



Carbon Dividends Plan Survey Results June 2018

Hill+Knowlton Strategies conducted an online survey of 2,000 likely voters June 4-10, 2018. Following are key findings:

Most Americans believe U.S. environmental policy is on the wrong track. Just 29% say U.S. environmental policy is headed in the right direction, while 55% say it is on the wrong track.

Most Americans believe climate change is real and are concerned 73% of Americans believe climate change is occurring, and 75% are concerned about its potential effect on future generations.

Most Americans want action on carbon emissions. 81% of likely voters, including 71% of moderate Republicans and 58% of Strong Republicans, agree the government should take action to limit carbon emissions.

Americans support a carbon dividends plan by a 2-1 margin. By a 56%-26% margin, likely voters support taxing carbon emissions with the funds being rebated directly to taxpayers:

[Survey question] As you may know, some leading figures in the Republican party have proposed taxing fossil fuel companies on their carbon emissions and rebating all the money directly to all Americans through a monthly check. This new climate solution is called "carbon dividends" because all households would receive a monthly cash dividend as part of an effort to combat climate change. Would you favor or oppose this plan?

*Favor: 56% (Strongly: 23%, Somewhat: 33%)
Oppose: 26% (Strongly: 12%, Somewhat: 14%)
Unsure: 18%*

Republicans support the carbon dividends plan by a 23-point margin.

*Republicans: 55% favor, 32% oppose
Strong Republicans: 55% favor, 32% oppose*

Support for the carbon dividends plan is consistent across party lines.

*Independents: 57% favor, 25% oppose
Democrats: 58% favor, 21% oppose*