

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

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Polling was conducted by telephone December 8-9, 2009, in the evenings.
 The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of ± 3 percentage points.
 Democrats n=338, ± 5 ; Republicans n=341, ± 5 ; Independents n=164, ± 8

Questions 1-13 released separately

14. Which ONE of the following do you think is most important for the federal government to be working on right now? (RANDOMIZE 1-7)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Fixing the economy	27%	26%	31%	20%
2. Creating jobs	26	31	20	31
3. Reforming health care	10	16	6	8
4. Handling Iraq and Afghanistan	8	7	10	5
5. Reducing the deficit	7	3	10	8
6. Cutting taxes	6	2	10	9
7. Addressing global warming	2	4	1	2
8. (All)	12	11	11	15
9. (Other)	1	1	-	1
10. (Don't know)	1	-	1	1

Questions 15-34 released separately

35. Do you believe global warming exists?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
8-9 Dec 09	63%	33	4
Democrats	83%	13	5
Republicans	46%	51	3
Independents	61%	34	5
12-13 May 09	69%	26	5
30-31 Jan 07	82%	10	8
25-26 Oct 05	77%	13	10

36. (If "yes" to Q35, n=568, $\pm 4\%$) Do you believe global warming is caused by normal climate patterns or by people's behavior, such as driving and burning too much fossil fuel like coal and oil?

	Climate patterns	People's behavior	(Both)	(Don't know)
8-9 Dec 09	17%	53	29	2
Democrats	10%	66	23	2
Republicans	30%	41	27	2
Independents	15%	39	44	2
12-13 May 09	15%	54	28	3
30-31 Jan 07	14%	41	38	8
25-26 Oct 05	17%	46	30	6

Combined results for questions 35 and 36

Believe in man-made global warming	33%
Believe in climate pattern global warming	11
Believe in both man-made and climate pattern	18
Believe in, don't know cause	1
Do not believe in global warming	33
Don't know	4

Total -- Believe In Man-Made Global Warming (combined believe in man-made and believe in both)

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
8-9 Dec 09	51%	44	5
12-13 May 09	56%	36	8

Total -- Believe In Global Warming Caused By Climate Patterns (combined believe in climate pattern and believe in both)

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
8-9 Dec 09	29%	66	5
12-13 May 09	29%	63	8

(ASK EVERYONE)

37. Do you think the global warming situation is best described as a crisis, a major problem but not a crisis, a minor problem, or is it not a problem at all?

SCALE: 1. A crisis 2. A major problem, but not a crisis 3. A minor problem

4. Not a problem at all 4. (Don't know)

	A crisis	Major problem	Minor problem	Not a problem	(Don't know)
8-9 Dec 09	17%	33	25	23	2
Democrats	29%	42	15	11	2
Republicans	5%	24	34	34	2
Independents	19%	34	20	23	5
25-26 Oct 05	16%	44	22	12	6

38. - 42. I am going to read you a list of individuals and groups, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think they thoroughly understand the science behind global warming, or not. First...

SCALE: 1. Yes, understand the science 2. No, do not understand the science
(RANDOMIZE LIST)

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
Scientists who study the climate			
8-9 Dec 09	79%	15	6
Democrats	88%	9	4
Republicans	73%	20	7
Independents	77%	17	6
You personally			
8-9 Dec 09	52%	44	4
Democrats	62%	36	2
Republicans	44%	53	4
Independents	55%	41	5
Journalists who report on global warming			
8-9 Dec 09	37%	56	7
Democrats	51%	41	8
Republicans	28%	66	6
Independents	32%	61	7
Elected officials			
8-9 Dec 09	25%	69	6
Democrats	34%	59	8
Republicans	20%	76	4
Independents	17%	76	6
Everyday Americans			
8-9 Dec 09	18%	78	4
Democrats	20%	75	5
Republicans	19%	79	2
Independents	14%	83	4

43. Have you seen, heard or read anything recently about leaked emails that suggest some scientists fudged their climate change research?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
8-9 Dec 09	45%	53	2
Democrats	35%	62	3
Republicans	48%	50	2
Independents	59%	40	1

44. (If "yes" to Q43, n=407 ±5%) Did the emails change your mind about the issue of global warming?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
8-9 Dec 09	10%	89	2
Democrats	11%	89	-
Republicans	12%	87	1
Independents	7%	89	5
Believe in Man-Made Global Warming	6%	92	2

(ASK EVERYONE)

45. Do you think the global warming movement is better described as (a group of truly concerned citizens who see it as an immediate danger to the planet) or as (a group of people who see global warming as an opportunity to gain political power and make money)? (ROTATE)

	Concerned citizens who see immediate danger	People who see an opportunity for gain	(Mixed/Some of both)	(Don't know)
8-9 Dec 09	41%	41	13	5
Democrats	60%	24	10	6
Republicans	25%	58	13	5
Independents	39%	39	18	4
Believe in Man-Made Global Warming	63%	16	17	4
Don't Believe In Man-Made	16%	71	9	4

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION: When you think about politics, do you think of yourself as a Democrat or a Republican?

	Democrat	Republican	(Independent)	(Other)	(Refused/Don't know)
8-9 Dec 09	38%	38	18	3	3
17-18 Nov 09	38%	36	20	3	3
27-28 Oct 09	40%	37	17	4	2
13-14 Oct 09	41%	37	16	4	1
29-30 Sep 09	41%	37	17	3	2
15-16 Sep 09	42%	31	21	4	3
11-12 Aug 09	39%	35	22	2	2
21-22 Jul 09	40%	34	20	4	2
9-10 Jun 09	40%	33	23	1	2