

Climate Change/Carbon Tax

Q1. (T) Which of the following statements comes closest to your view of climate change (or global warming)?

Climate change is a fact and is mostly caused by emissions from vehicles and industrial facilities
Climate change is a fact and is mostly caused by natural changes
Climate change is a theory that has not yet been proven
Not sure

Q2. And, do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

The average global temperature is rising
I feel I personally can help reduce global warming
Ultimately, there's nothing humankind can do to reduce global warming

[COLUMNS]

Disagree strongly
Disagree
Agree
Agree strongly
Not sure/Can't say

Q3. (T) How much of a threat, if any, do you think climate change poses for planet Earth? Is it:

A very serious threat to the planet
A serious threat
A more minor threat
Not really a threat at all
Not Sure

Q4. Have you noticed changes in weather patterns where you live which you consider to be part of human caused climate change?

Yes, significant weather/climate changes here
Possibly, not major
No, have not seen changes here

Q5. When it comes to information about climate change and global warming, how much do you personally trust each of the following:

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

The news media
Scientists at universities
The UN and other international bodies
Canada's federal government

Your own provincial government

[COLUMNS]

Do not trust at all

Not much

A fair amount

Trust a great deal

Not sure/Can't say

Q6. The Canadian federal government's climate change policy is based on having a "carbon tax" in Canada. How well would you say you personally understand how a carbon tax works?

Would you say you understand it:

Very well

Fairly well

Just a bit

Not at all

[STANDALONE SCREEN]

A carbon tax is a tax on products that produce carbon or greenhouse gas emissions associated with global warming – such as gasoline, diesel fuel, natural gas, jet fuel, etc. Everyone who buys and burns these fuels pays the tax. The idea is that people and companies would reduce carbon consumption and emissions to pay less tax.

Q7. (T) As you may know, the federal government plans to introduce a carbon tax on January 1, 2019 in provinces that haven't already set their own prices on carbon emissions. The price on carbon for that plan is scheduled to begin at \$20/tonne in 2019 and rise to \$50/tonne by 2022.

A carbon tax of \$50/tonne equals roughly 11 cents/litre of gasoline. The Trudeau government also announced it will return 90 per cent of revenue from the carbon tax to households that pay it in the form of a rebate.

Based on whatever you've seen or heard about the federal government's plan, including in this survey, would you say you support or oppose it?

Strongly support

Moderately support

Moderately oppose

Strongly oppose

[If oppose:]

Q8. And what are the main reasons you are opposed to the federal government's carbon tax plan? (Select your top one or two from the list below or choose Other if yours is not on the list.)

It's a tax grab

The provinces should decide their own climate change policies
Will not help climate change anyway
Gas and heat already too expensive
Don't believe in human caused climate change
Other (Specify:)

[Ask all]

Q9 (T). Some people say that because climate change is a global issue and Canada has committed to national targets for reducing carbon emissions, the federal government should have the final say on how Canada meets those targets.

Other people say that because economic drivers and sources of major carbon emissions vary from province to province, it should be up to provincial governments to have final say over setting and meeting their own targets.

Which of these perspectives is closer to your own – even if neither is exactly how you feel?

The federal government should have the final say on carbon pricing

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