**Sample Demographics**

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| **Variable** | **Question / Distribution** |
| Gender | Are you male (46.42) or female (53.58%)? |
| Ethnicity | Which of the following do you consider to be your primary racial or ethnic group?  White (1) = 82.34%; African American (2) = 4.25%; Asian American (3) = 6.52%; Hispanic (4) = 3.71%; Native American (5) = 2.12%; Other (6) = 1.06% |
| Age | What is your age?  under 18 (1) = 3.56%; 18-24 (2) = 13.93%; 25-34 (3) = 26.65%; 35-50 (4) = 32.70%; 51-65 (5) = 23.09%; over 65 (6) = 0.08% |
| Education | What is the highest level of education you have completed?  less than high school (1) = 0.68%; high school graduate (2) = 7.20%; some college = 29.70%; 4 year college degree (4) = 35.15%; advanced degree (5) = 27.27%. |
| Income | What is your estimate of your family’s annual household income (before taxes)?  < $30,000 (1) = 13.07%; $30,000 – $69,999 (2) = 31.50%; $70,000 – $99,999 (3) = 23.62%; $100,000 - $200,000 (4) = 25.69%; > 200,000 (5) = 6.12% |
| Minority | What is your race? Coded 0=White (82%); 1=Otherwise (18%) |
| Party Identification | Generally speaking, which of the options on the scale below best describes your party identification?  strong Democrat (1) = 16.41%; weak Democrat (2) = 8.63%; lean Democrat (3) = 13.05%; Independent (4) = 28.55%; lean Republican (5) = 12.29%; weak Republican (6) = 8.40%; strong Republican (7) = 12.67% |
| Distrust in Science | Do you think that science enables us to overcome almost any problem, or that science creates unintended consequences and replaces older problems with new ones?  definitely overcomes problems (1) = 6.36%; 2 = 19.77%; 3 = 18.79%; not sure (4) = 28.48%; 5 = 17.73%; 6 = 6.52%; definitely creates new problems (7) = 2.35% |
| Econ. Over Envir. | In general, what do you think is more important: protecting the environment, even at the risk of curbing economic growth, OR maintaining a prosperous economy, even if the environment suffers to some extent? definitely protect the environment (1) = 17.73%; (2) = 16.14%; (3) = 10.38%; (4) = 37.42%; (5) = 8.56%; (6) = 6.52%; definitely maintain a prosperous economy (7) = 3.26% |
| Knowledge | Know which party is more conservative in the U.S. (76% correct; 24% incorrect)  Know majority required to over-ride a Presidential veto (61% correct; 39% incorrect)  Know which party has majority in U.S. House (62% correct; 38% incorrect)  Know whose responsibility it is to declare law unconstitutional (80% correct; 20% incorrect)  Know current U.S. Sec. of State (67% correct; 33% incorrect)  Know whether most of the oil imported to the US comes from the Middle East (41% correct; 59% incorrect)  Know whether there is currently a ban on drilling for oil and gas off the Atlantic Coast and in the eastern Gulf of Mexico (26% correct; 74% incorrect)  Know what country is the world’s largest exporter of crude oil (40% correct; 60% incorrect)  Know which of the following is not a renewable energy source (62% correct; 38% incorrect)  Is it true or false that lasers work by focusing sound waves? (51% correct; 49% incorrect)  Which travels faster: light or sound? (84% correct; 16% incorrect)  *Overall:* 0 correct = 2.03%; 1 correct = 1.96%; 2 correct = 4.06%; 3 correct = 6.55%; 4 correct = 6.02%; 5 correct = 11.59%; 6 correct = 12.79%; 7 correct = 14.15%; 8 correct = 15.73%; 9 correct = 14.67%; 10 correct = 7.98%; 11 correct = 2.48% |
| Percep. of Cons. | Do you think most scientists agree or disagree on the statement that human activities are causing climate change? *Overall:* (46% disagree, 54% agree) |
| Human-Induc. | To what extent do you think climate change is *human-induced* as opposed to a result of Earth’s natural changes? (1 to 7 scale ranging from natural changes to human-induced); *Overall*: (1)=1%; (2)=7%; (3)=14%; (4)=26%; (5)=25%; (6)=20%; (7)=6% |
| Policy Beliefs  Scaled Items  (α = .91) | Extent to which agree or disagree with statement about importance of planning for ways to reduce impacts (1 to 7 disagree to agree); (1) 5%; (2) 5%; (3) 5%; (4) 18%; (5) 18%; (6) 24%; (7) 25%  Extent U.S. government should increase or decrease investments in way to reduce impacts from CC (1 to 7 decrease to increase); (1) 6%; (2) 4%; (3) 6%; (4) 24%; (5) 24%; (6) 20%; (7) 15%  Extent to which oppose or support laws that aim to cut the emissions of greenhouse gases (1 to 7 strongly oppose to support). (1) 7%; (2) 6%; (3) 4%; (4) 17%; (5) 19%; (6) 24%; (7) 21% |