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Results from October Zogby America poll

Methodology

Zogby International conducted interviews of 1,201 adults chosen at random nationwide. All calls were made from Zogby International headquarters in Utica, N.Y., from Wednesday, October 15 to Monday, October 20, 2003. The margin of error is +/- 2.8%. Slight weights were added to region, party, age, race, religion, and gender to more accurately reflect the population. Margins of error are higher in sub-groups. Numbers have been rounded to the nearest percent and might not total 100.

Narrative Summary

31. We'd like to gauge your opinion on the following statement: "The US should reduce its emissions of greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide that are said to contribute to global warming." Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree?

Strongly agree	47%		
Somewhat agree	31	Agree	78%
Somewhat disagree	9		
Strongly disagree	8	Disagree	17
Not sure	4		

More than three-fourths of Americans (78%) agree that the US should reduce its emissions of greenhouse gases that are said to contribute to global warming. Almost half of adults (47%) strongly agree. In comparison, approximately one in six (17%) disagrees.

More than two-thirds of people within almost every sub-group agree the US should reduce its emissions of these greenhouse gases. The most likely include greater than four-fifths of Democrats (89%), Independent voters, residents of the East, 18-49 year-olds, those living in union-member households, Jews (89%), single adults, and women.

Republicans (30%) and between one-fourth to one-fifth of Southerners, 50-64 year-olds, Hispanics, born-again Christians, those living in rural areas, members of the investor class, people with annual household income of \$75,000 or more, and men are among the most likely to disagree.

32. Senators John McCain and Joe Lieberman have proposed legislation to begin addressing global warming. If enacted, the bill would – for the first time – require major industries to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. Specifically, these industries would be required to reduce emissions to year 2000 levels within the next seven years. How do you feel about this proposal?

Strongly support	43%		
Somewhat support	32	Support	75%
Somewhat oppose	10		
Strongly oppose	8	Oppose	18
Not sure	7		

Three-fourths of respondents (75%) would support a bill requiring major industries to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. Just fewer than one in five (18%) are opposed.

Once again, more than two-thirds of people within almost every sub-group show their support for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. The most likely to support this legislation include more than four fifths of Democrats (89%), Independent voters, residents of the East, people with household income less than \$15,000 (88%), and women.

One third of Republicans (33%) and one-fourth of people with household income of \$75,000 or more, members of the investor class, Protestants who do not consider themselves born-again, and men are opposed to this legislation.

33. *We would like to gauge your opinion on the following statement: “Addressing global warming by requiring major industries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions can improve the environment without harming the economy.” Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree?*

Strongly agree	33%		
Somewhat agree	34	Agree	67%
Somewhat disagree	15		
Strongly disagree	12	Disagree	27
Not sure	6		

Two-thirds of Americans (67%) strongly or somewhat agree that requiring major industries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions can improve the environment without harming the economy. One in four (27%) disagrees.

A majority of respondents within almost every sub-group agrees. This includes approximately three-fourths or more of Democrats (79%), Independent voters, residents of the East, and people with household income less than \$35,000.

Among those more likely to disagree are Republicans (44%) and approximately one-third of residents of the Central/Great Lakes region, married adults, people with household income of \$75,000 or more, members of the investor class, and men.