## Survey questionnaire and topline

## 2016 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL WAVE 17 May <br> FINAL TOPLINE <br> May 10 - June 6, 2016 <br> FORM 3 N=1,534

## ASK ALL FORMS [ $\mathrm{N}=4,563$ ]:

TALK Thinking about conversations you have had in person, on the phone, or by email, text message or social media, which of these topics, if any, have you talked about in the PAST 7 DAYS?

| a. |  | Selected | Not selected /No answer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | The economy and job situation |  |  |
|  | May 10-June 6,2016 | 46 | 54 |
| b. | Severe storms |  |  |
|  | May 10-June 6,2016 | 37 | 63 |
| C. | Food and nutrition |  |  |
|  | May 10-June 6,2016 | 47 | 53 |
| d. | The 2016 presidential election campaign |  |  |
|  | May 10-June 6,2016 | 66 | 34 |
| e. | Health and medicine |  |  |
|  | May 10-June 6,2016 | 53 | 47 |
| f. | Sports |  |  |
|  | May 10-June 6,2016 | 36 | 64 |
| g. | None of these [EXCLUSIVE |  |  |
|  | PUNCH] |  |  |
|  | May 10-June 6,2016 | 7 | 93 |

ASK ALL FORMS [N=4,563] EXCEPT WHERE NOTED:
CONF How much confidence, if any, do you have in each of the following to act in the best interests of the public? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]
a. Elected officials

May 10 -June 6 ( | $\frac{2016}{3}$ | A great deal of confidence |
| :---: | :--- |
| 24 | A fair amount of confidence |
| 54 | Not too much confidence |
| 19 | No confidence at all |
| 1 | No answer |

b. The news media

May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
5 A great deal of confidence
33 A fair amount of confidence
40 Not too much confidence
21 No confidence at all
1 No answer

## CONF CONTINUED...

c. The military

May 10-June 6 $\underline{2016}$

| 33 | A great deal of confidence |
| :---: | :--- |
| 46 | A fair amount of confidence |
| 15 | Not too much confidence |
| 5 | No confidence at all |
| 1 | No answer |

## ASK FORM 1 [ $\mathrm{N}=1,549$ ]:

d. Medical scientists

May 10-June 6 $\underline{2016}$
24 A great deal of confidence
60 A fair amount of confidence
12 Not too much confidence
3 No confidence at all
1 No answer

## ASK FORM 2 AND FORM 3 [N=3,014]:

d. Scientists

May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
21 A great deal of confidence
55 A fair amount of confidence
18 Not too much confidence
4 No confidence at all
1 No answer
e. Religious leaders

May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
13 A great deal of confidence
39 A fair amount of confidence
32 Not too much confidence
14 No confidence at all
1 No answer
f. Public school principals and superintendents for grades K-12

May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
13 A great deal of confidence
53 A fair amount of confidence
27 Not too much confidence
7 No confidence at all
1

No answer
CONF CONTINUED...
g. Business leaders
May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
4 A great deal of confidence
37 A fair amount of confidence
44 Not too much confidence
14 No confidence at all
1 No answer

## OTHER QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE OR PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

## ASK FORM 3 [N=1,534] [RANDOMIZE ITEMS D-F]:

LOCAL How much, if at all, is each of the following a problem in your local community? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]
d. Air pollution
May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
19 Big problem in my local community
44 Small problem in my local community
36 Not a problem in my local community
1 No answer
e. Water pollution of lakes, rivers and streams
May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
23 Big problem in my local community
43 Small problem in my local community
33 Not a problem in my local community
1 No answer
f. Too much land development
May 10-June 6 $\underline{2016}$
29 Big problem in my local community
37 Small problem in my local community
34 Not a problem in my local community
1 No answer

## ASK FORM 3 [N=1,534]:

ENV1 Compared with twenty years ago, do you think the U.S. is producing...
May 10-June 6

2016
72 More energy today
10 Less energy today
17 About the same amount of energy today
1 No answer

## ASK FORM 3 [ $\mathrm{N}=1,534$ ]:

ENV2
Do you favor or oppose EXPANDING each of the following sources of energy in our country? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

May 10-June 6,2016
a. More offshore oil and gas drilling in U.S. waters

| $\frac{\text { Favor }}{45}$ | Oppose | $\frac{\text { No answer }}{52}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |

b. More nuclear power plants to generate electricity
$43 \quad 54$

57
9

53

14
3

## NO QUESTION ENV3

## ASK FORM 3 [ $\mathrm{N}=1,534$ ]:

ENV4 Have you given serious thought to installing solar panels to generate electricity for your home within the past 12 months, or haven't you done this?

May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
37 I have given serious thought to installing solar panels at home
4 I have already installed solar panels at home
56 I have not installed nor given serious thought to installing solar panels
3 No answer

# ASK IF "GIVEN SERIOUS THOUGHT TO INSTALLING SOLAR PANELS AT HOME" (ENV4=1) OR <br> "HAVE ALREADY INSTALLED SOLAR PANELS AT HOME" (ENV4=2) [N=670]: <br> ENV5 [ASK IF "GIVEN SERIOUS THOUGHT TO INSTALLING SOLAR PANELS AT HOME" (ENV4=1): Is each of the following a reason you would install solar panels at your home, or not? /ASK IF "HAVE ALREADY INSTALLED SOLAR PANELS AT HOME" (ENV4=2): Is each of the following a reason that you have installed solar panels at your home, or not?] [RANDOMIZE ITEMS] 

May 10-June 6,2016
a. To save money on utility bills

| $\frac{\text { Yes, a }}{\frac{\text { reason }}{92}}$ | $\frac{\text { No, not a }}{\text { reason }}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 87 |  |  |
| 87 | 12 |  |
| 67 | 32 | 1 |
| 59 | 38 | 1 |
| 59 |  | 2 |

## ASK FORM 3 [ $\mathrm{N}=1,534$ ]:

On a different topic...
ENV6 Which, if any, of the following have you done within the PAST 12 MONTHS?
[Check all that apply] [RANDOMIZE ITEMS; item g always last]

| May | S0-June 6,2016 |  | Not selected |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. $\quad$Participated in a clean-up day at a <br> park, public place, or neighborhood | 14 | 86 |  |
| b. $\quad$Worked in a PUBLIC SPACE tending <br> to or planting flowers, trees or <br> shrubs | 10 | 90 |  |
| c. $\quad$Worked to take care of a vegetable <br> garden for your family's use | 34 | 66 |  |
| d. $\quad$Taken a hike in a park or natural <br> setting outdoors | 50 | 50 |  |
| e. $\quad$Been camping overnight | 16 | 84 |  |
| f. $\quad$Been hunting or fishing | 21 | 79 |  |
| g. $\quad$None of these [EXCLUSIVE <br> PUNCH] | 27 | 73 |  |

## ASK FORM 3 [ $\mathrm{N}=1,534$ ]:

ENV7 How often, if at all, do you do the following? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]
a. Use your own bags for shopping purchases because it is better for the environment May 10-June 6

## 2016

15 Always

38 Sometimes
17 Not too often
29 Never
1 No answer
b. Buy a cleaning product because the ingredients in it are better for the environment May 10-June 6 $\underline{2016}$

| 12 <br> 45 <br> 23$\quad$ | Slways |
| :---: | :--- |
| 18 | Sometimes |
| 2 | Never often |
| 2 | No answer |

ASK FORM 3 [ $\mathrm{N}=1,534$ ]:
ENV8 Do you currently have any of the following in your home or yard?
[Check all that apply] [RANDOMIZE ITEMS; item e always last]

May 10-June 6,2016
a. A compost pile
b. A rain barrel or catch for rainwater
c. A vegetable garden
d. Recycling containers for plastic or paper goods

63
e. None of these [EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]

Not selected /No answer 79

89
67

37

76

## ASK FORM 3 [ $\mathrm{N}=1,534$ ]:

ENV16 How much, if at all, does it bother you to see... [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]
a. People drinking from a disposable water bottle

May 10-June 6
2016
14 A lot
22 Some

30 Not too much
32 None
1 No answer
b. People throwing away things in the trash that could be recycled

May 10-June 6 $\underline{2016}$
32 A lot

41 Some
15 Not too much
10 None
1 No answer
c. People incorrectly putting things in recycling bins that the local community does not recycle May 10-June 6 $\underline{2016}$
25 A lot
41 Some

21 Not too much
11 None
2 No answer
d. People driving places that are close enough to walk

May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
21 A lot

31 Some
28 Not too much
19 None
1 No answer
e. People leaving lights and electronic devices on when no one is using them

May 10-June 6 $\underline{2016}$
36 A lot

40 Some
15 Not too much
8 None
1 No answer

## ASK FORM 3 [ $\mathrm{N}=1,534$ ]:

ENV17 How often, if ever, do you make an effort to live in ways that help protect the environment?

May 10-June 6
2016
20 All the time
63 Some of the time
13 Not too often
4 Not at all

* No answer


## ASK FORM 3 [ $\mathrm{N}=1,534$ ]:

ENV18 Would you describe yourself as particularly concerned or not particularly concerned about helping the environment as you go about your daily life?

May 10-June 6
2016
75 Particularly concerned about helping the environment 24 Not particularly concerned about helping the environment 1 No answer

## ASK FORM 3 [ $\mathrm{N}=1,534$ ]:

ENV19
Thinking about your CLOSEST FAMILY AND FRIENDS, how many of them always make an effort to live in ways that help protect the environment?

May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
26 Most of them
45 Some of them
23 Only a few
6 None of them

* No answer


## ASK FORM 3 [ $\mathrm{N}=1,534$ ]:

On the topic of climate change...
ENV20A Which of these three statements about the Earth's temperature comes closest to your view? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 and 2; KEEP 3 and 8 LAST]

May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
45 The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of human activity such as burning fossil fuels
26 The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of natural patterns in the Earth's environment
14 There is no solid evidence that the Earth is getting warmer
14
1

Not sure
No answer

## ASK IF NOT SURE OR NO ANSWER (ENV20A=8,99) [N=156]:

ENV20B Even if you are not sure, which of these three statements about the Earth's temperature comes closest to your view? [SAME ORDER AS ABOVE]

May 10-June 6
2016
20 The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of human activity such as burning fossil fuels
29 The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of natural patterns in the Earth's environment
41 There is no solid evidence that the Earth is getting warmer 10 No answer

## COMBINED RESPONSES ENV20A AND ENV20B [N=1,534]:

May 10-June 6

48 The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of human activity such as burning fossil fuels/lean
31 The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of natural patterns in the Earth's environment/lean
20 There is no solid evidence that the Earth is getting warmer/lean
2 No answer

## ASK FORM 3 [ $\mathrm{N}=1,534$ ]:

ENV21 How much do you, personally, care about the issue of global climate change?
May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
36 A great deal
38 Some
18 Not too much
$8 \quad$ Not at all
1

No answer

## ASK FORM 3 [ $\mathrm{N}=1,534$ ]:

ENV22 Thinking about the following proposals to address global climate change, how much difference, if any, do you think each can make? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]
a. People's efforts to reduce their "carbon footprint," that is the amount of greenhouse gas emissions caused by their actions in everyday life
May 10-June 6 $\underline{2016}$
38 A big difference

44 A small difference
16 Almost no difference
2 No answer
b. Restrictions on power plant carbon emissions

May 10-June 6 $\underline{2016}$
51 A big difference
34 A small difference
13 Almost no difference
2 No answer
c. More people driving hybrid and electric automobiles

May 10-June 6

## $\underline{2016}$

41 A big difference
39 A small difference
18 Almost no difference
2 No answer
d. An international agreement to limit carbon emissions

May 10-June 6 $\underline{2016}$
49 A big difference

33 A small difference
16 Almost no difference
2 No answer
e. Tougher fuel efficiency standards for automobiles and trucks

May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
46 A big difference
38 A small difference
14 Almost no difference
2 No answer

## ENV22 CONTINUED...

f. Corporate tax incentives to encourage businesses to reduce their "carbon footprint," that is the amount of greenhouse gas emissions caused by their actions

May 10-June 6 $\underline{2016}$
45 A big difference

38 A small difference
16 Almost no difference
2 No answer

## ASK FORM 3 [N=1,534]:

ENV23 Do you think each of the following things will or will not happen in the NEXT 50 YEARS, that is before the year 2066? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS A AND B]
a. New technology will solve most of the problems from global climate change May 10-June 6

2016
7 Will definitely happen
$48 \quad$ Will probably happen
37 Will probably NOT happen
7 Will definitely NOT happen
1 No answer
b. We will make MAJOR changes to our way of life in America in order to address the problems from global climate change May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$

| 14 | Will definitely happen |
| :---: | :--- |
| 47 | Will probably happen |
| 33 | Will probably NOT happen |
| 4 | Will definitely NOT happen |
| 1 | No answer |

## ASK FORM 3 [ $\mathrm{N}=1,534$ ]:

ENV24 [ASK IF "EARTH IS GETTING WARMER" ENV20A=1,2 OR ENV20B=1,2]: From what you have heard or read, how likely, if at all, are each of the following to occur because of global climate change?
[ASK IF "NO SOLID EVIDENCE" ENV20A=3 OR ENV20B=3 OR NO ANSWER
(ENV20B=99)]: From what you have heard or read, how likely, if at all, would each of the following be to occur because of global climate change? [ [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]
a. Storms become more severe

May 10-June 6

## $\underline{2016}$

42 Very likely
36 Fairly likely
15 Not too likely
6 Not at all likely
1 No answer

## ENV24 CONTINUED...

b. Rising sea levels that erode beaches and shore lines

May 10-June 6
$\frac{2016}{41}$
41 Very likely

35 Fairly likely
17 Not too likely
6 Not at all likely
1 No answer
c. Damage to forests and plant life

May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
42 Very likely
35 Fairly likely

16 Not too likely
6 Not at all likely
1 No answer
d. More droughts or water shortages

May 10-June 6

| $\frac{2016}{42}$ |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| 34 | Very likely |
| 17 |  |
| 6 | Not too likely |
| 1 | Not at all likely |
|  | No answer |

e. Harm to animal wildlife and their habitats

May 10-June 6

| $\frac{2016}{43}$ | Very likely |
| :---: | :--- |
| 36 | Fairly likely |
| 15 | Not too likely |
| 5 | Not at all likely |
| 1 | No answer |

## ASK FORM 3 [ $\mathrm{N}=1,534$ ]:

ENV25 What role, if any, do you think each of the following groups should have in MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT POLICY ISSUES related to global climate change? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]
a. Elected officials

May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$

| 44 | A major role |
| :---: | :--- |
| 40 | A minor role |
| 14 | No role |
| 2 | No answer |

## ENV25 CONTINUED...

b. The general public

May 10-June 6

| $\frac{2016}{56}$ |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| 33 | A major role |
| 9 | A minor role |
| 2 | No role |
| 2 | No answer |

c. Climate scientists

May 10-June 6 2016
67 A major role 23 A minor role 9 No role 2 No answer
d. Energy industry leaders

May 10-June 6 $\underline{2016}$
53 A major role
32 A minor role
13 No role
2 No answer
e. Leaders from other nations

May 10-June 6

2016
45 A major role
36 A minor role
18 No role
2 No answer

## ASK FORM 3 [N=1,534]:

ENV26 Thinking about what you have heard or read, how well do climate scientists understand... [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]
a. Whether or not global climate change is occurring

May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
33 Very well

39 Fairly well
18 Not too well
$9 \quad$ Not at all well
1 No answer
b. The causes of global climate change

May 10-June 6 $\underline{2016}$
28 Very well
40 Fairly well
22 Not too well
9 Not at all well
1 No answer
c. The best ways to address global climate change

May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
19 Very well
45 Fairly well
26 Not too well
$9 \quad$ Not at all well
1 No answer

## ASK FORM 3 [ $\mathrm{N}=1,534$ ]:

ENV27 How much, if at all, do you trust each of the following groups to give full and accurate information about THE CAUSES of global climate change? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]
a. Elected officials

May 10-June 6

| $\frac{2016}{4}$ |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| 25 | A lot |
| 43 | Some |
| 27 | Not too much |
| 1 | Not at all |
|  | No answer |

b. Climate scientists

May 10-June 6 $\underline{2016}$
39 A lot

39 Some
13 Not too much
9 Not at all
1 No answer

## ENV27 CONTINUED...

c. Energy industry leaders

May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
7 A lot
34 Some
36 Not too much
22 Not at all
1 No answer
d. The news media

May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$

| 7 | A lot |
| :---: | :--- |
| 36 | Some |
| 31 | Not too much |
| 25 | Not at all |
| 1 | No answer |

## ASK FORM 3 [N=1,534]:

ENV28 As far as you know, how many climate scientists say that human behavior is mostly responsible for global climate change?

May 10-June 6

2016
27 Almost all
35 More than half
20 About half
11 Fewer than half
4 Almost none
3 No answer

ASK FORM 3 [ $\mathrm{N}=1,534$ ]:
ENV29
How often, if ever, do you think research findings from climate scientists about global climate change are influenced by each of the following? [RANDOMIZE
ITEMS]
a. The desire to help the industries they work with or work for

May 10-June 6 $\underline{2016}$
26 Most of the time
53 Some of the time
16 Not too often
3 Never
2 No answer

## ENV29 CONTINUED...

b. Concern for the best interests of the public May 10-June 6 $\underline{2016}$
23 Most of the time

48 Some of the time
22 Not too often
6 Never
1 No answer
c. Their own personal political leanings

May 10-June 6 $\underline{2016}$
27 Most of the time
46 Some of the time
21 Not too often
3 Never
2 No answer
d. The desire to advance their career

May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
36 Most of the time
43 Some of the time
16 Not too often
3 Never
2 No answer
e. The best available scientific evidence

May 10-June 6

## $\underline{2016}$

32 Most of the time
48 Some of the time
15 Not too often
3 Never
2

No answer

## ASK FORM 3 [ $\mathrm{N}=1,534$ ]:

ENV30
How closely, if at all, do you follow news about global climate change?
May 10-June 6

| $\frac{2016}{11}$ |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| 44 | Very closely |
| 32 | Somewhat closely |
| 12 | Not too closely |
| 1 | Not at all closely |
|  | No answer |

ASK FORM 3 [ $\mathrm{N}=1,534$ ]:
ENV31 Overall, how would you rate the job news media do in covering issues about global climate change?
May 10-June 6

    2016
        \(6 \quad\) Very good job
        41 Somewhat good job
        35 Somewhat bad job
        16 Very bad job
        2 No answer
    NO QUESTION ENV32
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS ENV33-ENV34]
ASK FORM 3 [ $\mathrm{N}=1,534$ ]:
Thinking about the reporting you've seen or heard about global climate change...
ENV33 Do you think the news media generally... [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS 1May 10 -June 6$\underline{2016}$
35 Exaggerate the threat of climate change from global warming
42 Don't take the threat of climate change seriously enough
20 Are about right in their reporting
3 No answer
ASK FORM 3 [ $\mathrm{N}=1,534$ ]:
ENV34 Do you think the news media generally... [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS 1
AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]
May 10 -June 6
2016
32 Give too much attention to skeptics of climate change
40 Give too little attention to skeptics of climate change
25 Give about the right amount of attention to skeptics of climate change3 No answer

## ASK ALL FORMS [N=4,563]:

Here's a different kind of question. (If you don't know the answer, select "Not sure.") As far as you know... ${ }^{1}$

## ASK ALL:

KNOSCT22 Which is the better way to determine whether a new drug is effective in treating a disease? If a scientist has a group of 1,000 volunteers with the disease to study, should she... [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-2] ${ }^{2}$

May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
65 Give the drug to half of them but not to the other half, and compare how many in each group get better (Correct)
35 NET Incorrect/Not sure/No answer
14 Give the drug to all of them and see how many get better
20 Not sure
1 No answer

## [RANDOMIZE ITEMS KNOSCT23 TO KNOSCT34; KNOSCT22 ALWAYS FIRST]

## ASK ALL FORMS [N=4,563]:

KNOSCT23 What gas is made as a consequence of burning fossil fuels? Is it ... [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-4] ${ }^{3}$

May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
68 Carbon dioxide (Correct)

32 NET Incorrect/Not sure/No answer
4 Hydrogen
1 Helium
2 Radon
24 Not sure
1 No answer

NO QUESTION KNOSCT24, KNOSCT25 AND KNOSCT26

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## ASK ALL FORMS [N=4,563]:

KNOSCT27 If the chances that an old bridge will collapse starts at $1 \%$ in week 1 and doubles each week (as shown below), what is the chance that the old bridge will collapse
during week 7 ?
Chances the bridge will collapse is ...
1\% at Week 1
2\% at Week 2
4\% at Week 3
$8 \%$ at Week 4
Enter the \% chance that the bridge will collapse at Week 7
May 10-June 6
2016
$58 \quad 64 \%(\text { Correct })^{4}$
42 NET Incorrect/Not sure/No answer
20 All other numeric responses
19 Not sure
2 No answer

## ASK ALL FORMS [N=4,563]:

KNOSCT28 Which of the following conditions can be treated effectively by antibiotic medications?
[Check all that apply] [RANDOMIZE ITEMS with ITEM e and f always last]
May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
44 Bacterial infection only (Correct)
56 NET Incorrect/Not sure/No answer

|  |  | Selected <br> 22 | $\frac{\text { Not selected }}{\frac{/ N o \text { answer }}{7}}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| a. | Viral infections (such as a cold) | 27 | 73 |
| b. | Fungal infections (such as athlete's foot) | 81 | 19 |
| c. | Bacterial infections (such as strep throat <br> infections) | 17 | 83 |
| d. | Allergic reactions to insect bites | 2 | 98 |
| e. | None of these [EXCLUSIVE PUNCH] | 10 | 90 |
| f. | Not sure [EXCLUSIVE PUNCH] |  |  |

[^1]
## ASK ALL FORMS [N=4,563]:

KNOSCT29 If a scientist wants to determine if a new drug is effective at treating high blood
pressure other half a 1-3]

May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
55 A placebo effect (Correct)

45 NET Incorrect/Not sure/No answer
3 A third person effect
17 A false consensus effect
23 Not sure
1 No answer
NO QUESTION KNOSCT30
ASK ALL FORMS [N=4,563]:
KNOSCT31 Which of these terms refers to health benefits occurring when most people in a population get a vaccine? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-3]

May 10-June 6
$\underline{2016}$
32 Herd immunity (Correct)
68 NET Incorrect/Not sure/No answer
$8 \quad$ Population control
33 Vaccination rate
26 Not sure
2 No answer

## ASK ALL FORMS [N=4,563]:

KNOSCT32 Which of the following can be genetically modified?
[Check all that apply] [RANDOMIZE ITEMS with ITEM e and falways last]
May 10-June 6

| 2016 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 36 Selected all (Correct) |  |  |
|  | 64 NET Incorrect/Not sur |  |  |
|  |  |  | Not selected |
|  |  | Selected | /No answer |
| a. | An apple | 59 | 41 |
| b. | Salmon | 51 | 49 |
| c. | A mosquito | 42 | 58 |
| d. | Corn | 70 | 30 |
| e. | None of these [EXCLUSIVE PUNCH] | 2 | 98 |
| f. | Not sure [EXCLUSIVE PUNCH] | 1 | 99 |

## ASK ALL FORMS [N=4,563]:

KNOSCT33 Humans and mice share the same genetic make-up by... [RANDOMIZE ORDER LOW
TO HIGH; HIGH TO LOW with NOT SURE ALWAYS LAST]

May | $10-J u n e$ |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| $\frac{2016}{33}$ | About 50\% or more (Correct) |
| 67 | NET Incorrect/Not sure/No answer |
| 7 | Less than $10 \%$ |
| 14 | Between $11 \%$ and $49 \%$ |
| 46 | Not sure |
| 1 | No answer |.

ASK ALL FORMS [N=4,563]:
KNOSCT34 Which gas makes up most of the Earth's atmosphere? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-4]5
May 10-June 6 $\underline{2016}$
27 Nitrogen (Correct)
73 NET Incorrect/Not Sure/No answer
9 Hydrogen
10 Carbon dioxide
35 Oxygen
17 Not sure
2 No answer

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## TOTAL NUMBER CORRECT KNOSCT22 THROUGH KNOSCT34:

May 10-June 6 $\underline{2016}$
$4 \quad 9$ out of 9
$8 \quad 8$ out of 9
$10 \quad 7$ out of 9
$10 \quad 6$ out of 9
$13 \quad 5$ out of 9
$14 \quad 4$ out of 9
$11 \quad 3$ out of 9
$12 \quad 2$ out of 9
$10 \quad 1$ out of 9
$8 \quad 0$ out of 9
22 High science knowledge (7-9 correct)
48 Medium science knowledge (3-6 correct)
30 Low science knowledge (0-2 correct)


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ This set of questions include an option of "not sure" in keeping with the analysis by Roger Tourangeau, Aaron Maitland and Yanna Yan, 2016, "Assessing the Scientific Knowledge of the General Public: The Effects of Question Format and Encouraging or Discouraging Don't Know Responses," Public Opinion Quarterly.
    ${ }^{2}$ For comparison, a Pew Research Center survey conducted March 7-10, 2013 found $75 \%$ of adults answering this question correctly over the telephone with no explicit option provided of saying don't know or not sure.
    ${ }^{3}$ A similar concept in a Pew Research Center survey conducted by telephone March 7-10, 2013 found 75\% of adults identified carbon dioxide as the "gas which most scientists believe cause temperatures in the atmosphere to rise."

[^1]:    ${ }^{4}$ This question is adapted from literature numeracy and its relationship with people's health literacy. See Joshua A. Weller et al. 2013.
    "Development and Testing of an Abbreviated Numeracy Scale: A Rasch Analysis Approach," Journal of Behavioral Decision Making, vol. 26 (198-212). Note that a few respondents mentioned that the correct answer could be ambiguous if respondents' interpret the question to use unconditional probabilities. The example solutions shown as part of the question for weeks 1 through 4 illustrate a solution based on conditional probabilities. No respondents who are classified as giving an incorrect answer gave a response that would be correct based on unconditional probabilities, however.

[^2]:    ${ }^{5}$ For comparison, a Pew Research survey conducted March 7-10, 2013 found $20 \%$ of adults answering this question correctly over the telephone with no explicit option provided of saying don't know or not sure.

