

TO: EDF Action

FR: Morning Consult

DT: August 25, 2020

RE: Results: Voter Perceptions on U.S. Cooperation and Leadership on Climate Change

Morning Consult conducted a survey, on behalf of EDF Action, between August 17th – August 19th, 2020 among a national sample of 2,078 Registered Voters. The interviews were conducted online. Results from the survey have a margin error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

The survey sought to measure **perceptions of support and prioritization among voters, with a focus on Republican and independent voters, as it relates to climate change and energy issues.**

KEY FINDINGS

Three quarters of voters (77%) consider it a priority for the U.S. to cooperate with the global community to find solutions to climate change.

79% of independent voters and 59% of Republican voters want the U.S. to cooperate with the global community on this issue. This sentiment is strong among young people, with 88% of GenZ voters and 83% of Millennial voters (including 67% of millennial Republican voters) viewing it as a top or important priority.

More than half of Republican voters believe the U.S. should prioritize legislation to increase clean energy production (62%) and reduce greenhouse gas emissions (56%).

Prioritization for energy-related legislation		
% Total Priority (top + important)	Increase clean energy production in the U.S., such as wind or solar.	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as carbon or methane.
Voters	77%	73%
Republicans	62%	56%
Republican Millennials	60%	56%
Independents	78%	74%
Obama + Trump voters	77%	74%

These two environmental issues resonate strongly with swing voters, with 78% of independent voters and 77% of 'Obama + Trump voters' view passing legislation to increase clean energy production as a priority (a top priority + important priority).

Over half of Republican millennials, independents, and 'Obama + Trump voters', say Congressional Republicans and businesses/corporations should be doing more than they are now to reduce greenhouse emissions in the U.S.

Should be doing more to address greenhouse gas emissions		
% Total More (much + somewhat)	Republicans in Congress	Businesses/Corporations
Voters	60%	65%
Republican millennials	56%	53%
Independents	58%	62%
Obama + Trump voters	65%	68%