

University of Iowa, Hawkeye Poll – Topline Results

While a majority of Americans have some degree of concern about climate change, it is split along partisan lines.

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Sample:

1,123 voting-age residents in the United States, margin of error +/-2.9%.

About:

The Hawkeye Poll was fielded between March 24 and April 5, 2023.

The poll was designed by the University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll, composed of University of Iowa faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students. The poll is a teaching and research project and is one of many of the experiential learning undergraduate courses offered in the Department of Political Science. The poll was implemented in collaboration with the Iowa Social Science Research Center.

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Respondent Identification:

The Iowa Social Science Research Center (ISRC) contracted with a respected web panel vendor to field the survey to a demographically representative sample of 1,123 respondents. Respondents invited to complete the web survey were U.S. adults, ages 18 to 120, recruited for participation via web panel. To obtain a census-representative sample, quotas were set on the following demographics: sex, age, and census region.

Weighting:

Reported results are weighted by age, sex, and census region.

How concerned are you personally about climate change?

	%
Very concerned	31.0
Concerned	28.3
Neutral	16.5
Not very concerned	21.4
Don't know	2.2
Decline to answer	0.7
Total	100.0

Concern by party ID

	Democrat	Republican	Independent
	%	%	%
Very concerned	46.5	16.7	28.8
Concerned	37.4	19.0	27.3
Neutral	10.9	18.4	20.6
Not very concerned	4.3	43.6	20.5
Don't know	0.9	2.3	2.7
Decline to answer	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

How much do you agree with the following statement: Individuals have a personal responsibility to address climate change.

	%
Strongly agree	23.2
Agree	39.3
Neither agree nor disagree	17.7
Disagree	5.4
Strongly disagree	6.5
Don't know	6.7
Decline to answer	1.3
Total	100.0

Personal responsibility by party ID

	Democrat	Republican	Independent
	%	%	%
Strongly agree	33.7	14.3	21.5
Agree	45.6	34.2	38.1
Neither agree nor disagree	11.9	22.8	19.3
Disagree	3.2	8.2	4.4
Strongly disagree	1.9	13.5	5.9
Don't know	3.4	6.3	10.1
Decline to answer	0.3	0.7	0.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

What action (if any) do you believe the government should take to mitigate climate change?

Providing incentive programs

	%
Did not select	43.5
Providing incentive programs	40.5
Don't know	14.6
Decline to answer	1.4
Total	100.0

Providing incentive programs by party ID

	Democrat	Republican	Independent
	%	%	%
Did not select	38.7	55.2	39.9
Providing incentive programs	51.7	27.9	42.8
Don't know	9.6	16.4	15.8
Decline to answer	0.0	0.6	1.6

Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
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Regulation of businesses

	%
Did not select	44.3
Regulation of businesses	39.7
Don't know	14.6
Decline to answer	1.4
Total	100.0

Regulation of businesses by party ID

	Democrat	Republican	Independent
	%	%	%
Did not select	34.6	61.8	42.6
Regulation of businesses	55.9	21.2	40.1
Don't know	9.6	16.4	15.8
Decline to answer	0.0	0.6	1.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Regulation of individuals

	%
Did not select	65.1
Regulation of businesses	18.9
Don't know	14.6
Decline to answer	1.4
Total	100.0

Regulation of individuals by party ID

	Democrat	Republican	Independent
	%	%	%
Did not select	64.4	73.8	64.4
Regulation of individuals	26	9.2	18.3
Don't know	9.6	16.4	15.8
Decline to answer	0.0	0.6	1.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Investment in infrastructure

	%
Did not select	48.8
Regulation of businesses	35.3
Don't know	14.6
Decline to answer	1.4
Total	100.0

Investment in infrastructure by party ID

	Democrat	Republican	Independent
	%	%	%
Did not select	42.6	62.4	47.1
Investment in infrastructure	47.8	20.7	35.6
Don't know	9.6	16.4	15.8
Decline to answer	0.0	0.6	1.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

No action taken by the government

	%
Did not select	69.9
Regulation of businesses	14.1
Don't know	14.6
Decline to answer	1.4
Total	100.0

No action by party ID

	Democrat	Republican	Independent
	%	%	%
Did not select	87.0	56.1	67.9
Regulation of businesses	3.4	26.9	14.8
Don't know	9.6	16.4	15.8
Decline to answer	0.0	0.6	1.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0