

Survey - Climate Change at a Time of Covid

The Tällberg Foundation conducted a global survey between May 22 and June 8, 2020; 350 respondents from 72 countries participated.

How much do you consider climate change a major threat to your personal well being over the next 2-3 years?

A great deal	38 %
A lot	27 %
A moderate amount	21 %
A little	11 %
None at all	3 %

What do you think about your national government's approach to reducing the effects of climate change?

Doing too much	5 %
Balance is about right	20 %
Doing too little	72 %
Does not matter, since the problem is caused by other countries	3 %

How often, if ever, do you make an effort to live in ways that you hope will reduce climate change?

Always	33 %
Usually	56 %
Rarely	10 %
Never	1 %

Compared to your personal past, in order to reduce the impact of climate change, do you

	Often	Some-times	Not much	Almost never	Doesn't make a difference
Drive less	42 %	27 %	17 %	11 %	3 %
Recycle	73 %	16 %	6 %	3 %	2 %
Eat less meat	44 %	30 %	16 %	8 %	3 %
Buy local instead of products made elsew	48 %	35 %	11 %	3 %	3 %
Use less heating or air-conditioning	44 %	28 %	17 %	9 %	3 %
Buy materials that can be recycled	54 %	31 %	11 %	2 %	2 %
Use less water	38 %	36 %	16 %	7 %	3 %

What do you think should be the top two or three priorities of your government?

Managing immigration	14 %
Fighting climate change	70 %
Preventing terrorism	7 %
Creating jobs	36 %
Coping with the pandemic	38 %
Improving education	52 %
Reducing inequality	40 %
Safeguarding personal security	6 %
Building modern infrastructure	17 %
Other (please specify)	11 %

How much, if at all, do you think climate change is affecting your local community?

A great deal	31 %
A lot	26 %
A moderate amount	29 %
A little	13 %
None at all	2 %

Do you think a majority of your fellow citizens want the government to do more about confronting climate change than it does now?

Yes	60 %
No	23 %
Don't know	17 %

Do you agree or disagree with each of these items

	Strongly agree	Some-what agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Some-what disagree	Strongly disagree
My individual actions can significantly reduce the impact of climate change.	42 %	35 %	8 %	11 %	4 %
Significant climate change is inevitable because that's how modern economies work.	25 %	22 %	9 %	21 %	23 %
Governments should force people to reduce energy consumption.	36 %	38 %	12 %	9 %	6 %
It's too late to do anything to prevent rapid climate change.	7 %	15 %	10 %	24 %	44 %
I expect science to solve climate change before anything bad happens to me.	12 %	21 %	18 %	20 %	28 %
I am willing to sacrifice today, so the climate is better for others in the future.	61 %	27 %	8 %	3 %	2 %

Would you support a tax on carbon emissions if it added 10% to the cost of things you buy?

Yes	69 %
No	16 %
Don't know	15 %

Do you think that policies aimed at reducing the impact of climate change are likely to create or destroy jobs?

Create a lot of new jobs	37 %
Create some jobs	41 %
Destroy more jobs than they create	10 %
Not have much net impact	12 %

Many governments are fighting the global recession with massive spending. Should that spending be used to invest in a greener economy?

No. Spending should aim at saving jobs and helping people now.	7 %
Most of the spending should be aimed at the recession, but it's ok to be sensitive to the environment if possible.	21 %
Absolutely. This is a unique chance to make economies environmentally friendly, while also easing the recession.	68 %
Don't know/uncertain	5 %

What is your age?

Under 24	2 %
24-39	25 %
40-60	44 %
Older than 60	29 %

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

High school	4 %
Some college	4 %
College degree	15 %
Graduate degree	77 %

What is your gender?

Female	39 %
Male	60 %
Other	0 %
Prefer not to answer	1 %

In what country do you live?

Algeria	0,29 %
Argentina	1,15 %
Armenia	0,29 %
Australia	0,86 %
Austria	0,29 %
Azerbaijan	0,29 %
Bangladesh	3,72 %
Belgium	1,15 %
Bhutan	0,29 %
Brazil	0,86 %
Canada	1,43 %
China	0,29 %
Colombia	0,57 %
Costa Rica	0,57 %
Côte D'Ivoire	0,29 %
Denmark	0,86 %
Egypt	0,29 %
El Salvador	0,29 %
Ethiopia	0,57 %
Finland	0,29 %
France	0,29 %
Germany	1,72 %
Ghana	1,43 %
Greece	10,03 %
Grenada	0,29 %
Guyana	0,29 %
Hungary	0,29 %
India	4,87 %
Indonesia	0,57 %
Ireland	0,29 %
Israel	0,29 %
Italy	1,15 %
Jordan	0,57 %
Kenya	1,15 %
Lesotho	0,57 %
Liberia	0,57 %
Lithuania	0,29 %
Malaysia	0,86 %
Mauritius	0,29 %
Mexico	1,15 %

Morocco	0,86 %
Nepal	0,57 %
Netherlands	2,87 %
Nigeria	2,87 %
Pakistan	1,15 %
Peru	0,29 %
Philippines	1,72 %
Poland	0,29 %
Portugal	0,29 %
Qatar	0,29 %
Republic of Korea	0,29 %
Romania	0,29 %
Russian Federation	0,57 %
Senegal	0,29 %
Singapore	0,29 %
Somalia	0,57 %
South Africa	0,57 %
Spain	0,86 %
Sri Lanka	0,29 %
State of Palestine	0,29 %
Swaziland	0,29 %
Sweden	18,05 %
Switzerland	1,72 %
Togo	0,29 %
Tunisia	0,29 %
Uganda	1,15 %
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Nor	2,58 %
United Republic of Tanzania	1,43 %
United States of America	16,05 %
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0,29 %
Vietnam	0,29 %
Zambia	0,29 %
Zimbabwe	0,29 %