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**National Journal Insiders**

**National Journal’s Congressional Insiders Poll includes 113 members of Congress—10 Senate Democrats, 48 House Democrats, 10 Senate Republicans, and 45 House Republicans.**


Q: Which of these actions to reduce global warming could you possibly support?

**Democrats (40 votes)**

- A. Mandatory limits on carbon dioxide emissions: 88 percent
- B. Increased spending on alternative fuels: 95 percent
- C. Greater reliance on nuclear energy: 58 percent
- D. Higher fuel-efficiency standards for automobiles: 90 percent
- E. A “cap-and-trade” carbon dioxide emissions-reduction program: 83 percent
- F. A carbon tax: 50 percent

**Democrats' General comments**

- “I support all of these actions. The social and economic chaos that will accompany the rapid changes in our world that climate change will bring will make these measures seem puny.”
- “All of the above are possibly effective responses to global warming, but some make other problems worse and thus unlikely to get broad support. Nuclear is already subsidized up to its ears.”
- “All of the above. We need a multipronged approach built with bipartisan American support to fight global warming, ensure a reliable energy supply, and continue American economic growth. Parts of all these issues are the right ‘blend’ to make this happen.”

- **Increased spending on alternative fuels**
  - “We have to start thinking beyond a fossil fuel-based energy economy.”
  - “Specifically, funds for incentives to create and use alternative fuels.”

- **Greater reliance on nuclear energy**
  - “Willing to look at this option, with more information.”
  - “Only if short term and tied directly to other incentives, not as a stand-alone approach.”
  - “Everything must be put on the table to reduce global warming. There are no sacred cows.”

- **Higher fuel-efficiency standards**
  - “Very strong support for this option.”

- **A “cap-and-trade” program**
  - “Carbonation without taxation.”
  - “Only as a fallback compromise.”

- **A carbon tax**
  - “Not regressive; industry-specific perhaps.”

**Republicans (31 votes)**

- A. Mandatory limits on carbon dioxide emissions: 19 percent
- B. Increased spending on alternative fuels: 71 percent
- C. Greater reliance on nuclear energy: 90 percent
- D. Higher fuel-efficiency standards for automobiles: 45 percent
- E. A “cap-and-trade” carbon dioxide emissions-reduction program: 42 percent
- F. A carbon tax: 3 percent
- G. Other actions (volunteered): 6 percent

**Republicans' General comments**

- “Mandatory limits on carbon dioxide emissions”
  - “Limits on U.S. emissions will be ineffective as long as China and India continue to burn coal in traditional ways.”

- **Increased spending on alternative fuels**
  - “Reducing global warming is certainly an admirable goal, but our overall goal should be focused more on national security as it relates to our energy policy—which would reduce our reliance on certain foreign fossil fuels and, as a positive side effect, cut back on carbon emissions and potentially slow global warming.”

- **Greater reliance on nuclear energy**
  - “[Nuclear energy] and hydropower is our nation’s largest source of renewable power and should be embraced.”
  - “Our increasing dependence on foreign sources of energy must be addressed. We should be doing more to help boost American energy production and encourage private development of alternative sources of fuel.”

- **A “cap-and-trade” carbon dioxide emissions-reduction program**
  - “We need a comprehensive approach to climate change, and carbon dioxide must be part of that discussion.”

**Other comments**

- “We should also explore innovative market solutions, such as ‘carbon sinks.’ ”
- “A reward for the development of the first vehicle to get 200 mpg and cost less than $30,000.”

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