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National Survey Results

Q1 Do you believe that the Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA, should protect the air we breathe and the water we drink with safeguards that hold corporate polluters accountable for the pollution they release into our communities or not?

It should 78%

It should not 22%

Q2 The EPA is the primary federal government unit responsible for curbing air and water pollution and holding polluters responsible for their actions. Do you support or oppose the work of the EPA?

Support 75%

Oppose 25%

Q3 Some say that the White House should decide what pollution limits are needed, rather than the Environmental Protection Agency. Others say that scientists and the experts at the Environmental Protection Agency should decide what pollution limits are needed. Which viewpoint do you agree with more?

White House should set pollution limits 15%

Environmental Protection Agency should set pollution limits 85%

Q4 Many health experts like the American Lung Association say that existing standards to limit smog don't do enough to protect public health, and recommend stronger pollution safeguards to better protect children, especially those with asthma. Others like the US Chamber of Commerce say that a stronger smog standard would limit business expansion and cost jobs. Which point of view do you agree with more?

Agree more with American Lung Association .. 68%

Agree more with US Chamber of Commerce .. 32%

Q5 Corporate polluters have been pressuring the Obama Administration to remove clean air safeguards, claiming job losses. Independent health experts say that stronger clean air safeguards will save lives and prevent asthma attacks. Recently the President sided with corporate polluters and blocked the stronger smog safeguards proposed by EPA experts. Do you believe that the President should have sided with the polluters or the health experts?

Should have sided with polluters 30%

Should have sided with health experts 70%

Q6 Would you support or oppose the EPA requiring stricter limits on the amount of toxic chemicals such as mercury, lead, and arsenic that coal power plants and other industrial facilities release?

Support 70%

Oppose 30%

Q7 Would you support or oppose the EPA limiting the amount of carbon pollution that coal power plants and other industrial facilities can release?

Support 69%

Oppose 31%

Q8 Some in Congress propose overruling the EPA's efforts to reduce toxic pollution from power plants, cement kilns and industrial boilers this fall, saying the safeguards will cost jobs and threaten the economy. Health experts say the stronger safeguards would reduce the health threat to vulnerable people like asthmatic children, and save billions of dollars. Do you agree more those in Congress who want to overrule the EPA's efforts to reduce toxic pollution or with the health experts who say the stronger safeguards should proceed?

Agree more with the people in Congress 31%

Agree more with health experts 69%

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Q9 Kids are known to be more vulnerable to air pollution because it can cause greater damage to their growing bodies. Some are calling on policymakers and polluters to protect kids from air pollution. Would you favor or support policymakers who represent you making such a commitment or not?

Favor commitment	58%
Oppose commitment	42%

Q10 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman	50%
Man	50%

Q11 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat	40%
Republican	33%
Independent/Other	27%

Q12 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If you are white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic	13%
White	70%
African American	10%
Other	6%

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Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Should EPA Protect Air & Water?			
It should	**78%**	83%	72%
It should not	**22%**	17%	28%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose EPA			
Support	**75%**	80%	69%
Oppose	**25%**	20%	31%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Who should decide pollution limits?			
White House should set pollution limits	**15%**	10%	20%
Environmental Protection Agency should set pollution limits	**85%**	90%	80%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Agree more with ALA/Chamber of Commerce Perspective			
Agree more with American Lung Association	**68%**	76%	59%
Agree more with US Chamber of Commerce	**32%**	24%	41%

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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
President should have sided with polluters or health experts			
Should have sided with polluters	**30%**	21%	39%
Should have sided with health experts	**70%**	79%	61%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Stricter Limits on Toxic Chemicals			
Support	**70%**	77%	63%
Oppose	**30%**	23%	37%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose EPA Limiting Carbon Pollution			
Support	**69%**	78%	59%
Oppose	**31%**	22%	41%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Agree More w/ Congress or Health Experts?			
Agree more with the people in Congress	**31%**	25%	37%
Agree more with health experts	**69%**	75%	63%

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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Should Policymakers Make Public Pledge to Protect Kids from Pollution?			
Favor commitment	**58%**	64%	52%
Oppose commitment	**42%**	36%	48%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Should EPA Protect Air & Water?				
It should	**78%**	91%	62%	77%
It should not	**22%**	9%	38%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose EPA				
Support	**75%**	89%	55%	77%
Oppose	**25%**	11%	45%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Who should decide pollution limits?				
White House should set pollution limits	**15%**	13%	19%	11%
Environmental Protection Agency should set pollution limits	**85%**	87%	81%	89%

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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Agree more with ALA/Chamber of Commerce Perspective				
Agree more with American Lung Association	**68%**	85%	50%	62%
Agree more with US Chamber of Commerce	**32%**	15%	50%	38%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
President should have sided with polluters or health experts				
Should have sided with polluters	**30%**	17%	44%	32%
Should have sided with health experts	**70%**	83%	56%	68%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Stricter Limits on Toxic Chemicals				
Support	**70%**	86%	51%	70%
Oppose	**30%**	14%	49%	30%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose EPA Limiting Carbon Pollution				
Support	**69%**	89%	47%	66%
Oppose	**31%**	11%	53%	34%

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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Agree More w/ Congress or Health Experts?				
Agree more with the people in Congress	**31%**	15%	49%	32%
Agree more with health experts	**69%**	85%	51%	68%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Should Policymakers Make Public Pledge to Protect Kids from Pollution?				
Favor commitment	**58%**	73%	37%	61%
Oppose commitment	**42%**	27%	63%	39%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Should EPA Protect Air & Water?					
It should	**78%**	82%	78%	77%	65%
It should not	**22%**	18%	22%	23%	35%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Support/Oppose EPA					
Support	**75%**	80%	75%	68%	66%
Oppose	**25%**	20%	25%	32%	34%

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	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Who should decide pollution limits?					
White House should set pollution limits	**15%**	13%	12%	28%	21%
Environmental Protection Agency should set pollution limits	**85%**	87%	88%	72%	79%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Agree more with ALA/Chamber of Commerce Perspective					
Agree more with American Lung Association	**68%**	71%	67%	72%	62%
Agree more with US Chamber of Commerce	**32%**	29%	33%	28%	38%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
President should have sided with polluters or health experts					
Should have sided with polluters	**30%**	31%	30%	29%	32%
Should have sided with health experts	**70%**	69%	70%	71%	68%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Support/Oppose Stricter Limits on Toxic Chemicals					
Support	**70%**	73%	71%	67%	63%
Oppose	**30%**	27%	29%	33%	37%

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	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Support/Oppose EPA Limiting Carbon Pollution					
Support	**69%**	75%	69%	68%	60%
Oppose	**31%**	25%	31%	32%	40%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Agree More w/ Congress or Health Experts?					
Agree more with the people in Congress	**31%**	28%	31%	33%	39%
Agree more with health experts	**69%**	72%	69%	67%	61%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Should Policymakers Make Public Pledge to Protect Kids from Pollution?					
Favor commitment	**58%**	61%	58%	61%	52%
Oppose commitment	**42%**	39%	42%	39%	48%

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