Most Americans want government to combat climate change, but remain deeply divided along party lines on paying for solutions.

Many Americans don’t hold strong attitudes about fracking. Among those who do, twice as many oppose than support its use.

About 8 in 10 say the U.S. should maintain its commitment under the Paris Agreement—even if other countries do not.

Reducing Carbon Emissions

65% of Americans say climate change is a problem the United States government should address.

Half of Likely Voters Consider Energy & Climate Central Issues

While the economy, national security, and immigration are the most important issues for likely voters in the 2016 election, energy and climate change are central to about half.

Williness to Pay a Modest Fee to Combat Climate Change

When asked whether they would support a monthly fee on their electricity bill to combat climate change, 42 percent of respondents say they are unwilling to pay even $1. Twenty percent indicate they are willing to pay $50 per month. Party affiliation is the main determinant of how much people are willing to pay, not education, income, or geographic location. Democrats are consistently willing to pay more than Republicans.

Fracking & Fossil Fuels

Americans largely underestimate fracking’s role. Only 1 in 5 Americans correctly say that it produces about two-thirds of the U.S. natural gas supply.

Attitudes Towards Fracking

Nearly 4 in 10 Americans have not yet made up their minds on fracking, while just 2 in 10 say they favor the practice.

Attitudes Towards Coal

Most Americans favor federal regulations that would decrease U.S. coal consumption, but over half indicate that they would disagree with this if such regulations result in the loss of thousands of coal jobs, support states slightly.

International Action on Climate Change

Most Americans say the U.S. should maintain its commitment under the Paris Agreement—even if other countries do not.

Low Confidence in Fulfilling Our Obligations...

Only about 1 in 4 Americans are confident that the U.S. will fulfill its obligations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but even fewer express confidence in China and India.

...Progress Should Continue Anyway.

In the event that other countries do not meet their obligations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, 8 in 10 Americans say the U.S. should continue making progress to meet its own obligations anyhow.