

YouGov Survey: Climate change



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Margin of Error ±3.3%

1. Thinking about the global environment...In general, which of the following statements, if any, best describes your view?

The climate is changing and human activity is mainly responsible	35%
The climate is changing and human activity is partly responsible, together with other factors	36%
The climate is changing but human activity is not responsible at all	14%
The climate is not changing	6%
Not sure	9%

2. Do you think that your country could be doing more to tackle climate change, or is it already doing as much as it reasonably can?

The climate is not changing	6%
Could be doing more	52%
Doing as much as it reasonably can	27%
Not sure	15%

3. And do you think that you personally could be doing more to tackle climate change, or are you already doing as much as you reasonably can?

The climate is not changing	6%
Could be doing more	40%
Doing as much as I reasonably can	38%
Not sure	16%

4. Which of the following comes closest to your view?

It is already too late to avoid the worst effects of climate change	12%
We are still able to avoid the worst effects of climate change but it would need a drastic change in the steps taken to tackle it	43%
We will be able to avoid the worst effects of climate change if we broadly carry on with the steps currently being taken to tackle it	17%
Not sure	22%
The climate is not changing	6%

5. If you had to choose one, which approach would you prefer governments and societies to focus on more to tackle climate change?

One where we attempt to reduce consumption of resources to slow or halt the negative effects of climate change	37%
One where we attempt to come up with technological solutions to try and counter the effects of climate change	30%
Not sure	27%
The climate is not changing	6%

6. How likely, if at all, do you think it is that climate change will cause each of the following? [The extinction of the human race]

Very likely	13%
Somewhat likely	18%
Not very likely	21%
Not at all likely	25%
Don't know	18%
The climate is not changing	6%

7. How likely, if at all, do you think it is that climate change will cause each of the following? [Small wars]

Very likely	23%
Somewhat likely	27%
Not very likely	14%
Not at all likely	14%
Don't know	17%
The climate is not changing	6%

8. How likely, if at all, do you think it is that climate change will cause each of the following? [A new world war]

Very likely	15%
Somewhat likely	22%
Not very likely	19%
Not at all likely	17%
Don't know	20%
The climate is not changing	6%

9. How likely, if at all, do you think it is that climate change will cause each of the following? [Serious damage to the global economy]

Very likely	29%
Somewhat likely	28%
Not very likely	12%
Not at all likely	12%
Don't know	13%
The climate is not changing	6%

10. How likely, if at all, do you think it is that climate change will cause each of the following? [Cities being lost to rising sea levels]

Very likely	27%
Somewhat likely	27%
Not very likely	14%
Not at all likely	13%
Don't know	14%
The climate is not changing	6%

11. How likely, if at all, do you think it is that climate change will cause each of the following? [Earth becoming uninhabitable for all life]

Very likely	13%
Somewhat likely	22%
Not very likely	19%
Not at all likely	24%
Don't know	16%
The climate is not changing	6%

12. How likely, if at all, do you think it is that climate change will cause each of the following? [Mass displacement of people from some parts of the world to others]

Very likely	28%
Somewhat likely	28%
Not very likely	12%
Not at all likely	12%
Don't know	15%
The climate is not changing	6%

Interviewing Dates	April 13 - 19, 2022
Target population	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2020 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.35 to 2.881, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.335.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	70 questions not reported.