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## Many Americans believe that climate change is mostly caused by human activity, but few report making changes to help limit it

## At the same time, most Americans report experiencing more frequent and intense unusual weather and extreme heat

## Topline Findings

Washington DC, May 02, 2023- New Ipsos polling finds Americans are split on what is causing climate change-if it is happening at all, something that hasn't changed in the past five years. Yet, among Americans who believe climate change is caused by human activity, most agree that people could slow or reverse climate change but aren't willing to modify their behavior. Separately, most Americans continue to experience some form of extreme weather that's become more frequent or intense in their area compared to ten years ago.
There are some regional differences in experiences with extreme weather. Partisanship, though, mediates people's attitudes and experiences with climate change and extreme weather.

## Detailed Findings

About half (49\%) of Americans believe climate change is mostly caused by human activity, unchanged from 2017 and 2018.

- However, while many Americans believe climate change is caused by human activity, over a quarter (27\%) believe it is mostly caused by natural patterns, and $7 \%$ believe it is not happening at all.
- Nearly half of Republicans believe climate change is caused by natural patterns (46\%) compared to just 13\% of Democrats.

Among those who believe climate change is caused by human activity, the majority (62\%) agree that humans could slow or reverse climate change but aren't willing to change their behavior.

- Along these lines, less than half of Americans say they are likely to make changes in the next year to help limit climate change, such as using public transportation (21\%), trading in their car for an electric vehicle ( $25 \%$ ), or walking or biking to close locations instead of driving (36\%).
- Democrats are more likely than Republicans to make changes in the next year to help limit climate change, such as using public transportation ( $30 \%$ of Democrats vs. $14 \%$ of Republicans), trading in their car for an electric vehicle ( $38 \%$ vs. 10\%), and walking or biking to close locations instead of driving ( $45 \%$ vs. $26 \%$ ).
- More than half of the Americans believe that it is not too late to stop climate change (54\%). Three in five Democrats ( $60 \%$ ) believe that it is still possible and not too late to stop climate change compared to $52 \%$ of Republicans.

Most Americans report experiencing some form of extreme weather, however this varies by region and political affiliations.

- Two-thirds say unusual weather for the season has gotten more frequent ( $67 \%$ ) and more intense ( $60 \%$ ) in their area compared to ten years ago. Majorities of Americans, regardless of region, report that unusual weather has become more frequent.


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- Other common types of extreme weather people experience include extreme heat ( $55 \%$ ), and poor air quality or air pollution (43\%), with many Americans reporting that these events have become more frequent and more intense where they live relative to ten years ago.
- Majorities of people living out West say that extreme heat ( $63 \%$ ) has become more frequent in their area in the past decade compared to those in the Northeast (54\%), Midwest (51\%), and South (52\%).
- Compared to ten years ago, people in the Northeast are more likely than people in the South to report that flooding (Northeast 47\% vs. South 41\%) and hurricanes or tropical storms (Northeast $45 \%$ vs. South $39 \%$ ) have become more intense in their area. Whereas people living out the West are more likely than those living in the Midwest, Northeast, and South to say that weather events such as droughts (West $58 \%$ vs $48 \%$ Midwest vs Northeast $39 \%$ vs South $37 \%$ ) and wildfires (West $65 \%$ vs Midwest $45 \%$ vs Northeast $43 \%$ and South $35 \%$ ) have become more intense.
- One in three people in the South (33\%) feel that tornadoes have become more frequent, however that is lower than what people report in the Midwest (44\%).
- Additionally, for all extreme weather occurrences, Democrats are more likely than Republicans to say they have become more frequent and intense in their area over the past ten years.

Thinking about the intensity of these weather events, do you think the following have become more or less intense or has there been no change, compared to ten years ago?


Source: Ipsos survey fielded April 14-16, 2023;
Base: Northeast ( $\mathrm{N}=182$ ), Midwest $(\mathrm{N}=233)$, South ( $\mathrm{N}=369$ ), and West $(\mathrm{N}=245)$

These are the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between April 14-16, 2023. For this survey, a sample of 1,029 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.7 percentage points for all respondents.

For full results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire:

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## Full Annotated Questionnaire

1. Compared to ten years ago, do you think the following have become more or less frequent where you live, or has there been no change?

More Frequent Summary

|  | Total 2023 ( $\mathrm{N}=1,029$ ) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } 2022 \\ & (N=1,005) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } 2021 \\ & (N=1,003) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } 2018 \\ & (N=966) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } 2017 \\ & (N=1,009) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Republicans } \\ 2023 \\ (\mathrm{~N}=302) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Democrats } \\ 2023 \\ (\mathrm{~N}=287) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unusual weather for the season | 67\% | 66\% | - | - | - | $51 \%$ | 85\% |
| Extreme heat | 55\% | 53\% | - | - | - | 34\% | 69\% |
| Poor air quality/air pollution | 43\% | 47\% | - | - | - | 26\% | 55\% |
| Droughts | 43\% | 44\% | 33\% | 39\% | 41\% | 33\% | 58\% |
| Wildfires | 42\% | 46\% | 41\% | 40\% | - | 32\% | 55\% |
| Flooding | 42\% | 38\% | 39\% | 47\% | 42\% | 33\% | 57\% |
| Severe thunderstorms | 40\% | 43\% | 38\% | 44\% | 40\% | 26\% | 52\% |
| Extreme cold | 35\% | 38\% | 38\% | 46\% | - | 24\% | 48\% |
| Tornadoes | 32\% | 35\% | 31\% | - | - | 26\% | 40\% |
| Hurricanes or tropical storms | 27\% | 34\% | 35\% | 38\% | 27\% | 21\% | 34\% |
| Blizzards | 19\% | 22\% | 22\% | 30\% | 22\% | 16\% | 25\% |
| Earthquakes | 15\% | 17\% | 20\% | 20\% | - | 13\% | 19\% |

a) Severe thunderstorms

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more frequent | $12 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Somewhat more frequent | $28 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $36 \%$ |
| No change | $47 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| Somewhat less frequent | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Much less frequent | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Don't know | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| More Frequent | $40 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $52 \%$ |
| Less Frequent | $8 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $10 \%$ |

b) Droughts

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more frequent | $14 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Somewhat more frequent | $28 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| No change | $42 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| Somewhat less frequent | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Much less frequent | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Don't know | $7 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| More Frequent | $43 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $58 \%$ |
| Less Frequent | $8 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $8 \%$ |

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1. Compared to ten years ago, do you think the following have become more or less frequent where you live, or has there been no change?
c) Flooding

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more frequent | $14 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Somewhat more frequent | $29 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| No change | $45 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $33 \%$ |
| Somewhat less frequent | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Much less frequent | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Don't know | $6 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| More Frequent | $42 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $57 \%$ |
| Less Frequent | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $7 \%$ |

d) Hurricanes or tropical storms

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more frequent | $9 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Somewhat more frequent | $18 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| No change | $58 \%$ | $64 \%$ | $54 \%$ |
| Somewhat less frequent | $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Much less frequent | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Don't $n$ now | $7 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| More Frequent | $27 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| Less Frequent | $7 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $8 \%$ |

e) Blizzards

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more frequent | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Somewhat more frequent | $14 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| No change | $53 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $46 \%$ |
| Somewhat less frequent | $12 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Much less frequent | $7 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Don't know | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| More Frequent | $19 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Less Frequent | $19 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $21 \%$ |

f) Wildfires

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more frequent | $18 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Somewhat more frequent | $24 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| No change | $46 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| Somewhat less frequent | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Much less frequent | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Don't know | $7 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| More Frequent | $42 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $55 \%$ |
| Less Frequent | $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ |

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g) Earthquakes

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more frequent | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Somewhat more frequent | $11 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| No change | $69 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $65 \%$ |
| Somewhat less frequent | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Much less frequent | $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Don't know | $9 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| More Frequent | $15 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Less Frequent | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $9 \%$ |

h) Extreme cold

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more frequent | $9 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Somewhat more frequent | $26 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| No change | $41 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Somewhat less frequent | $13 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Much less frequent | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Don't nnow | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| More Frequent | $35 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $48 \%$ |
| Less Frequent | $18 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $19 \%$ |

i) Extreme heat

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more frequent | $20 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| Somewhat more frequent | $35 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
| No change | $35 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Somewhat less frequent | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Much less frequent | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Don't know | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| More Frequent | $55 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $69 \%$ |
| Less Frequent | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $7 \%$ |

j) Poor air quality/air pollution

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more frequent | $15 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Somewhat more frequent | $28 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| No change | $42 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| Somewhat less frequent | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Much less frequent | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Don't know | $7 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| More Frequent | $43 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $55 \%$ |
| Less Frequent | $8 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $6 \%$ |

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1. Compared to ten years ago, do you think the following have become more or less frequent where you live, or has there been no change?
k) Tornadoes

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more frequent | $11 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Somewhat more frequent | $21 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| No change | $54 \%$ | $62 \%$ | $48 \%$ |
| Somewhat less frequent | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Much less frequent | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Don't know | $6 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| More Frequent | $32 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| Less Frequent | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ |

I) Unusual weather for the season (i.e. unseasonably warm or cold days, more or less rain, etc.)

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more frequent | $27 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| Somewhat more frequent | $40 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $47 \%$ |
| No change | $25 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Somewhat less frequent | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Much less frequent | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | - |
| Don't know | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| More Frequent | $67 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $85 \%$ |
| Less Frequent | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ |

2. Thinking about the intensity of these weather events, do you think the following have become more or less intense or has there been no change, compared to ten years ago?

More Intense Summary

|  | Total 2022 | Total 2021 | Total 2018 | Total 2017 | Republicans <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 3}$ | Democrats <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 3}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unusual weather for <br> the season | $60 \%$ | - | - | - | $44 \%$ | $77 \%$ |
| Extreme heat | $56 \%$ | - | - | - | $38 \%$ | $72 \%$ |
| Wildfires | $46 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $46 \%$ | - | $31 \%$ | $62 \%$ |
| Flooding | $46 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $61 \%$ |
| Droughts | $44 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $58 \%$ |
| Severe <br> thunderstorms | $42 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $54 \%$ |
| Poor air quality/air <br> pollution | $41 \%$ | - | - | - | $26 \%$ | $55 \%$ |
| Extreme cold | $38 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $53 \%$ | - | $28 \%$ | $52 \%$ |
| Hurricanes or tropical <br> storms | $37 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $45 \%$ |
| Tornadoes | $36 \%$ | $37 \%$ | - | - | $24 \%$ | $46 \%$ |
| Blizzards | $26 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $36 \%$ |
| Earthquakes | $18 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $25 \%$ | - | $15 \%$ | $18 \%$ |

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2. Thinking about the intensity of these weather events, do you think the following have become more or less intense or has there been no change, compared to ten years ago?
a) Severe thunderstorms

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more intense | $13 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Somewhat more intense | $29 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| No change | $42 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| Somewhat less intense | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Much less intense | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Don't know | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| More Intense | $42 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $54 \%$ |
| Less Intense | $7 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ |

b) Droughts

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more intense | $14 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Somewhat more intense | $30 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| No change | $38 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Somewhat less intense | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Much less intense | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Don't know | $9 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| More Intense | $44 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $58 \%$ |
| Less Intense | $7 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ |

c) Flooding

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more intense | $14 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| Somewhat more intense | $32 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| No change | $40 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Somewhat less intense | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Much less intense | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Don't nnow | $8 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| More Intense | $46 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $61 \%$ |
| Less Intense | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ |

d) Hurricanes or tropical storms

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more intense | $11 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Somewhat more intense | $26 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| No change | $47 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| Somewhat less intense | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Much less intense | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Don't know | $9 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| More Intense | $37 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $45 \%$ |
| Less Intense | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ |

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2. Thinking about the intensity of these weather events, do you think the following have become more or less intense or has there been no change, compared to ten years ago?
e) Blizzards

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more intense | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Somewhat more intense | $18 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| No change | $51 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| Somewhat less intense | $8 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Much less intense | $4 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Don't nnow | $10 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| More Intense | $26 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $36 \%$ |
| Less Intense | $12 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $11 \%$ |

f) Wildfires

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more intense | $20 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| Somewhat more intense | $26 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| No change | $40 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Somewhat less intense | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Much less intense | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Don't $n$ now | $8 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| More Intense | $46 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $62 \%$ |
| Less Intense | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ |

g) Earthquakes

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more intense | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Somewhat more intense | $13 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| No change | $64 \%$ | $68 \%$ | $64 \%$ |
| Somewhat less intense | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Much less intense | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Don't know | $12 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| More Intense | $18 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Less Intense | $5 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $7 \%$ |

h) Extreme cold

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more intense | $11 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Somewhat more intense | $27 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $37 \%$ |
| No change | $39 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Somewhat less intense | $11 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Much less intense | $3 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Don't know | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| More Intense | $38 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $52 \%$ |
| Less Intense | $15 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $15 \%$ |

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i) Extreme heat

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more intense | $17 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Somewhat more intense | $38 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $46 \%$ |
| No change | $32 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Somewhat less intense | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Much less intense | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Don't know | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| More Intense | $56 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $72 \%$ |
| Less Intense | $6 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $6 \%$ |

j) Poor air quality/air pollution

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more intense | $13 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Somewhat more intense | $28 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| No change | $43 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| Somewhat less intense | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Much less intense | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Don't nnow | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| More Intense | $41 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $55 \%$ |
| Less Intense | $8 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $7 \%$ |

k) Tornadoes

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more intense | $12 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Somewhat more intense | $25 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| No change | $49 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| Somewhat less intense | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Much less intense | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Don't know | $9 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| More Intense | $36 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $46 \%$ |
| Less Intense | $4 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $3 \%$ |

I) Unusual weather for the season (i.e. unseasonably warm or cold days, more or less rain, etc.)

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much more intense | $20 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Somewhat more intense | $41 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $50 \%$ |
| No change | $29 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Somewhat less intense | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Much less intense | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Don't know | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| More Intense | $60 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $77 \%$ |
| Less Intense | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ |

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3. Which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion?

|  | Total <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 3}$ | Total <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ | Total <br> 2021 | Total <br> 2018 | Total <br> 2017 | Republicans <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 3}$ | Democrats <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 3}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Climate change is <br> mostly caused by <br> human activity | $49 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $75 \%$ |
| Climate change is <br> mostly caused by <br> natural patterns | $27 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Climate change is not <br> really happening | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Other | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Don't know | $13 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $8 \%$ |

4. How concerned are you about climate change?

|  | Total 2023 | Total 2022 | Republicans <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 3}$ | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very concerned | $\mathbf{2 9 \%}$ | $35 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $54 \%$ |
| Somewhat concerned | $34 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $36 \%$ |
| Not very concerned | $19 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Not at all concerned | $17 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Concerned | $63 \%$ | $75 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $90 \%$ |
| Not Concerned | $36 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $10 \%$ |

5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Agree Summary

|  | Total <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 3}$ | Total <br> 2022 | Republicans <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 3}$ | Democrats <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 3}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Humans can slow/reverse climate change <br> but aren't willing to change their behavior | $62 \%$ | $71 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $82 \%$ |
| Humans are making progress to <br> slow/reverse climate change | $38 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| Large corporations and government policy <br> can reduce climate change, but individual <br> action makes no difference | $28 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| It is too late to stop climate change at this <br> point | $24 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $26 \%$ |

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5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
a) Humans can slow/reverse climate change but aren't willing to change their behavior

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $25 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | $37 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| Somewhat disagree | $11 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Strongly disagree | $12 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Don't know | $14 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Agree | $62 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $82 \%$ |
| Disagree | $22 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $8 \%$ |

b) Humans are making progress to slow/reverse climate change

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | $35 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| Somewhat disagree | $26 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| Strongly disagree | $16 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Don't know | $18 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Agree | $38 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| Disagree | $42 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $43 \%$ |

c) It is too late to stop climate change at this point

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $7 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | $18 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Somewhat disagree | $32 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $33 \%$ |
| Strongly disagree | $22 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Don't know | $20 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Agree | $24 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Disagree | $54 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $60 \%$ |

d) Large corporations and government policy can reduce climate change, but individual action makes no difference

|  | Total 2022 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $7 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | $21 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Somewhat disagree | $31 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| Strongly disagree | $24 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| Don't know | $16 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Agree | $28 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| Disagree | $55 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $59 \%$ |

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6. As you may know, most climate experts believe that global average temperatures will climb rapidly in the next few decades. Furthermore, to prevent the worst effects of climate change, the world should work to limit this change in global average temperature to an increase of no more than 2 degrees.

How familiar are you, if at all, with the position of climate scientists just described?

|  | Total <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 3}$ | Total <br> 2022 | Total <br> 2021 | Total <br> 2018 | Total <br> 2017 | Republicans <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 3}$ | Democrats <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 3}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very familiar | $\mathbf{1 6 \%}$ | $19 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $\mathbf{1 4 \%}$ | $20 \%$ |
| Somewhat <br> familiar | $34 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $37 \%$ |
| Not very <br> familiar | $27 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Never heard of <br> it before | $10 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Don't know | $12 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Familiar | $50 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $64 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $57 \%$ |
| Unfamiliar | $37 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $35 \%$ |

7. Here are some actions that have been suggested as ways regular people can help limit climate change. How likely would you be to do the following in the next year?

Total Likely Summary

|  | Total 2022 | Total 2021 | Total 2018 | Total 2017 | Republicans <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 3}$ | Democrats <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 3}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Walk or bike to close <br> locations instead of <br> driving | $36 \%$ | - | - | - | $26 \%$ | $45 \%$ |
| Pay an additional \$100 <br> a year in taxes <br> dedicated to reducing <br> pollution | $35 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $45 \%$ | - | $14 \%$ | $57 \%$ |
| Pay an additional \$100 <br> a year in electricity bills <br> dedicated to renewable <br> energy | $31 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $42 \%$ | - | $18 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| Put solar panels on <br> your home | $30 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $50 \%$ | - | $18 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| Trade in your current <br> vehicle for an electric <br> vehicle | $25 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $37 \%$ | - | $10 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| Use public <br> transportation | $21 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $41 \%$ | - | $14 \%$ | $30 \%$ |

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7. Here are some actions that have been suggested as ways regular people can help limit climate change. How likely would you be to do the following in the next year?
a) Trade in your current vehicle for an electric vehicle

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very likely | $8 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Somewhat likely | $17 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Not very likely | $23 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| Not at all likely | $37 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| I already do this | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Not applicable | $11 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Likely | $25 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| Not Likely | $60 \%$ | $82 \%$ | $44 \%$ |

b) Put solar panels on your home

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very likely | $11 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Somewhat likely | $20 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Not very likely | $24 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| Not at all likely | $28 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| I already do this | $6 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Not applicable | $12 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Likely | $30 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| Not Likely | $51 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $39 \%$ |

c) Pay an additional $\$ 100$ a year in taxes dedicated to reducing pollution

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very likely | $11 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Somewhat likely | $24 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| Not very likely | $19 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Not at all likely | $36 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| I already do this | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Not applicable | $8 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Likely | $35 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $57 \%$ |
| Not Likely | $55 \%$ | $79 \%$ | $34 \%$ |

d) Pay an additional $\$ 100$ a year in electricity bills dedicated to renewable energy

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very likely | $9 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Somewhat likely | $22 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| Not very likely | $23 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Not at all likely | $34 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| I already do this | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Not applicable | $8 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Likely | $31 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| Not Likely | $58 \%$ | $75 \%$ | $44 \%$ |

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7. Here are some actions that have been suggested as ways regular people can help limit climate change. How likely would you be to do the following in the next year?
e) Use public transportation

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very likely | $7 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Somewhat likely | $14 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Not very likely | $27 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Not at all likely | $33 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| I already do this | $6 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Not applicable | $12 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Likely | $21 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| Not Likely | $60 \%$ | $73 \%$ | $49 \%$ |

f) Walk or bike to close locations instead of driving

|  | Total 2023 | Republicans 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very likely | $12 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Somewhat likely | $24 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Not very likely | $19 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Not at all likely | $25 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| I already do this | $11 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Not applicable | $8 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Likely | $36 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $45 \%$ |
| Not Likely | $44 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $35 \%$ |

8. How do you get most of your news? Select all that apply.

|  | Total 2023 | Total 2022 | Republicans <br> 2023 | Democrats 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Online/internet news | $53 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $51 \%$ |
| Television broadcast news | $38 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $46 \%$ |
| Television cable news | $27 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $33 \%$ |
| Social media (Twitter, Facebook) | $25 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| Radio | $20 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Print newspapers/magazines (and <br> their online versions) | $20 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| Mobile News apps | $19 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| None of the above | $7 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $3 \%$ |

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## About the Study

These are the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between April 14-16, 2023. For this survey, a sample of 1,029 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The sample includes 302 Republicans and 287 Democrats.

The sample was randomly drawn from lpsos' online panel, partner online panel sources, and "river" sampling and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing a sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2019 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Post-hoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, and education.

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The poll also has a credibility interval of plus or minus 6.9 percentage points for Republicans and plus or minus 7.1 percentage points for Democrats.

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#### Abstract

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