

# CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MIND

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## Introduction

This report is based on findings from a nationally representative survey – *Climate Change in the American Mind* – conducted by the Yale Project on Climate Change Communication (<http://environment.yale.edu/climate-communication>) and the George Mason University Center for Climate Change Communication (<http://www.climatechangecommunication.org>). Interview dates: February 27 – March 10, 2015. Interviews: 1,263 Adults (18+). Average margin of error: +/- 3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. The research was funded by the 11th Hour Project, the Energy Foundation, the Grantham Foundation, and the V.K. Rasmussen Foundation.

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## Preface

A fast-growing “greening of religion” movement is unfolding across the United States and around the world (<http://fore.yale.edu>), with major statements by Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, and Indigenous leaders (among others) and substantial efforts by people of faith to address both the causes and consequences of climate change and other pressing environmental problems.

Among Christians, a long-standing debate has centered on the question of whether God gave nature to humans to *protect* or to *use* as needed for our own purposes. Is caring for the natural environment a religious responsibility? What is the Christian response to global warming?

This summer, Pope Francis will issue an encyclical on climate change. A papal encyclical is a letter that guides the church on critical issues and is one of the most important forms of communication within the church. Early indications are that he will define climate change as a fundamentally moral and religious challenge for the world. Pope Francis will then separately address the General Assembly of the United Nations and a joint session of the U.S. Congress in September, and meet with President Obama in the lead-up to this year’s UN climate negotiations in Paris.

Many Americans draw, at least in part, upon their religious beliefs to guide their understanding and interpretation of climate change causes, impacts, and solutions. As a predominantly Christian country, it is important for individuals and organizations that seek to communicate about global warming to understand how different American Christians think and feel about the issue.

This report examines the global warming beliefs, attitudes, risk perceptions, policy preferences, and related moral values of three major groups of American Christians – Catholics, non-evangelical Protestants, and born again/evangelical Christians.<sup>1</sup> It also investigates how different American Christians currently view Pope Francis and to what extent he is considered a trusted voice on the issue of global warming.

## Assignment to Religion Category

Assignment to the religion categories used in this report is based on responses to two survey items: (1) What is your religion? (2) Would you describe yourself as “born again” or evangelical? All respondents who identified as Catholic in item 1 were coded as “Catholic” for this report (n=299). Respondents who identified as Protestant or Baptist in item 1 but did *not* identify as born again or evangelical in item 2 were coded as “Protestant (Non-Evangelical)” (n=225). Respondents who identified as Protestant, Baptist, Pentecostal, or Other Christian in item 1 and also *did* identify as born again or evangelical in item 2 to were coded as “Evangelical” (n=311).

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<sup>1</sup>Total sample size (n =1,263) is too small to provide reliable estimates of the opinions of a number of other religious groups in the U.S., including Mormons, Eastern Orthodox Christians, Unitarian Universalists, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists, as well as others with no religious affiliation. We hope to conduct studies about the beliefs and values of these groups in the future.



## Key Findings

This report examines the global warming beliefs, attitudes, risk perceptions, policy preferences, and related moral values of three major groups of American Christians – Catholics, non-evangelical Protestants, and born again/evangelical Christians. It also investigates how different American Christians currently view Pope Francis and the extent to which he is considered a trusted voice on the issue of global warming.

### Climate Change Beliefs & Attitudes

About seven in ten Catholics (69%) say they think global warming is happening, which is a slightly higher percentage than Americans as a whole (63%). A majority of non-evangelical Protestants also think global warming is happening (62%). By contrast, evangelicals are split between those who think it is happening (51%) and those who either don't think it is (27%) or who don't know (23%).

Catholics are the most likely to say global warming is caused mostly by human activities (57%; 33% say it is caused mostly by natural changes in the environment). Non-evangelical Protestants are also more likely to say global warming is caused by human activity rather than natural changes in the environment (50% versus 35%, respectively). Evangelicals are more evenly split between the two perspectives (41% versus 37%).

In a recent study investigating the degree of scientific consensus on climate change, Cook and colleagues (2013)<sup>2</sup> examined nearly 12,000 peer-reviewed papers in the climate science literature and found that of those papers that stated a position on the reality of human-caused global warming, 97% said it is happening and at least partly human caused. However, fewer than half of Catholics (40%), non-evangelical Protestants (39%), and evangelicals (29%) say most scientists think human-caused global warming is happening, and nearly as many think there is a lot of disagreement among climate scientists as to whether or not global warming is happening (37%, 35% and 37%, respectively).

Over half of American Catholics (57%) say they are at least somewhat worried about global warming (10% are “very worried”). Non-evangelical Protestants are about evenly split between those who are worried (48%) and those who are not (52%). By contrast, six in ten evangelicals say they are “not very” or “not at all” worried about it (62%).

Few American Christians – Catholics (30%), evangelicals (27%), and non-evangelical Protestants (25%) – understand that people in the United States are being harmed today by global warming.

Pluralities of Christians – Catholics (49%), non-evangelical Protestants (48%), and evangelicals (37%) – say humans could reduce global warming, but it's unclear at this point whether we will do what's necessary. Among the remainder, the pessimists outnumber the optimists. Only about one in twenty Christians says humans can reduce global warming and will do so successfully, while larger numbers say we won't because people are unwilling to change their behavior (28% of Catholics, 18% of non-evangelical Protestants, and

<sup>2</sup> Cook, J., Nuccitelli, D., Green, S. A., Richardson, M., Winkler, B., Painting, R., Way, R., Jacobs, P., & Skuce, A. (2013). Quantifying the consensus on anthropogenic global warming in the scientific literature. *Environmental Research Letters*, 8. doi:10.1088/1748-9326/8/2/024024

24% of evangelicals). At least one in ten says humans can't reduce global warming even if it is happening (10%, 16%, and 15%, respectively).

When asked if they have all the information they need to form a firm opinion about global warming, evangelicals are the most likely to say they need “a lot more” information (26%), followed closely by non-evangelical Protestants (23%), and then by Catholics (17%). About half of all Christians say they need at least “some” more information.

Evangelicals are also the most likely to say they need *no* more information to form an opinion (35%). Fewer non-evangelical Protestants (22%) or Catholics (19%) say they need no more information to form an opinion.

### Climate Change Policy Support

American Christians – especially Catholics – support a range of policies that would help reduce global warming:

- Increase funding for improvements to local roads, bridges, and buildings to make them more resistant to extreme weather (80% of Catholics, 83% of non-evangelical Protestants, and 80% of evangelicals)
- Provide tax rebates for people who purchase energy-efficient vehicles or solar panels (83%, 80% and 74%, respectively)
- Fund more research into renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power (81%, 81% and 73%)
- Regulate carbon dioxide (the primary greenhouse gas) as a pollutant (74%, 75% and 72%)
- Require electric utilities to produce at least 20% of their electricity from wind, solar, or other renewable energy sources, even if it costs the average household an extra \$100 a year (67%, 68% and 60%)

Respondents were also asked if they support or oppose the following policy:

“Set strict carbon dioxide emission limits on existing coal-fired power plants to reduce global warming and improve public health. Power plants would have to reduce their emissions and/or invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency. The cost of electricity to consumers and companies would likely increase.”

Large majorities of Catholics (74%) and non-evangelical Christians (70%) strongly or somewhat support the policy, and more than half of evangelicals (60%) do as well.

American Christians think a variety of people and organizations should be doing more to address global warming. Majorities of Catholics and at least half of non-evangelical Protestants say the following should do more: corporations and industry (75% and 69%, respectively), citizens themselves (71% and 63%), the U.S. Congress (65% and 56%), their member of Congress (65% and 54%), their governor (63% and 50%), their local government officials (62% and 52%), and President Obama (59% and 48%). Over half of evangelicals think corporations and industry should do more to address global warming (59%), while half or nearly half think the other people and organizations should do more.

## Global Warming & Values

Relatively few Christians say that God expects people to rule over nature (12% of Catholics, 11% of non-evangelical Protestants, and 18% of evangelicals). Almost half of evangelicals (49%) say that God expects people to be good stewards of nature – compared to Catholics (41%) and non-evangelical Protestants (36%).

Large majorities of Christians say global warming is a major environmental and scientific issue. Some consider it a major moral issue (22% of Catholics, 21% of non-evangelical Protestants, and 16% of evangelicals), but few currently consider it either a major religious (5%, 6%, and 9%, respectively) or spiritual issue (8%, 6%, and 9%).

Most evangelicals, Catholics, and non-evangelical Protestants say it is important to them personally to care for future generations of people (86%, 82%, and 82%, respectively), the natural environment (76% of each group), and the world's poor (77%, 67% and 63%).

Over half of Catholics, non-evangelical Protestants, and evangelicals think that reducing global warming will help future generations (67%, 60%, and 55%).

Relatively few Christians say they accept scientific explanations when they conflict with prior religious or spiritual beliefs (22% of Catholics, 20% of non-evangelical Protestants, and 11% of evangelicals). Far more Evangelicals (55%) than Catholics (18%) and non-evangelical Protestants (18%) say, when the two conflict, they accept their religious or spiritual beliefs over scientific explanations. Pluralities of Catholics (43%) and non-evangelical Protestants (42%) say their views lie in between these two statements.

## Views of Pope Francis

Overall, Pope Francis is the most trusted of several religious leaders as a source of information about global warming. Three in four Catholics (76%) have a positive opinion of Pope Francis, compared to non-evangelical Protestants (57%) and evangelicals (35%). Most of the remainder are “in between” or don't have an opinion. Relatively small numbers in the three groups have negative opinions of Pope Francis (2%, 4% and 13% respectively).

This summer, Pope Francis will issue an encyclical on climate change. Early indications are that he will define climate change as a moral and religious challenge for the world. As of this survey, few American Christians were aware of the Pope's forthcoming encyclical about global warming. Catholics were the most likely to be aware of it, although only one in ten (11%) were. One in twenty non-evangelical Protestants (5%) and evangelicals (5%) were aware of the Pope's upcoming encyclical.

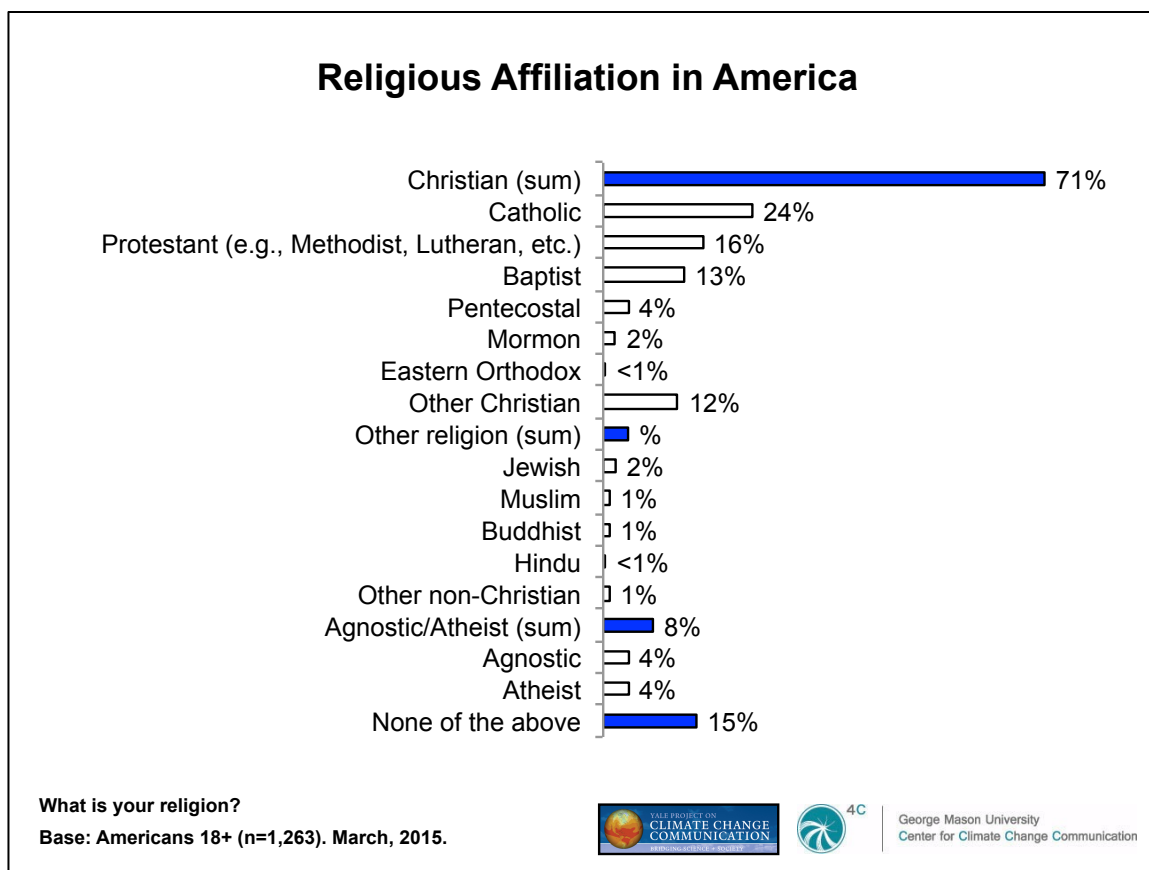
## 1. American Christians by the Numbers

### 1.1. Religious affiliation in America

The majority of Americans (71%) affiliate with some denomination of Christianity, with one in three (33%) identifying as Protestant (Mainline, Baptist, Pentecostal) and one in four as Catholic (24%). One in four Americans (27%) self-identifies as evangelical or “born again.”

A relatively small number of Americans – one in 25 (4%) – affiliates with a *non*-Christian religion (e.g., Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu).

About one in ten (8%) is agnostic or atheist.





## 1.2. Religiosity and Spirituality

Evangelicals are more likely than other American Christians to say they are very religious, spiritual, and observant.

Most evangelicals consider themselves to be at least moderately religious (83%), and one in three (35%) is *very* religious (compared to 13% of Catholics and 9% of non-evangelical Protestants). Half (48%) say they are very spiritual (versus 20% of non-evangelical Protestants and 17% of Catholics).

Twice as many evangelicals attend religious services at least once a week (60%) as either Catholics (33%) or non-evangelical Protestants (25%).

|                           | Total<br>Americans | Catholics | Protestants<br>(Non-<br>Evangelical) | Evangelicals |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| (Base)                    | (1,263)            | (299)     | (225)                                | (311)        |
|                           | %                  | %         | %                                    | %            |
| <b>Religiosity</b>        |                    |           |                                      |              |
| Very religious            | 16                 | 13        | 9                                    | 35           |
| Moderately religious      | 33                 | 38        | 43                                   | 48           |
| Slightly religious        | 22                 | 34        | 32                                   | 10           |
| Not religious at all      | 27                 | 14        | 15                                   | 6            |
| <b>Spirituality</b>       |                    |           |                                      |              |
| Very spiritual            | 24                 | 17        | 20                                   | 48           |
| Moderately spiritual      | 34                 | 40        | 33                                   | 41           |
| Slightly spiritual        | 22                 | 27        | 29                                   | 9            |
| Not spiritual at all      | 18                 | 16        | 15                                   | 1            |
| <b>Service attendance</b> |                    |           |                                      |              |
| More than once a week     | 12                 | 8         | 4                                    | 31           |
| Once a week               | 20                 | 25        | 21                                   | 29           |
| Once or twice a month     | 7                  | 10        | 7                                    | 13           |
| A few times a year        | 15                 | 22        | 24                                   | 14           |
| Once a year or less often | 18                 | 19        | 22                                   | 8            |
| Never                     | 27                 | 16        | 22                                   | 4            |

**Base: Americans 18+. March, 2015.**

### 1.3. Religion and Political Orientation

Evangelicals are more likely to be politically conservative than other American Christians. Half (50%) say they are very (20%) or somewhat conservative (30%), while relatively few say they are liberal (15%). About half say they are a Republican or lean Republican (47%), while three in ten consider themselves a Democrat or lean Democratic (31%).

Compared to evangelical and non-evangelical Protestants, Catholics are the most likely to say they are politically liberal (24%), though slightly more call themselves conservative (29%) and the plurality say they are moderate (48%). Catholics are also the most likely to say they are a Democrat or lean Democratic (45% versus 37% who identify as a Republican or lean Republican). Relatively few (6%) say they are part of the Tea Party.

On average, non-evangelical Protestants are less liberal than Catholics and less conservative than evangelicals. Although they are more likely to say they are conservative (35%) than liberal (21%), a plurality is politically moderate (43%). They are evenly split between the Democratic and Republican parties (43% and 42%, respectively). Few consider themselves Tea Party members (5%).

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|                                     | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| <b>Political party</b>              |                            |                  |                                               |                     |
| Democrat                            | 33                         | 41               | 34                                            | 27                  |
| Lean Democratic                     | 7                          | 5                | 9                                             | 5                   |
| Independent/other, don't lean       | 11                         | 9                | 7                                             | 10                  |
| Lean Republican                     | 8                          | 10               | 7                                             | 10                  |
| Republican                          | 25                         | 27               | 34                                            | 37                  |
| No party/not interested in politics | 16                         | 9                | 8                                             | 12                  |
| <b>Tea Party</b>                    |                            |                  |                                               |                     |
| Yes                                 | 5                          | 6                | 5                                             | 8                   |
| No                                  | 74                         | 76               | 82                                            | 69                  |
| Don't know                          | 19                         | 18               | 12                                            | 23                  |
| <b>Ideology</b>                     |                            |                  |                                               |                     |
| Very liberal                        | 8                          | 4                | 6                                             | 5                   |
| Somewhat liberal                    | 16                         | 20               | 15                                            | 10                  |
| Moderate, middle of the road        | 42                         | 48               | 43                                            | 34                  |
| Somewhat conservative               | 22                         | 21               | 29                                            | 30                  |
| Very conservative                   | 10                         | 8                | 6                                             | 20                  |

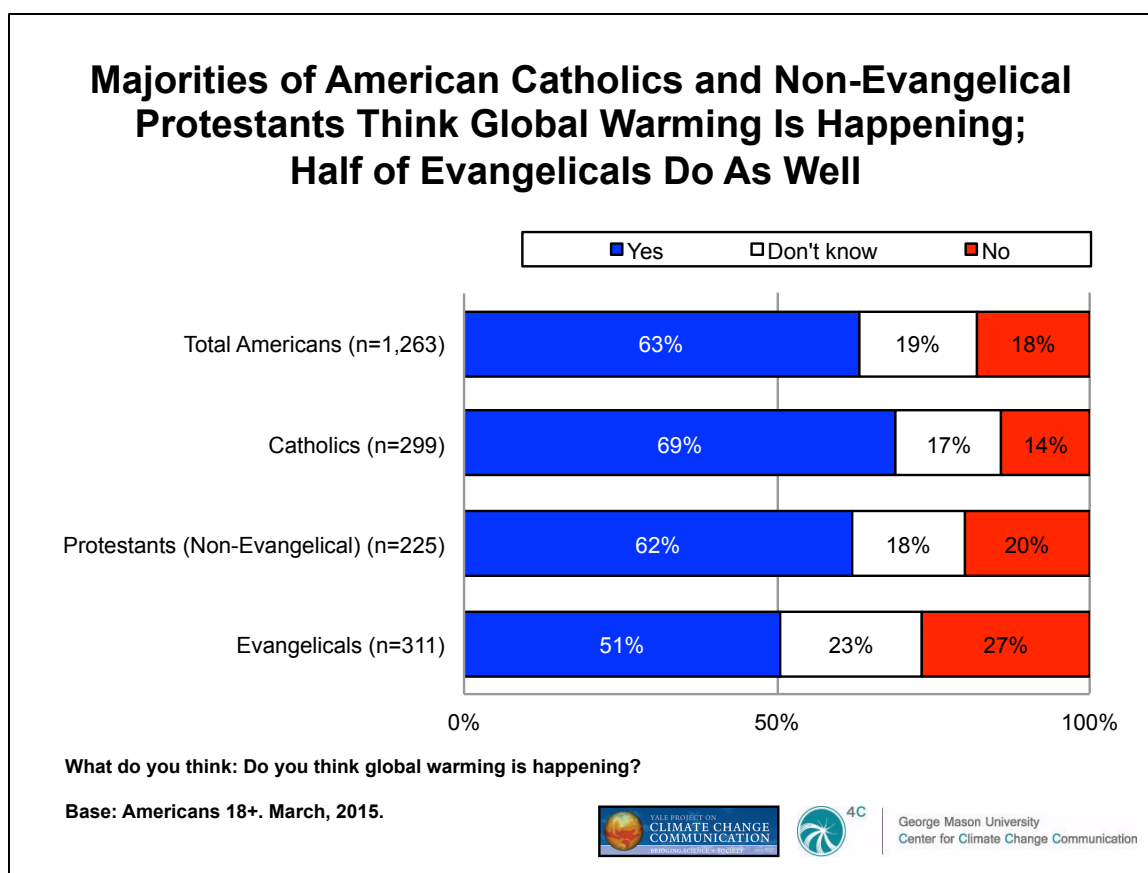
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## 2. Global Warming Beliefs and Attitudes

### 2.1. Majorities of American Catholics and non-evangelical Protestants think global warming is happening. Half of evangelicals do as well.

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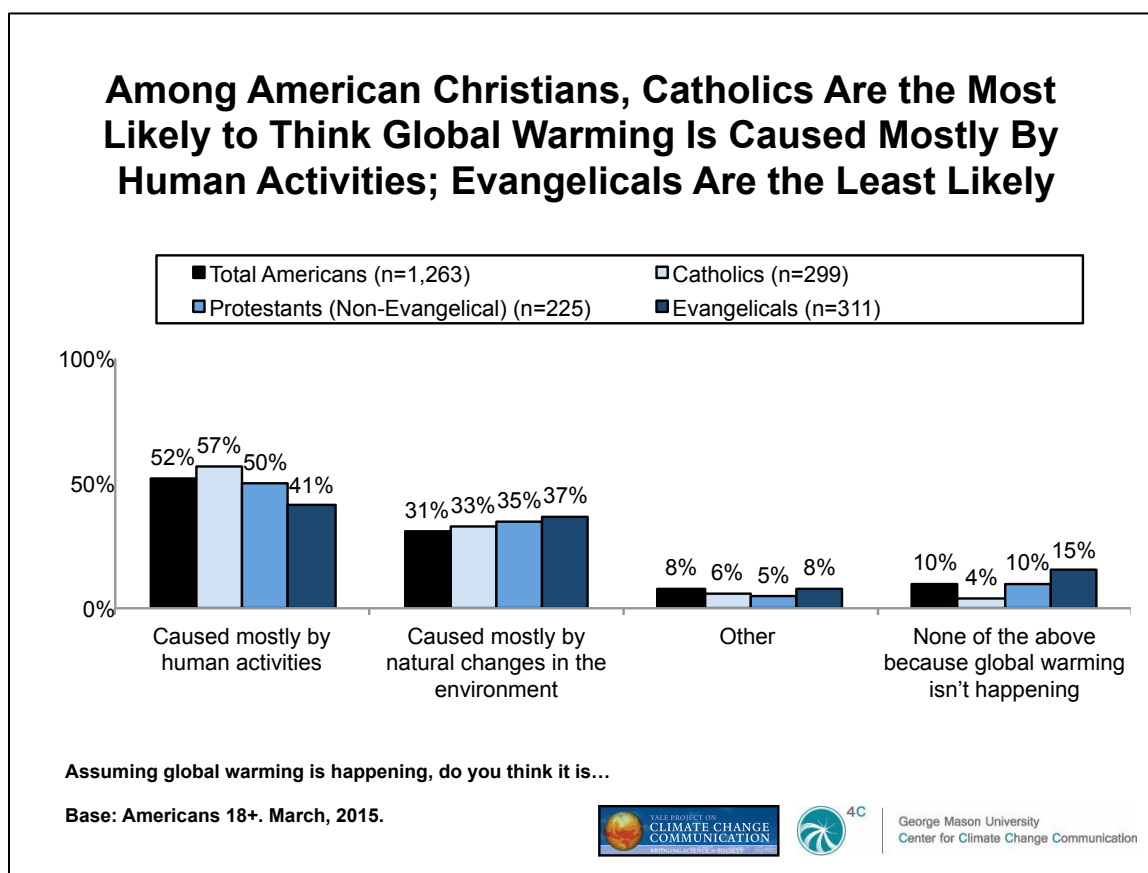
## 2.2. Among American Christians, Catholics are the most likely to think global warming is caused mostly by human activities. Evangelicals are the least likely.

The 2014 U.S. National Climate Assessment (written and reviewed by hundreds of climate experts over the past 4 years) states: “the global warming of the past 50 years is primarily due to human activities, predominantly the burning of fossil fuels. Many independent lines of evidence confirm that human activities are affecting climate in unprecedented ways” (p. 15).<sup>3</sup>

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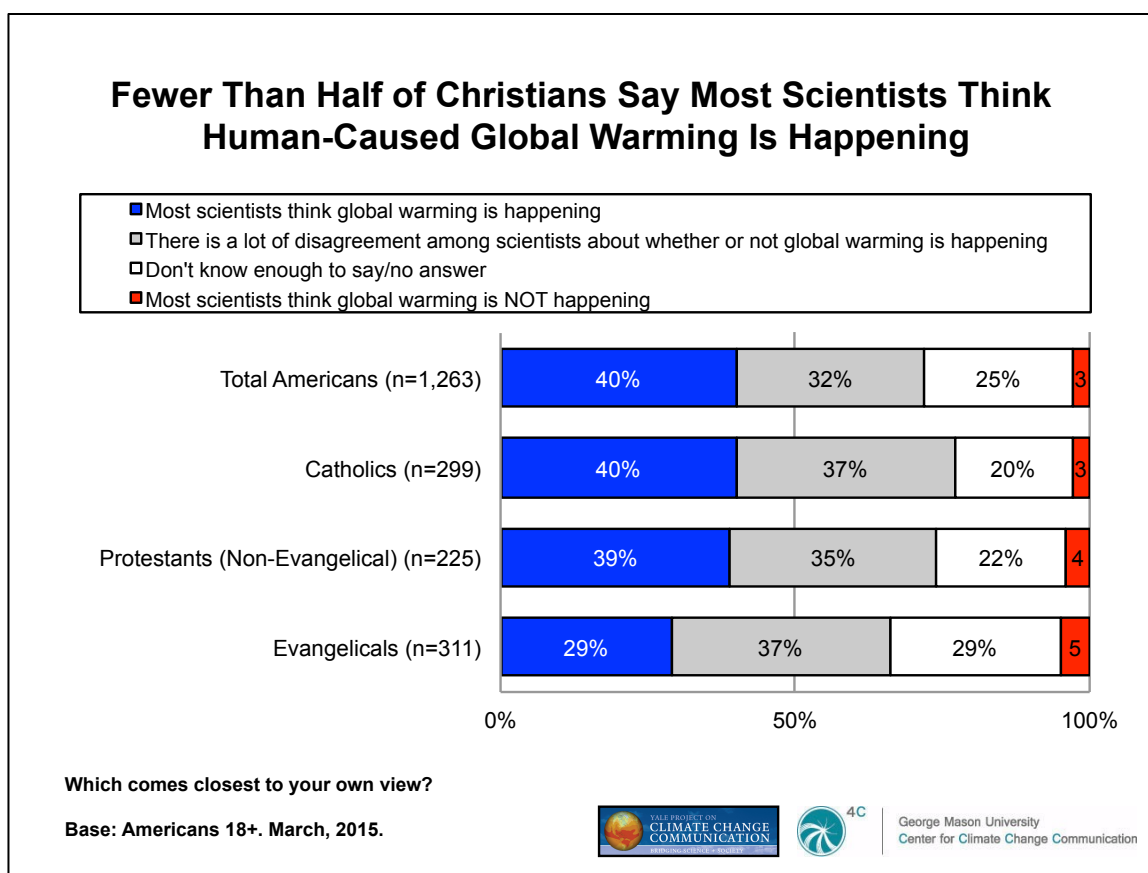


<sup>3</sup> <http://nca2014.globalchange.gov/report>

### 2.3. Fewer than half of Christians say most scientists think human-caused global warming is happening.

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However, fewer than half of Catholics (40%), non-evangelical Protestants (39%), and evangelicals (29%) say most scientists think human-caused global warming is happening, and nearly as many think there is a lot of disagreement among climate scientists as to whether or not global warming is happening (37%, 35% and 37%, respectively).



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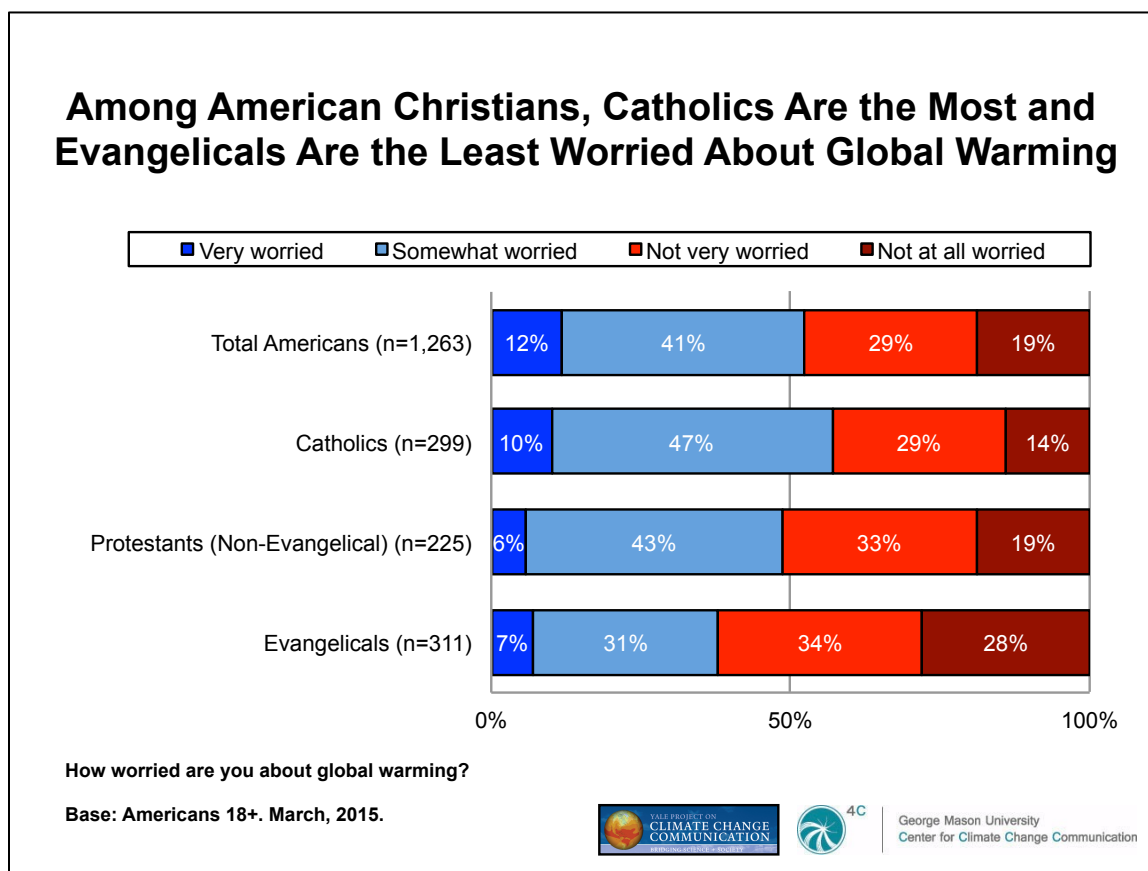


## 2.4. Among American Christians, Catholics are the most and evangelicals are the least worried about global warming.

Over half of American Catholics (57%) say they are at least somewhat worried about global warming (10% are “very worried”).

By contrast, six in ten evangelicals say they are “not very” or “not at all” worried about it (62%).

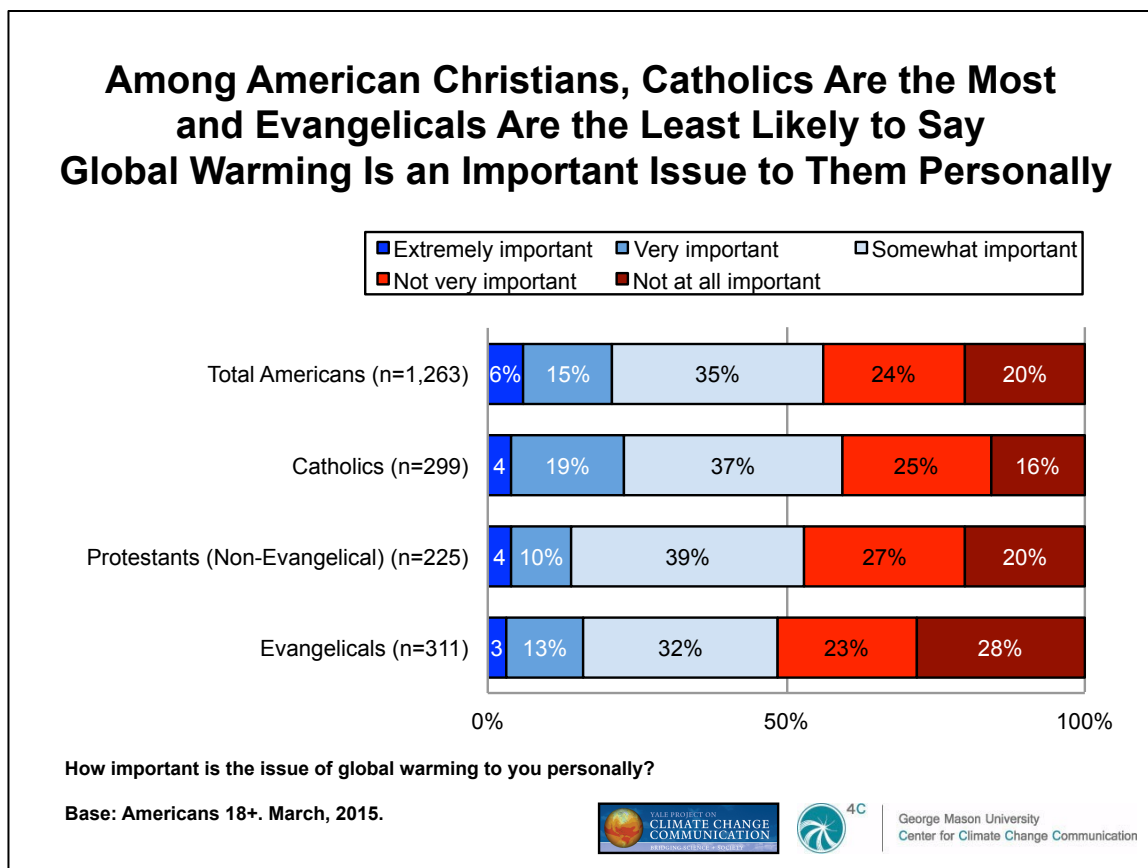
Non-evangelical Protestants are about evenly split between those who are worried (48%) and those who are not (52%).



## 2.5. Among American Christians, Catholics are the most and evangelicals are the least likely to say global warming is an important issue to them personally.

Over half of American Catholics (59%) say the issue of global warming is at least somewhat important to them (22% say it is “extremely” or “very important”).

By contrast, non-evangelical Protestants and evangelicals are about evenly split between those who say it is important to them (53% and 49%, respectively) and those who say it is not (47% and 51%).



## 2.6. Few American Christians are optimistic humans will reduce global warming.

Pluralities of Christians – Catholics (49%), non-evangelical Protestants (48%), and evangelicals (37%) – say humans could reduce global warming, but it's unclear at this point whether we will do what's necessary.

Among the remainder, the pessimists outnumber the optimists. Only about one in twenty Christians says humans can reduce global warming and will do so successfully, while larger numbers say we won't because people are unwilling to change their behavior (28% of Catholics, 18% of non-evangelical Protestants, and 24% of evangelicals). At least one in ten says humans can't reduce global warming even if it is happening (10%, 16%, and 15%, respectively).

### Few American Christians Are Optimistic Humans Will Reduce Global Warming - % who say they agree with statement -

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|                                                                                                               | %                  | %         | %                                    | %            |
| Humans could reduce global warming, but it's unclear at this point whether we will do what's needed           | 46                 | 49        | 48                                   | 37           |
| Humans could reduce global warming, but people aren't willing to change their behavior, so we're not going to | 24                 | 28        | 18                                   | 24           |
| Humans can't reduce global warming, even if it is happening                                                   | 12                 | 10        | 16                                   | 15           |
| Humans can reduce global warming, and we are going to do so successfully                                      | 6                  | 6         | 6                                    | 5            |
| Global warming isn't happening                                                                                | 13                 | 8         | 12                                   | 19           |
| No response                                                                                                   | *                  | -         | 1                                    | *            |

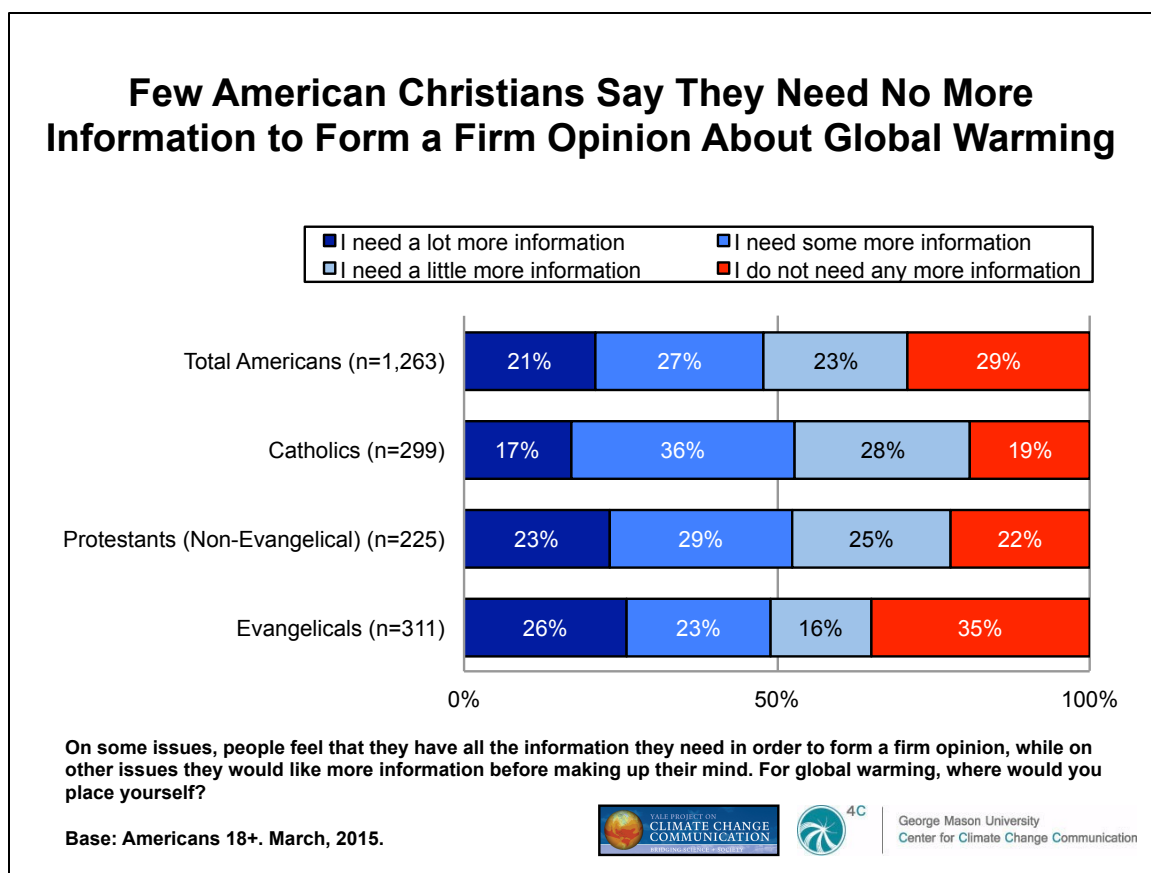
**Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?**

**Base: Americans (18+). March, 2015.**

## 2.7. Many American Christians say they need more information to form a firm opinion about global warming.

When asked if they have all the information they need to form a firm opinion about global warming, evangelicals are the most likely to say they need “a lot more” information (26%), followed closely by non-evangelical Protestants (23%), and then by Catholics (17%). About half of all Christians say they need at least “some” more information.

Evangelicals are also the most likely to say they need *no* more information to form an opinion (35%). Fewer non-evangelical Protestants (22%) or Catholics (19%) say they have enough information.



### 3. Perceived Risks of Global Warming

#### 3.1. American Christians think global warming will cause the most harm to the natural environment, plant and animal species, and future generations of people – and the least harm to themselves.

American Catholics, followed by non-evangelical Protestants, are the Christians most likely to say global warming will cause harm. Evangelicals are the least likely.

At least half of Catholics and non-evangelical Protestants think global warming will cause at least moderate harm to:

- The natural environment (70% and 66%, respectively)
- Plant and animal species (68% and 65%)
- Future generations of people (69% and 64%)
- People in modern industrialized countries (56% and 52%)
- People in developing countries (55% and 55%)
- The world's poor (54% and 55%)
- People in the U.S. (52% and 49%)

Relatively fewer believe they themselves (38% and 34%), or their family (44% and 39%), will be harmed by global warming.

Evangelicals are less likely to think global warming will harm any of the above. Still, about half think it will cause at least moderate harm to the natural environment (53%), future generations of people (53%), plant and animal species (50%), and the world's poor (47%).

## American Christians Think Global Warming Will Cause the Most Harm to the Natural Environment, Plant and Animal Species, and Future Generations of People – and the Least Harm to Themselves

- % who say global warming will harm item (“a great deal” or “moderate amount”) -

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|                                           | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| The natural environment                   | 65                         | 70               | 66                                            | 53                  |
| Plant and animal species                  | 63                         | 68               | 65                                            | 50                  |
| Future generation of people               | 63                         | 69               | 64                                            | 53                  |
| The world's poor                          | 53                         | 54               | 55                                            | 47                  |
| People in developing countries            | 52                         | 55               | 55                                            | 45                  |
| People in modern industrialized countries | 52                         | 56               | 52                                            | 45                  |
| People in the U.S.                        | 49                         | 52               | 49                                            | 42                  |
| People in your community                  | 42                         | 45               | 40                                            | 35                  |
| Your family                               | 41                         | 44               | 39                                            | 33                  |
| You personally                            | 36                         | 38               | 34                                            | 30                  |

**How much do you think global warming will harm...**

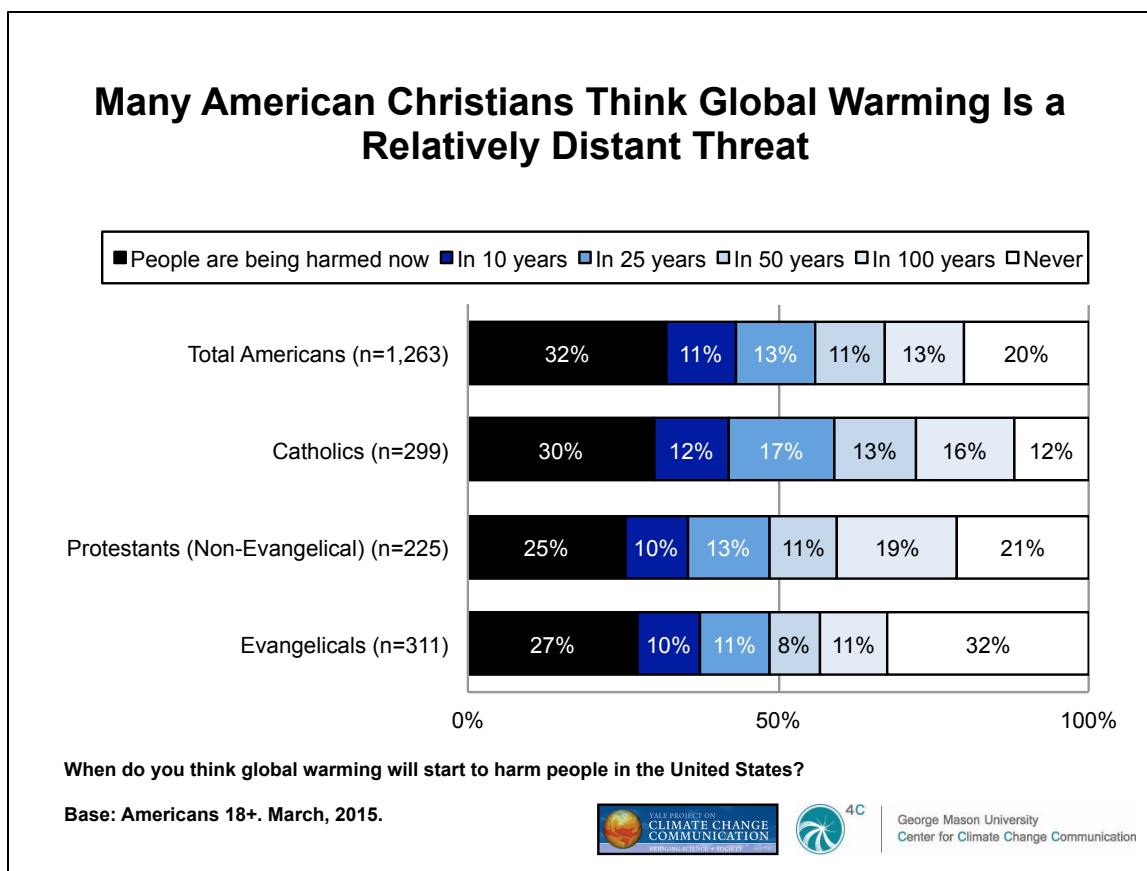
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### 3.2. Many American Christians think global warming is a relatively distant threat

Few American Christians – Catholics (30%), evangelicals (27%), and non-evangelical Protestants (25%) – understand that people in the United States are being harmed today by global warming.

In fact, majorities say people in the United States won't be harmed for at least 25 years, if ever (59%, 62%, and 65%, respectively).



## 4. Global Warming and Personal Values

### 4.1. Majorities of American Christians say caring for future generations, the natural environment, and the world's poor is personally important to them.

Most evangelicals, Catholics, and non-evangelical Protestants say it is important to them personally to care for:

- Future generations of people (86%, 82%, and 82%, respectively)
- The natural environment (76% of each group)
- The world's poor (77%, 67% and 63%)

All three groups place the highest importance on caring for future generations. Evangelicals place equal importance on caring for the environment and the world's poor, while Catholics and non-evangelical Protestants place somewhat more importance on the environment than the world's poor.

### Majorities of American Christians Say Caring for Future Generations, the Natural Environment, and the World's Poor Is Personally Important to Them

- % who say it is important to them ("very" or "moderately") -

|                                         | Total<br>Americans | Catholics | Protestants<br>(Non-<br>Evangelical) | Evangelicals |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| (Base)                                  | (1,263)            | (299)     | (225)                                | (311)        |
|                                         | %                  | %         | %                                    | %            |
| Caring for future generations of people | 82                 | 82        | 82                                   | 86           |
| Caring for the natural environment      | 77                 | 76        | 76                                   | 76           |
| Caring for the world's poor             | 69                 | 67        | 63                                   | 77           |

**How important are the following to you personally?**

**Base: Americans (18+). March, 2015.**

#### 4.2. A majority of American Christians think that reducing global warming will help the natural environment and future generations. Only one in three thinks it will help the world's poor.

Over half of Catholics, non-evangelical Protestants, and evangelicals think that reducing global warming will help (a lot or moderate amount):

- The natural environment (67%, 61%, and 55%, respectively)
- Future generations of people (67%, 60%, and 55%)

Only about one in three, however, think it will help the world's poor (36%, 32%, and 33%, respectively).

Among the different Christian groups, Catholics are the most likely to think reducing global warming will help the natural environment, future generations, and the world's poor, while evangelicals are the least likely.

#### Majority of American Christians Think That Reducing Global Warming Will Help the Natural Environment and Future Generations; Only One in Three Thinks It Will Help the World's Poor

- % who say reducing global warming will help "a lot" or "a moderate amount" -

|                              | Total Americans | Catholics | Protestants (Non-Evangelical) | Evangelicals |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| (Base)                       | (1,263)         | (299)     | (225)                         | (311)        |
|                              | %               | %         | %                             | %            |
| The natural environment      | 63              | 67        | 61                            | 55           |
| Future generations of people | 62              | 67        | 60                            | 55           |
| The world's poor             | 34              | 36        | 32                            | 33           |

**In your opinion, if the world takes action to reduce global warming, will it *help*...**

**Base: Americans (18+). March, 2015.**

### 4.3. Among American Christians, Catholics and non-evangelical Protestants are the most likely to believe it is humankind's responsibility to protect and care for Earth and its natural resources.

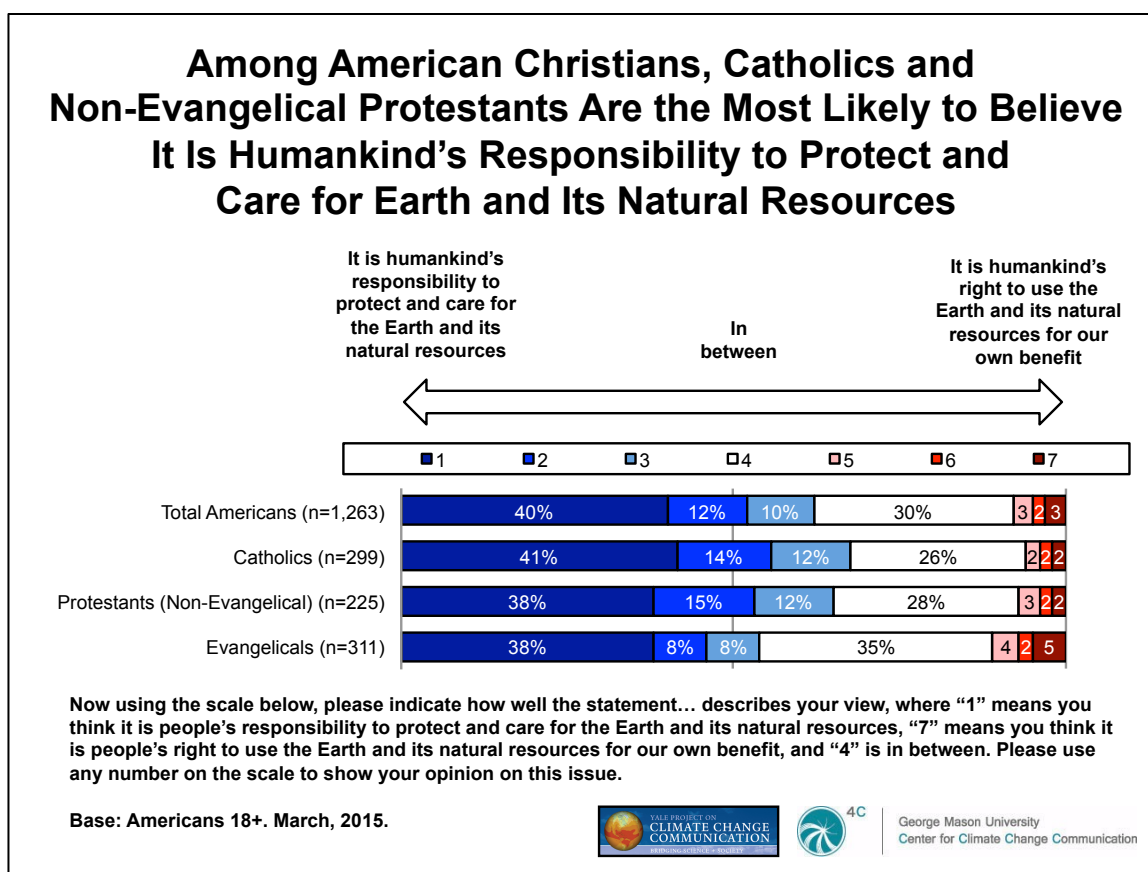
Survey respondents were asked to indicate their level of agreement with two opposing perspectives...

1. "It is humankind's responsibility to protect and care for the Earth and its natural resources"
2. "It is humankind's right to use the Earth and its natural resources for our own benefit"

...where the statements were placed on the opposite ends of a 7-point scale as seen in the chart below. Respondents indicated their relative agreement with the two statements by picking one of the numbers on the scale, where a "1," "2," or "3" indicates stronger agreement with statement one, a "5," "6," or "7" indicates stronger agreement with statement two, and a "4" means the respondent agrees with both statements equally.

All Christian groups are more likely to lean toward the view that it is people's responsibility to care for the Earth and its resources, particularly Catholics (67%) and non-evangelical Protestants (65%), but also about half of evangelicals (54%).

Few Christians lean toward the view that it is our right to use the Earth and its resources for our own benefit.



#### 4.4. Few American Christians think global warming is a major religious issue, but majorities think it is a major environmental and scientific issue.

Global warming represents a fundamental challenge to humanity on many dimensions, and understanding how people perceive the challenge is critical to formulating effective communication strategies around the issue.

To better understand how Americans think about global warming, we asked respondents to indicate what kind of issue, if any, they consider it to be: environmental, scientific, economic, health, moral, religious, etc. For each category of the issue they selected, we then asked if they consider it to be a major or minor issue.

Large majorities of Christians say global warming is a major environmental and scientific issue. Some consider it a major moral issue (22% of Catholics, 21% of non-evangelical Protestants, and 16% of evangelicals), but few currently consider it either a major religious (5%, 6%, and 9%, respectively) or spiritual issue (8%, 6%, and 9%).

Many also say global warming is a major agricultural (55%, 55%, and 50%), economic (50%, 45%, and 38%), and health issue (48%, 43%, and 36%).

#### Few American Christians Think Global Warming Is a Major Religious Issue, But Majorities Think It is a Major Environmental and Scientific Issue

- % who say global warming is a "major" issue -

|                                       | Total<br>Americans | Catholics | Protestants<br>(Non-<br>Evangelical) | Evangelicals |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| (Base)                                | (1,263)            | (299)     | (225)                                | (311)        |
|                                       | %                  | %         | %                                    | %            |
| An environmental issue                | 68                 | 72        | 67                                   | 59           |
| A scientific issue                    | 60                 | 65        | 62                                   | 53           |
| An agricultural (farming, food) issue | 55                 | 55        | 55                                   | 50           |
| An economic issue                     | 46                 | 50        | 45                                   | 38           |
| A health issue                        | 44                 | 48        | 43                                   | 36           |
| A lifestyle issue                     | 38                 | 41        | 35                                   | 32           |
| A political issue                     | 37                 | 39        | 32                                   | 35           |
| A moral issue                         | 21                 | 22        | 21                                   | 16           |
| A national security issue             | 16                 | 19        | 17                                   | 13           |
| A poverty issue                       | 16                 | 14        | 15                                   | 16           |
| A social justice (fairness) issue     | 15                 | 15        | 14                                   | 10           |
| A spiritual issue                     | 7                  | 8         | 6                                    | 9            |
| A religious issue                     | 6                  | 5         | 6                                    | 9            |

In your opinion, do you think global warming is...  
Do you think global warming is a *major* or *minor*...  
Base: Americans (18+). March, 2015.

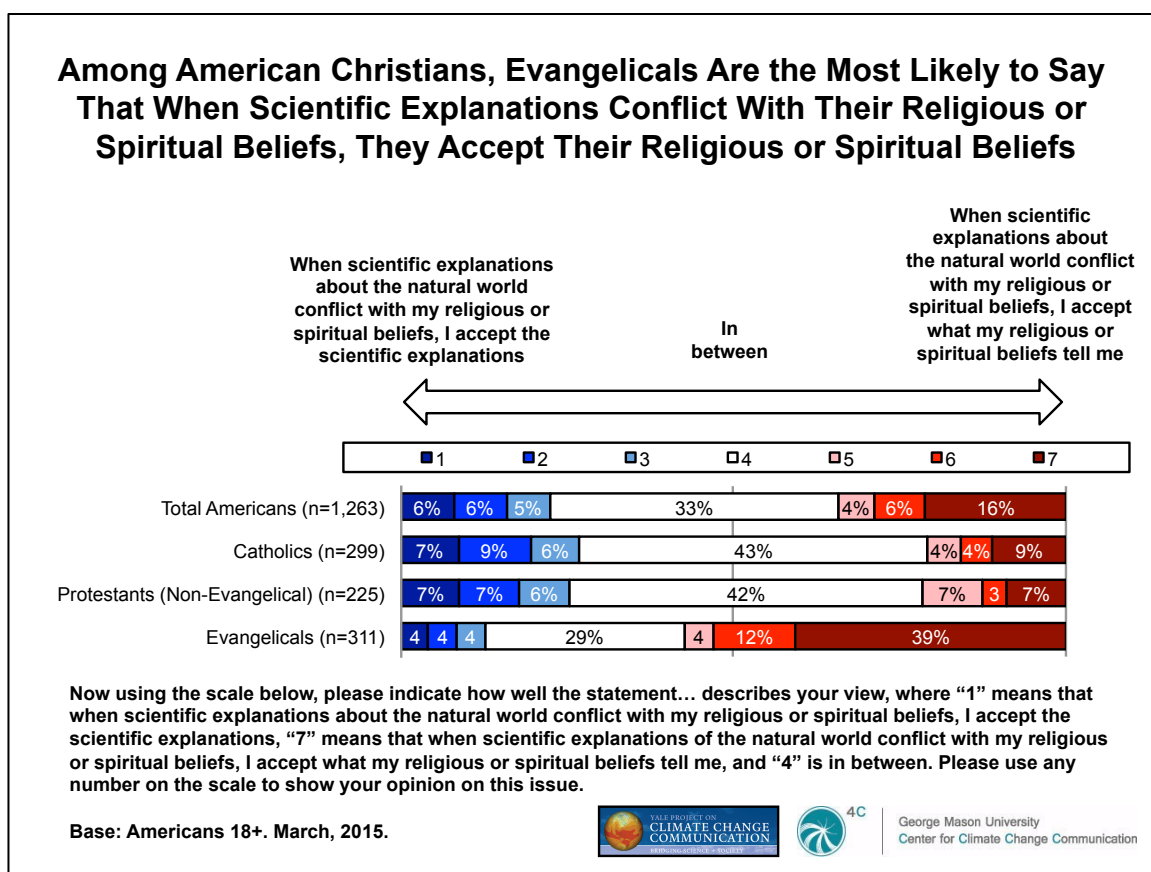
## 5. How Faith Shapes Views on the Environment

### 5.1. Among American Christians, evangelicals are the most likely to say that when scientific explanations conflict with their religious or spiritual beliefs, they accept their religious or spiritual beliefs

Survey respondents were asked to indicate which of two\* opposing statements better described their own views:

- “When scientific explanations about the natural world conflict with my religious or spiritual beliefs, I accept the scientific explanations”
- “When scientific explanations about the natural world conflict with my religious or spiritual beliefs, I accept what my religious or spiritual beliefs tell me”

Relatively few Christians say they will accept scientific explanations when they conflict with prior religious or spiritual beliefs (22% of Catholics, 20% of non-evangelical Protestants, and 11% of evangelicals). Far more Evangelicals (55%) than Catholics (18%) and non-evangelical Protestants (18%) say, when the two conflict, they accept their religious or spiritual beliefs over scientific explanations. Pluralities of Catholics (43%) and non-evangelical Protestants (42%) say their views lie in between these two statements.



\*Respondents were also offered the response option “I am not a religious or spiritual person.” Rows do not sum to 100% because respondents who chose this option are not included in the chart.

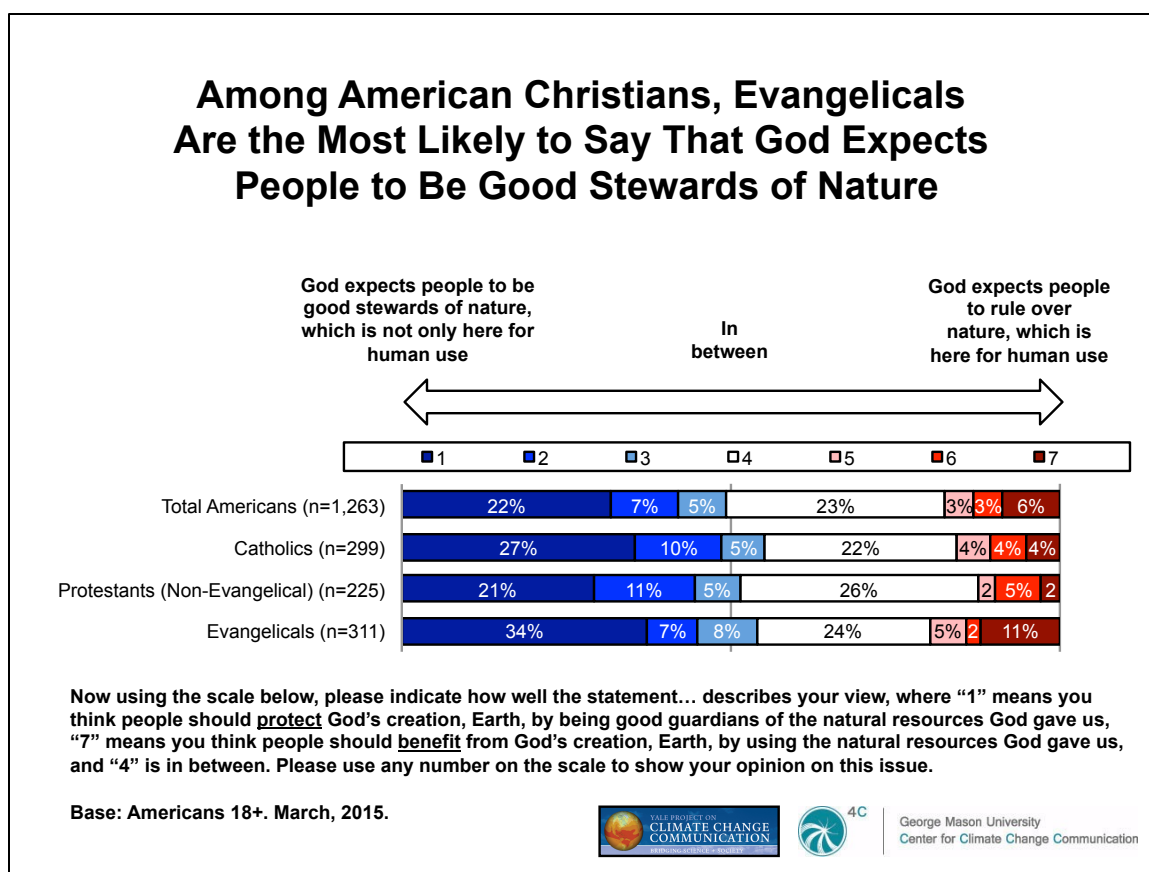


## 5.2. Among American Christians, evangelicals are the most likely to say that God expects people to be good stewards of nature.

Survey respondents were also asked to indicate which of two\* opposing statements better described their own views:

- “God expects people to be good stewards of nature, which is not only here for human use”
- “God expects people to rule over nature, which is here for human use”

Relatively few Christians say that God expects people to rule over nature (11% of Catholics, 11% of non-evangelical Protestants, and 18% of evangelicals). Almost half of evangelicals (49%) say that God expects people to be good stewards of nature – compared to Catholics (41%) and non-evangelical Protestants (37%).



\*Respondents were also offered the response option “I do not think that God, or the concept of God, applies to this question.” Rows do not sum to 100% because respondents who chose this option are not included in the chart.

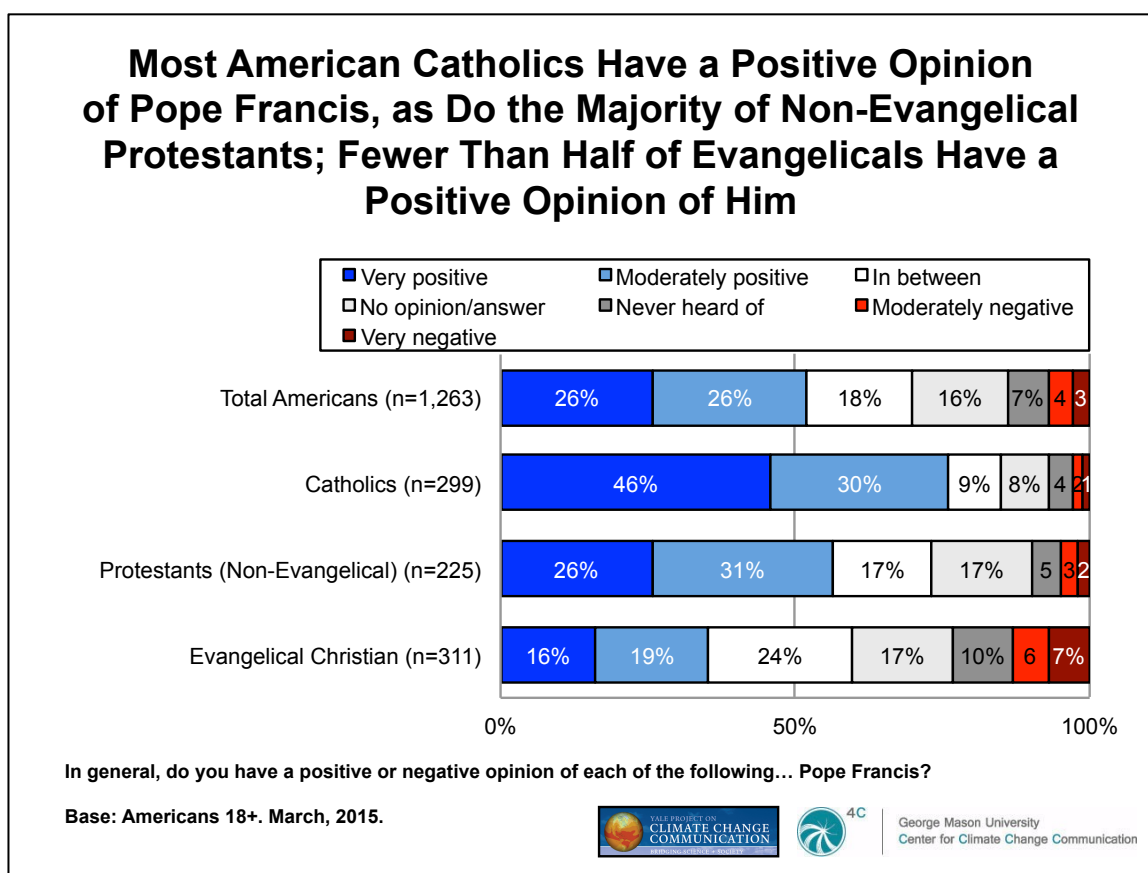
## 6. Views of Pope Francis

### 6.1. Most American Catholics have a positive opinion of Pope Francis, as do the majority of non-evangelical Protestants. Fewer than half of evangelicals have a positive opinion of him.

Three in four Catholics (76%) have a very or moderately positive opinion of Pope Francis and only 2% have a negative view of him.

Over half of non-evangelical Protestants (57%) also have a positive opinion of the Pope. Few (4%) have a negative opinion of him.

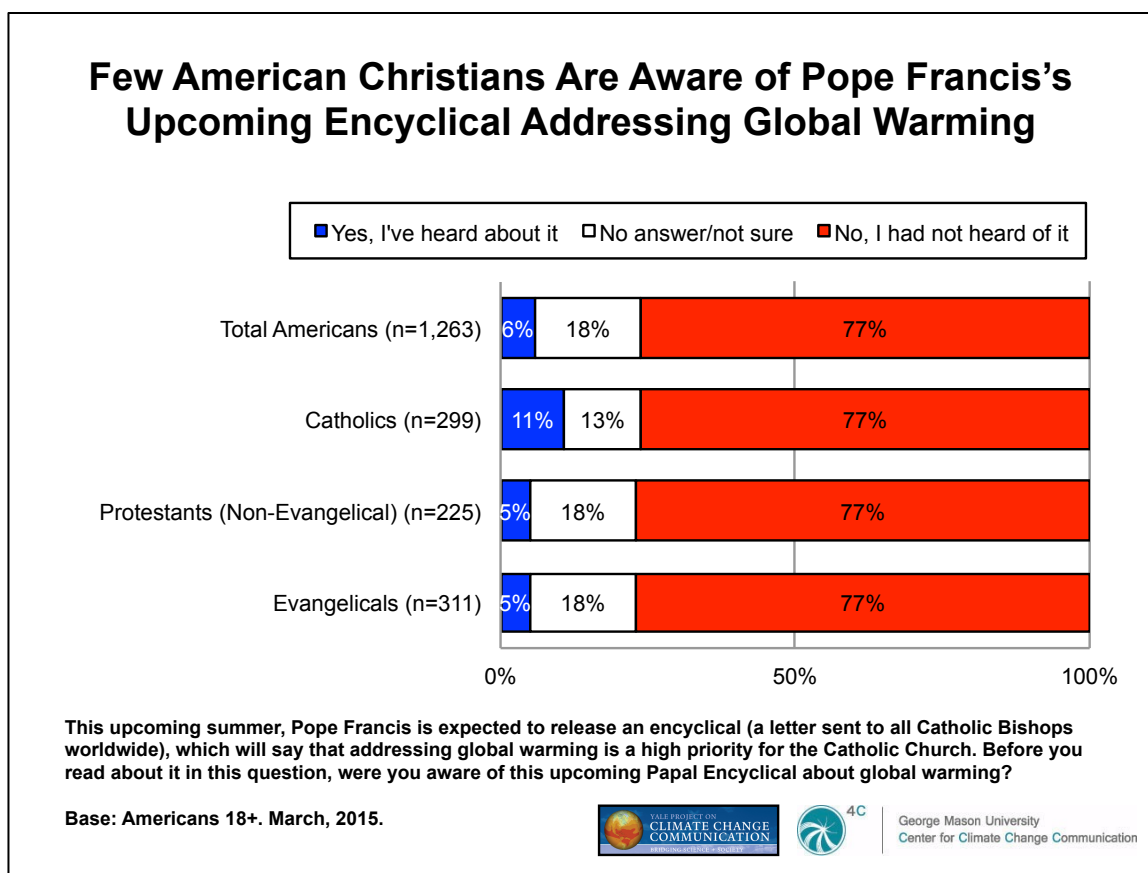
About one in three evangelicals (35%) view Pope Francis positively. Relatively few (13%) view him negatively, and the majority is either “in between” (24%) or did not express an opinion (27%).



## 6.2. Few American Christians are aware of Pope Francis's upcoming encyclical addressing global warming.

This summer, Pope Francis will issue an encyclical (a letter sent to all Catholic Bishops worldwide) on climate change. An encyclical is a letter that guides the church on critical issues and is one of the most important forms of communication within the church. Early indications are that he will define climate change as a fundamentally moral and religious challenge for the world. Pope Francis will then separately address the General Assembly of the United Nations and a joint session of the U.S. Congress in September, in the lead-up to this year's UN climate negotiations in Paris.

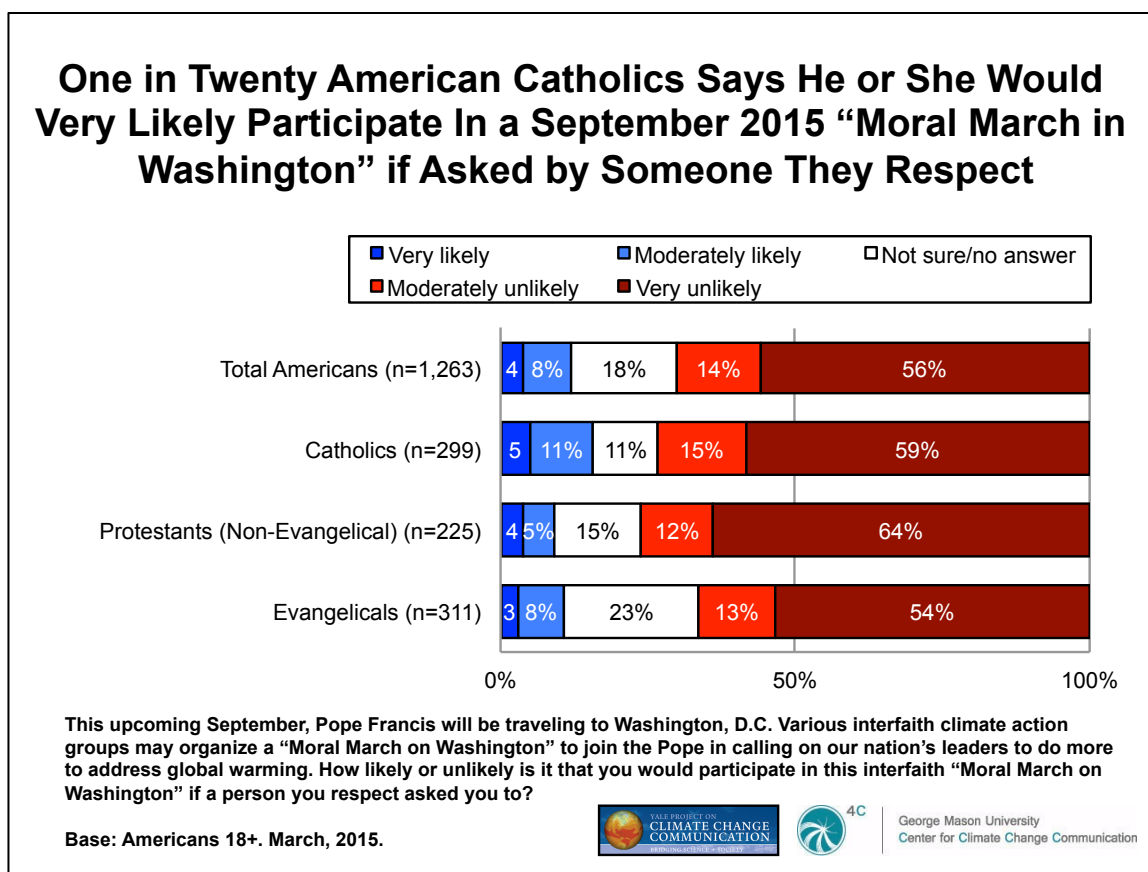
As of this survey, few American Christians were aware of the Pope's forthcoming encyclical about global warming. Catholics were the most likely to be aware of it, although only one in ten (11%) were. One in twenty non-evangelical Protestants (5%) and evangelicals (5%) were aware of the Pope's upcoming encyclical.



### 6.3. One in twenty American Catholics says he or she would be very likely to participate in a September 2015 “Moral March in Washington” if asked by someone they respect.

This upcoming September, Pope Francis will be traveling to Washington, D.C. Various interfaith climate action groups may organize a “Moral March on Washington” to join the Pope in calling on our nation’s leaders to do more to address global warming.

One in twenty American Catholics (5%) says he or she would be very likely to participate in the march if asked by someone they respect. One in twenty-five (4%) non-evangelical Protestants and 3% of born again/evangelical Christians say the same.



## 7. Policy and Civic Action Support

### 7.1. Majorities of American Christians think corporations and industry, and citizens themselves, should be doing more to address global warming.

American Christians think a variety of people and organizations should be doing more or much more to address global warming.

Majorities of Catholics and at least half of non-evangelical Protestants say the following should do more: corporations and industry (75% and 69%, respectively), citizens themselves (71% and 63%), the U.S. Congress (65% and 56%), their member of Congress (65% and 54%), their governor (63% and 50%), their local government officials (62% and 52%), and President Obama (59% and 48%).

Over half of evangelicals think corporations and industry should do more to address global warming (59%), while half or nearly half think the other people and organizations should do more.

### Majorities of American Christians Think Corporations and Industry, and Citizens Themselves, Should Be Doing More to Address Global Warming - % who say should be doing “much more” or “more” to address global warming -

|                               | Total<br>Americans | Catholics | Protestants<br>(Non-<br>Evangelical) | Evangelicals |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| (Base)                        | (1,263)            | (299)     | (225)                                | (311)        |
|                               | %                  | %         | %                                    | %            |
| Corporations and industry     | 68                 | 75        | 69                                   | 59           |
| Citizens themselves           | 64                 | 71        | 63                                   | 52           |
| The U.S. Congress             | 59                 | 65        | 56                                   | 46           |
| My member of Congress         | 57                 | 65        | 54                                   | 46           |
| My governor                   | 55                 | 63        | 50                                   | 45           |
| My local government officials | 55                 | 62        | 52                                   | 44           |
| President Obama               | 52                 | 59        | 48                                   | 46           |

**Do you think each of the following should be doing more or less to address global warming?**

**Base: Americans (18+). March, 2015.**

## 7.2. Majorities of American Christians support policies that will help reduce global warming.

American Christians – especially Catholics – support a range of policies that would help reduce global warming:

- Increase funding for improvements to local roads, bridges, and buildings to make them more resistant to extreme weather (80% of Catholics, 83% of non-evangelical Protestants, and 80% of evangelicals)
- Provide tax rebates for people who purchase energy-efficient vehicles or solar panels (83%, 80% and 74%, respectively)
- Fund more research into renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power (81%, 81% and 73%)
- Regulate carbon dioxide (the primary greenhouse gas) as a pollutant (74%, 75% and 72%)
- Require electric utilities to produce at least 20% of their electricity from wind, solar, or other renewable energy sources, even if it costs the average household an extra \$100 a year (67%, 68% and 60%)

### Majorities of American Christians Support Policies That Will Help Reduce Global Warming - % who “strongly” or “somewhat support” policy -

| (Base)                                                                                                                                                                                    | Total Americans | Catholics | Protestants (Non-Evangelical) | Evangelicals |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                           | (1,263)         | (299)     | (225)                         | (311)        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                           | %               | %         | %                             | %            |
| Increase funding for improvements to local roads, bridges, and buildings to make them more resistant to extreme weather                                                                   | 81              | 80        | 83                            | 80           |
| Provide tax rebates for people who purchase energy-efficient vehicles or solar panels                                                                                                     | 80              | 83        | 80                            | 74           |
| Fund more research into renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power                                                                                                            | 79              | 81        | 81                            | 73           |
| Regulate carbon dioxide (the primary greenhouse gas) as a pollutant                                                                                                                       | 75              | 74        | 75                            | 72           |
| Require electric utilities to produce at least 20% of their electricity from wind, solar, or other renewable energy sources, even if it costs the average household an extra \$100 a year | 66              | 67        | 68                            | 60           |

**How much do you support or oppose the following policies?**

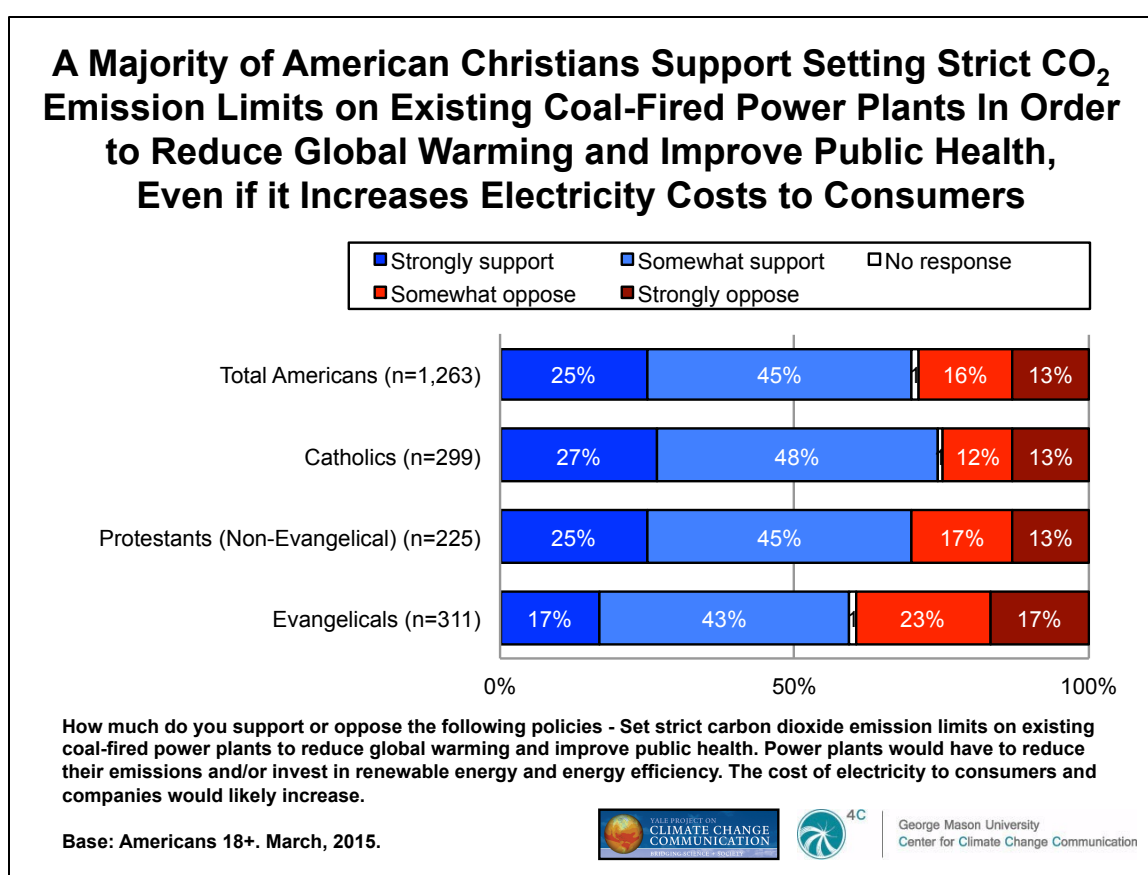
**Base: Americans (18+). March, 2015.**

**7.3. A majority of American Christians support setting strict carbon dioxide emission limits on existing coal-fired power plants in order to reduce global warming and increase public health, even if it increases electricity costs to consumers.**

American Christians were asked if they support or oppose the following policy:

“Set strict carbon dioxide emission limits on existing coal-fired power plants to reduce global warming and improve public health. Power plants would have to reduce their emissions and/or invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency. The cost of electricity to consumers and companies would likely increase.”

Large majorities of Catholics (74%) and non-evangelical Christians (70%) strongly or somewhat support the policy, and more than half of evangelicals (60%) do as well.





## 8. Trusted Sources of Global Warming Information

**American Christians most trust climate scientists and friends/family most as sources of global warming information. Of the religious leaders asked about, Pope Francis is the most trusted.**

When asked how much they trust different sources of global warming information, majorities of Catholics, non-evangelical Protestants, and evangelicals strongly or somewhat trust climate scientists (78%, 70%, and 63%, respectively), family and friends (69%, 68%, and 66%), non-climate scientists (69%, 64%, and 59%), television weather reporters (66%, 61%, and 59%), and their primary-care doctor (63%, 60%, and 60%).

A majority of Catholics also trust Pope Francis (66%) and over half of evangelicals (59%) trust Billy Graham. No other religious leader we asked about is trusted by a majority of Christians.

NOTE: The percentages who say they “trust” some of the less well-known religious and political leaders are limited in part because only respondents who indicated they had heard of each leader in an earlier question were then asked whether they trust or distrust that individual as a source of information about global warming. Please see Tables on pp. 55-59 for details.

### **American Christians Most Trust Climate Scientists and Friends/Family as Sources of Global Warming Information; Of Religious Leaders Asked about, Pope Francis Is the Most Trusted** - % of all Americans who say they trust source “strongly” or “somewhat” -

| (Base)                                                   | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                                          | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                                          | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Climate scientists                                       | 70                     | 78               | 70                                   | 63                  |
| Family and friends                                       | 67                     | 69               | 68                                   | 66                  |
| Other kinds of scientists (i.e., not climate scientists) | 64                     | 69               | 64                                   | 59                  |
| Television weather reporters                             | 60                     | 66               | 61                                   | 59                  |
| My primary-care doctor                                   | 57                     | 63               | 60                                   | 60                  |
| Pope Francis                                             | 50                     | 66               | 52                                   | 44                  |
| Barack Obama                                             | 42                     | 45               | 42                                   | 34                  |
| The mainstream news media                                | 41                     | 45               | 44                                   | 40                  |
| The Dalai Lama                                           | 41                     | 47               | 45                                   | 27                  |
| U.S. military leaders                                    | 41                     | 41               | 49                                   | 45                  |
| Hillary Clinton                                          | 39                     | 43               | 44                                   | 30                  |
| Billy Graham                                             | 34                     | 29               | 39                                   | 59                  |
| Desmond Tutu                                             | 26                     | 29               | 31                                   | 22                  |
| Jeb Bush                                                 | 24                     | 27               | 27                                   | 29                  |
| John Boehner                                             | 16                     | 20               | 18                                   | 21                  |
| T.D. Jakes                                               | 15                     | 8                | 17                                   | 32                  |
| Rick Warren                                              | 15                     | 10               | 18                                   | 26                  |

**How much do you trust or distrust the following as a source of information about global warming?**

**Base: Americans (18+). March, 2015.**

## Appendix I: Data Tables

### Chapter 1

To what extent do you consider yourself a religious person? Are you...?

|                      | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)               | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                      | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| Very religious       | 16                         | 13               | 9                                             | 35                  |
| Moderately religious | 33                         | 38               | 43                                            | 48                  |
| Slightly religious   | 22                         | 34               | 32                                            | 10                  |
| Not religious at all | 27                         | 14               | 15                                            | 6                   |
| No answer            | 2                          | -                | 1                                             | 1                   |

To what extent do you consider yourself a spiritual person? Are you...?

|                      | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)               | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                      | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| Very spiritual       | 24                         | 17               | 20                                            | 48                  |
| Moderately spiritual | 34                         | 40               | 33                                            | 41                  |
| Slightly spiritual   | 22                         | 27               | 29                                            | 9                   |
| Not spiritual at all | 18                         | 16               | 15                                            | 1                   |
| No answer            | 2                          | -                | 3                                             | 1                   |

How often do you attend religious services?

|                           | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)                    | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                           | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| Never                     | 27                         | 16               | 22                                            | 4                   |
| Once a year or less often | 18                         | 19               | 22                                            | 8                   |
| A few times a year        | 15                         | 22               | 24                                            | 14                  |
| Once or twice a month     | 7                          | 10               | 7                                             | 13                  |
| Once a week               | 20                         | 25               | 21                                            | 29                  |
| More than once a week     | 12                         | 8                | 4                                             | 31                  |
| No answer                 | 1                          | -                | 1                                             | 1                   |

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a...  
 (If Independent or other, ask:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the...

|                                     | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)                              | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                                     | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| Democrat                            | 33                         | 41               | 34                                            | 27                  |
| Lean Democratic                     | 7                          | 5                | 9                                             | 5                   |
| Independent/Other, don't lean       | 11                         | 9                | 7                                             | 10                  |
| Lean Republican                     | 8                          | 10               | 7                                             | 10                  |
| Republican                          | 25                         | 27               | 34                                            | 37                  |
| No party/not interested in politics | 16                         | 9                | 8                                             | 12                  |

Do you consider yourself part of the Tea Party movement, or not?

|               | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)        | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|               | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| Tea Party     | 5                          | 6                | 5                                             | 8                   |
| Not Tea Party | 74                         | 76               | 82                                            | 69                  |
| Don't know    | 19                         | 18               | 12                                            | 23                  |
| No answer     | 1                          | -                | 1                                             | 1                   |

In general, do you think of yourself as...

|                              | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)                       | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                              | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| Very liberal                 | 8                          | 4                | 6                                             | 5                   |
| Somewhat liberal             | 16                         | 20               | 15                                            | 10                  |
| Moderate, middle of the road | 42                         | 48               | 43                                            | 34                  |
| Somewhat conservative        | 22                         | 21               | 29                                            | 30                  |
| Very conservative            | 10                         | 8                | 6                                             | 20                  |
| No answer                    | 2                          | -                | 2                                             | 1                   |

## Chapter 2

Recently, you may have noticed that global warming has been getting some attention in the news. Global warming refers to the idea that the world's average temperature has been increasing over the past 150 years, may be increasing more in the future, and that the world's climate may change as a result. What do you think: Do you think that global warming is happening?

|            | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)     | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|            | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Yes        | 63                     | 69               | 62                                   | 51                  |
| No         | 18                     | 14               | 20                                   | 27                  |
| Don't know | 19                     | 17               | 18                                   | 23                  |

Assuming global warming is happening, do you think it is...

|                                                            | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)                                                     | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                                            | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Caused mostly by human activities                          | 52                     | 57               | 50                                   | 41                  |
| Caused mostly by natural changes in the environment        | 31                     | 33               | 35                                   | 37                  |
| Other                                                      | 8                      | 6                | 5                                    | 8                   |
| None of the above, because global warming is not happening | 10                     | 4                | 10                                   | 15                  |

Which comes closest to your own view?

|                                                                                                  | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)                                                                                           | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                                                                                  | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Most scientists think global warming is happening                                                | 40                     | 40               | 39                                   | 29                  |
| There is a lot of disagreement among scientists about whether or not global warming is happening | 32                     | 37               | 35                                   | 37                  |
| Don't know enough to say                                                                         | 25                     | 20               | 22                                   | 29                  |
| Most scientists think global warming is not happening                                            | 3                      | 3                | 4                                    | 5                   |

How worried are you about global warming?

|                    | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)             | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                    | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| Very worried       | 12                         | 10               | 6                                             | 7                   |
| Somewhat worried   | 41                         | 47               | 43                                            | 31                  |
| Not very worried   | 29                         | 29               | 33                                            | 34                  |
| Not at all worried | 19                         | 14               | 19                                            | 28                  |

How important is the issue of global warming to you personally?

|                      | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)               | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                      | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| Extremely important  | 6                          | 4                | 4                                             | 3                   |
| Very important       | 15                         | 19               | 10                                            | 13                  |
| Somewhat important   | 35                         | 37               | 39                                            | 32                  |
| Not very important   | 24                         | 25               | 27                                            | 23                  |
| Not at all important | 20                         | 16               | 20                                            | 28                  |

Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

|                                                                                                               | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)                                                                                                        | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                                                                                                               | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
|                                                                                                               |                            |                  |                                               |                     |
| Humans could reduce global warming, but it's unclear at this point whether we will do what's needed           | 46                         | 49               | 48                                            | 37                  |
| Humans could reduce global warming, but people aren't willing to change their behavior, so we're not going to | 24                         | 28               | 18                                            | 24                  |
| Humans can't reduce global warming, even if it is happening                                                   | 12                         | 10               | 16                                            | 15                  |
| Humans can reduce global warming, and we are going to do so successfully                                      | 6                          | 6                | 6                                             | 5                   |
| Global warming isn't happening                                                                                | 13                         | 8                | 12                                            | 19                  |
| No response                                                                                                   | *                          | -                | 1                                             | *                   |

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?

|                                    | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)                             | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                                    | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| I need a lot more information      | 21                         | 17               | 23                                            | 26                  |
| I need some more information       | 27                         | 36               | 29                                            | 23                  |
| I need a little more information   | 23                         | 28               | 25                                            | 16                  |
| I do not need any more information | 29                         | 19               | 22                                            | 35                  |
| No response                        | *                          | -                | 1                                             | -                   |

### Chapter 3

How much do you think global warming will harm...

|                       | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>You personally</b> |                            |                  |                                               |                     |
| (Base)                | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                       | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| A great deal          | 10                         | 10               | 5                                             | 13                  |
| A moderate amount     | 26                         | 28               | 29                                            | 17                  |
| Only a little         | 26                         | 28               | 28                                            | 24                  |
| Not at all            | 25                         | 24               | 28                                            | 33                  |
| Don't know            | 13                         | 9                | 10                                            | 14                  |
| No answer             | *                          | 1                | -                                             | -                   |

|                    | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Your family</b> |                            |                  |                                               |                     |
| (Base)             | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                    | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| A great deal       | 13                         | 12               | 8                                             | 13                  |
| A moderate amount  | 28                         | 31               | 31                                            | 20                  |
| Only a little      | 23                         | 26               | 27                                            | 21                  |
| Not at all         | 22                         | 18               | 23                                            | 31                  |
| Don't know         | 13                         | 10               | 11                                            | 15                  |
| No answer          | *                          | 2                | -                                             | -                   |

How much do you think global warming will harm... (Cont'd.)

| People in your community<br>(Base) | Total<br>Americans | Catholics | Protestants<br>(Non-<br>Evangelical) | Evangelicals |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
|                                    | (1,263)            | (299)     | (225)                                | (311)        |
|                                    | %                  | %         | %                                    | %            |
| A great deal                       | 14                 | 12        | 8                                    | 15           |
| A moderate amount                  | 29                 | 33        | 31                                   | 20           |
| Only a little                      | 24                 | 26        | 29                                   | 22           |
| Not at all                         | 20                 | 17        | 21                                   | 29           |
| Don't know                         | 14                 | 11        | 10                                   | 14           |
| No answer                          | *                  | 1         | -                                    | -            |

| People in the U.S.<br>(Base) | Total<br>Americans | Catholics | Protestants<br>(Non-<br>Evangelical) | Evangelicals |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
|                              | (1,263)            | (299)     | (225)                                | (311)        |
|                              | %                  | %         | %                                    | %            |
| A great deal                 | 19                 | 19        | 13                                   | 18           |
| A moderate amount            | 30                 | 33        | 35                                   | 24           |
| Only a little                | 20                 | 22        | 23                                   | 20           |
| Not at all                   | 17                 | 15        | 17                                   | 24           |
| Don't know                   | 14                 | 11        | 11                                   | 14           |
| No answer                    | *                  | 1         | -                                    | -            |

| People in modern<br>industrialized countries<br>(Base) | Total<br>Americans | Catholics | Protestants<br>(Non-<br>Evangelical) | Evangelicals |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
|                                                        | (1,263)            | (299)     | (225)                                | (311)        |
|                                                        | %                  | %         | %                                    | %            |
| A great deal                                           | 21                 | 21        | 17                                   | 22           |
| A moderate amount                                      | 31                 | 35        | 36                                   | 23           |
| Only a little                                          | 18                 | 18        | 22                                   | 20           |
| Not at all                                             | 15                 | 14        | 14                                   | 22           |
| Don't know                                             | 14                 | 11        | 11                                   | 13           |
| No answer                                              | *                  | 1         | -                                    | -            |

| People in developing<br>countries<br>(Base) | Total<br>Americans | Catholics | Protestants<br>(Non-<br>Evangelical) | Evangelicals |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
|                                             | (1,263)            | (299)     | (225)                                | (311)        |
|                                             | %                  | %         | %                                    | %            |
| A great deal                                | 27                 | 24        | 22                                   | 23           |
| A moderate amount                           | 26                 | 30        | 33                                   | 22           |
| Only a little                               | 17                 | 19        | 19                                   | 19           |
| Not at all                                  | 15                 | 13        | 14                                   | 23           |
| Don't know                                  | 15                 | 13        | 11                                   | 14           |
| No answer                                   | *                  | 1         | -                                    | -            |



How much do you think global warming will harm... (Cont'd.)

| Future generation of people<br>(Base) | Total<br>Americans | Catholics | Protestants<br>(Non-<br>Evangelical) | Evangelicals |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
|                                       | (1,263)            | (299)     | (225)                                | (311)        |
|                                       | %                  | %         | %                                    | %            |
| A great deal                          | 42                 | 46        | 39                                   | 33           |
| A moderate amount                     | 21                 | 23        | 25                                   | 20           |
| Only a little                         | 10                 | 11        | 12                                   | 13           |
| Not at all                            | 12                 | 9         | 10                                   | 20           |
| Don't know                            | 15                 | 10        | 14                                   | 14           |
| No answer                             | *                  | 1         | -                                    | -            |

| Plant and animal species<br>(Base) | Total<br>Americans | Catholics | Protestants<br>(Non-<br>Evangelical) | Evangelicals |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
|                                    | (1,263)            | (299)     | (225)                                | (311)        |
|                                    | %                  | %         | %                                    | %            |
| A great deal                       | 42                 | 43        | 40                                   | 32           |
| A moderate amount                  | 21                 | 25        | 25                                   | 18           |
| Only a little                      | 12                 | 14        | 12                                   | 16           |
| Not at all                         | 12                 | 8         | 10                                   | 19           |
| Don't know                         | 13                 | 9         | 12                                   | 15           |
| No answer                          | *                  | 1         | -                                    | -            |

| The world's poor<br>(Base) | Total<br>Americans | Catholics | Protestants<br>(Non-<br>Evangelical) | Evangelicals |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
|                            | (1,263)            | (299)     | (225)                                | (311)        |
|                            | %                  | %         | %                                    | %            |
| A great deal               | 30                 | 28        | 26                                   | 27           |
| A moderate amount          | 23                 | 25        | 29                                   | 20           |
| Only a little              | 16                 | 18        | 18                                   | 17           |
| Not at all                 | 16                 | 15        | 15                                   | 22           |
| Don't know                 | 15                 | 13        | 12                                   | 14           |
| No answer                  | *                  | 1         | -                                    | -            |

| The natural environment<br>(Base) | Total<br>Americans | Catholics | Protestants<br>(Non-<br>Evangelical) | Evangelicals |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
|                                   | (1,263)            | (299)     | (225)                                | (311)        |
|                                   | %                  | %         | %                                    | %            |
| A great deal                      | 44                 | 47        | 43                                   | 34           |
| A moderate amount                 | 21                 | 23        | 23                                   | 18           |
| Only a little                     | 10                 | 12        | 12                                   | 15           |
| Not at all                        | 12                 | 8         | 10                                   | 20           |
| Don't know                        | 13                 | 9         | 12                                   | 13           |
| No answer                         | *                  | 1         | -                                    | -            |

When do you think global warming will start to harm people in the United States?

|                                 | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)                          | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                                 | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| They are being harmed right now | 32                         | 30               | 25                                            | 27                  |
| In 10 years                     | 11                         | 12               | 10                                            | 10                  |
| In 25 years                     | 13                         | 17               | 13                                            | 11                  |
| In 50 years                     | 11                         | 13               | 11                                            | 8                   |
| In 100 years                    | 13                         | 16               | 19                                            | 11                  |
| Never                           | 20                         | 12               | 21                                            | 32                  |
| No answer                       | *                          | -                | -                                             | 1                   |

## Chapter 4

How important are the following to you personally?

| <b>Caring for the natural<br/>environment</b> | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)                                        | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                                               | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| Very important                                | 44                         | 46               | 42                                            | 37                  |
| Moderately important                          | 33                         | 31               | 34                                            | 39                  |
| A little important                            | 17                         | 19               | 20                                            | 17                  |
| Not important                                 | 3                          | 2                | 2                                             | 3                   |
| Not sure                                      | 3                          | 2                | 2                                             | 3                   |
| No answer                                     | *                          | -                | 1                                             | 1                   |

| <b>Caring for the world's poor</b> | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)                             | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                                    | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| Very important                     | 32                         | 28               | 27                                            | 41                  |
| Moderately important               | 36                         | 39               | 36                                            | 36                  |
| A little important                 | 23                         | 24               | 30                                            | 17                  |
| Not important                      | 4                          | 6                | 5                                             | 2                   |
| Not sure                           | 4                          | 3                | 3                                             | 4                   |
| No answer                          | *                          | *                | 1                                             | 1                   |

How important are the following to you personally? (Cont'd.)

| <b>Caring for future generations of people</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                                          | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                                          | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Very important                                           | 48                     | 43               | 46                                   | 54                  |
| Moderately important                                     | 34                     | 38               | 36                                   | 33                  |
| A little important                                       | 13                     | 14               | 13                                   | 10                  |
| Not important                                            | 1                      | 1                | 2                                    | 1                   |
| Not sure                                                 | 3                      | 3                | 3                                    | 3                   |
| No answer                                                | *                      | 1                | 1                                    | -                   |

Now using the scale below, please indicate how well the statements...describe your view, where “1” means you think it is people’s responsibility to protect and care for the Earth and its natural resources, “7” means you think it is people’s right to use the Earth and its natural resources for our own benefit, and “4” is in between. Please use any number on the scale to show your opinion on this issue.

| (Base)                                                                                           | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                                                                                  | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                                                                                  | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| 1 - It is humankind's responsibility to protect and care for the Earth and its natural resources | 40                     | 41               | 38                                   | 38                  |
| 2                                                                                                | 12                     | 14               | 15                                   | 8                   |
| 3                                                                                                | 10                     | 12               | 12                                   | 8                   |
| 4 - In between                                                                                   | 30                     | 26               | 28                                   | 35                  |
| 5                                                                                                | 3                      | 2                | 3                                    | 4                   |
| 6                                                                                                | 2                      | 2                | 2                                    | 2                   |
| 7 - It is humankind's right to use the Earth and its natural resources for our own benefit       | 3                      | 2                | 2                                    | 5                   |
| No answer                                                                                        | 2                      | 2                | 1                                    | 1                   |
| Mean                                                                                             | 2.6                    | 2.5              | 2.6                                  | 2.6                 |

In your opinion, do you think global warming is...  
 (If “yes”) Do you think global warming is a *major* or *minor*...

| An environmental issue<br>(Base) | Total<br>Americans | Catholics | Protestants<br>(Non-<br>Evangelical) | Evangelicals |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
|                                  | (1,263)            | (299)     | (225)                                | (311)        |
|                                  | %                  | %         | %                                    | %            |
| Yes                              | 76                 | 79        | 76                                   | 71           |
| Major                            | 68                 | 72        | 67                                   | 59           |
| Minor                            | 8                  | 6         | 8                                    | 12           |
| No                               | 11                 | 8         | 13                                   | 17           |
| Not sure                         | 12                 | 12        | 10                                   | 11           |
| No answer                        | 1                  | 1         | 1                                    | 1            |

| A moral issue<br>(Base) | Total<br>Americans | Catholics | Protestants<br>(Non-<br>Evangelical) | Evangelicals |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
|                         | (1,263)            | (299)     | (225)                                | (311)        |
|                         | %                  | %         | %                                    | %            |
| Yes                     | 35                 | 36        | 36                                   | 27           |
| Major                   | 21                 | 22        | 21                                   | 16           |
| Minor                   | 14                 | 14        | 15                                   | 11           |
| No                      | 44                 | 45        | 43                                   | 52           |
| Not sure                | 19                 | 17        | 20                                   | 20           |
| No answer               | 2                  | 2         | 2                                    | 1            |

| A religious issue<br>(Base) | Total<br>Americans | Catholics | Protestants<br>(Non-<br>Evangelical) | Evangelicals |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
|                             | (1,263)            | (299)     | (225)                                | (311)        |
|                             | %                  | %         | %                                    | %            |
| Yes                         | 10                 | 7         | 8                                    | 14           |
| Major                       | 6                  | 5         | 6                                    | 9            |
| Minor                       | 4                  | 3         | 3                                    | 5            |
| No                          | 71                 | 72        | 72                                   | 69           |
| Not sure                    | 18                 | 19        | 19                                   | 16           |
| No answer                   | 2                  | 1         | 2                                    | 1            |

| A spiritual issue<br>(Base) | Total<br>Americans | Catholics | Protestants<br>(Non-<br>Evangelical) | Evangelicals |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
|                             | (1,263)            | (299)     | (225)                                | (311)        |
|                             | %                  | %         | %                                    | %            |
| Yes                         | 13                 | 12        | 12                                   | 18           |
| Major                       | 7                  | 8         | 6                                    | 9            |
| Minor                       | 6                  | 4         | 5                                    | 9            |
| No                          | 65                 | 67        | 68                                   | 63           |
| Not sure                    | 20                 | 20        | 19                                   | 18           |
| No answer                   | 2                  | 1         | 2                                    | 2            |

| <b>A social justice (fairness issue)</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                                    | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                                    | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Yes                                                | 23                     | 23               | 23                                   | 19                  |
| Major                                              | 15                     | 15               | 14                                   | 10                  |
| Minor                                              | 9                      | 7                | 10                                   | 8                   |
| No                                                 | 53                     | 53               | 53                                   | 59                  |
| Not sure                                           | 22                     | 23               | 22                                   | 21                  |
| No answer                                          | 2                      | 1                | 2                                    | 1                   |

| <b>A political issue</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                    | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                    | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Yes                                | 54                     | 56               | 51                                   | 53                  |
| Major                              | 37                     | 39               | 32                                   | 35                  |
| Minor                              | 17                     | 18               | 19                                   | 19                  |
| No                                 | 27                     | 25               | 30                                   | 30                  |
| Not sure                           | 17                     | 17               | 18                                   | 16                  |
| No answer                          | 2                      | 1                | 1                                    | 1                   |

| <b>A scientific issue</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                     | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                     | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Yes                                 | 71                     | 77               | 70                                   | 66                  |
| Major                               | 60                     | 65               | 62                                   | 53                  |
| Minor                               | 11                     | 12               | 8                                    | 12                  |
| No                                  | 13                     | 9                | 14                                   | 19                  |
| Not sure                            | 15                     | 14               | 16                                   | 15                  |
| No answer                           | 2                      | 1                | 1                                    | *                   |

| <b>A health issue</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                 | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                 | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Yes                             | 58                     | 66               | 60                                   | 50                  |
| Major                           | 44                     | 48               | 43                                   | 36                  |
| Minor                           | 14                     | 17               | 17                                   | 14                  |
| No                              | 24                     | 17               | 23                                   | 31                  |
| Not sure                        | 17                     | 14               | 16                                   | 18                  |
| No answer                       | 2                      | 3                | 1                                    | 1                   |

| <b>A lifestyle issue</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                    | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                    | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Yes                                | 56                     | 62               | 55                                   | 47                  |
| Major                              | 38                     | 41               | 35                                   | 32                  |
| Minor                              | 18                     | 21               | 20                                   | 14                  |
| No                                 | 26                     | 22               | 29                                   | 35                  |
| Not sure                           | 16                     | 14               | 14                                   | 17                  |
| No answer                          | 2                      | 2                | 1                                    | 1                   |

| <b>An economic issue</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                    | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                    | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Yes                                | 60                     | 61               | 59                                   | 56                  |
| Major                              | 46                     | 50               | 45                                   | 38                  |
| Minor                              | 14                     | 11               | 14                                   | 19                  |
| No                                 | 22                     | 21               | 24                                   | 27                  |
| Not sure                           | 16                     | 16               | 15                                   | 15                  |
| No answer                          | 2                      | 1                | 2                                    | 1                   |

| <b>A national security issue</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                            | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                            | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Yes                                        | 26                     | 28               | 24                                   | 22                  |
| Major                                      | 16                     | 19               | 17                                   | 13                  |
| Minor                                      | 9                      | 9                | 7                                    | 9                   |
| No                                         | 53                     | 50               | 56                                   | 58                  |
| Not sure                                   | 20                     | 21               | 20                                   | 19                  |
| No answer                                  | 1                      | 1                | 1                                    | 1                   |

| <b>An agricultural (farming, food) issue</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                                        | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                                        | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Yes                                                    | 64                     | 65               | 64                                   | 61                  |
| Major                                                  | 55                     | 55               | 55                                   | 50                  |
| Minor                                                  | 9                      | 10               | 8                                    | 10                  |
| No                                                     | 19                     | 17               | 19                                   | 25                  |
| Not sure                                               | 16                     | 17               | 16                                   | 14                  |
| No answer                                              | 2                      | 1                | 1                                    | 1                   |

| <b>A poverty issue</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                  | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                  | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Yes                              | 24                     | 22               | 23                                   | 23                  |
| Major                            | 16                     | 14               | 15                                   | 16                  |
| Minor                            | 8                      | 8                | 8                                    | 7                   |
| No                               | 53                     | 56               | 56                                   | 56                  |
| Not sure                         | 21                     | 21               | 20                                   | 20                  |
| No answer                        | 2                      | 1                | 1                                    | 1                   |

## Chapter 5

Now using the scale below, please indicate how well the statements...describe your view, where “1” means that when scientific explanations about the natural world conflict with my religious or spiritual beliefs, I accept the scientific explanations, “7” means that when scientific explanations of the natural world conflict with my religious or spiritual beliefs, I accept what my religious or spiritual beliefs tell me, and “4” is in between. Please use any number on the scale to show your opinion on this issue.

|                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)                                                                                                                                                            | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                                                                                                                                                                   | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| 1 - When scientific explanations about the natural world conflict with my religious or spiritual beliefs, I accept the scientific explanations                    | 6                          | 7                | 7                                             | 4                   |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                 | 6                          | 9                | 7                                             | 4                   |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                 | 5                          | 6                | 6                                             | 4                   |
| 4 - In between                                                                                                                                                    | 33                         | 43               | 42                                            | 29                  |
| 5                                                                                                                                                                 | 4                          | 4                | 7                                             | 4                   |
| 6                                                                                                                                                                 | 6                          | 4                | 3                                             | 12                  |
| 7 - When scientific explanations about the natural world conflict with my religious or spiritual beliefs, I accept what my religious or spiritual beliefs tell me | 16                         | 9                | 7                                             | 39                  |
| Not asked/No answer                                                                                                                                               | 24                         | 17               | 20                                            | 5                   |

Now using the scale below, please indicate how well the statements...describe your view, where “1” means you think God expects people to be good stewards of nature, which is not here only for human use, “7” means you think God expects people to rule over nature, which is here for human use, and “4” is in between. Please use any number on the scale to show your opinion on this issue.

|                                                                                            | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)                                                                                     | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                                                                                            | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| 1 - God expects people to be good stewards of nature, which is not here only for human use | 22                         | 27               | 21                                            | 34                  |
| 2                                                                                          | 7                          | 10               | 11                                            | 7                   |
| 3                                                                                          | 5                          | 5                | 5                                             | 8                   |
| 4 - In between                                                                             | 23                         | 22               | 26                                            | 24                  |
| 5                                                                                          | 3                          | 4                | 2                                             | 5                   |
| 6                                                                                          | 3                          | 4                | 4                                             | 2                   |
| 7 - God expects people to rule over nature, which is here for human use                    | 6                          | 4                | 5                                             | 11                  |
| Not asked/No answer                                                                        | 31                         | 26               | 26                                            | 9                   |



## Chapter 6

In general, do you have a positive or negative opinion of each of the following?

| <b>Pope Francis</b><br>(Base)           | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                         | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                         | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Very positive                           | 26                     | 46               | 26                                   | 16                  |
| Moderately positive                     | 26                     | 30               | 31                                   | 19                  |
| In between                              | 18                     | 9                | 17                                   | 24                  |
| Moderately negative                     | 4                      | 2                | 3                                    | 6                   |
| Very negative                           | 3                      | 1                | 2                                    | 7                   |
| I do not have an opinion of this person | 16                     | 8                | 17                                   | 17                  |
| I have not heard of this person         | 7                      | 4                | 5                                    | 10                  |
| No answer                               | 1                      | 1                | -                                    | *                   |

| <b>Barack Obama</b><br>(Base)           | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                         | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                         | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Very positive                           | 17                     | 17               | 20                                   | 18                  |
| Moderately positive                     | 18                     | 18               | 17                                   | 11                  |
| In between                              | 16                     | 16               | 17                                   | 14                  |
| Moderately negative                     | 13                     | 14               | 10                                   | 16                  |
| Very negative                           | 28                     | 28               | 31                                   | 37                  |
| I do not have an opinion of this person | 6                      | 4                | 4                                    | 3                   |
| I have not heard of this person         | 2                      | 2                | 2                                    | 2                   |
| No answer                               | 1                      | 2                | 1                                    | *                   |

| <b>Hillary Clinton</b><br>(Base)        | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                         | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                         | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Very positive                           | 13                     | 14               | 17                                   | 11                  |
| Moderately positive                     | 21                     | 20               | 20                                   | 16                  |
| In between                              | 21                     | 26               | 20                                   | 17                  |
| Moderately negative                     | 13                     | 10               | 16                                   | 17                  |
| Very negative                           | 21                     | 20               | 22                                   | 30                  |
| I do not have an opinion of this person | 9                      | 7                | 5                                    | 7                   |
| I have not heard of this person         | 2                      | 2                | 1                                    | 2                   |
| No answer                               | 1                      | 1                | 1                                    | 1                   |

In general, do you have a positive or negative opinion of each of the following? (Cont'd.)

| <b>Jeb Bush</b><br>(Base)               | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                         | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                         | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Very positive                           | 3                      | 4                | 2                                    | 3                   |
| Moderately positive                     | 13                     | 13               | 17                                   | 18                  |
| In between                              | 22                     | 21               | 26                                   | 24                  |
| Moderately negative                     | 16                     | 16               | 18                                   | 9                   |
| Very negative                           | 13                     | 12               | 12                                   | 11                  |
| I do not have an opinion of this person | 20                     | 22               | 16                                   | 21                  |
| I have not heard of this person         | 12                     | 11               | 8                                    | 12                  |
| No answer                               | 1                      | 1                | 1                                    | 2                   |

| <b>John Boehner</b><br>(Base)           | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                         | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                         | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Very positive                           | 2                      | 3                | 3                                    | 1                   |
| Moderately positive                     | 8                      | 8                | 10                                   | 11                  |
| In between                              | 18                     | 21               | 17                                   | 26                  |
| Moderately negative                     | 15                     | 12               | 23                                   | 13                  |
| Very negative                           | 18                     | 16               | 19                                   | 10                  |
| I do not have an opinion of this person | 15                     | 15               | 10                                   | 12                  |
| I have not heard of this person         | 25                     | 24               | 20                                   | 27                  |
| No answer                               | 1                      | 2                | -                                    | 1                   |

| <b>The Dalai Lama</b><br>(Base)         | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                         | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                         | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Very positive                           | 20                     | 24               | 17                                   | 9                   |
| Moderately positive                     | 22                     | 20               | 27                                   | 15                  |
| In between                              | 17                     | 17               | 19                                   | 22                  |
| Moderately negative                     | 5                      | 3                | 5                                    | 7                   |
| Very negative                           | 3                      | 2                | 2                                    | 7                   |
| I do not have an opinion of this person | 22                     | 22               | 23                                   | 23                  |
| I have not heard of this person         | 11                     | 10               | 7                                    | 17                  |
| No answer                               | 1                      | 1                | -                                    | 1                   |

In general, do you have a positive or negative opinion of each of the following? (Cont'd.)

| <b>Desmond Tutu</b><br>(Base)           | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                         | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                         | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Very positive                           | 9                      | 10               | 16                                   | 4                   |
| Moderately positive                     | 14                     | 11               | 13                                   | 12                  |
| In between                              | 17                     | 18               | 17                                   | 19                  |
| Moderately negative                     | 4                      | 4                | 3                                    | 6                   |
| Very negative                           | 3                      | 3                | 4                                    | 4                   |
| I do not have an opinion of this person | 22                     | 20               | 22                                   | 23                  |
| I have not heard of this person         | 31                     | 34               | 25                                   | 32                  |
| No answer                               | 1                      | 1                | -                                    | 1                   |

| <b>Rick Warren</b><br>(Base)            | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                         | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                         | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Very positive                           | 3                      | 2                | 3                                    | 9                   |
| Moderately positive                     | 6                      | 3                | 6                                    | 12                  |
| In between                              | 13                     | 9                | 14                                   | 18                  |
| Moderately negative                     | 6                      | 7                | 8                                    | 5                   |
| Very negative                           | 5                      | 3                | 7                                    | 5                   |
| I do not have an opinion of this person | 21                     | 22               | 22                                   | 21                  |
| I have not heard of this person         | 44                     | 52               | 39                                   | 31                  |
| No answer                               | 1                      | 3                | 1                                    | 1                   |

| <b>Billy Graham</b><br>(Base)           | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                         | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                         | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Very positive                           | 19                     | 10               | 19                                   | 48                  |
| Moderately positive                     | 13                     | 14               | 21                                   | 15                  |
| In between                              | 20                     | 19               | 26                                   | 15                  |
| Moderately negative                     | 11                     | 15               | 10                                   | 3                   |
| Very negative                           | 8                      | 6                | 5                                    | 2                   |
| I do not have an opinion of this person | 16                     | 22               | 11                                   | 11                  |
| I have not heard of this person         | 13                     | 14               | 7                                    | 6                   |
| No answer                               | 1                      | 1                | 1                                    | *                   |

In general, do you have a positive or negative opinion of each of the following? (Cont'd.)

| <b>T.D Jakes</b><br>(Base)              | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                         | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                         | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Very positive                           | 7                      | 1                | 8                                    | 17                  |
| Moderately positive                     | 6                      | 2                | 7                                    | 14                  |
| In between                              | 10                     | 9                | 8                                    | 15                  |
| Moderately negative                     | 4                      | 4                | 2                                    | 4                   |
| Very negative                           | 3                      | 1                | 2                                    | 4                   |
| I do not have an opinion of this person | 15                     | 14               | 17                                   | 11                  |
| I have not heard of this person         | 55                     | 69               | 58                                   | 34                  |
| No answer                               | 1                      | 1                | -                                    | 1                   |

This upcoming summer, Pope Francis is expected to release an Encyclical (a letter sent to all Catholic Bishops worldwide), which will say that addressing global warming is a high priority for the Catholic Church. Before you read about it in this question, were you aware of this upcoming Papal Encyclical about global warming?

| (Base)                   | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                          | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                          | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Yes                      | 6                      | 11               | 5                                    | 5                   |
| I've heard a lot         | 1                      | 2                | -                                    | 1                   |
| I've heard some          | 3                      | 4                | 3                                    | 2                   |
| I've only heard a little | 2                      | 5                | 2                                    | 2                   |
| No                       | 77                     | 77               | 77                                   | 77                  |
| Not sure                 | 17                     | 12               | 17                                   | 18                  |
| No answer                | 1                      | 1                | 1                                    | -                   |

This upcoming September, Pope Francis will be traveling to Washington, D.C. Various interfaith climate action groups may organize a "Moral March on Washington" to join the Pope in calling on our nation's leaders to do more to address global warming. How likely or unlikely is it that you would participate in this interfaith "Moral March on Washington" if a person you respect asked you to?

| (Base)              | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                     | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                     | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Very likely         | 4                      | 5                | 4                                    | 3                   |
| Moderately likely   | 8                      | 11               | 5                                    | 8                   |
| Moderately unlikely | 14                     | 15               | 12                                   | 13                  |
| Very unlikely       | 56                     | 59               | 64                                   | 54                  |
| Not sure            | 17                     | 11               | 14                                   | 22                  |
| No answer           | 1                      | *                | 1                                    | 1                   |

## Chapter 7

In your opinion, if the world takes action to reduce global warming, will it help...

| <b>The natural environment</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                          | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                          | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Yes, it will help a lot                  | 44                     | 48               | 41                                   | 39                  |
| Yes, it will help a moderate amount      | 19                     | 20               | 20                                   | 16                  |
| Yes, it will help a little               | 14                     | 15               | 17                                   | 14                  |
| No, it will not help                     | 10                     | 7                | 10                                   | 15                  |
| Not sure                                 | 13                     | 10               | 12                                   | 16                  |
| No answer                                | 1                      | 1                | -                                    | *                   |

In your opinion, if the world takes action to reduce global warming, will it help... (Cont'd.)

| <b>The world's poor</b><br>(Base)   | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                     | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                     | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Yes, it will help a lot             | 17                     | 14               | 16                                   | 19                  |
| Yes, it will help a moderate amount | 17                     | 22               | 16                                   | 14                  |
| Yes, it will help a little          | 21                     | 25               | 22                                   | 14                  |
| No, it will not help                | 24                     | 21               | 29                                   | 32                  |
| Not sure                            | 20                     | 17               | 18                                   | 21                  |
| No answer                           | 1                      | 1                | -                                    | *                   |

| <b>Future generations of people</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                               | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                               | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Yes, it will help a lot                       | 43                     | 48               | 40                                   | 38                  |
| Yes, it will help a moderate amount           | 19                     | 19               | 20                                   | 18                  |
| Yes, it will help a little                    | 13                     | 13               | 16                                   | 11                  |
| No, it will not help                          | 11                     | 8                | 12                                   | 16                  |
| Not sure                                      | 14                     | 11               | 12                                   | 17                  |
| No answer                                     | 1                      | 1                | -                                    | 1                   |

Do you think each of the following should be doing more or less to address global warming?

| <b>Your local government officials</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b><br>(1,263) | <b>Catholics</b><br>(299) | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b><br>(225) | <b>Evangelicals</b><br>(311) |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                                  | %                                 | %                         | %                                             | %                            |
| Much more                                        | 18                                | 17                        | 12                                            | 14                           |
| More                                             | 38                                | 45                        | 40                                            | 30                           |
| Currently doing the right amount                 | 28                                | 25                        | 32                                            | 32                           |
| Less                                             | 8                                 | 6                         | 7                                             | 13                           |
| Much less                                        | 8                                 | 7                         | 9                                             | 11                           |
| No answer                                        | 1                                 | *                         | 1                                             | 1                            |

| <b>Your governor</b><br>(Base)   | <b>Total Americans</b><br>(1,263) | <b>Catholics</b><br>(299) | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b><br>(225) | <b>Evangelicals</b><br>(311) |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                  | %                                 | %                         | %                                             | %                            |
| Much more                        | 20                                | 18                        | 16                                            | 15                           |
| More                             | 35                                | 45                        | 34                                            | 30                           |
| Currently doing the right amount | 28                                | 23                        | 33                                            | 32                           |
| Less                             | 8                                 | 7                         | 7                                             | 12                           |
| Much less                        | 8                                 | 6                         | 9                                             | 11                           |
| No answer                        | 1                                 | *                         | 1                                             | 1                            |

| <b>The U.S. Congress</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b><br>(1,263) | <b>Catholics</b><br>(299) | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b><br>(225) | <b>Evangelicals</b><br>(311) |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                    | %                                 | %                         | %                                             | %                            |
| Much more                          | 26                                | 25                        | 20                                            | 19                           |
| More                               | 33                                | 41                        | 36                                            | 28                           |
| Currently doing the right amount   | 23                                | 18                        | 26                                            | 28                           |
| Less                               | 9                                 | 8                         | 8                                             | 12                           |
| Much less                          | 9                                 | 9                         | 9                                             | 12                           |
| No answer                          | 1                                 | *                         | 1                                             | 1                            |

| <b>Your member of Congress</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b><br>(1,263) | <b>Catholics</b><br>(299) | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b><br>(225) | <b>Evangelicals</b><br>(311) |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                          | %                                 | %                         | %                                             | %                            |
| Much more                                | 22                                | 21                        | 16                                            | 17                           |
| More                                     | 35                                | 43                        | 38                                            | 29                           |
| Currently doing the right amount         | 26                                | 21                        | 28                                            | 30                           |
| Less                                     | 8                                 | 6                         | 9                                             | 12                           |
| Much less                                | 9                                 | 8                         | 8                                             | 11                           |
| No answer                                | 1                                 | *                         | 1                                             | 1                            |

| <b>President Obama</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                  | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                  | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Much more                        | 18                     | 18               | 11                                   | 17                  |
| More                             | 34                     | 41               | 37                                   | 30                  |
| Currently doing the right amount | 26                     | 23               | 28                                   | 24                  |
| Less                             | 8                      | 8                | 9                                    | 12                  |
| Much less                        | 13                     | 10               | 15                                   | 17                  |
| No answer                        | 1                      | *                | 1                                    | 1                   |

| <b>Corporations and industry</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                            | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                            | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Much more                                  | 38                     | 43               | 32                                   | 27                  |
| More                                       | 30                     | 32               | 37                                   | 32                  |
| Currently doing the right amount           | 20                     | 15               | 21                                   | 25                  |
| Less                                       | 6                      | 5                | 5                                    | 8                   |
| Much less                                  | 6                      | 4                | 6                                    | 8                   |
| No answer                                  | 1                      | *                | 1                                    | 1                   |

| <b>Citizens themselves</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                      | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                      | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Much more                            | 25                     | 26               | 22                                   | 17                  |
| More                                 | 39                     | 45               | 41                                   | 36                  |
| Currently doing the right amount     | 23                     | 20               | 26                                   | 27                  |
| Less                                 | 6                      | 4                | 4                                    | 11                  |
| Much less                            | 7                      | 5                | 7                                    | 9                   |
| No answer                            | 1                      | *                | 1                                    | 1                   |

How much do you support or oppose the following policies?

*Regulate carbon dioxide (the primary greenhouse gas) as a pollutant.*

| (Base)           | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                  | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                  | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Strongly support | 31                     | 35               | 30                                   | 24                  |
| Somewhat support | 44                     | 39               | 45                                   | 48                  |
| Somewhat oppose  | 14                     | 16               | 12                                   | 13                  |
| Strongly oppose  | 10                     | 9                | 12                                   | 12                  |
| No answer        | 2                      | 1                | 1                                    | 2                   |

How much do you support or oppose the following policies? (Cont'd.)

*Require electric utilities to produce at least 20% of their electricity from wind, solar, or other renewable energy sources, even if it costs the average household an extra \$100 a year.*

|                  | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)           | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                  | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| Strongly support | 25                         | 22               | 22                                            | 18                  |
| Somewhat support | 42                         | 44               | 47                                            | 41                  |
| Somewhat oppose  | 18                         | 18               | 16                                            | 20                  |
| Strongly oppose  | 14                         | 14               | 16                                            | 18                  |
| No answer        | 1                          | 1                | -                                             | 2                   |

*Fund more research into renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power.*

|                  | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)           | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                  | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| Strongly support | 36                         | 38               | 37                                            | 27                  |
| Somewhat support | 42                         | 43               | 44                                            | 46                  |
| Somewhat oppose  | 12                         | 11               | 9                                             | 16                  |
| Strongly oppose  | 8                          | 7                | 10                                            | 9                   |
| No answer        | 1                          | 1                | -                                             | 2                   |

*Provide tax rebates for people who purchase energy-efficient vehicles or solar panels.*

|                  | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)           | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                  | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| Strongly support | 36                         | 39               | 31                                            | 30                  |
| Somewhat support | 44                         | 44               | 49                                            | 45                  |
| Somewhat oppose  | 11                         | 8                | 10                                            | 13                  |
| Strongly oppose  | 9                          | 9                | 10                                            | 11                  |
| No answer        | 1                          | 1                | -                                             | 2                   |



How much do you support or oppose the following policies? (Cont'd.)

*Increase funding for improvements to local roads, bridges, and buildings to make them more resistant to extreme weather.*

|                  | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)           | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                  | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| Strongly support | 32                         | 31               | 35                                            | 34                  |
| Somewhat support | 49                         | 50               | 47                                            | 46                  |
| Somewhat oppose  | 12                         | 13               | 12                                            | 10                  |
| Strongly oppose  | 6                          | 6                | 5                                             | 8                   |
| No answer        | 1                          | 2                | 1                                             | 2                   |

*Set strict carbon dioxide emission limits on existing coal-fired power plants to reduce global warming and improve public health. Power plants would have to reduce their emissions and/or invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency. The cost of electricity to consumers and companies would likely increase.*

|                  | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (Base)           | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                  | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| Strongly support | 25                         | 27               | 25                                            | 17                  |
| Somewhat support | 45                         | 48               | 45                                            | 43                  |
| Somewhat oppose  | 16                         | 12               | 17                                            | 23                  |
| Strongly oppose  | 13                         | 13               | 13                                            | 17                  |
| No answer        | 1                          | 1                | -                                             | 1                   |

## Chapter 8

How much do you trust or distrust the following as a source of information about global warming?

| <b>Barack Obama</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total</b>     | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants</b><br><b>(Non-</b> |                     |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                               | <b>Americans</b> |                  | <b>Evangelical)</b>                | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|                               | (1,263)          | (299)            | (225)                              | (311)               |
|                               | %                | %                | %                                  | %                   |
| Strongly trust                | 11               | 12               | 14                                 | 8                   |
| Somewhat trust                | 32               | 33               | 28                                 | 27                  |
| Somewhat distrust             | 21               | 23               | 21                                 | 21                  |
| Strongly distrust             | 32               | 29               | 34                                 | 41                  |
| Never heard of this person    | 2                | 2                | 2                                  | 2                   |
| No answer                     | 3                | 2                | 2                                  | 3                   |

| <b>Hillary Clinton</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants</b><br><b>(Non-</b> |                     |
|----------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                  |              |                  | <b>Evangelical)</b>                | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|                                  | (1,263)      | (299)            | (225)                              | (311)               |
|                                  | %            | %                | %                                  | %                   |
| Strongly trust                   | 6            | 7                | 9                                  | 4                   |
| Somewhat trust                   | 33           | 35               | 35                                 | 27                  |
| Somewhat distrust                | 27           | 29               | 22                                 | 26                  |
| Strongly distrust                | 28           | 24               | 31                                 | 38                  |
| Never heard of this person       | 2            | 2                | 1                                  | 2                   |
| No answer                        | 3            | 2                | 3                                  | 4                   |

| <b>Jeb Bush</b><br>(Base)  | <b>Total</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants</b><br><b>(Non-</b> |                     |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                            |              |                  | <b>Evangelical)</b>                | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|                            | (1,263)      | (299)            | (225)                              | (311)               |
|                            | %            | %                | %                                  | %                   |
| Strongly trust             | 3            | 3                | 2                                  | 4                   |
| Somewhat trust             | 21           | 24               | 25                                 | 25                  |
| Somewhat distrust          | 32           | 35               | 39                                 | 29                  |
| Strongly distrust          | 29           | 24               | 24                                 | 25                  |
| Never heard of this person | 12           | 11               | 8                                  | 12                  |
| No answer                  | 4            | 3                | 3                                  | 5                   |

| <b>John Boehner</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants</b><br><b>(Non-</b> |                     |
|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                               |              |                  | <b>Evangelical)</b>                | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|                               | (1,263)      | (299)            | (225)                              | (311)               |
|                               | %            | %                | %                                  | %                   |
| Strongly trust                | 1            | 3                | 1                                  | 2                   |
| Somewhat trust                | 15           | 18               | 17                                 | 19                  |
| Somewhat distrust             | 28           | 30               | 31                                 | 29                  |
| Strongly distrust             | 28           | 24               | 30                                 | 19                  |
| Never heard of this person    | 25           | 24               | 20                                 | 27                  |
| No answer                     | 3            | 2                | 2                                  | 4                   |

How much do you trust or distrust the following as a source of information about global warming? (Cont'd.)

| <b>Pope Francis</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                               | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                               | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Strongly trust                | 12                     | 21               | 16                                   | 9                   |
| Somewhat trust                | 37                     | 45               | 37                                   | 35                  |
| Somewhat distrust             | 25                     | 20               | 27                                   | 24                  |
| Strongly distrust             | 15                     | 8                | 13                                   | 20                  |
| Never heard of this person    | 7                      | 4                | 5                                    | 10                  |
| No answer                     | 3                      | 2                | 3                                    | 3                   |

| <b>The Dalai Lama</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                 | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                 | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Strongly trust                  | 7                      | 10               | 6                                    | 4                   |
| Somewhat trust                  | 34                     | 38               | 39                                   | 23                  |
| Somewhat distrust               | 27                     | 25               | 29                                   | 29                  |
| Strongly distrust               | 17                     | 15               | 16                                   | 24                  |
| Never heard of this person      | 11                     | 10               | 7                                    | 17                  |
| No answer                       | 4                      | 3                | 3                                    | 3                   |

| <b>Desmond Tutu</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                               | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                               | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Strongly trust                | 3                      | 3                | 5                                    | 2                   |
| Somewhat trust                | 23                     | 25               | 26                                   | 20                  |
| Somewhat distrust             | 25                     | 23               | 25                                   | 24                  |
| Strongly distrust             | 15                     | 12               | 16                                   | 19                  |
| Never heard of this person    | 31                     | 34               | 25                                   | 32                  |
| No answer                     | 3                      | 3                | 3                                    | 4                   |

| <b>Rick Warren</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                              | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                              | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Strongly trust               | 3                      | 0                | 4                                    | 6                   |
| Somewhat trust               | 12                     | 10               | 13                                   | 19                  |
| Somewhat distrust            | 22                     | 22               | 27                                   | 23                  |
| Strongly distrust            | 16                     | 13               | 15                                   | 17                  |
| Never heard of this person   | 44                     | 52               | 39                                   | 31                  |
| No answer                    | 3                      | 3                | 2                                    | 4                   |

How much do you trust or distrust the following as a source of information about global warming? (Cont'd.)

| <b>Billy Graham</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                               | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                               | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Strongly trust                | 9                      | 5                | 10                                   | 21                  |
| Somewhat trust                | 26                     | 24               | 29                                   | 38                  |
| Somewhat distrust             | 27                     | 33               | 33                                   | 16                  |
| Strongly distrust             | 22                     | 21               | 20                                   | 15                  |
| Never heard of this person    | 13                     | 14               | 7                                    | 6                   |
| No answer                     | 4                      | 4                | 3                                    | 4                   |

| <b>T.D. Jakes</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                             | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                             | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Strongly trust              | 3                      | *                | 4                                    | 9                   |
| Somewhat trust              | 12                     | 8                | 13                                   | 24                  |
| Somewhat distrust           | 16                     | 14               | 18                                   | 16                  |
| Strongly distrust           | 11                     | 8                | 7                                    | 15                  |
| Never heard of this person  | 55                     | 69               | 58                                   | 34                  |
| No answer                   | 2                      | 2                | 1                                    | 3                   |

| <b>Family and friends</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                     | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                     | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Strongly trust                      | 14                     | 14               | 18                                   | 15                  |
| Somewhat trust                      | 53                     | 56               | 51                                   | 51                  |
| Somewhat distrust                   | 22                     | 22               | 20                                   | 19                  |
| Strongly distrust                   | 8                      | 6                | 9                                    | 11                  |
| No answer                           | 4                      | 3                | 3                                    | 4                   |

| <b>Climate scientists</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants (Non-Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                     | (1,263)                | (299)            | (225)                                | (311)               |
|                                     | %                      | %                | %                                    | %                   |
| Strongly trust                      | 27                     | 28               | 28                                   | 19                  |
| Somewhat trust                      | 44                     | 49               | 42                                   | 44                  |
| Somewhat distrust                   | 17                     | 12               | 16                                   | 23                  |
| Strongly distrust                   | 10                     | 8                | 12                                   | 11                  |
| No answer                           | 3                      | 3                | 2                                    | 3                   |

How much do you trust or distrust the following as a source of information about global warming? (Cont'd.)

| <b>Other kinds of scientists (i.e.,<br/>not climate scientists)</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                                                               | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                                                                               | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| Strongly trust                                                                | 10                         | 10               | 10                                            | 8                   |
| Somewhat trust                                                                | 54                         | 60               | 54                                            | 52                  |
| Somewhat distrust                                                             | 23                         | 21               | 22                                            | 26                  |
| Strongly distrust                                                             | 9                          | 7                | 11                                            | 11                  |
| No answer                                                                     | 4                          | 3                | 3                                             | 4                   |

| <b>The mainstream news media</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                            | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                                            | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| Strongly trust                             | 3                          | 3                | 5                                             | 4                   |
| Somewhat trust                             | 38                         | 42               | 39                                            | 36                  |
| Somewhat distrust                          | 31                         | 31               | 33                                            | 28                  |
| Strongly distrust                          | 25                         | 21               | 21                                            | 29                  |
| No answer                                  | 3                          | 3                | 2                                             | 3                   |

| <b>Television weather reporters</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                               | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                                               | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| Strongly trust                                | 9                          | 13               | 7                                             | 9                   |
| Somewhat trust                                | 51                         | 53               | 54                                            | 50                  |
| Somewhat distrust                             | 25                         | 22               | 27                                            | 23                  |
| Strongly distrust                             | 12                         | 10               | 10                                            | 16                  |
| No answer                                     | 3                          | 2                | 2                                             | 3                   |

| <b>Your primary care doctor</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                           | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                                           | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| Strongly trust                            | 11                         | 15               | 14                                            | 13                  |
| Somewhat trust                            | 46                         | 48               | 45                                            | 46                  |
| Somewhat distrust                         | 25                         | 22               | 25                                            | 21                  |
| Strongly distrust                         | 14                         | 12               | 12                                            | 16                  |
| No answer                                 | 4                          | 3                | 3                                             | 4                   |

How much do you trust or distrust the following as a source of information about global warming? (Cont'd.)

| <b>U.S. military leaders</b><br>(Base) | <b>Total<br/>Americans</b> | <b>Catholics</b> | <b>Protestants<br/>(Non-<br/>Evangelical)</b> | <b>Evangelicals</b> |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                        | (1,263)                    | (299)            | (225)                                         | (311)               |
|                                        | %                          | %                | %                                             | %                   |
| Strongly trust                         | 4                          | 3                | 6                                             | 6                   |
| Somewhat trust                         | 36                         | 38               | 43                                            | 40                  |
| Somewhat distrust                      | 39                         | 40               | 35                                            | 33                  |
| Strongly distrust                      | 17                         | 16               | 14                                            | 18                  |
| No answer                              | 4                          | 3                | 3                                             | 4                   |

## Appendix II: Survey Method

The data in this report are based on a nationally representative survey of 1,263 American adults, aged 18 and older, conducted from February 27 – March 10, 2015. All questionnaires were self-administered by respondents in a web-based environment. The survey took, on average, about 26 minutes to complete.

The sample was drawn from GfK's KnowledgePanel®, an online panel of members drawn using probability sampling methods. Prospective members are recruited using a combination of random digit dial and address-based sampling techniques that cover virtually all (non-institutional) resident phone numbers and addresses in the United States. Those contacted who would choose to join the panel but do not have access to the Internet are loaned computers and given Internet access so they may participate.

The sample therefore includes a representative cross-section of American adults – irrespective of whether they have Internet access, use only a cell phone, etc. Key demographic variables were weighted, post survey, to match US Census Bureau norms.

The survey instrument was designed by Anthony Leiserowitz, Geoff Feinberg, Seth Rosenthal, and Jennifer Marlon of Yale University, and Edward Maibach and Connie Roser-Renouf of George Mason University.

### Assignment to Religion Category

Assignment to the religion categories used in this report was based on responses to two survey items:

- 1) What is your religion?
- 2) Would you describe yourself as “born again” or evangelical?

All respondents who identified as Catholic in item 1 were coded as “Catholic” for this report (n=299). Respondents who identified as Protestant or Baptist in item 1 and did *not* identify as born again or evangelical in item 2 were coded as “Protestant (Non-Evangelical)” (n=225). Respondents who identified as Protestant, Baptist, Pentecostal, or Other Christian in item 1 and also *did* identify as born again or evangelical in item 2 were coded as “Evangelical” (n=311).

Total sample size (n =1,263) was too small to provide reliable estimates of the opinions of a number of other major religious groups in the U.S., including Mormons, Eastern Orthodox Christians, Unitarian Universalists, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists, as well as others with no religious affiliation. We hope to provide more information in the future about the beliefs and values of these groups.

## Margins of error

All samples are subject to some degree of sampling error—that is, statistical results obtained from a sample can be expected to differ somewhat from results that would be obtained if every member of the target population were interviewed. Average margins of error, at the 95% confidence level, are as follows:

- Catholics: Plus or minus 6 percentage points
- Non-Evangelical Protestants: Plus or minus 7 percentage points
- Evangelical Christians: Plus or minus 6 percentage points

## Rounding error

For tabulation purposes, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given chart may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. Combined response categories (e.g., “strongly” + “somewhat trust”) are rounded after summing.



### Appendix III: Sample Demographics

|                                      | N<br>(unweighted) | %<br>(weighted) |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>1,263</b>      | <b>100</b>      |
| <b>Sex</b>                           |                   |                 |
| Men                                  | 629               | 48              |
| Women                                | 634               | 52              |
| <b>Age</b>                           |                   |                 |
| Millennials (18-30)                  | 215               | 24              |
| Generation X (31-48)                 | 309               | 27              |
| Baby Boomers (49-67)                 | 508               | 35              |
| WWII (68+)                           | 231               | 14              |
| <b>Education</b>                     |                   |                 |
| Less than high school                | 105               | 12              |
| High school graduate                 | 411               | 30              |
| Some college/tech                    | 362               | 29              |
| College graduate                     | 212               | 16              |
| Post graduate                        | 173               | 13              |
| <b>Household Income</b>              |                   |                 |
| <\$25K                               | 226               | 18              |
| \$25K - <\$50K                       | 296               | 23              |
| \$50K - <\$75K                       | 240               | 18              |
| \$75K - <\$100K                      | 181               | 15              |
| \$100K - <\$125K                     | 150               | 12              |
| \$125K+                              | 170               | 14              |
| <b>Hispanic</b>                      |                   |                 |
| Yes                                  | 124               | 15              |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                |                   |                 |
| White, non-Hispanic                  | 961               | 66              |
| Black, African-American non-Hispanic | 114               | 12              |
| Other non-Hispanic                   | 64                | 7               |
| <b>Region</b>                        |                   |                 |
| Northeast                            | 214               | 18              |
| Midwest                              | 319               | 21              |
| South                                | 458               | 37              |
| West                                 | 272               | 23              |

