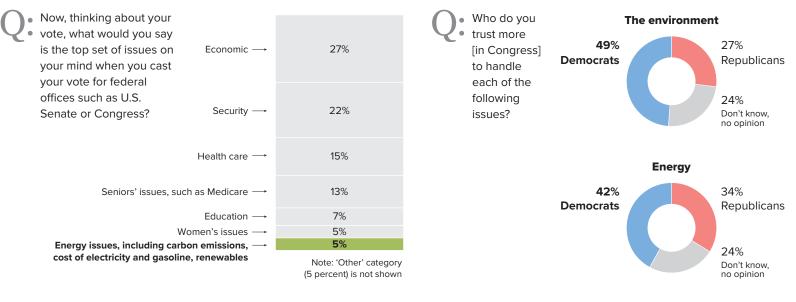


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Majority of Voters Want Congress to Act on Climate Change

Although environmental issues are not a top priority, 58 percent of American voters think climate change is an important issue that Congress should address. Almost two-thirds are concerned about the impacts of climate change on the American economy and environment, and nearly half of voters support the Green New Deal, according to a mid-February Morning Consult-POLITICO poll.



ATTITUDES ON CLIMATE CHANGE How important of a priority should this be for Congress? Passing a bill to address climate change? Should not Don't know. A top priority An important, but lower priority Not too important be done no opinion 32% 26% 18% 13% How concerned are you with the issue of climate change and the impact it is having on the U.S. economy? Don't know, Very concerned Somewhat Not too Not at all no opinion 34% 30% 18% 22% How concerned are you with the issue of climate change and the impact it is having on the U.S. environment? Don't know, Somewhat Not too Not at all Very concerned no opinion 39% 26% 17% 11% In your view, which of the following is MOST responsible for combating climate change? Int'l. organizations, Other Don't know, no opinion Individual people Nonprofits Governments Businesses such as the U.N. 25% 23% 18% 14% 12% 3% ATTITUDES ON THE GREEN NEW DEAL How much have you seen, read or heard about the Green New Deal, a proposal from Democrats in Congress that calls for the elimination of greenhouse gas emissions to the maximum extent possible and for meeting 100 percent of U.S. power needs with clean, renewable and zero-emission energy sources over a 10-year period. A lot Some Not much Nothing at all 29% 22% 28% As you may know, Democratic lawmakers recently introduced a Green New Deal resolution in the House and Senate, calling for the elimination of greenhouse gas emissions to the maximum extent possible and for meeting 100 percent of U.S. power needs with clean, renewable and zeroemission energy sources over a "10-year national mobilization." The resolution does not set a date by which oil, gas or coal would be phased out and does not explicitly exclude energy sources like nuclear or hydropower. Based on what you know now, do you support or oppose the resolution? **OPPOSE SUPPORT** Somewhat Don't know, no opinion Strongly Somewhat Strongly 27% 10% 18% 24% And as you may know, the Green New Deal resolution calls for the creation of 'high-quality union jobs that pay prevailing wages,' local hiring and job training, along with protecting workers' right to organize, unionize and bargain collectively. Based on what you know now, do you

support or oppose the inclusion of these policy goals in the Green New Deal?

SUPPORT		OPPOSE —		
Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	Don't know, no opinion
24%	25%	12%	16%	24%

Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right? The Green New Deal should incorporate The Green New Deal platform should focus specifically

environmental justice, social and on addressing climate change and not incorporate economic policy issues into its platform. environmental justice, social and economic policy issues. Don't know, no opinion

40%

32%

Source: The Morning Consult-POLITICO poll was conducted from February 15-19, 2019, among a national sample of 1914 Registered Voters. The interviews were conducted online and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of registered voters based on age, race/ethnicity, gender, educational attainment, and region. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

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