

# DATA FOR **PROGRESS**

From May 3 to 4, 2024, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,206 U.S. likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, geography, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is  $\pm 3$  percentage points.

NB: subgroups with a n-size less than 50 (<50) are not shown on these cross-tabs. We choose not to display N<50 subgroups because the sample is too small to have statistical significance. We did, however, take samples of these subgroups for representational and weighting purposes to accurately reflect the electorate makeup. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

N=1,206 unless otherwise specified.

**[1]** Do you think that oil and gas companies should be held legally accountable for their contributions to climate change, including their impacts on extreme weather events and public health?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Yes, I believe that oil and gas companies should be held legally accountable for their contributions to climate change	62	84	59	40	67	56	67	59	60	64	71	59	66
No, I do not believe that oil and gas companies should be held legally accountable for their contributions to climate change	28	11	27	49	23	34	23	31	28	28	16	31	24
Don't know	10	6	15	12	10	10	10	10	11	8	13	10	10
Weighted N	1,206	476	305	425	643	563	395	811	777	429	131	859	158

**[2]** This question was shown to respondents who answered: "Yes, I believe that oil and gas companies should be held legally accountable for their contributions to climate change."

You indicated that you think oil and gas companies should be held legally accountable for their contributions to climate change, including their impacts on extreme weather events and public health.

Of the following, what do you think oil and gas companies should be held legally accountable for? You may select more than one option.

(N=746)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Endangering the public and causing potential harm to the public in the future	54	58	56	44	53	56	46	59	54	56	44	58	47
The loss of plants and wildlife caused by warming weather and extreme weather events	43	50	39	30	43	43	46	41	43	43	48	40	51
The human deaths caused by extreme weather events and the impacts to public health, such as toxic air and water pollution	43	50	37	33	45	41	43	43	43	44	52	41	40
The monetary damages of extreme weather events	29	32	28	22	29	29	31	28	29	29	37	28	25
Other	3	3	3	2	2	3	1	4	2	4	1	2	3
Don't know	10	7	12	17	13	7	8	12	11	9	5	11	14
Weighted N	746	399	179	168	433	313	266	480	469	277	93	505	104

**[3]** This question was shown to respondents who answered: "No, I do not believe that oil and gas companies should be held legally accountable for their contributions to climate change."

You indicated that you do **not** think oil and gas companies should be held legally accountable for their contributions to climate change, including their impacts on extreme weather events and public health.

Which of the following reasons best describes why you do **not** think oil and gas companies should be held legally accountable for their contributions to climate change?

(N=339)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	White
I do not think there is a legal basis for holding oil and gas companies accountable for their contributions to climate change	41	39	43	40	35	45	34	43	37	48	43
I do not think climate change is a real phenomenon	29	18	27	32	28	29	28	29	29	27	29
I do not think oil and gas companies contributed to climate change	23	23	22	24	25	22	31	20	27	15	20
I think it would be too difficult to prove that oil and gas companies broke the law	22	29	23	20	24	21	20	23	19	28	23
Other	4	6	5	3	6	3	1	5	5	1	4
Don't know	3	2	5	3	3	3	5	2	4	2	3
Weighted N	339	50	82	207	147	192	91	248	221	118	270

**[4]** While numerous cities and states have already filed civil lawsuits against oil and gas companies to hold them legally accountable for their contributions to climate change, some legal groups have proposed criminal prosecutions against these companies.

They argue that the criminal offense of reckless or negligent homicide – which is legally defined as causing a death through reckless or negligent conduct – is an appropriate charge for oil and gas companies when extreme weather events caused by climate change kill people.

Knowing what you do now, do you support or oppose criminal charges being filed against oil and gas companies to hold them accountable for deaths caused by their contributions to climate change?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly support	19	30	14	11	20	19	25	16	19	19	17	18	26
Somewhat support	30	38	28	21	30	29	29	30	30	29	39	28	23
Somewhat oppose	18	15	18	20	19	16	19	17	17	18	19	18	24
Strongly oppose	21	5	23	37	16	27	12	25	18	26	6	25	12
Don't know	13	11	18	11	16	9	14	12	15	8	19	11	16
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	49	68	42	32	50	48	54	46	49	48	56	46	49
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	39	20	41	57	35	43	31	42	35	44	25	43	36
SUPPORT (NET)	+10	+48	+1	-25	+15	+5	+23	+4	+14	+4	+31	+3	+13
Weighted N	1,206	476	305	425	643	563	395	811	777	429	131	859	158

**[5]** To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

"Oil and gas companies have known that fossil fuels contribute to climate change for nearly 70 years. However, instead of warning the public or changing their business practices, they led a campaign of disinformation to hide the scientific reality of climate change from consumers and policymakers. These actions are now resulting in dangerous extreme weather events and harmful pollution that impacts public health."

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly agree	26	42	22	12	28	24	30	24	26	27	22	26	31
Somewhat agree	34	41	30	30	35	33	35	34	34	35	47	32	28
Somewhat disagree	13	7	16	16	13	13	12	13	11	15	10	13	14
Strongly disagree	17	3	17	32	12	22	11	20	17	17	5	20	15
Don't know	10	7	15	10	12	8	12	9	12	6	16	9	12
AGREE (TOTAL)	60	83	52	42	63	57	65	58	60	62	69	58	59
DISAGREE (TOTAL)	30	10	33	48	25	35	23	33	28	32	15	33	29
AGREE (NET)	+30	+73	+19	-6	+38	+22	+42	+25	+32	+30	+54	+25	+30
Weighted N	1,206	476	305	425	643	563	395	811	777	429	131	859	158

**[6]** Based on what you know now, do you support or oppose criminal charges being filed against oil and gas companies to hold them accountable for deaths caused by their contributions to climate change?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly support	22	34	17	12	23	20	25	20	22	21	22	21	25
Somewhat support	27	35	24	21	29	26	30	26	26	29	33	26	28
Somewhat oppose	18	17	19	20	20	17	19	18	18	19	20	18	18
Strongly oppose	21	5	23	38	15	28	13	24	19	24	6	24	18
Don't know	12	10	17	9	14	9	14	11	14	7	19	11	10
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	49	69	41	33	52	46	55	46	48	50	55	47	53
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	39	22	42	58	35	45	32	42	37	43	26	42	36
SUPPORT (NET)	+10	+47	-1	-25	+17	+1	+23	+4	+11	+7	+29	+5	+17
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