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CBS NEWS **POLL**

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*All trends are from New York Times/CBS News polls unless otherwise noted.
Asterisk indicates registered respondents only.*

1. Do you think the condition of the environment for the next generation will be better, worse, or about the same as it is now?

| | Better | Worse | Same | DK/NA |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 4/20-24/07 | 11 | 57 | 29 | 4 |
| 3/29-4/1/10 CBS | 16 | 49 | 33 | 2 |
| 11/18-22/15 | 11 | 56 | 30 | 2 |

2. Often there are trade-offs or sacrifices people must make in deciding what is important to them. Generally speaking, when a trade-off has to be made, which is more important to you - stimulating the economy or protecting the environment? **RESPONSE OPTIONS WERE ROTATED.**

| | Economy | Environment | Both (vol.) | Neither (vol.) | DK/NA |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| 5/27-30/92 CBS | 39 | 46 | 11 | 1 | 3 |
| 9/9-13/92 | 45 | 44 | | 3 | 8 |
| 4/20-24/07 | 36 | 52 | 8 | - | 4 |
| 1/11-15/09 | 58 | 33 | 8 | | 2 |
| 12/4-8/09 | 61 | 29 | 8 | | 2 |
| 12/17-22/09 CBS | 64 | 28 | 7 | | 1 |
| 11/18-22/15 | 34 | 54 | 9 | | 3 |

3. Do you think global warming is an environmental problem that is causing a serious impact now, or do you think the impact of global warming won't happen until sometime in the future, or do you think global warming won't have a serious impact at all?

| | Impact now | In future | No serious impact | Doesn't exist (vol.) | DK/NA |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------------|----------|
| 6/14-18/01 ¹ | 35 | 41 | 17 | | 7 |
| 4/20-24/07 | 49 | 36 | 11 | 1 | 4 |
| 12/5-9/07 | 55 | 27 | 13 | 2 | 5 |
| 2/2-4/09 CBS | 43 | 30 | 19 | 3 | 5 |
| 3/31-4/3/11 CBS | 49 | 25 | 16 | 5 | 6 |
| 8/3-5/10 CBS | 38 | 28 | 22 | 4 | 8 |
| 10/1-6/10 CBS | 43 | 29 | 22 | 3 | 3 |
| 6/22-25/12 | 44 | 19 | 21 | 6 | 9 |
| 2/6-10/13 ¹ CBS | 49 | 28 | 19 | | 5 |
| 3/27-30/13 ¹ CBS | 45 | 30 | 21 | | 4 |
| 5/16-19/14 ¹ CBS | 46 | 31 | 20 | | 4 |
| 9/10-14/14 | 46 | 28 | 24 | 1 | 1 |
| 11/18-22/15 | 50 | 25 | 19 | 1 | 5 |

¹"Global warming doesn't exist" was not offered as a voluntary code.

4. Which statement comes closest to your view about global warming? Global warming is caused mostly by human activity such as burning fossil fuels or Global warming is caused mostly by natural patterns in the earth's environment or Global warming does not exist.

| | Human activity | Natural patterns | Global warming does not exist | Caused by both (vol.) | Don't know what causes it (vol.) | DK/NA |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------|
| 9/10-15/11 | 42 | 33 | 12 | 7 | 2 | 4 |
| 10/12-15/12 CBS | 51 | 28 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 4 |
| 11/16-19/12 CBS | 51 | 32 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| 1/24-27/13 CBS | 48 | 32 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 3 |
| 2/6-10/13 CBS | 48 | 31 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 4 |
| 2/19-23/14 | 46 | 34 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 5/16-19/14 CBS | 49 | 33 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 9/10-14/14 | 54 | 31 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| 9/8-15/15 | 51 | 29 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| 11/18-22/15 | 53 | 31 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 |

5. Do you think the United States should or should not join an international treaty requiring America to reduce emissions in an effort to fight global warming?

| | Should | Should not | Depends (vol.) | DK/NA |
|--------------------|--------|------------|----------------|-------|
| 11/18-22/15 | 66 | 27 | 2 | 5 |

6. How much do you personally worry about global warming or climate change - a great deal, a fair amount, only a little or not at all?

| | Great deal | Fair amount | Only a little | Not at all | DK/NA |
|--------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------|
| 11/18-22/15 | 14 | 31 | 32 | 24 | - |

7. As a way for the federal government to try to reduce future global warming, do you favor or oppose (INSERT ITEM)? GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that strongly, or not that strongly? **QUESTIONS 7a-7d WERE ROTATED.**

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| | Favor strongly | Favor not that strongly | Oppose not that strongly | Oppose strongly | DK/NA |
|---|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| a. limits on carbon emissions from U.S. power plants | 44 | 19 | 13 | 18 | 5 |
| b. limiting oil and gas drilling, logging and mining in US public lands | 32 | 17 | 18 | 27 | 5 |
| c. increasing taxes on electricity so people use less of it | 10 | 9 | 19 | 60 | 2 |
| d. increasing taxes on gasoline so people either drive less, or buy cars that use less gas? | 22 | 14 | 15 | 45 | 3 |

11. In order to help reduce global warming, would you be willing or not willing to pay more for electricity if it were generated by renewable sources like solar or wind energy?

| | Willing | Not willing | DK/NA |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| 4/20-24/07 | 75 | 20 | 4 |
| 11/18-22/15 | 55 | 43 | 3 |