

This Washington Post-Stanford University poll was conducted by telephone June 13 to 21, 2012, among a random national sample of 804 adults, including landline and cell phone-only respondents. The results from the full survey have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4.5 percentage points. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by Abt-SRBI of New York.

\*= less than 0.5 percent

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2. What in your opinion is the single biggest environmental problem the world faces at this time? (IF AIR POLLUTION OR POLLUTION UNSPECIFIED) What about (air pollution/pollution) do you have in mind?

	6/21/2012	7/28/2008	4/10/2007	3/14/2006
Global warming/Greenhouse effect/Climate change	18	25	33	16
Pollution NET	29	24	26	27
Air pollution	12	12	13	13
Water pollution	7	5	5	6
Pollution (unspecified)	5	4	4	4
Pollution (misc.)	4	3	4	3
Energy problems/dependence on fossil fuels/lack of oil/ oil drilling/oil tankers	7	11	7	10
Toxic substances in environment	5	6	6	7
Destruction/fragmentation/loss of habitat, rain forests, wetlands, forests, open spaces; over-development; logging and mining	4	4	4	7
Waste/landfills/not enough recycling	8	4	3	9
Over-population/over-consumption	4	3	3	4
Saving natural resources	1	2	1	3
Tsunami/tidal wave/earthquake/natural disasters	*	*	*	1
Extinction of species	*	*	1	*
Spread of invasive non-native species	*	*	*	*
None	3	3	1	2
Other	17	9	7	8
Don't know/refused	5	9	8	7

3. How much do you trust the things that scientists say about the environment - completely, a lot, a moderate amount, a little, or not at all?

	6/21/2012	11/14/2010	6/7/2010	11/29/2009	7/28/2008	4/10/2007	3/14/2006
Completely	4	7	5	8	6	5	5
A lot	22	23	26	24	24	27	27
A moderate amount	38	41	40	38	39	43	41
A little	28	22	22	21	23	19	22
Not at all	7	7	7	9	7	5	5
Don't know/Refused	*	*	*	1	1	1	1

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6. What is your personal opinion? Do you think that the world's temperature probably has been going up (half sample--slowly) over the past 100 years, or do you think this probably has not been happening?

	6/21/2012	9/12/2011	11/14/2010	6/7/2010	11/29/2009	7/28/2008	4/10/2007	3/14/2006
Has been happening	73	83	75	74	75	80	84	85
Has not been happening	25	15	23	24	22	18	13	13
Don't know/Refused	2	3	2	2	3	2	3	2

7. How sure are you that the world's temperature [has/has not] been going up (half sample--slowly) over the past 100 years- extremely sure, very sure, somewhat sure, or not sure at all?

"HAS BEEN HAPPENING"	6/21/12	9/12/11	11/14/10	6/7/10	11/29/09	7/28/08	4/10/07	3/14/06
Extremely sure	22	25	18	20	19	20	17	19
Very sure	31	28	30	27	25	31	32	26
Somewhat sure	39	35	42	41	41	37	40	44
Not sure at all	8	11	10	13	16	10	10	11
Don't know/Refused	1	1	*	*	*	*	1	*

"HAS NOT BEEN HAPPENING"	6/21/12	9/12/11	11/14/10	6/7/10	11/29/09	7/28/08	4/10/07	3/14/06
Extremely sure	15	21	9	12	24	16	10	10
Very sure	21	32	26	27	28	20	23	24
Somewhat sure	43	28	45	40	27	38	48	38
Not sure at all	21	20	20	21	21	26	19	28
Don't know/Refused	1	*	*	*	*	*	1	*

8. (Half sample) Do you think a rise in the world's temperature is being caused mostly by things people do, mostly by natural causes, or about equally by things people do and by natural causes?

(Half sample) Do you think that the increase in the world's temperature over the past 100 years was caused mostly by things people did, mostly by natural causes, or about equally by things people did and by natural causes? \*

*\*If respondent says not happening in Q6, "Assuming its happening/If the world's temperature did increase..." and "would be" or "could be" were asked.*

	6/21/12	9/12/11	11/14/10	6/7/10	11/29/09	7/28/08	4/10/07	3/14/06
Things people do	30	27	31	30	30	34	41	31
Natural causes	22	27	24	25	27	21	17	19
Both equally	47	45	45	45	40	44	42	49
Don't know/Refused	1	2	1	*	3	1	1	1

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10. If nothing is done to prevent it, do you think the world's temperature probably will go up slowly over the next 100 years, or do you think the world's temperature probably will not go up slowly over the next 100 years?

	6/21/2012	9/12/2011	11/14/2010
Will go up	72	72	75
Will not go up	24	24	20
Don't know/Refused	4	4	5

11. (IF PROBABLY WILL/WILL NOT GO UP) How sure are you that, if nothing is done to stop it, the world's temperature probably (will/ will not) go up (half sample--slowly) over the next 100 years, extremely sure, very sure, somewhat sure, or not sure at all?

	6/21/2012	11/14/2010
Extremely sure	25	23
Very sure	27	29
Somewhat sure	36	37
Not sure at all	11	11
Don't know/Refused	*	*

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13. How much do you feel you know about global warming - a lot, a moderate amount, a little, or nothing?

	6/21/2012	11/14/2010	6/7/2010	11/29/2009	7/28/2008	4/10/2007	3/14/2006
A lot	11	13	15	17	13	11	10
A moderate amount	44	53	53	49	49	51	47
A little	37	29	27	29	33	33	36
Nothing	9	4	5	5	4	4	6
Don't know/Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

14. If nothing is done to reduce global warming in the future, how serious of a problem do you think it will be for THE UNITED STATES – very serious, somewhat serious, not so serious, or not serious at all?\*

*\*If respondent says not happening in Q6, "Assuming it's happening..." and "would be" asked.*

	6/21/2012	11/14/2010	6/7/2010	11/29/2009	3/14/2006
Very serious	40	42	46	42	49
Somewhat serious	38	33	32	31	34
Not so serious	12	14	12	13	10
Not serious at all	8	10	10	13	6
Don't know/Refused	2	1	1	1	2

15. If nothing is done to reduce global warming in the future, how serious of a problem do you think it will be for THE WORLD – very serious, somewhat serious, not so serious, or not serious at all?

*\*If respondent says not happening in Q6, "Assuming it's happening..." and "would be" asked.*

	6/21/2012	11/14/2010	6/7/2010	11/29/2009	3/14/2006
Very serious	50	51	55	51	57
Somewhat serious	31	27	26	25	28
Not so serious	10	12	11	11	8
Not serious at all	7	9	8	13	5
Don't know/Refused	1	1	1	*	2

16. How important is the issue of global warming to you personally – extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

	6/21/2012	2011	11/14/2010	6/7/2010	11/29/2009	7/28/2008	4/10/2007	3/14/2006
Extremely important	10	15	16	14	16	16	18	17
Very important	28	27	29	32	25	30	34	32
Somewhat important	39	28	30	30	30	31	30	32
Not too important	13	15	16	12	13	13	8	10
Not important at all	10	14	9	12	16	9	9	8
Don't know/Refused	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	*

17. How strong are your opinions on the issue of global warming – extremely strong, very strong, somewhat strong, not too strong, or not strong at all?

	6/21/2012	11/14/2010	6/7/2010
Extremely strong	11	14	13
Very strong	28	30	28
Somewhat strong	36	35	34
Not too strong	18	14	15
Not strong at all	7	7	9
Don't know/Refused	1	*	1

18. How much do you trust the things that scientists say about global warming - completely, a lot, a moderate amount, a little, or not at all?

	6/21/2012
Completely	6
A lot	22
A moderate amount	33
A little	26
Not at all	11
Don't know/Refused	1

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23. How much do you think the U.S. government should do about global warming? A great deal, quite a bit, some, a little, or nothing?

	6/21/2012	11/14/2010	6/7/2010	11/29/2009
A great deal	32	41	34	31
Quite a bit	23	18	22	21
Some	26	21	22	23
A little	8	11	11	10
Nothing	10	9	11	15
Don't know/Refused	1	*	*	*

24. How much should U.S. businesses do about global warming? A great deal, quite a bit, some, a little, or nothing?

Q27	6/21/2012	11/14/2010	6/7/2010	11/29/2009
A great deal	39	38	35	35
Quite a bit	22	20	22	16
Some	23	22	22	25
A little	8	10	11	11
Nothing	8	8	9	13
Don't know/Refused	*	1	*	1

25. How much do you think the U.S. government is doing now to deal with global warming? A great deal, quite a bit, some, a little, or nothing?

	6/21/2012	11/14/2010	6/7/2010	11/29/2009
A great deal	7	6	7	9
Quite a bit	11	10	13	12
Some	44	48	45	41
A little	29	26	25	27
Nothing	8	8	9	9
Don't know/Refused	1	2	1	2

26. How much do you think U.S. businesses are doing now to deal with global warming? A great deal, quite a bit, some, a little, or nothing?

	6/21/2012	11/14/2010	6/7/2010	11/29/2009
A great deal	3	4	5	6
Quite a bit	10	7	11	7
Some	34	39	35	38
A little	40	35	35	34
Nothing	13	12	13	13
Don't know/Refused	1	3	*	2

27. As you may have heard, greenhouse gases are thought to cause global warming. In your opinion do you think the government should or should not limit the amount of greenhouse gasses that U.S. businesses put out?

	6/21/2012
Government should limit	77
Government should not limit	20
Don't know/Refused	3

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33. (Assuming it's happening, do/ Do) you think the things people would have to do to stop global warming would make your own life better, worse, or neither better nor worse?

	6/21/2012	6/7/2010
Better	43	43
Worse	12	14
Neither better nor worse	43	43
Don't know/Refused	1	1

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35. (Assuming it's happening) Do you think global warming is causing there to be more droughts, is causing there to be fewer droughts, or is global warming not affecting the number of droughts?

	6/21/2012
More droughts	57
Fewer droughts	5
Not affecting	35
Don't know/Refused	3

36. (Assuming it's happening,) Do you think global warming is causing there to be more storms, is causing there to be fewer storms, or is global warming not affecting the number of storms?

	6/21/2012
More storms	55
Fewer storms	8
Not affecting	33
Don't know/Refused	3

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