

THE FAITH FACTOR IN CLIMATE CHANGE

How Religion Impacts American Attitudes
on Climate and Environmental Policy

Findings from the 2023 Climate Change Survey



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Presentation and Panel Discussion



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Survey Methodology

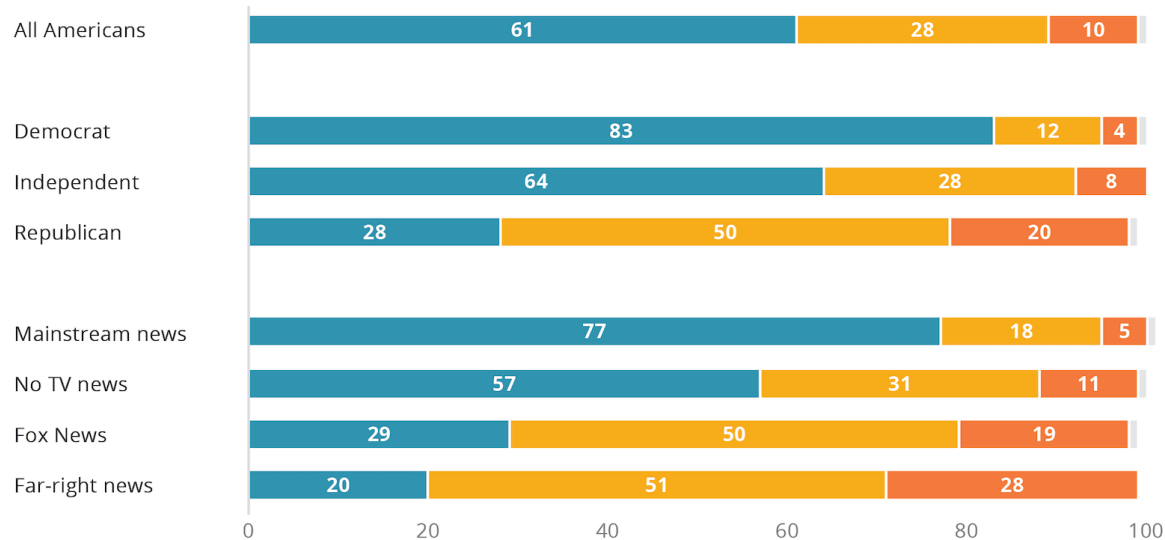
- Designed by PRRI and conducted online between June 8 and June 28, 2023
- Margin of error for the full sample is +/-1.6 percentage points
- A representative sample of 5,192 adults from the Ipsos Knowledge Panel (age 18 and up) living in all 50 states and DC, who are part of Ipsos's Knowledge Panel and an additional 348 who were recruited by Ipsos using opt-in survey panels to increase the sample sizes in smaller states

ATTITUDES ABOUT THE CAUSES OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Causes of Climate Change, by Party and Trusted News Source

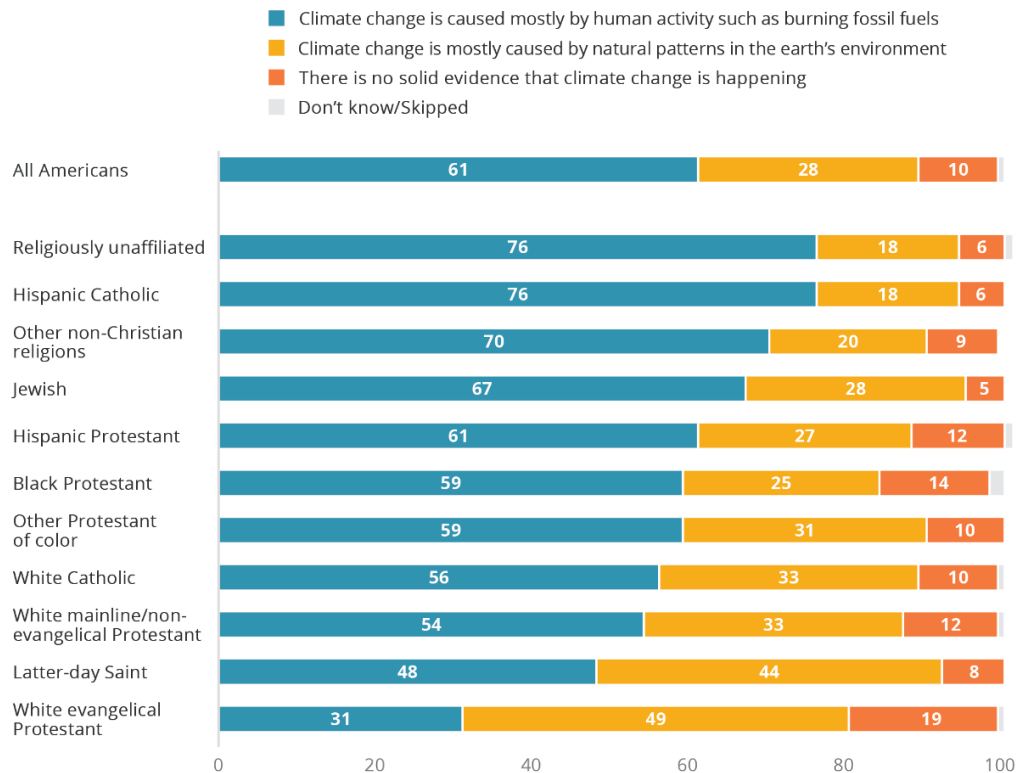
Percent who say:

- Climate change is caused mostly by human activity such as burning fossil fuels
- Climate change is mostly caused by natural patterns in the earth's environment
- There is no solid evidence that climate change is happening
- Don't know/ Skipped



Causes of Climate Change, by Religious Affiliation

Percent who say:

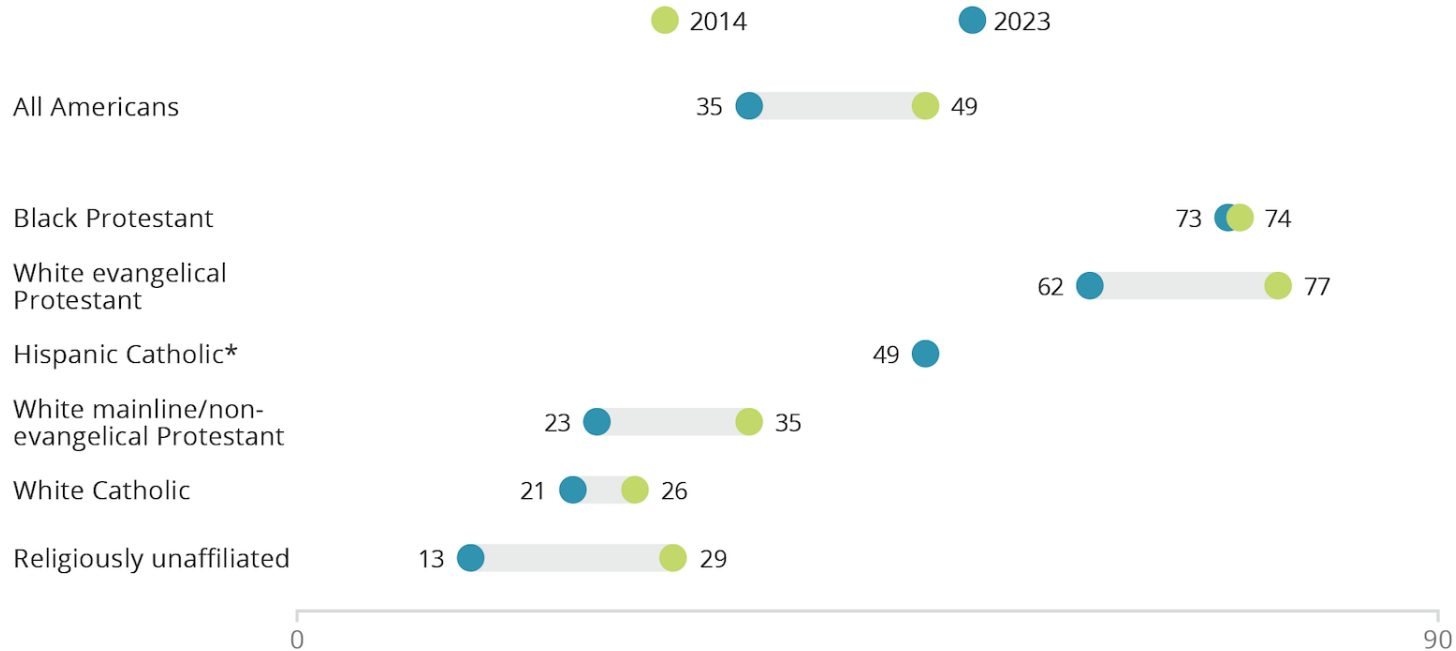


Source: PRRI Climate Change Survey, 2023.

VIEWS ON NATURAL DISASTERS AND 'END TIMES'

Views on 'End Times,' by Religious Affiliation

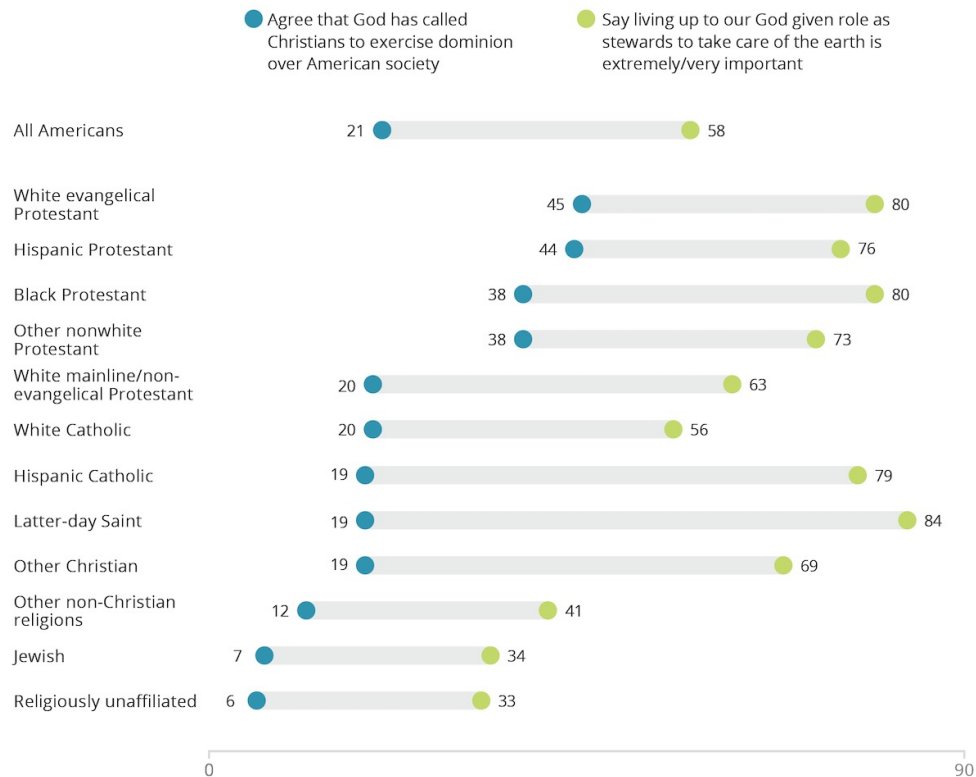
Percent who agree the severity of recent natural disasters is evidence that we are in what the Bible calls "the end of times"



CHRISTIAN DOMINIONISM AND STEWARDSHIP

Christian Dominionism and Stewardship, by Religious Affiliation

Percent who:

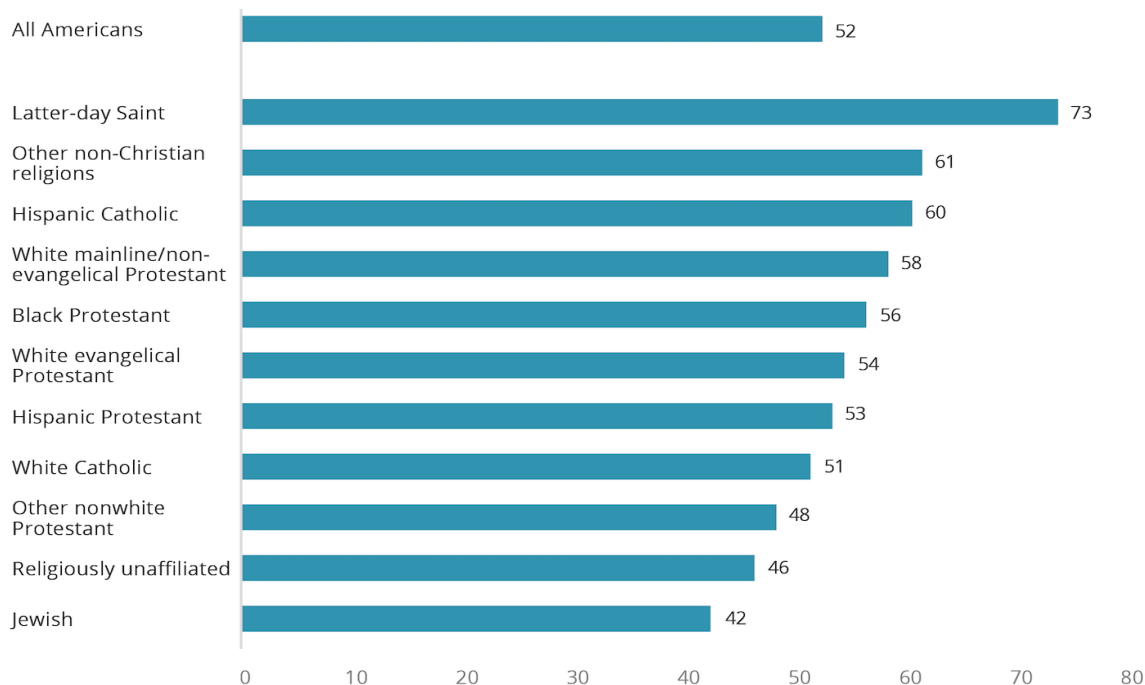


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SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS TO THE EARTH

Spiritual Connection to the Earth, by Religious Affiliation

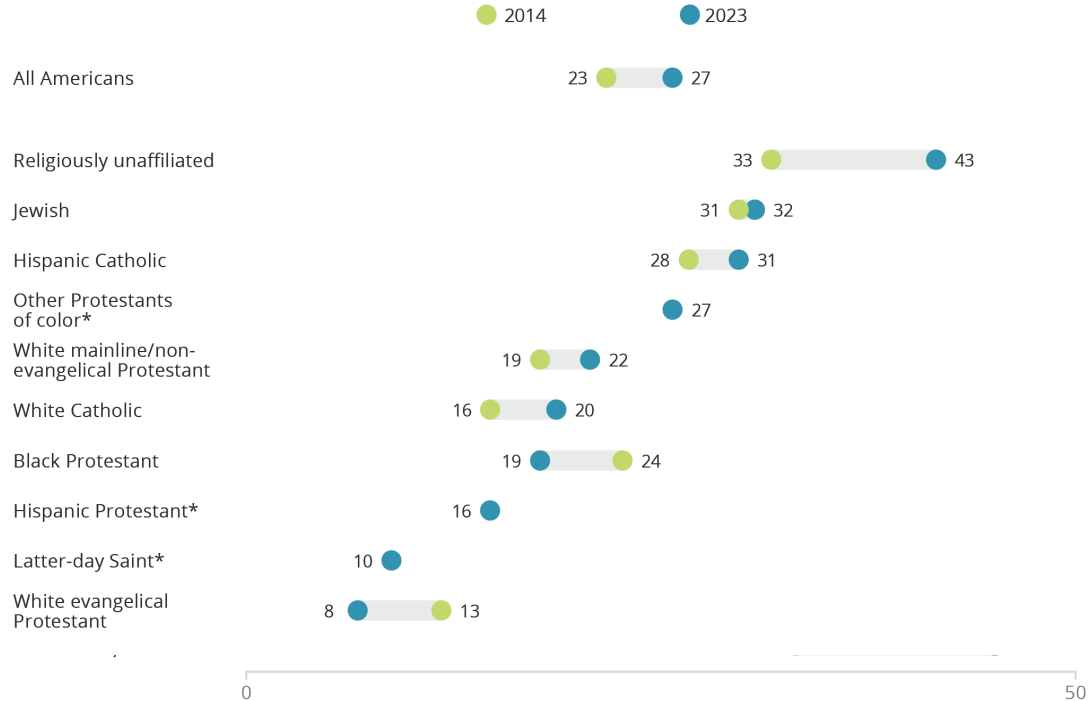
Percent who say they feel a deep spiritual connection with nature and the earth most days:



IS CLIMATE CHANGE A CRISIS?

Concern About Climate Change, 2014 to 2023

Percent who say climate change is a crisis:

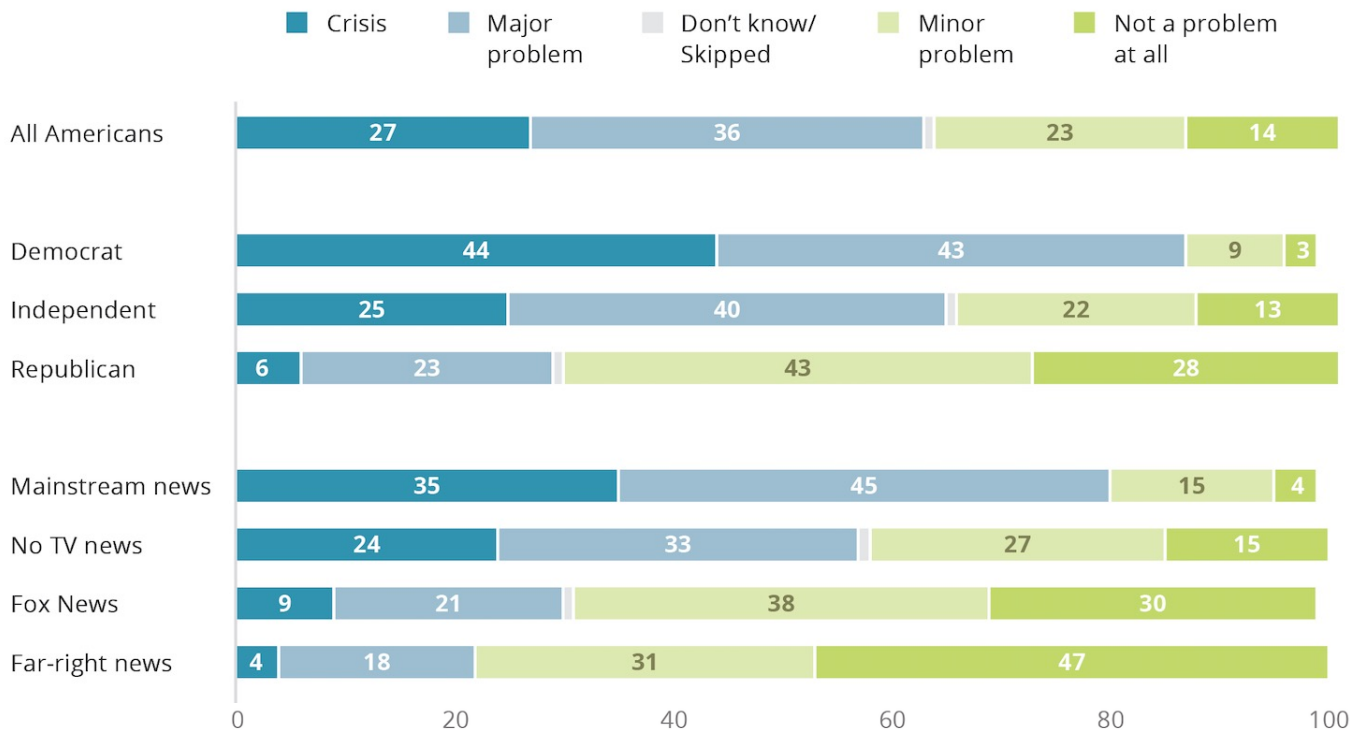


* Number of cases too small to report

Source: PRRI Climate Change Survey, 2023.

Concern About Climate Change, by Party and Trusted News Source

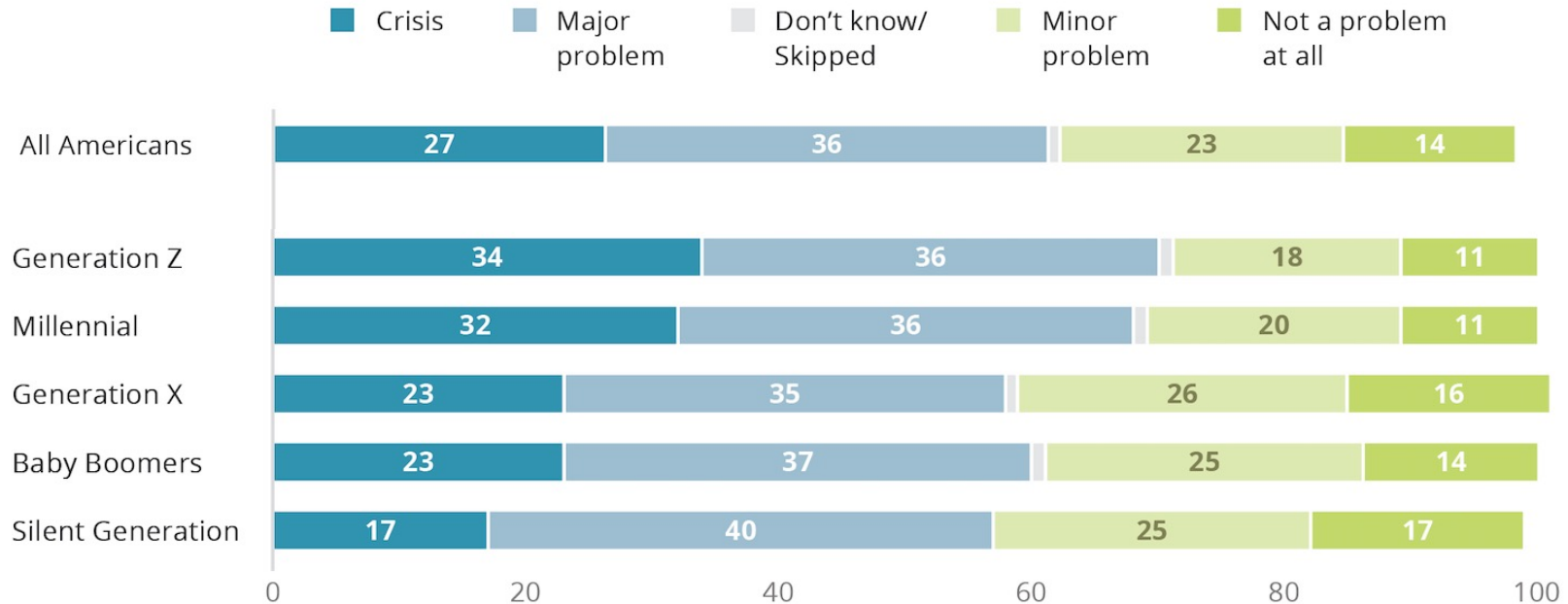
Percent who believe climate change is a:



Source: PRRI Climate Change Survey, 2023.

Concern About Climate Change, by Generation

Percent who believe climate change is a:



SUPPORT FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Support for Climate Policies

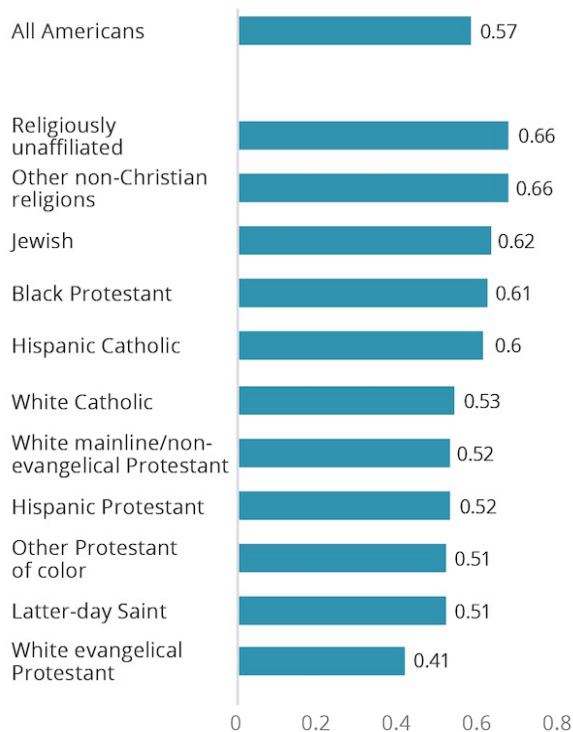
PRRI asked Americans about their support for five different policies to combat climate change:

1. Increasing federal funding for research on renewable energy such as wind, solar, and hydrogen, even if it raises taxes
2. Setting stricter limits on the amount of carbon dioxide that power plants and other industrial facilities can release, even if it raises the prices of goods and services
3. Requiring companies that produce fossil fuels, such as coal, oil, and natural gas to pay a tax, even if it raises the cost of electricity
4. Setting stricter limits on the amount of carbon dioxide that vehicles produce, even if it raises the price of cars
5. Providing tax breaks for individuals who adopt renewable energy sources to power their home

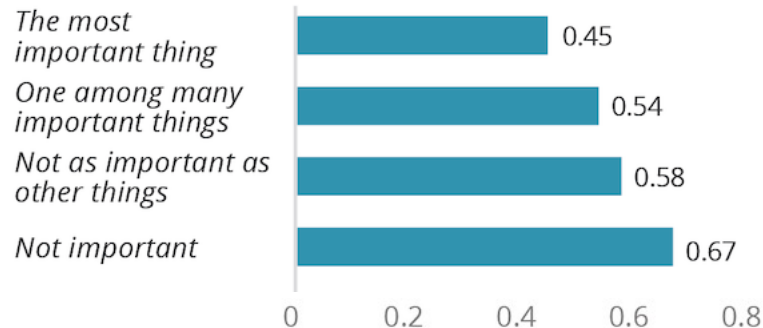
THE CLIMATE ACTION SCALE

The Climate Action Scale, by Religious Affiliation and Importance

Climate Action Scale score (0-1):



In my life, religion is:



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