Demographics

Likely November Voters | 600
Men | 48%
Women | 52%
Democrats | 33%
Independent/Other | 42%
Republican | 25%
18-49 | 42%
50+ | 57%
Non-Coll Degree | 41%
Coll+ | 56%
Declined/NA/Refused | 3%

$0 - $50K | 31%
$50K - $100K | 35%
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*Percentages have been rounded and may not equal 100%
Global Warming
Belief, Understanding &
Concern
Eight out of Ten Vermonters Think Global Warming is Happening

Do you think global warming is happening?

Majorities of Vermonters across Gender, Age, Education & Income

Think Global Warming is Happening

- % who say "yes," global warming is happening -

Do you think global warming is happening?

Across Political Parties, Majorities Think that Global Warming is Happening

Do you think global warming is happening?

- **Democrats**: 96% Yes, 2% No, 2% DK/NA
- **Independents/Other**: 80% Yes, 15% No, 5% DK/NA
- **Republicans**: 61% Yes, 30% No, 9% DK/NA

More than Six in Ten Vermonters Understand that Global Warming is Primarily Human Caused

- By human activities: 63%
- By natural changes in environment: 26%
- Not happening: 5%
- DK/NA: 6%

Assuming that global warming is happening, do you think it is: Caused mostly by human activities, OR caused mostly by natural changes in the environment, OR none of the above, because it isn't happening.

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Seven in Ten Vermonters are Worried about Global Warming

How worried are you about global warming?

Majorities of Vermonters across Gender, Age, Education & Income are Worried about Global Warming
- % who say they are very or somewhat worried about global warming -

How worried are you about global warming?

Majorities of Democrats and Independents are Worried about Global Warming

How worried are you about global warming?

**Vermont vs. USA: Beliefs, Understanding and Worry about Global Warming**

**Do You Think Global Warming is Happening? Percent who say "Yes."**

- Vermont: 73%
- USA: 81%

**Assuming that global warming is happening, do you think it is:**
- Caused mostly by human activities: 56%
- Caused mostly by natural changes in the environment: 63%
- None of the above, because it isn’t happening: 56%

**How worried are you about global warming? Percent who say "very worried" or "somewhat worried."**

- Vermont: 56%
- USA: 71%

June 2016 Energy Independent Vermont survey compared to March 2016 *Climate Change and the American Mind*, Yale Program on Climate Change Communication and George Mason University Center for Climate Change Communication.
Support for Vermont’s Goals
More Than Three Quarters of Vermonters Support The State's 90% Renewable Energy Goal

Vermont has a goal getting 90% of its energy from renewable sources by the year 2050. Do you support or oppose this goal for Vermont?

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Support for Global Warming Solutions
By More Than 2-to-1, Vermonters Are More Likely to Support Candidates Who Make Clean Energy Central to Their Campaign

Suppose that a candidate for Governor of Vermont made reducing greenhouse gas emissions, promoting energy efficiency, and expanding use of renewable energy a top priority of their campaign - would that make you more or less likely to vote for them?
By a 2-to-1 Margin, Vermonters Support a Carbon Pollution Tax Coupled with Investments in Clean Energy and Tax Cuts for all Vermonters and Vermont Businesses

- **Strongly & Somewhat Support**: 63%
- **Somewhat & Strongly Oppose**: 31%
- **DK/NA**: 6%

This Energy Independence proposal would do the following: Establish a statewide Energy Independence Fund to help Vermonters reduce their home heating and transportation costs and weatherize public buildings, like schools; Finance the Energy Independence Fund with a carbon pollution tax paid by the companies that import oil, gas, or other fossil fuels into Vermont. It would not apply to electricity; Cut state taxes for all Vermonters and Vermont businesses, with additional rebates for low-income Vermonters, so that we are protected from fossil fuel companies passing on their costs. Does this sound like something you would support or oppose?

Key Findings

• Vermonters believe global warming is happening, understand that it is human caused, and they are worried.

• Vermonters support the State’s renewable energy and greenhouse gas reduction goals and action to achieve those goals, including a carbon pollution tax that’s paired with tax cuts and investments in efficiency.

• By a 2-to-1 margin, Vermonters are more likely to vote for a candidate who makes support for clean energy central to their campaign.
Races for the Democratic and Republican Nominations for Governor of Vermont
In the Races for the Republican and Democratic Nominations for Governor, One Race is Within the Margin of Error, the Other is Not

If the Republican primary election for Governor were today, for whom would you vote: Phil Scott or Bruce Lisman? (n = 171; MOE = 7.5%)

If the Democratic primary election for Governor were today, for whom would you vote: Matt Dunne, Peter Galbraith, or Sue Minter? (n = 217; MOE = 6.7%)
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