



Dear Friends,

We are pleased to release a new report “[Climate Change in the American Mind: Politics & Policy, Spring 2025](#)” based on our latest national survey, conducted May 1 - 12, 2025.

### **Key Findings**

Most registered voters:

- Oppose eliminating government programs on global warming
- Support climate-friendly government policies
- Face barriers to engaging in climate change advocacy

We find that:

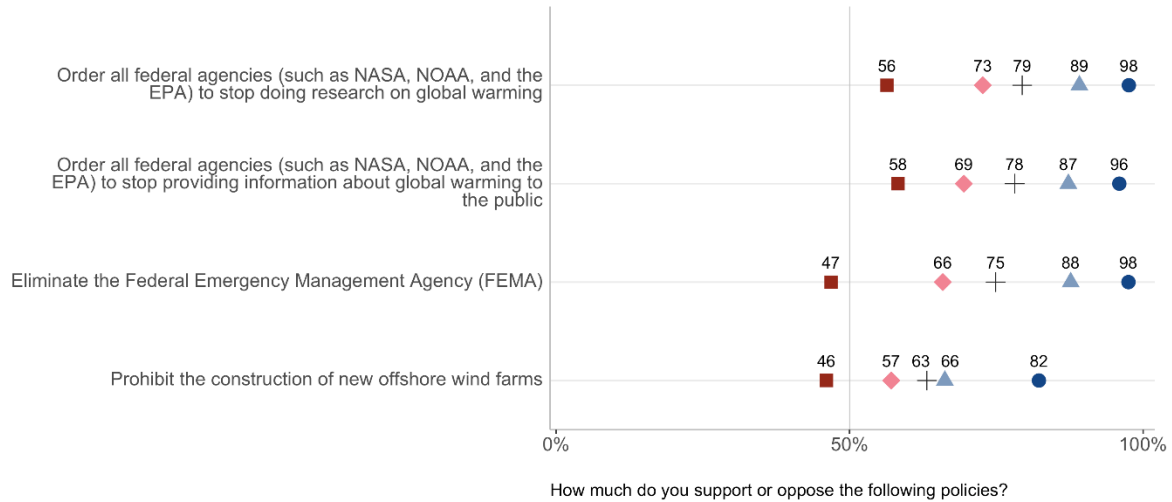
### **A large majority of registered voters oppose eliminating government programs on global warming**

- 79% of registered voters oppose ordering all federal agencies to stop doing research on global warming.
  - 78% oppose ordering all federal agencies to stop providing information about global warming to the public.
  - 75% oppose eliminating the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
  - 63% oppose prohibiting construction of new offshore wind farms.
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## A large majority of registered voters oppose eliminating programs related to global warming

- % "strongly" or "somewhat" oppose -

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Registered U.S. Voters, Spring 2025

Source: Source: Yale Program on Climate Change Communication;  
George Mason University Center for Climate Change  
Communication

## Large majorities of registered voters support the Republican-proposed “Foreign Pollution Fee Act”

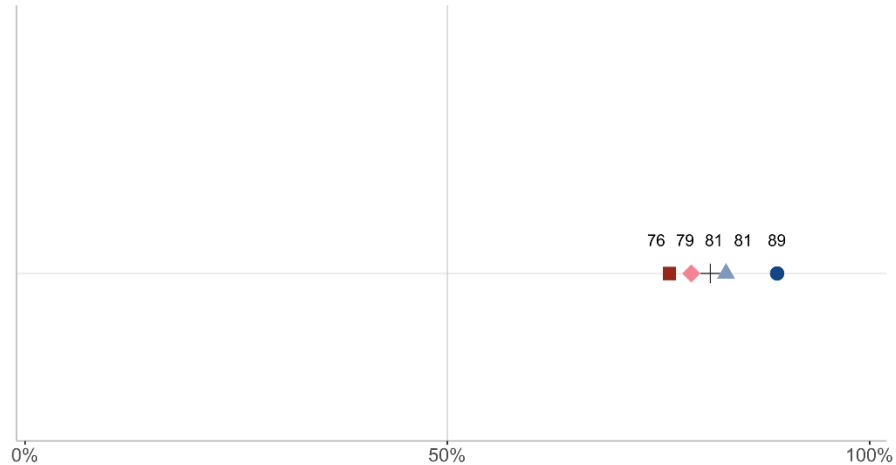
The Foreign Pollution Fee Act, proposed by Republican members of the U.S. Senate, proposes to impose a fee on products imported into the United States based on the amount of carbon pollution produced in their creation. The Act would hold major polluters like China accountable and boost U.S. companies, which have higher environmental standards.

- Few registered voters have heard of this proposed legislation: Only 3% of registered voters have heard either “a lot” or “a moderate amount” about it.
- After reading a short description of the Foreign Pollution Fee Act, 81% of registered voters said they support the proposal.

**After reading a brief description of the Foreign Pollution Fee Act, most registered voters support the proposal**

**- % "strongly" or "somewhat" support -**

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The Foreign Pollution Fee Act would put a fee on products imported into the United States based on the amount of carbon pollution emitted when they were made. The Act would affect major polluters like China and help U.S. companies (which have higher environmental standards) compete. How much do you support or oppose this proposal?

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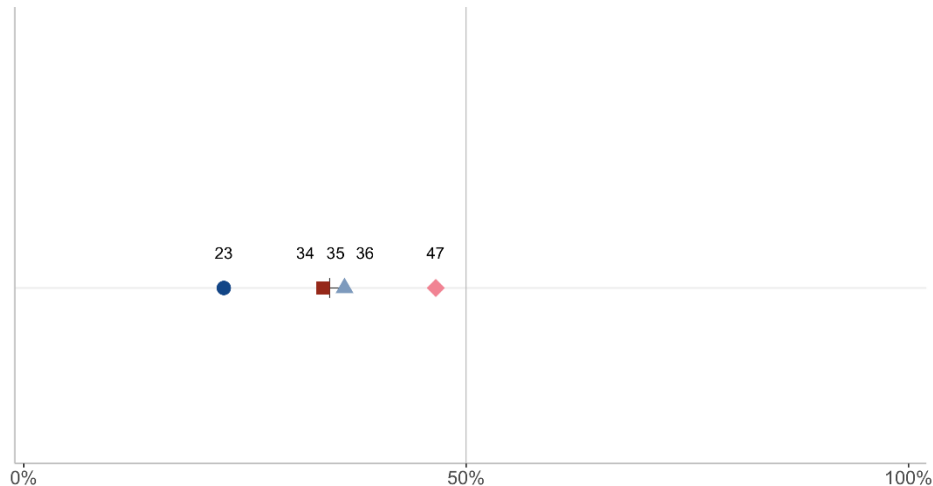
**Many registered voters say they need more information about global warming**

- 35% of registered voters say they need more information in order to form a firm opinion about global warming.
- 28% say they could easily change their mind about global warming.

## About one-third of registered voters say they need more information to form a firm opinion about global warming

- % need "a lot" or "some" more information -

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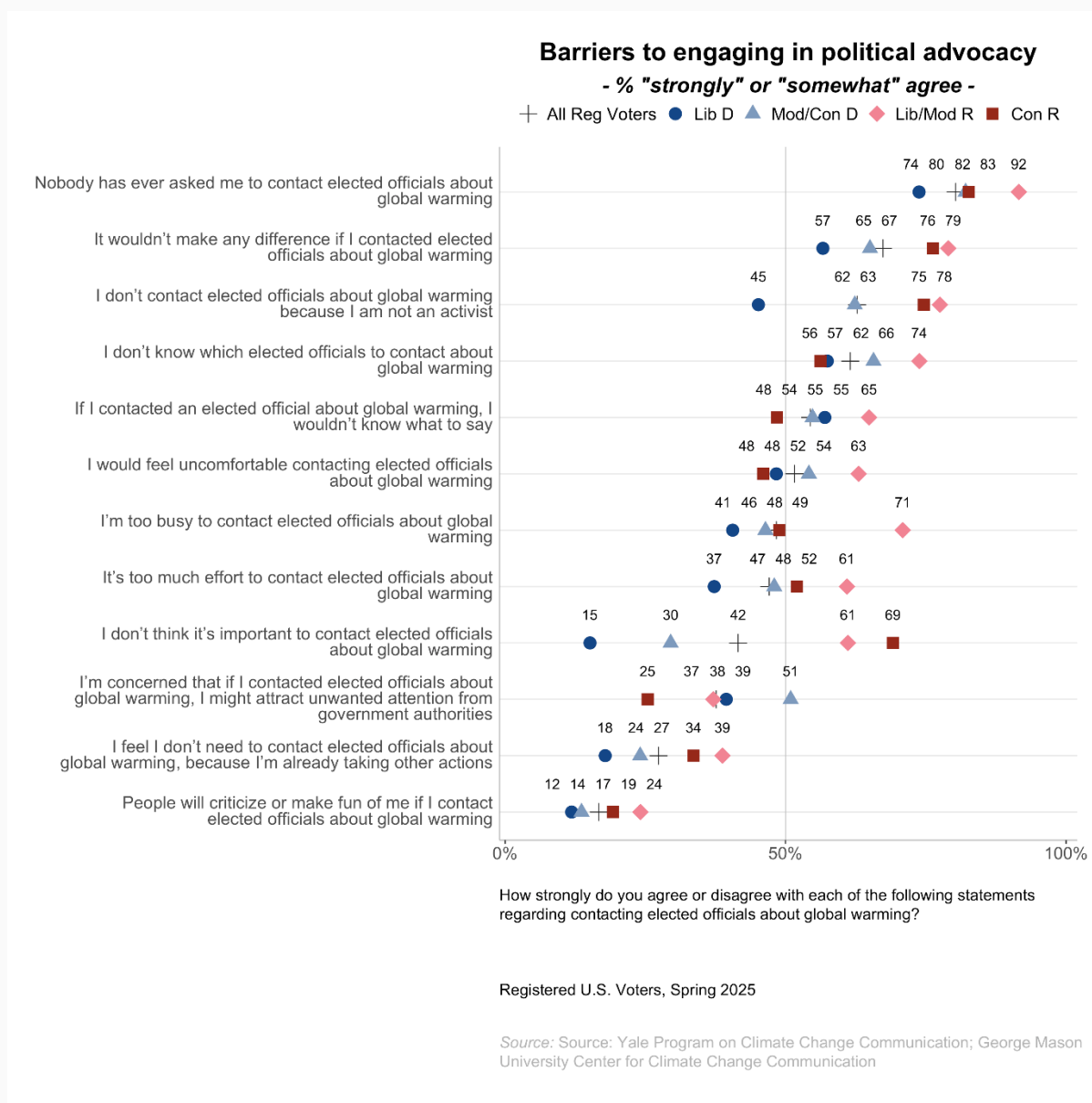
On some issues, people feel that they have all the information they need in order to form a firm opinion, while on other issues they would like more information before making up their mind. For global warming, where would you place yourself?

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### Barriers to political advocacy

- Only 2% of registered voters say they are currently participating in a campaign to convince elected officials to take action to reduce global warming, while 13% say they would “definitely” join such a campaign and 20% would “probably” join one.
- 80% of registered voters say nobody has ever asked them to contact elected officials about global warming. Additionally, 67% say contacting officials about global warming wouldn’t make any difference, 63% say they are not an activist, 62% don’t know which elected officials to contact, 54% wouldn’t know what to say, 52% would feel uncomfortable, 48% say they are too busy, 47% say it’s too much effort, 42% say it’s not important, 38% are concerned about attracting unwanted attention from government authorities, 27% are already taking other actions, and 17% say people will criticize or make fun of them if they contact elected officials about global warming.



The [full report](#) includes many other important findings, including voters' [priorities for action](#) on global warming and clean energy by the president and Congress, support for [climate-friendly government policies](#), support for [building clean energy infrastructure locally](#), opposition to pulling the U.S. out of the [Paris Climate Agreement](#), views about [clean energy vs. fossil fuels as a strategy to grow the economy and create jobs](#), support for [transitioning from fossil fuels to clean energy](#), and support for [educating students about the causes and consequences of global warming](#).