

2022 CHICAGO COUNCIL SURVEY

Climate Questions

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Question 5

Q5. Below is a list of possible threats to the vital interest of the United States in the next 10 years. For each one, please select whether you see this as a critical threat, an important but not critical threat, or not an important threat at all:

Q5/8a. Climate change (% critical threat)					
	Overall	Republican	Democrat	Independent	R-D Gap
2008	39	19	58	40	-39
2010	34	16	50	35	-34
2012	32	15	44	33	-29
2014	35	12	51	35	-39
2015	40	17	58	38	-41
2016	39	18	57	35	-39
2017	46	15	67	47	-52
2019	54	23	78	54	-55
January 2020	51	19	77	51	-58
2020	50	21	75	48	-54
March 2021	54	17	80	56	-63
August 2021	53	18	81	53	-63
March 2022	48	15	73	51	-58
2022	54	20	81	54	-61

Question 253

Q253. *Would you support or oppose the following US policies towards Russia? (%)*

% Support					
	Overall	Republican	Democrat	Independent	R-D Gap
Q253/1. Restricting the exchange of scientific research between the US and Russia	61	69	60	56	9
Q253/2. Negotiating arms control agreements between the US and Russia	71	70	76	69	-6
Q253/3. Reducing cultural and educational exchanges between the US and Russia	46	55	44	42	11
Q253/4. Undertaking joint efforts with Russia to combat climate change	58	38	73	59	-35
Q253/5. Prohibiting US companies from selling sensitive high-tech products to Russia	82	85	84	79	1
Q253/6. Working with Russia to prevent additional countries from developing nuclear weapons	62	60	63	63	-3

Question 295

Q295: There is a controversy over what countries of the world, including the U.S., should do about the problem of climate change. Here are three statements. Please tell me which statement comes closest to your own point of view: (%)

Until we are sure that climate change is really a problem, we should not take any steps that would have economic impacts (%) Note: 2006 wording “global warming”					
	Overall	Republican	Democrat	Independent	R-D Gap
2006	17	24	13	16	11
2010	26	47	12	26	35
2015	24	44	13	22	31
2016	19	34	7	19	27
2019	17	33	6	15	27
2022	18	36	5	16	31
The problem of climate change should be addressed but its effects will be gradual so we can deal with the problem gradually by taking steps that are low in cost (%)					
	Overall	Republican	Democrat	Independent	R-D Gap
2006	37	45	32	37	13
2010	26	38	38	48	0
2015	36	43	30	38	13
2016	38	46	30	42	16
2019	31	46	18	35	28
2022	31	45	19	33	26
Climate change is a serious and pressing problem and we should try taking steps now even if it involves significant costs (%)					
	Overall	Republican	Democrat	Independent	R-D Gap
2006	43	29	53	45	-24
2010	29	13	49	24	-36
2015	37	12	56	39	-42
2016	41	19	62	37	-43
2019	51	20	76	49	-56
2022	50	18	75	50	-57

Methodology

This analysis is based on data from the 2022 Chicago Council Survey of the American public on foreign policy, a project of the Lester Crown Center on US Foreign Policy. The 2022 Chicago Council Survey was conducted July 15–August 1, 2022 by Ipsos using its large-scale nationwide online research panel, KnowledgePanel, in both English and Spanish among a weighted national sample of 3,106 adults aged 18 or older living in all 50 US states and the District of Columbia. The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 1.8 percentage points. The margin of error is higher for partisan subgroups or for partial-sample items.

Partisan identification is based on how respondents answered a standard partisan self-identification question: “Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?”

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