

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
EARLY OCTOBER 2012 POLITICAL SURVEY
TOPLINE
October 4-7, 2012
N=1,511

NO QUESTIONS 1-4, 6, 9-14, 16-19, 23-25, 29-33, 36-38, 41, 44-51, 53-55

QUESTIONS 5, 7-8, 15, 20-22, 26-28, 34, 35, 64-69 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

QUESTIONS 39-40, 42-43, 52, 56-60 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

On a different subject...

Q.61 From what you've read and heard, is there solid evidence that the average temperature on earth has been getting warmer over the past few decades, or not?

ASK IF EARTH IS GETTING WARMER (Q.61=1):

Q.61a Do you believe that the earth is getting warmer **[READ AND RANDOMIZE?]**

BASED ON TOTAL:

Oct 4-7 <u>2012</u>		Nov 9-14 <u>2011</u>	Feb 22- Mar 1 <u>2011</u>	Oct 13-18 <u>2010</u>	Sep 30- Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	Apr <u>2008</u>	Jan <u>2007</u>	Aug <u>2006</u>	Jul <u>2006</u>	Jun <u>2006</u>
67	Yes	63	58	59	57	71	77	77	79	70
	Mostly because of human activity such as burning fossil fuels, [OR]									
42		38	36	34	36	47	47	47	50	41
	Mostly because of natural patterns in the earth's environment									
19		18	18	18	16	18	20	20	23	21
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	5	6	6	6	10	10	6	8
26	No	28	34	32	33	21	16	17	17	20
1	Mixed/some evidence (VOL.)	1	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	1
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	5	8	8	5	6	5	3	9

ASK ALL:

Q.62 In your view, is global warming a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not a problem?

Oct 4-7 <u>2012</u>		Nov 9-14 <u>2011</u>	Oct 13-18 <u>2010</u>	Sep 30- Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	Apr 28- May 12 <u>2009</u>	Apr <u>2008</u>	Jan <u>2007</u>	Jul <u>2006</u>	Jun <u>2006</u>
39	Very serious	38	32	35	47	44	45	43	41
25	Somewhat serious	27	31	30	26	29	32	36	33
14	Not too serious	16	16	15	11	13	12	11	13
19	Not a problem	17	18	17	13	11	8	9	11
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	3	3	2	3	3	1	2

ASK ALL:

Q.63 From what you've heard or read, do scientists generally agree that the earth is getting warmer because of human activity, or do they not generally agree about this?

Oct 4-7 2012		Oct 13-18 2010	Apr 28- May 12 2009	<i>Trend for Comparison</i> July 2006 ¹
45	Yes, scientists generally agree that the earth is getting warmer because of human activity	44	56	59
43	No, scientists do not generally agree that the earth is getting warmer because of human activity	44	35	29
12	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	12	9	12

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

BASED ON LIKELY VOTERS [N=1,112]:

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
Oct 4-7, 2012	36	31	30	1	1	1	14	14
Sep 12-16, 2012	29	39	30	1	*	2	14	13

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,201]:

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
Oct 4-7, 2012	33	32	31	1	1	1	14	14
Sep 12-16, 2012	28	37	31	1	*	2	14	13
Jul 16-26, 2012	25	38	33	2	1	2	15	12
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	27	36	34	1	*	2	15	15
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	35	35	1	*	1	17	14
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	28	35	31	2	*	3	13	12
Apr 4-15, 2012	28	34	35	1	*	1	16	12
Mar 7-11, 2012	28	38	31	1	1	1	15	14
Feb 8-12, 2012	32	34	31	1	*	1	13	15
Jan 11-16, 2012	24	33	38	2	*	2	17	14
Jan 4-8, 2012	31	32	32	3	*	2	15	12

BASED ON GENERAL PUBLIC:

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
Oct 4-7, 2012	27	31	36	3	1	3	15	15
Sep 12-16, 2012	24	35	36	2	*	2	14	16
Jul 16-26, 2012	22	33	38	4	*	3	14	15
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	24	33	37	3	*	3	15	17
Jun 7-17, 2012	24	33	39	2	*	2	17	17
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	24	32	36	4	*	4	13	14
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	31	39	3	*	2	15	15
Mar 7-11, 2012	24	34	36	3	1	2	16	17
Feb 8-12, 2012	26	32	36	4	1	2	13	17
Jan 11-16, 2012	22	31	42	3	*	2	17	16
Jan 4-8, 2012	26	31	35	4	*	4	14	14

¹ Question was worded "From what you've heard or read, is there general agreement among scientists that the earth is getting warmer because of human activity, or not."

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	No	Other	DK/Ref	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
<i>Yearly Totals</i>				preference	party			
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--