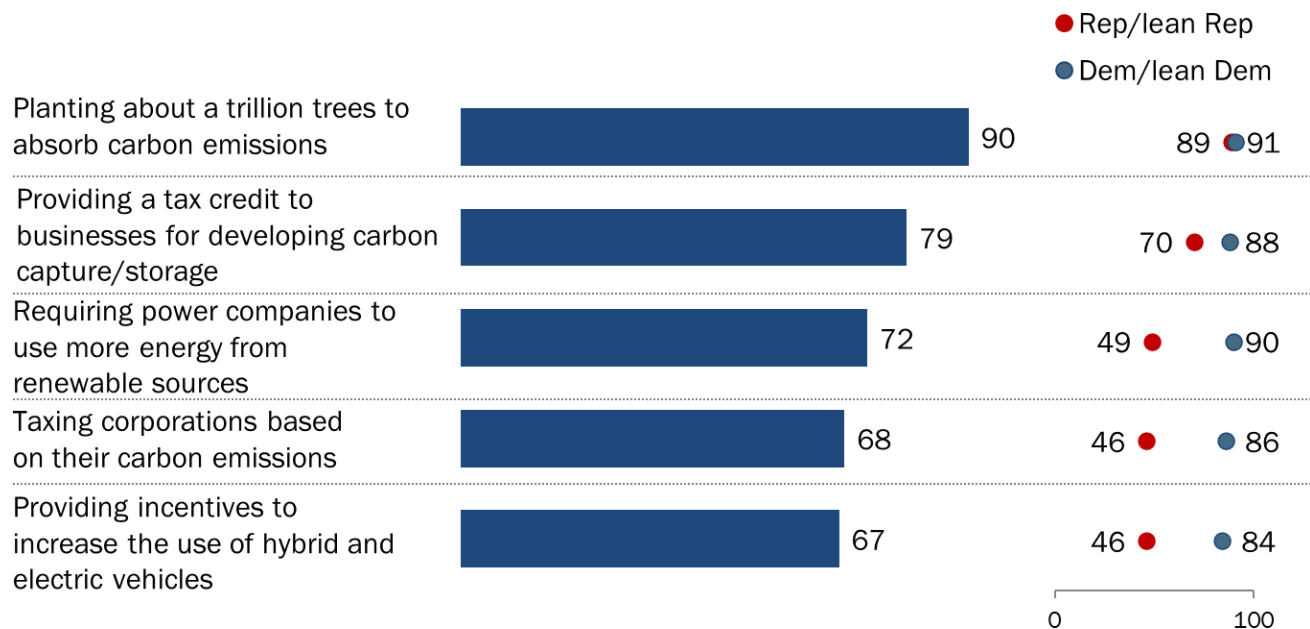
EACH DOT REPRESENTS ONE OF 21 ISSUES ASKED ABOUT



Source: Survey conducted January 18-24, 2023.

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

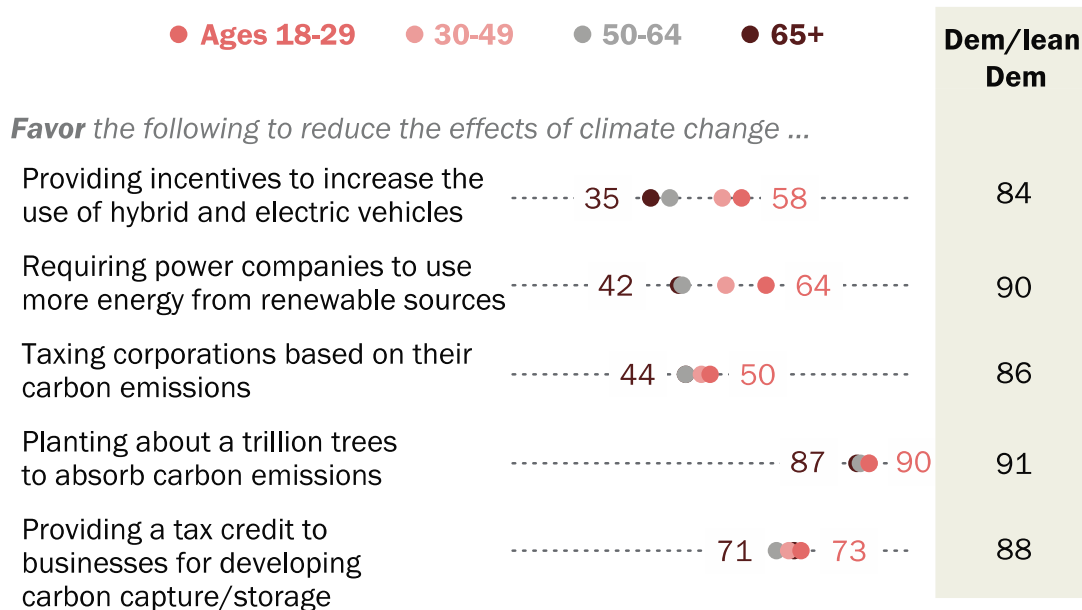
% of U.S. adults who say they favor the following proposals to reduce the effects of climate change



Source: Survey conducted May 2-8, 2022.

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

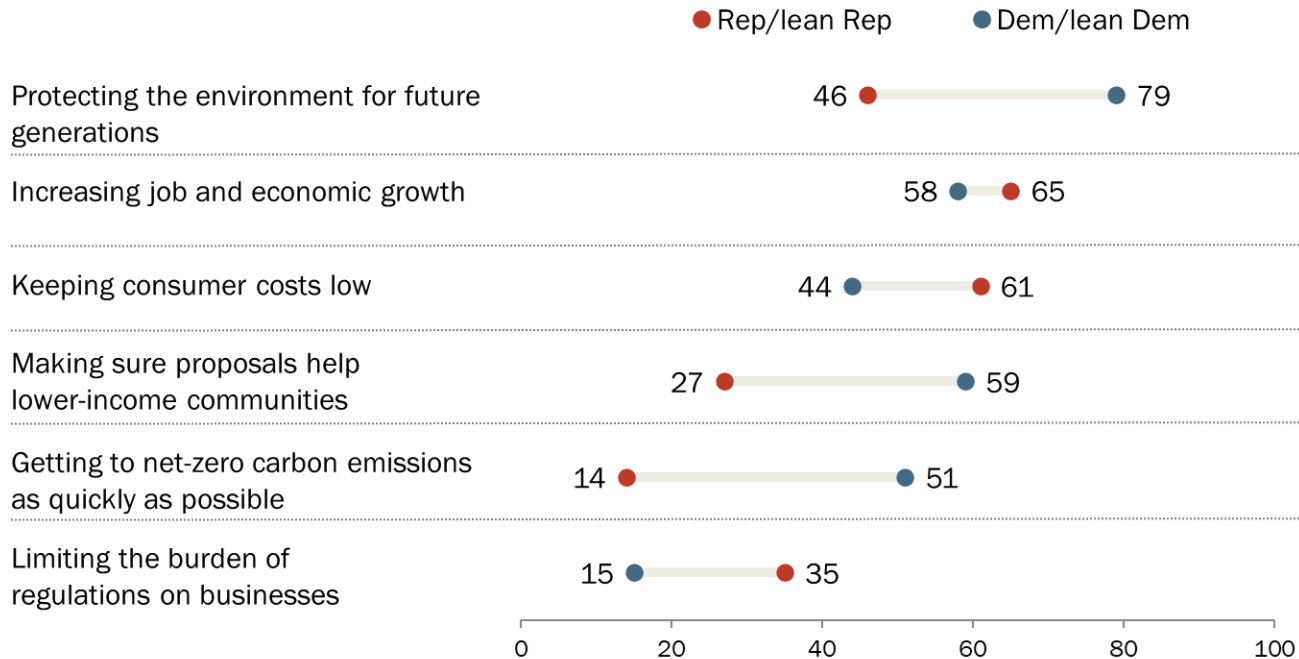
% of Republicans/Republican leaners who say each of the following



Source: Survey conducted May 2-8, 2022.

Republicans and Democrats have different priorities when evaluating climate policies

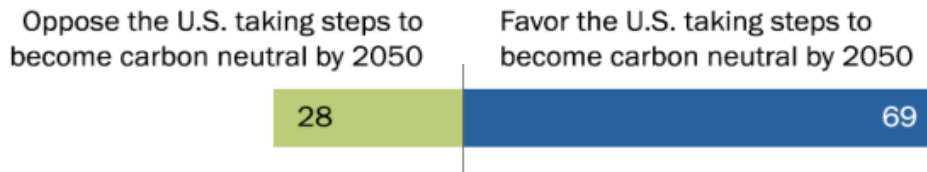
% of U.S. adults who say each of the following is very important to them personally when thinking about proposals to reduce the effects of climate change



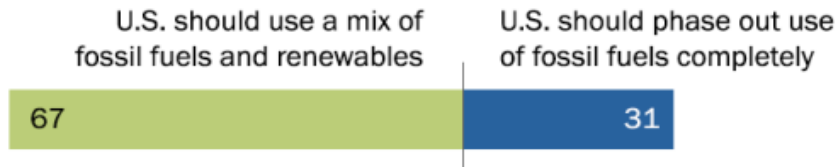
Source: Survey conducted April 20-29, 2021.

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

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



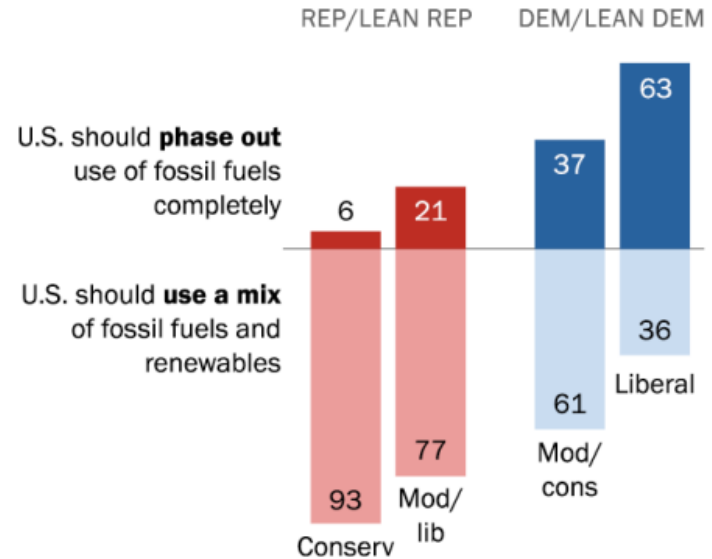
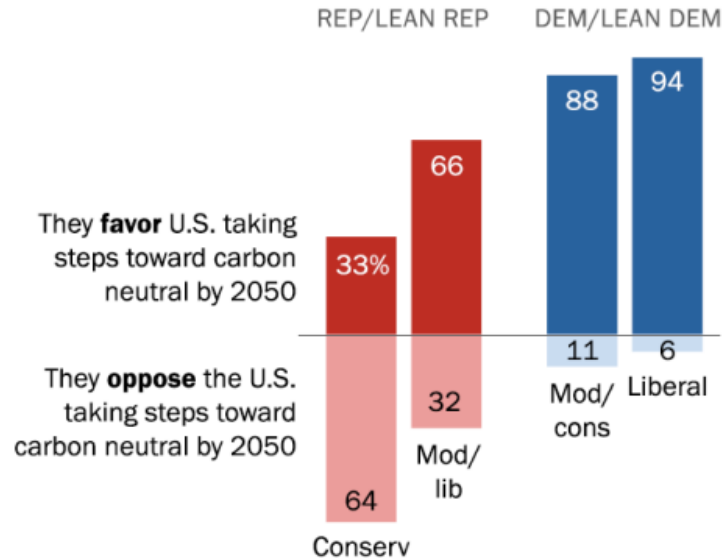
But two-thirds want U.S. to keep a mix of fossil fuel and renewable energy sources



Source: Survey conducted January 24-30, 2022.

Both party coalitions have internal differences over energy policy

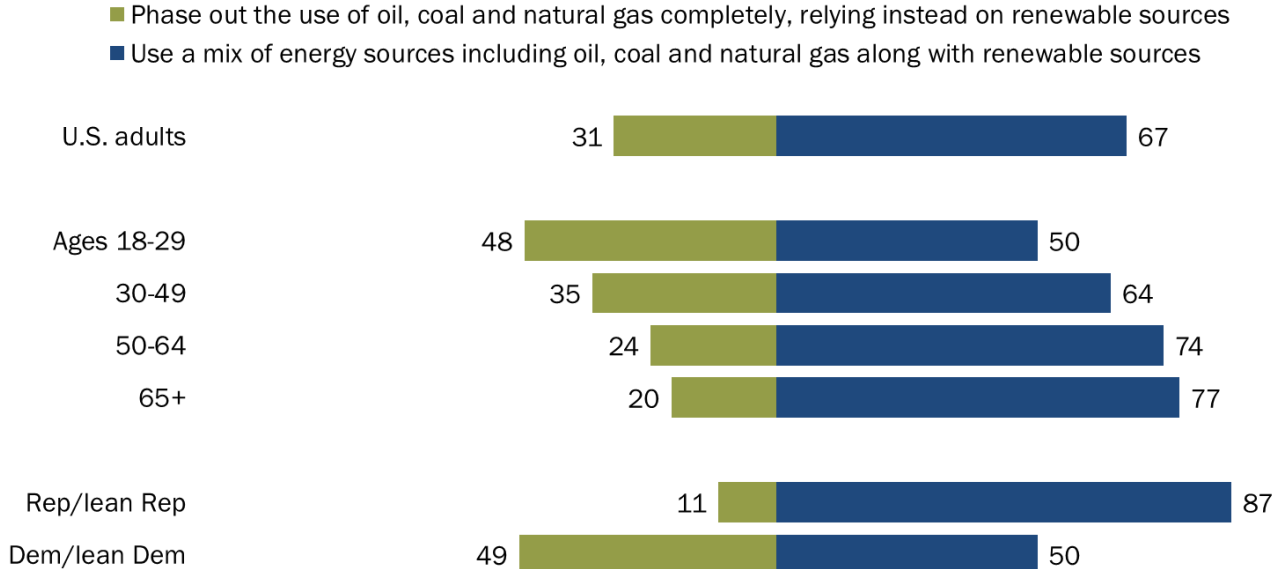
% of U.S. adults who say ...



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

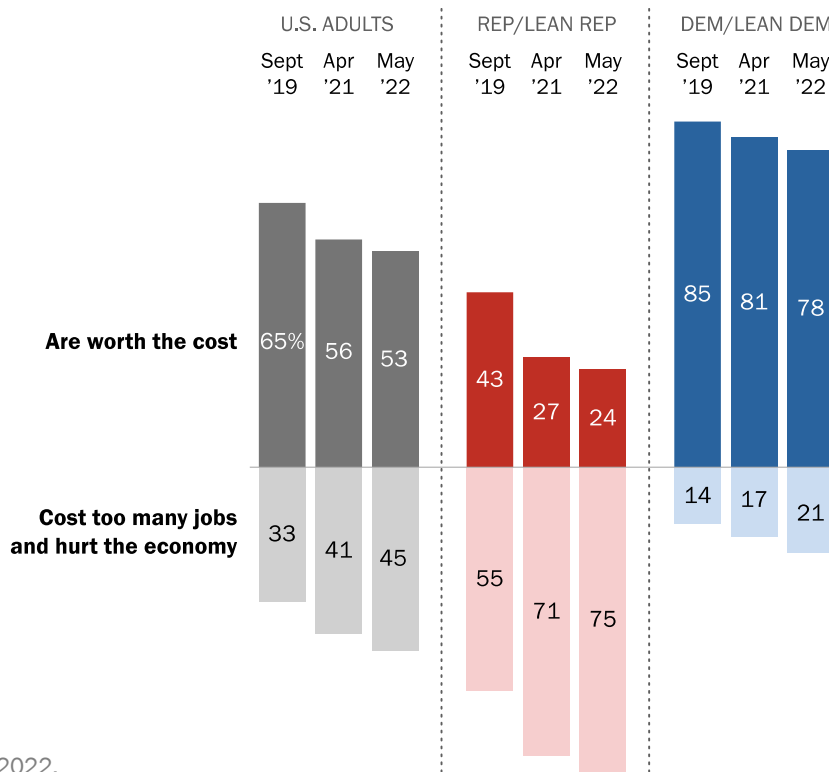
% of U.S. adults who say the U.S. should ...



Source: Survey conducted January 24-30, 2022.

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

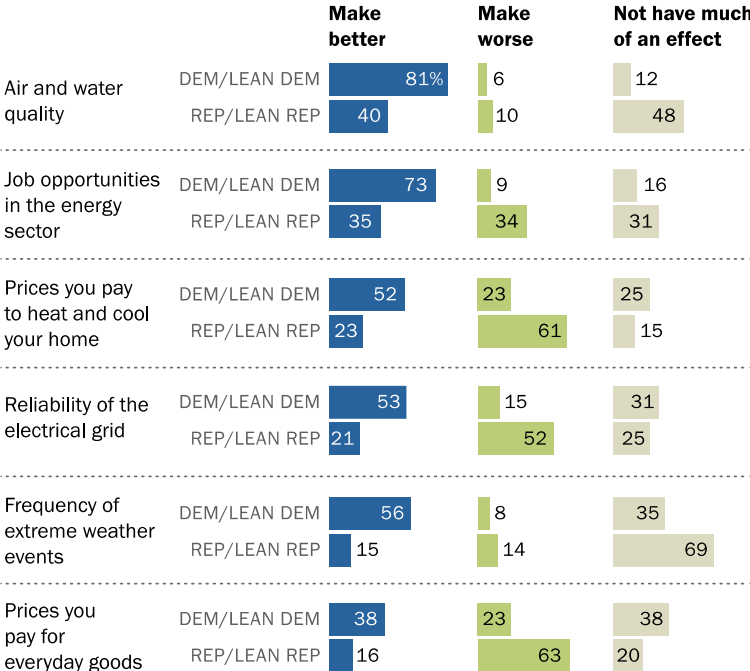
% of U.S. adults who say stricter environmental laws and regulations ...



Source: Survey conducted May 2-8, 2022.

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



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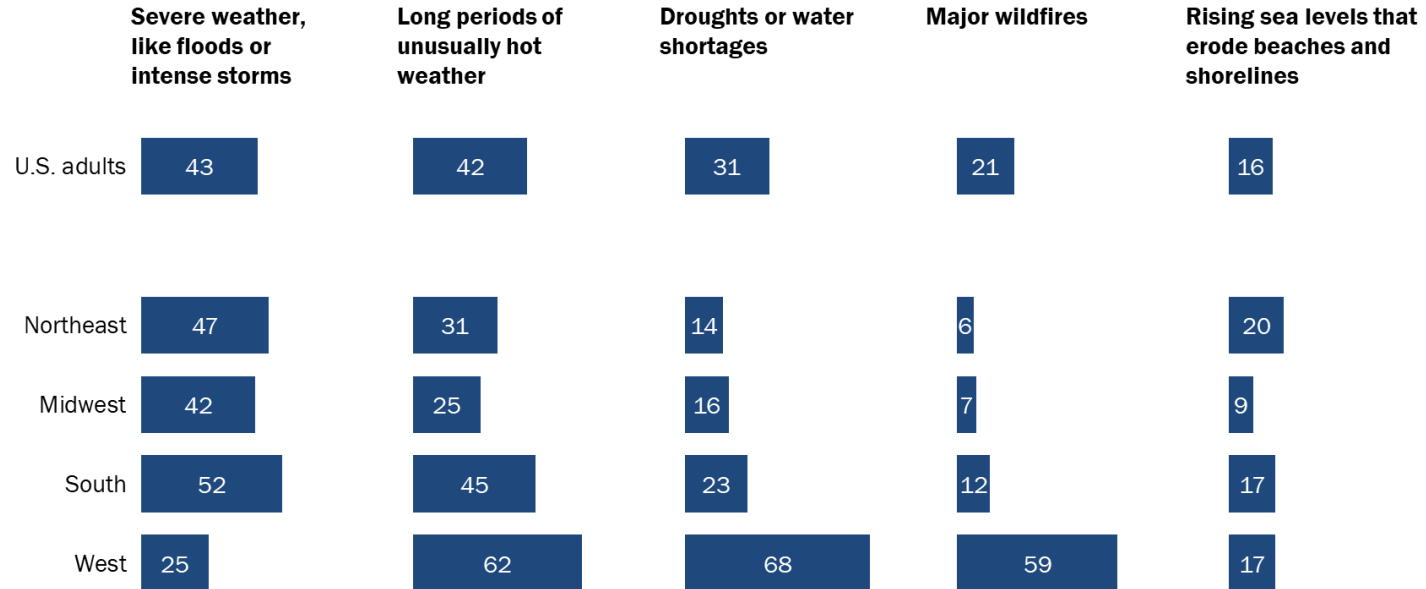
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LOCAL PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND EXTREME WEATHER

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

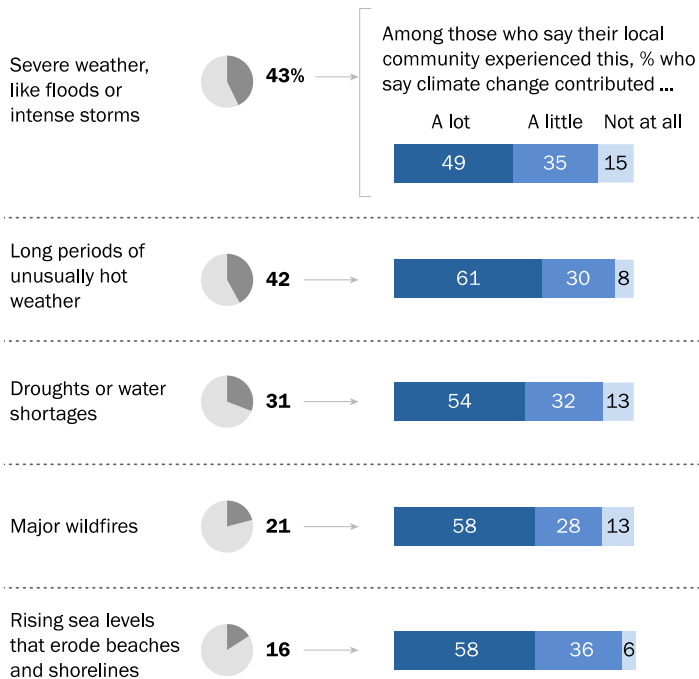
% of U.S. adults who say that their local community has experienced each of the following in the past 12 months



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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