



KEY FINDINGS ON CLIMATE POLICY & CARBON DIVIDENDS PLAN

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DIRECTION OF CLIMATE POLICY

- ▶ **Voter concern over climate change has increased over the past year and voters want a bipartisan national solution.**
- **By a margin of 8 to 1**, registered voters say they are **more concerned about climate change** now than they were a year ago (increase – decrease) (48% more concerned).
- **By a margin of 6 to 1**, voters want **any national climate solution to be bipartisan** (58% Rep, 63% Dem, 56% Ind).
- **7 out of 10 voters** (71%) say the **U.S. government should take action** to limit carbon emissions (51% Rep, 86% Dem, 73% Ind).

SUPPORT FOR A CARBON DIVIDENDS PLAN

- ▶ **Support for the Carbon Dividends Plan spans party lines.**
- **Two thirds of voters** (65%) say they support charging fossil fuel companies for their carbon emissions and giving the money back to Americans with the goal of cutting emissions.
 - **4 to 1 support overall**; 2 to 1 support among Republicans; 3 to 1 support among Republicans under 40; 16 to 1 support among Democrats; 4 to 1 support among independents.
- **Voters support all four** parts of the Carbon Dividends Plan.
 - 64% of voters support a carbon fee.
 - 68% of voters support returning the money to all Americans as a quarterly dividend.
 - 62% of voters support replacing existing regulations that are no longer necessary.
 - 66% of voters support applying the carbon fee to foreign imports.

OTHER KEY FINDINGS

- **3 in 4 Democrats** say they would **support replacing carbon regulations with a price on carbon** if it could achieve more than twice the emissions reductions (74%).
- **By a margin of 6 to 1**, voters say they would be **more likely to vote for a candidate** who supported the Carbon Dividends Plan (56%).

This poll was conducted by Morning Consult on behalf of Climate Leadership Council from January 31- February 2, 2020 among a national sample of 1,991 registered voters. The interviews were conducted online and the data weighted to approximate a target sample of registered voters based on age, race/ethnicity, gender, educational attainment, and region. The results from the full survey have a margin of error of +/-2%.