

# Congressional Insiders Poll



Do you think it's been proven beyond a reasonable doubt that the Earth is warming because of man-made pollution?

**■ Republicans (35 votes)**

Yes	23 percent
No	77 percent

**■ Yes**

(No comments)

**■ No**

"The Earth is warming—that much is certain. What is not certain, however, is the role of man versus nature. The press has made up its mind and is taking the side of extreme environmentalists."

"Even if temperatures are rising, a dubious proposition in itself, there is absolutely no conclusive evidence that it has anything to do with man. Remember, there was a Medieval Warm Period that lasted from about the 10th to the 14th centuries, followed by the Little Ice Age. We could be going through something similar, if indeed we are going through anything."

"Respected scientists from both sides of the issue have presented convincing evidence. However, proponents of the 'global warming as a result of man-made pollution' theory have failed to prove that the fluctuations we are seeing are not the natural fluctuations we know have occurred over the course of history, well preceding the planet's population by humans."

"But there is a preponderance of evidence in this direction."

"'Political science' is a misnomer and so would be 'judicial science.' Mistrial declared."

"There's no question that man has an effect on the environment. But what that actually amounts to, nobody is certain. Liberals and environmentalists point to every other weather system as an example of man-caused climate change: If it's too hot, that's evidence of 'global warming.' If it's too cold, that's more evidence of 'global warming.' We need more research and less demagoguery."

**■ Democrats (42 votes)**

Yes	98 percent
No	2 percent

**■ Yes**

"Yes, beyond the shadow of a doubt. All major scientific bodies of the world agree that humans are changing the climate and that we must take immediate action to avoid dire consequences."

"There have been 868 studies, peer-reviewed, and not a single one doubts it; there is no controversy."

"There is no other proof available. Besides, the way we have treated this planet, what else can we expect?"

"There is an overwhelming scientific consensus that the Earth is warming as a result of man-made greenhouse gases. The only 'scientists' who disagree are those whose 'research' is funded by the oil companies, who were appointed to a federal commission by George Bush, or who believe in 'intelligent design.'"

"All the science supports this view, despite the efforts by the coal industry to try and cast doubt. What is not known is how soon we will reach the tipping point, where our efforts to stop or reverse this trend will fail. If we are reaching this point, then the Bush administration's inaction has contributed greatly to the problem."

"It's also proven that—for the Bush administration—scientific evidence is never conclusive."

"The Bush administration really has their head in the sand."

"Yes, but it is not 100 percent clear what action will rectify the situation. All we know is that we had better do something."

"It's our automobiles, fossil-fueled electric plants, and outmoded emission technology, stupid!"

"Until all man-made waste is recycled, nature will be negatively impacted."

**■ No**

(No comments)

—PETER BELL

## National Journal Insiders

■ *National Journal's* Congressional Insiders Poll includes 111 members of Congress—12 Senate Republicans, 46 House Republicans, 6 Senate Democrats, 46 House Democrats, and 1 Senate independent. (The vote of the Senate's lone independent is tallied as if he were a Democrat.)

■ **GOP Congressional Insiders** Sens. Lamar Alexander, George Allen, Jim Bunning, Conrad Burns, John Cornyn, Lindsey Graham, Johnny Isakson, Mel Martinez, Lisa Murkowski, Olympia Snowe, John Sununu, John Thune; Reps. Sherwood Boehlert, John Boehner, Kevin Brady, John Campbell, Chris Cannon, Eric Cantor, Michael Castle, Tom Cole, Tom Davis, John Doolittle, David Dreier, Phil English, Jeff Flake, Mark Foley, Bob Goodlatte, Melissa Hart, Doc Hastings, J.D. Hayworth, Pete Hoekstra, Bobby Jindal, Peter King, Jack Kingston, Mark Kirk, Jim Kolbe, Ray LaHood, Dan Lungren, Kenny Marchant, Jim McCrery, Patrick McHenry, Cathy McMorris, John Mica, Marilyn Musgrave, Sue Myrick, Mike Pence, Tom Price, Deborah Pryce, Adam Putnam, Dave Reichert, Tom Reynolds, Mike Rogers of Michigan, Paul Ryan, Pete Sessions, Christopher Shays, John Sweeney, Zach Wamp, and Joe Wilson.

■ **Democratic Congressional Insiders** Sens. Christopher Dodd, James Jeffords (independent), Edward Kennedy, Frank Lautenberg, Barbara Mikulski, Mark Pryor, Ken Salazar; Reps. Tom Allen, Tammy Baldwin, Melissa Bean, Xavier Becerra, Howard Berman, Marlon Berry, Rick Boucher, Sherrod Brown, Michael Capuano, Ben Cardin, James Clyburn, Jim Cooper, Joseph Crowley, Elijah Cummings, Artur Davis, Jim Davis, Diana DeGette, Rosa DeLauro, Eliot Engel, Anna Eshoo, Sam Farr, Chaka Fattah, Bob Filner, Alcee Hastings, Mike Honda, Steve Israel, Jim Langevin, John Lewis, Zoe Lofgren, Nita Lowey, Ed Markey, Jim McDermott, Jim McGovern, Jim Moran, David Price, Silvestre Reyes, Jan Schakowsky, Jose Serrano, Adam Smith, John Spratt, Pete Stark, John Tanner, Ellen Tauscher, Bennie Thompson, Chris Van Hollen, and Henry Waxman.

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• Which of these **actions to reduce pollution** could you possibly support?

### ■ **Republicans** (34 votes)

A. Mandatory limits on carbon dioxide emissions	35 percent
B. Increased spending on alternative fuels	74 percent
C. Greater reliance on nuclear energy	91 percent
D. Higher fuel-efficiency standards for automobiles	50 percent
E. Higher gasoline tax	15 percent

"There are many commonsense, proven steps we can take; however, we can't hobble our economy in doing so."

"B, C, D. This is the secret to both energy security and national security!"

"Nuclear energy can be the solution to most of our energy problems. It is silly to believe that the Japanese and French are somehow better able to handle nuclear material than we are. If those peoples can accept the very small risks associated with nuclear power, why can't we?"

"We need to expand our energy resources, but placing additional burdensome regulations on businesses and increasing government spending and taxes are *not* the answer."

"Nuclear energy is safe, efficient, and low-cost. At a minimum, federal rules and regulations shouldn't discourage its broader use."

"All of the above are possibilities to consider."

### ■ **Democrats** (42 votes)

A. Mandatory limits on carbon dioxide emissions	90 percent
B. Increased spending on alternative fuels	90 percent
C. Greater reliance on nuclear energy	36 percent
D. Higher fuel-efficiency standards for automobiles	86 percent
E. Higher gasoline tax	31 percent

"Increasing our use of alternative energy resources and raising fuel-efficiency standards in cars and trucks would do a tremendous amount to help mitigate global warming. However, if we are truly serious about solving this problem, we must embrace mandatory limits on carbon dioxide emissions."

"A and B would be my top priorities. I think that we should reduce our need for fossil fuels and clean up some of the environment by engaging in these two areas."

"We have 10 years or less to address global warming. It's a crisis which can only be addressed by comprehensive policies. God help us all if we don't."

"Shouldn't need [more nuclear energy] if we really seek and implement alternative fuels."

"Nuclear energy isn't going to be a solution, because of lack of sufficient fuel and lack of storage space for spent fuel. Higher gas taxes unfairly penalize the poor, and higher gas prices are incentive enough to consume less fuel."

"Once we have a president who can pronounce 'nuclear' (not 'nuclear'), and if we make progress on issues related to long-term storage of spent nuclear fuel and safeguarding nuclear plants from potential terrorist attacks, I would feel more comfortable about ramping up nuclear power production in this nation."

"Second to the burning of coal, transportation is the greatest contributor to greenhouse-gas emissions. I support a \$5 per gallon tax on gasoline to encourage the use of hybrids and four-cylinder engines."

"Yes [to higher gasoline tax], and target increased revenue to researching alternatives and improved mass transit."

"This administration needs a 'man on the moon' approach to the challenge of energy independence and global warming."

"We must do all of the above, not just to flight global warming, but to invest in our technological future. It's really about economic survival. We can't let short-term corporate bottom lines be our public policy."

"Breaking America's addiction to foreign oil is an economic, environmental, and national security issue. We need to keep every option on the table as we begin to tackle this problem."

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