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N = 1000 likely voters
Margin of error plus/minus 3.1%

Hello, my name is XX and I am calling from Action Research. This is not a sales call. We are conducting a brief survey of voters and would just like your opinions on a few issues.

1. Are you or is someone in your house a registered voter? May I speak with that person?

100 Yes

2. What is the most important issue facing the United States right now? [**OPEN CODE**][**ALL RESPONSES ABOVE 5%**]

30 Health care
17 Economy
9 Foreign policy
7 Social issues
7 Crime
15 Other

3. And the second most?

19 Health care
17 Economy
12 Foreign policy
10 Jobs
8 Social issues
7 Environment
6 Crime
9 Other

4. Thinking just about environmental issues for a moment, what is the most pressing environmental issue facing the United States now? [**OPEN CODE**][**ALL RESPONSES ABOVE 5%**]

34 Climate change/global warming
6 Pollution
6 Clean water
11 Don't know/refused

5. And what will be the most pressing environmental issue facing the United States in the next 25 years? [**OPEN CODE**][**ALL RESPONSES ABOVE 5%**]

30 Climate change/global warming
8 Clean water
5 Pollution
16 Don't know/refused

[QUESTIONS 6 THROUGH 14 ROTATED]

I am going to read you a list of statements. For each one, please tell me whether you . . . with it.

6. Energy is a good thing; we should not make it more expensive.

57 Strongly agree
28 Somewhat agree
85 TOTAL AGREE

7 Somewhat disagree
4 Strongly disagree
11 TOTAL DISAGREE

4 Have no opinion about

7. If there are costs associated with a tax or regulation, consumers will wind up paying them.

51 Strongly agree
34 Somewhat agree
85 TOTAL AGREE

7 Somewhat disagree
3 Strongly disagree
10 TOTAL DISAGREE

5 Have no opinion about

8. We can address climate change and make energy affordable and reliable for everyone.

53 Strongly agree
32 Somewhat agree
85 TOTAL AGREE

5 Somewhat disagree
4 Strongly disagree
9 TOTAL DISAGREE

6 Have no opinion about

9. Solutions to climate change are going to involve technological breakthroughs.

44 Strongly agree
36 Somewhat agree
80 TOTAL AGREE

9 Somewhat disagree
5 Strongly disagree
14 TOTAL DISAGREE

7 Have no opinion about

10. Solutions should not make life more expensive or complicated.

48 Strongly agree
31 Somewhat agree
79 TOTAL AGREE

10 Somewhat disagree
7 Strongly disagree
17 TOTAL DISAGREE

5 Have no opinion about

11. Solutions to climate change should address the needs of the 2 billion people in the world who don't have access to affordable, reliable energy.

42 Strongly agree
34 Somewhat agree
76 TOTAL AGREE

10 Somewhat disagree
5 Strongly disagree
15 TOTAL DISAGREE

8 Have no opinion about

12. To the extent climate change is a problem, it is likely to be solved by technology, research, innovation, and education rather than by government mandates.

42 Strongly agree
34 Somewhat agree
76 TOTAL AGREE

9 Somewhat disagree
7 Strongly disagree
16 TOTAL DISAGREE

8 Have no opinion about

13. The last thing we need is higher taxes or more bureaucracy.

53 Strongly agree
20 Somewhat agree
73 TOTAL AGREE

12 Somewhat disagree
10 Strongly disagree
22 TOTAL DISAGREE

5 Have no opinion about

14. Innovators and entrepreneurs are probably going to be more important in addressing climate change than will laws and regulations.

37 Strongly agree

33 Somewhat agree

70 TOTAL AGREE

14 Somewhat disagree

7 Strongly disagree

21 TOTAL DISAGREE

10 Have no opinion about

15. Which of the following makes most of the decisions about energy in the United States? **[ROTATED]**

54 Government

29 Businesses

13 Consumers

4 Other **[NOT READ]**

16. Who should? **[ROTATED]**

53 Consumers

25 Government

13 Businesses

9 Other **[NOT READ]**

17. Which of the following should decide what kind of fuel you can buy, what kind of car you should drive, or how you should get to work and do your errands? **[ROTATE]**

83 You

9 The federal government

5 Other **[NOT READ][RECORD]**

3 Don't know/refused **[NOT READ]**

18. Can you tell me one thing you personally have done to address climate change? If you can't think of any, that's okay, let's move on. **[OPEN CODE][RESPONSES ABOVE 5%]**

29 Recycle
23 Nothing
17 Been more efficient
10 Don't know

[QUESTIONS 19 THROUGH 26 ROTATED]

I would like to read some proposed solutions to climate change. For each one, please tell me whether you think the proposed solution is likely to help address climate change. If you are unsure, just tell me.

19. Tax energy

33 Yes
47 No
21 Don't know/refused

20. More government regulations

45 Yes
42 No
12 Don't know/refused

21. Technologies/inventions

82 Yes
10 No
8 Don't know/refused

22. Reduce pollution

86 Yes
8 No
4 Don't know/refused

23. Improve energy efficiency

87 Yes
8 No
5 Don't know/refused

24. Renewable energy

84 Yes
9 No
7 Don't know/refused

25. Education

81 Yes
13 No
6 Don't know/refused

26. Recycling

85 Yes
10 No
5 Don't know/refused

27. In general, do you favor or oppose the idea of creating a federal tax on carbon dioxide emissions?

39 Favor
44 Oppose
18 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

28. Do you trust the federal government to spend money from such tax wisely?

18 Yes
74 No
8 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

29. [**SPLIT SAMPLE**] How much more would you personally be willing to pay each year to address global warming? I just need a number in dollars.

MEAN 245
MEDIAN 25

(32% answered “0”; in total, 44% answered 10 dollars or less)

How much more would you personally be willing to pay each year to make the economy less dependent on fossil fuels overall? I just need a number in dollars.

MEAN 265
MEDIAN 30

(31% answered “0”; in total, 42% answered 10 dollars or less)

30. Thinking about carbon dioxide more broadly, which of the following statements comes closest to your thoughts? [**ROTATED**]
- 31 Carbon dioxide is a pollutant that is damaging the environment and compromising human health.
 - 55 Carbon dioxide is needed for plant life, and humans both exhale it and consume it every day.
 - 14 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

Switching topics for just a few final questions . . .

31. For whom did you vote for President? [**ROTATED**]

- 47 Secretary Clinton
- 39 Mr. Trump
- 8 Other [**NOT READ**]
- 6 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

32. What is your age please?

- 29 Under 35
- 31 35 to 54
- 30 55 to 70
- 11 70 and over

33. What is your race or ethnic background?
- 72 White
 - 11 African American
 - 4 Asian
 - 9 Hispanic
 - 4 Other [**NOT READ**]
34. With respect to politics, would you describe yourself as . . . ?
- 22 Conservative
 - 15 Somewhat conservative
 - 31 Moderate
 - 11 Somewhat liberal
 - 18 Liberal
 - 3 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]
35. Which of the following best describes the highest level of education you have achieved?
- 2 Some high school
 - 18 High school diploma
 - 24 Some college
 - 32 College degree
 - 6 Some postgraduate work
 - 19 Graduate or professional degree
36. Into which category does your annual household income fall? Just stop me when I get to right category.
- 33 Less than \$40,000
 - 28 \$40 to \$80,000
 - 18 Between \$80,000 and \$120,000
 - 11 More than \$120,000
 - 10 Don't know/refused [**DO NOT READ**]
37. Do you usually vote for Republicans or Democrats in Congressional elections?
- 37 Republicans
 - 46 Democrats

- 13 Neither/other [**NOT READ**]
- 4 Don't know/refused [**NOT READ**]

38. Gender [**BY OBSERVATION**]

- 48 Male
- 52 Female