



National Survey Results

Q1 Did you watch all or part of the State of the Union address?

Yes..... 92%
No..... 8%

Q2 *(Among people who watched the speech:)*
Overall, did you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's comments in the State of the Union address?

Approve 67%
Disapprove..... 33%

Q3 Now we're going to ask about some of the things President Obama said during tonight's State of the Union speech. President Obama said he would make it a priority to reduce dangerous carbon pollution, prepare for the consequences of climate change, and transition to more sustainable sources of energy. Do you think this should be a priority for his second term, or not?

It should be a priority 57%
It should not 38%
Not sure 4%

Q4 President Obama said in his speech that for the sake of our children and our future, we must do more to combat climate change. Do you agree or disagree that it's important to combat climate change for the sake of our children and our future?

Agree 62%
Disagree 35%
Not sure 3%

Q5 President Obama said that he would use his authority to reduce dangerous carbon pollution. Do you support or oppose the President using his authority to reduce dangerous carbon pollution?

Support 60%
Oppose 37%
Not sure 3%

Q6 President Obama said 'we can choose to believe that Superstorm Sandy and the most severe drought in decades and the worse wildfires some states have ever seen were all just a freak coincidence' or 'we can choose to believe in the overwhelming judgment of science and act before it's too late.' Which comes closer to your view: the major weather events of the last year were all freak coincidences; or these were effects of climate change, and we must act before it's too late?

These were all just freak coincidences 36%
They were effects of climate change, and we must act before it's too late 58%
Not sure 6%

Q7 After hearing the president's comments, do you think the country should take more or less action to address climate change, or do you think we're doing the right amount already?

We should do more 58%
We should do less 26%
We're doing enough already 14%
Not sure 2%





Q8 I'm going to mention a couple of public figures, industries, and organizations, and I'd like you to indicate your initial reaction toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. First, Barack Obama.

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| <i>Very positive</i> | 49% |
| <i>Somewhat positive</i> | 11% |
| <i>Neutral</i> | 4% |
| <i>Somewhat negative</i> | 10% |
| <i>Very negative</i> | 26% |
| <i>Don't know him</i> | 0% |
| <i>Not sure</i> | 0% |

Q9 How much of a problem do you consider the issue of climate change and global warming to be: a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, not that much of a problem, or not a problem at all?

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|---|-----|
| <i>Very serious problem</i> | 43% |
| <i>Somewhat serious problem</i> | 22% |
| <i>Not that much of a problem</i> | 17% |
| <i>Not a problem at all</i> | 14% |
| <i>Not sure</i> | 3% |

Q10 Do you think of climate change and global warming as something that is already a problem; something that will become a problem in the near future; something that is likely to become a problem, but in the more distant future; or something that is not likely to ever become a real problem?

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| <i>It is already a problem</i> | 55% |
| <i>It'll be a problem in the near future</i> | 10% |
| <i>It'll be a problem in the more distant future</i> | 10% |
| <i>It's not likely to ever be a problem</i> | 23% |
| <i>Not sure</i> | 3% |

Q11 When you think about the impacts of climate change, do you worry most about the impacts on people's health, air pollution, the U.S. economy, extreme weather events, or wildlife and natural habitats?

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|--|-----|
| <i>People's health</i> | 20% |
| <i>Air pollution</i> | 10% |
| <i>U.S. economy</i> | 18% |
| <i>Extreme weather events</i> | 31% |
| <i>Wildlife and natural habitats</i> | 9% |
| <i>Not sure</i> | 12% |

Q12 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

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|--------------------|-----|
| <i>Woman</i> | 53% |
| <i>Man</i> | 47% |

Q13 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

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|--------------------------------|-----|
| <i>Democrat</i> | 40% |
| <i>Republican</i> | 28% |
| <i>Independent/Other</i> | 32% |

Q14 If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

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|----------------------------|-----|
| <i>18 to 45</i> | 28% |
| <i>46 to 65</i> | 48% |
| <i>Older than 65</i> | 24% |





Crosstabs

| | Base | Gender | |
|----------------------|------------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Watched SOTU? | | | |
| Yes | 92% | 92% | 92% |
| No | 8% | 8% | 8% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|---|------------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Approve/Disapprove of Obama Speech | | | |
| Approve | 67% | 72% | 62% |
| Disapprove | 33% | 28% | 38% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|--|------------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Should Climate Change Be 2nd Term Priority? | | | |
| It should be a priority | 57% | 59% | 55% |
| It should not | 38% | 35% | 42% |
| Not sure | 4% | 6% | 2% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|--|------------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Agree/Disagree: Combatting Climate Change Important for Children's Future | | | |
| Agree | 62% | 64% | 59% |
| Disagree | 35% | 32% | 38% |
| Not sure | 3% | 3% | 3% |





Crosstabs

| | Base | Gender | |
|--|------------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Support/Oppose Obama Using Authority to Reduce Carbon Pollution 1 | | | |
| Support | 60% | 63% | 56% |
| Oppose | 37% | 33% | 41% |
| Not sure | 3% | 4% | 2% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|--|------------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Sandy, et al, Coincidences or Effects of Climate Change? | | | |
| These were all just freak coincidences | 36% | 32% | 41% |
| They were effects of climate change, and we must act before it's too late | 58% | 62% | 54% |
| Not sure | 6% | 6% | 5% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|---|------------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Should We Do More/Less on Climate Change, or Doing Enough? | | | |
| We should do more | 58% | 60% | 55% |
| We should do less | 26% | 24% | 29% |
| We're doing enough already | 14% | 13% | 15% |
| Not sure | 2% | 4% | 1% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|--------------------------|------------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Obama Thermometer | | | |
| Very positive | 49% | 54% | 43% |
| Somewhat positive | 11% | 8% | 14% |
| Neutral | 4% | 5% | 3% |
| Somewhat negative | 10% | 9% | 11% |
| Very negative | 26% | 24% | 29% |
| Don't know him | 0% | 0% | - |





Crosstabs

| | Base | Gender | |
|--------------------------------------|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Seriousness of Climate Change | | | |
| Very serious problem | 43% | 47% | 39% |
| Somewhat serious problem | 22% | 22% | 23% |
| Not that much of a problem | 17% | 16% | 19% |
| Not a problem at all | 14% | 12% | 17% |
| Not sure | 3% | 3% | 3% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|---|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Is Climate Change a Problem Now/In Near Future/Distant Future/Never? | | | |
| It is already a problem | 55% | 57% | 52% |
| It'll be a problem in the near future | 10% | 9% | 10% |
| It'll be a problem in the more distant future | 10% | 10% | 10% |
| It's not likely to ever be a problem | 23% | 21% | 24% |
| Not sure | 3% | 3% | 3% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|---|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Worry Most About Climate Change's Effects on...? | | | |
| People's health | 20% | 20% | 20% |
| Air pollution | 10% | 10% | 10% |
| U.S. economy | 18% | 15% | 20% |
| Extreme weather events | 31% | 33% | 29% |
| Wildlife and natural habitats | 9% | 11% | 8% |
| Not sure | 12% | 10% | 14% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|----------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Watched SOTU? | | | | |
| Yes | 92% | 98% | 85% | 92% |
| No | 8% | 2% | 15% | 8% |





Crosstabs

| | Base | Party | | |
|---|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Approve/Disapprove of Obama Speech | | | | |
| Approve | 67% | 98% | 29% | 57% |
| Disapprove | 33% | 2% | 71% | 43% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|--|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Should Climate Change Be 2nd Term Priority? | | | | |
| It should be a priority | 57% | 89% | 23% | 49% |
| It should not | 38% | 6% | 74% | 47% |
| Not sure | 4% | 5% | 3% | 4% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|--|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Agree/Disagree: Combatting Climate Change Important for Children's Future | | | | |
| Agree | 62% | 92% | 28% | 55% |
| Disagree | 35% | 5% | 68% | 42% |
| Not sure | 3% | 3% | 4% | 3% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|--|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Support/Oppose Obama Using Authority to Reduce Carbon Pollution 1 | | | | |
| Support | 60% | 93% | 21% | 53% |
| Oppose | 37% | 3% | 74% | 45% |
| Not sure | 3% | 3% | 5% | 2% |





Crosstabs

| | Base | Party | | |
|--|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Sandy, et al, Coincidences or Effects of Climate Change? | | | | |
| These were all just freak coincidences | 36% | 10% | 68% | 41% |
| They were effects of climate change, and we must act before it's too late | 58% | 88% | 25% | 51% |
| Not sure | 6% | 2% | 7% | 8% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|---|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Should We Do More/Less on Climate Change, or Doing Enough? | | | | |
| We should do more | 58% | 90% | 22% | 49% |
| We should do less | 26% | 3% | 52% | 32% |
| We're doing enough already | 14% | 5% | 22% | 17% |
| Not sure | 2% | 2% | 3% | 2% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|--------------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Obama Thermometer | | | | |
| Very positive | 49% | 85% | 16% | 33% |
| Somewhat positive | 11% | 11% | 4% | 17% |
| Neutral | 4% | 2% | 5% | 5% |
| Somewhat negative | 10% | 1% | 17% | 15% |
| Very negative | 26% | 1% | 57% | 30% |
| Don't know him | 0% | 0% | 0% | - |

| | Base | Party | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Seriousness of Climate Change | | | | |
| Very serious problem | 43% | 69% | 17% | 34% |
| Somewhat serious problem | 22% | 26% | 15% | 24% |
| Not that much of a problem | 17% | 3% | 31% | 23% |
| Not a problem at all | 14% | 1% | 30% | 17% |
| Not sure | 3% | 1% | 7% | 1% |





Crosstabs

| | Base | Party | | |
|---|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Is Climate Change a Problem Now/In Near Future/Distant Future/Never? | | | | |
| It is already a problem | 55% | 82% | 24% | 48% |
| It'll be a problem in the near future | 10% | 9% | 5% | 14% |
| It'll be a problem in the more distant future | 10% | 3% | 21% | 9% |
| It's not likely to ever be a problem | 23% | 3% | 44% | 28% |
| Not sure | 3% | 3% | 5% | 1% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|---|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Worry Most About Climate Change's Effects on...? | | | | |
| People's health | 20% | 28% | 13% | 16% |
| Air pollution | 10% | 9% | 14% | 8% |
| U.S. economy | 18% | 9% | 28% | 20% |
| Extreme weather events | 31% | 40% | 22% | 27% |
| Wildlife and natural habitats | 9% | 8% | 6% | 14% |
| Not sure | 12% | 6% | 17% | 15% |

| | Base | Age | | |
|----------------------|------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Watched SOTU? | | | | |
| Yes | 92% | 93% | 93% | 90% |
| No | 8% | 7% | 7% | 10% |

| | Base | Age | | |
|---|------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Approve/Disapprove of Obama Speech | | | | |
| Approve | 67% | 62% | 69% | 71% |
| Disapprove | 33% | 38% | 31% | 29% |





Crosstabs

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|--|------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Should Climate Change Be 2nd Term Priority? | | | | |
| It should be a priority | 57% | 55% | 57% | 61% |
| It should not | 38% | 41% | 39% | 34% |
| Not sure | 4% | 4% | 4% | 5% |

| | Base | Age | | |
|--|------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Agree/Disagree: Combatting Climate Change Important for Children's Future | | | | |
| Agree | 62% | 59% | 63% | 64% |
| Disagree | 35% | 39% | 34% | 32% |
| Not sure | 3% | 2% | 3% | 4% |

| | Base | Age | | |
|--|------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Support/Oppose Obama Using Authority to Reduce Carbon Pollution 1 | | | | |
| Support | 60% | 56% | 62% | 61% |
| Oppose | 37% | 41% | 35% | 34% |
| Not sure | 3% | 2% | 3% | 5% |

| | Base | Age | | |
|--|------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Sandy, et al, Coincidences or Effects of Climate Change? | | | | |
| These were all just freak coincidences | 36% | 39% | 35% | 35% |
| They were effects of climate change, and we must act before it's too late | 58% | 56% | 59% | 59% |
| Not sure | 6% | 5% | 6% | 6% |





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|---|------|----------|----------|---------------|
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| We should do more | 58% | 52% | 60% | 60% |
| We should do less | 26% | 28% | 26% | 25% |
| We're doing enough already | 14% | 17% | 12% | 13% |
| Not sure | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% |

| | Base | Age | | |
|--------------------------|------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Obama Thermometer | | | | |
| Very positive | 49% | 38% | 52% | 56% |
| Somewhat positive | 11% | 16% | 11% | 6% |
| Neutral | 4% | 6% | 3% | 3% |
| Somewhat negative | 10% | 12% | 9% | 10% |
| Very negative | 26% | 28% | 26% | 24% |
| Don't know him | 0% | - | 0% | 0% |

| | Base | Age | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Seriousness of Climate Change | | | | |
| Very serious problem | 43% | 38% | 44% | 48% |
| Somewhat serious problem | 22% | 23% | 24% | 18% |
| Not that much of a problem | 17% | 20% | 16% | 17% |
| Not a problem at all | 14% | 16% | 14% | 14% |
| Not sure | 3% | 4% | 2% | 3% |

| | Base | Age | | |
|---|------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Is Climate Change a Problem Now/In Near Future/Distant Future/Never? | | | | |
| It is already a problem | 55% | 48% | 59% | 56% |
| It'll be a problem in the near future | 10% | 14% | 8% | 8% |
| It'll be a problem in the more distant future | 10% | 10% | 9% | 12% |
| It's not likely to ever be a problem | 23% | 26% | 21% | 21% |
| Not sure | 3% | 3% | 3% | 2% |





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| | Base | Age | | |
|---|------|----------|----------|---------------|
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| Worry Most About Climate Change's Effects on...? | | | | |
| People's health | 20% | 15% | 22% | 22% |
| Air pollution | 10% | 10% | 9% | 13% |
| U.S. economy | 18% | 25% | 14% | 15% |
| Extreme weather events | 31% | 35% | 29% | 30% |
| Wildlife and natural habitats | 9% | 7% | 13% | 5% |
| Not sure | 12% | 7% | 13% | 15% |

