

CBS News Poll – April 16-19, 2024

Adults in the U.S.



Sample 2,230 Adults in the U.S.
 Margin of Error ±2.7 points

10. Do you think it is possible or not possible for the U.S. to both increase energy production and protect the earth's climate?

Possible 79%
 Not possible 21%

18. In the long run, do you think efforts to reduce climate change will mostly...

Help the nation's economy 36%
 Hurt the nation's economy 32%
 Not have much impact on the nation's economy 31%

19. In the long run, do you think efforts to reduce climate change will mostly...

Help your personal finances and costs of living 22%
 Hurt your personal finances and costs of living 34%
 Not have much impact on your personal finances and costs of living 44%

28. Do you favor or oppose policies that would encourage the production of more electric or hybrid vehicles and fewer gas-powered vehicles in the U.S.?

Favor 53%
 Oppose 47%

29. Why do you favor policies that would encourage the production of more electric or hybrid vehicles and fewer gas-powered vehicles in the U.S.? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

Among those who favor policies that would encourage the production of more electric or hybrid vehicles

It will help reduce effects of climate change 74%
 It represents new technology and innovation 63%
 It will help the U.S. economy and jobs 56%

30. Why do you oppose the policies that would encourage the production of more electric or hybrid vehicles and fewer gas-powered vehicles in the U.S.? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

Among those who oppose policies that would encourage the production of more electric or hybrid vehicles

It may force people to buy something they don't want 77%
 It would move the U.S. away from its traditions 25%
 It will hurt the U.S. economy and jobs 65%

34. In recent years, have people in your community, including yourself, suffered significant damage to their property due to events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, wildfires, or high temperatures?

Yes 35%
 No 65%

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38. Thinking about your family finances, has the price of gas been...

A financial hardship	28%
Difficult but not a financial hardship	30%
An inconvenience, but not difficult	27%
Finances have not been affected	8%
Don't buy gas	7%

*Questions held for future release.

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10. Possible to Increase Oil Production and Protect the Climate

Do you think it is possible or not possible for the U.S. to both increase energy production and protect the earth's climate?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Possible	79%	82%	76%	74%	78%	80%	84%	79%	79%	83%
Not possible	21%	18%	24%	26%	22%	20%	16%	21%	21%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,222)	(1,081)	(1,141)	(463)	(563)	(729)	(467)	(537)	(753)	(707)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Possible	79%	79%	78%	82%	82%	75%	75%	81%	84%
Not possible	21%	21%	22%	18%	18%	25%	25%	19%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,222)	(704)	(690)	(650)	(1,395)	(278)	(359)	(863)	(532)

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18. Economics of Reducing Climate Change

In the long run, do you think efforts to reduce climate change will mostly...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Help the nation's economy	36%	37%	35%	45%	46%	28%	27%	61%	41%	15%
Hurt the nation's economy	32%	36%	29%	27%	24%	37%	42%	16%	27%	57%
Not have much impact on the nation's economy	31%	27%	36%	28%	30%	35%	31%	23%	32%	28%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,217)	(1,077)	(1,140)	(462)	(563)	(723)	(469)	(530)	(755)	(708)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Help the nation's economy	36%	60%	32%	17%	31%	49%	45%	27%	37%
Hurt the nation's economy	32%	12%	35%	55%	40%	12%	20%	40%	41%
Not have much impact on the nation's economy	31%	28%	33%	28%	29%	39%	35%	33%	22%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,217)	(699)	(690)	(651)	(1,391)	(277)	(356)	(858)	(533)

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19. Cost of Living and Reducing Climate Change

In the long run, do you think efforts to reduce climate change will mostly...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Help your personal finances and costs of living	22%	23%	21%	34%	34%	16%	7%	35%	26%	11%
Hurt your personal finances and costs of living	34%	38%	30%	21%	27%	41%	42%	15%	31%	55%
Not have much impact on your personal finances and costs of living	44%	39%	49%	45%	39%	43%	51%	50%	43%	34%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,209)	(1,077)	(1,132)	(455)	(560)	(727)	(467)	(532)	(753)	(699)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Help your personal finances and costs of living	22%	36%	19%	12%	18%	39%	26%	16%	22%
Hurt your personal finances and costs of living	34%	15%	38%	52%	40%	12%	29%	41%	37%
Not have much impact on your personal finances and costs of living	44%	49%	43%	36%	42%	49%	45%	43%	41%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,209)	(701)	(687)	(644)	(1,385)	(277)	(353)	(855)	(530)

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28. Policies That Encourage EV and Hybrid Vehicles

Do you favor or oppose policies that would encourage the production of more electric or hybrid vehicles and fewer gas-powered vehicles in the U.S.?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	53%	56%	51%	66%	67%	46%	37%	87%	57%	26%
Oppose	47%	44%	49%	34%	33%	54%	63%	13%	43%	74%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,215)	(1,079)	(1,136)	(461)	(563)	(721)	(469)	(536)	(754)	(699)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Favor	53%	78%	51%	29%	47%	66%	63%	43%	55%
Oppose	47%	22%	49%	71%	53%	34%	37%	57%	45%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,215)	(703)	(683)	(649)	(1,386)	(279)	(358)	(862)	(524)

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29. Why Favors Policies That Encourage EV and Hybrid Vehicles

Why do you favor policies that would encourage the production of more electric or hybrid vehicles and fewer gas-powered vehicles in the U.S.? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

Among those who favor policies that would encourage the production of more electric or hybrid vehicles

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
It will help reduce effects of climate change	74%	70%	77%	68%	72%	74%	86%	82%	72%	57%
It represents new technology and innovation	63%	64%	61%	55%	66%	66%	63%	73%	60%	50%
It will help the U.S. economy and jobs	56%	61%	51%	48%	57%	58%	66%	61%	55%	50%
Weighted N	(1,185)	(601)	(584)	(303)	(376)	(332)	(173)	(469)	(427)	(185)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
It will help reduce effects of climate change	74%	81%	75%	54%	74%	70%	73%	72%	76%
It represents new technology and innovation	63%	66%	64%	59%	64%	62%	57%	59%	71%
It will help the U.S. economy and jobs	56%	59%	56%	56%	56%	62%	53%	56%	57%
Weighted N	(1,185)	(551)	(347)	(187)	(657)	(185)	(227)	(368)	(288)

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30. Why Opposes Policies That Encourage EV and Hybrid Vehicles

Why do you oppose the policies that would encourage the production of more electric or hybrid vehicles and fewer gas-powered vehicles in the U.S.? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

Among those who oppose policies that would encourage the production of more electric or hybrid vehicles

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
It may force people to buy something they don't want	77%	78%	75%	64%	75%	77%	84%	*	76%	80%
It would move the U.S. away from its traditions	25%	22%	27%	33%	23%	25%	22%	*	19%	29%
It will hurt the U.S. economy and jobs	65%	71%	60%	57%	60%	67%	69%	*	60%	75%
Weighted N	(1,030)	(478)	(552)	(158)	(188)	(389)	(296)	(67)	(326)	(514)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
It may force people to buy something they don't want	77%	64%	79%	79%	80%	59%	67%	77%	87%
It would move the U.S. away from its traditions	25%	24%	19%	29%	25%	22%	25%	27%	20%
It will hurt the U.S. economy and jobs	65%	46%	69%	71%	67%	47%	64%	69%	64%
Weighted N	(1,030)	(152)	(336)	(462)	(729)	(95)	(131)	(494)	(236)

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34. Suffered Significant Property Damage

In recent years, have people in your community, including yourself, suffered significant damage to their property due to events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, wildfires, or high temperatures?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	35%	32%	37%	37%	42%	33%	25%	49%	36%	24%
No	65%	68%	63%	63%	58%	67%	75%	51%	64%	76%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,223)	(1,080)	(1,143)	(460)	(565)	(729)	(469)	(537)	(751)	(708)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes	35%	45%	32%	26%	35%	34%	36%	32%	40%
No	65%	55%	68%	74%	65%	66%	64%	68%	60%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,223)	(702)	(688)	(653)	(1,391)	(279)	(360)	(862)	(529)

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38. Impact of Gas Prices

Thinking about your family finances, has the price of gas been...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A financial hardship	28%	28%	29%	21%	25%	34%	29%	16%	29%	37%
Difficult but not a financial hardship	30%	30%	31%	29%	28%	30%	34%	30%	30%	32%
An inconvenience, but not difficult	27%	27%	26%	34%	29%	23%	23%	35%	26%	21%
Finances have not been affected	8%	8%	7%	9%	10%	6%	7%	11%	7%	6%
Don't buy gas	7%	7%	7%	7%	8%	7%	7%	8%	8%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,228)	(1,083)	(1,145)	(462)	(566)	(730)	(471)	(536)	(755)	(709)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
A financial hardship	28%	17%	33%	33%	29%	19%	28%	36%	19%
Difficult but not a financial hardship	30%	28%	28%	37%	33%	20%	31%	32%	36%
An inconvenience, but not difficult	27%	35%	24%	21%	25%	36%	23%	21%	32%
Finances have not been affected	8%	11%	6%	6%	7%	10%	9%	5%	9%
Don't buy gas	7%	9%	9%	2%	5%	14%	9%	6%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,228)	(704)	(691)	(654)	(1,397)	(278)	(360)	(864)	(533)

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

The CBS News/YouGov survey of 2,230 adults in the U.S. was conducted between April 16-19, 2024.

This sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, and education based on the U.S. Census American Community Survey, and the U.S. Census Current Population Survey, as well as 2020 Presidential vote and 2022 Congressional vote. Respondents were selected to be representative of adults nationwide. The weights range from 0.1 to 6.5, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.8.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the entire sample is approximately ± 2.7 points. It is calculated using the formula

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + CV^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and n is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.