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In December 2015, officials from 197 countries (nearly every country in the world) met in Paris at the United Nations Climate Change Conference and negotiated a global agreement to limit global warming. On Earth Day, April 2016, the U.S. and 174 other countries signed the agreement, with most of the others following suit since then.

On Friday, Politico <u>reported</u> that President Trump's senior advisors, including Jared Kushner, Gary Cohn, Rex Tillerson, Rick Perry, Scott Pruit, H.R. McMaster, and Steve Bannon are meeting this week (Earth Week), perhaps Tuesday, to decide whether the US will stay in the Paris agreement or not.

What do American voters think about U.S. participation in the Paris Agreement? And what do Trump voters think?

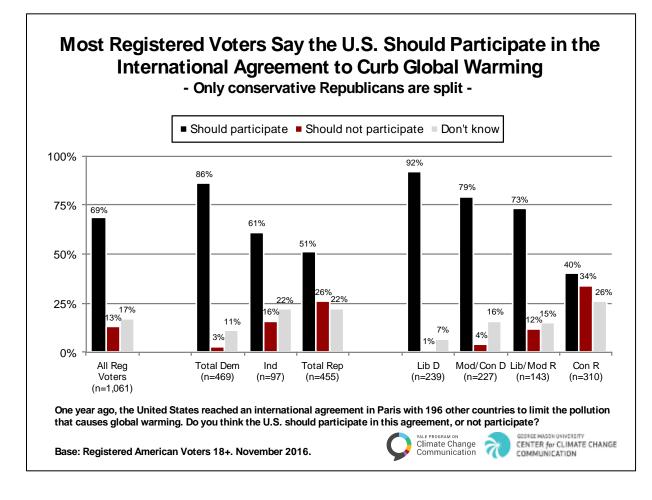


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1. By more than 5 to 1, voters say the U.S. should participate in the Paris Climate Agreement.

In a nationally representative survey conducted after the election, we found that seven in ten registered voters (69%) say the U.S. should participate in the COP21 agreement, compared with only 13% who say the U.S. should not. Majorities of Democrats (86%) and Independents (61%), and half of Republicans (51%) say the U.S. should participate (including 73% of moderate/liberal Republicans). Only conservative Republicans are split, with marginally more saying the U.S. should participate (40%) than saying we should not participate (34%).¹

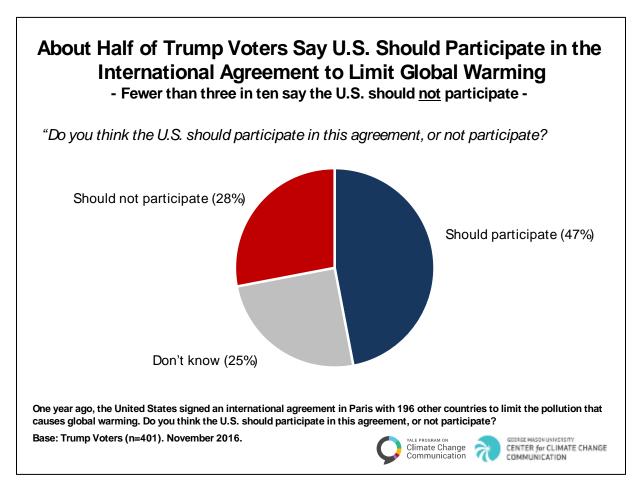


¹ For more details, see our full report, "Politics & Global Warming, November 2016" <u>here</u>.



2. About half of Trump voters say the U.S. should participate in the Paris Agreement.

Almost half of Trump's voters (47%) say the U.S. should participate in the Paris agreement, compared with only 28% who say the U.S. should not.²



Will President Trump side with the nationalists on his advisory team who want to withdraw from the Paris agreement? Or will he side with the moderates, including his own family members, a majority of Americans, and a plurality of his own voters, who want the U.S. to continue to participate in the Paris Agreement to limit global warming? This may be an important turning point in the future history of Earth.

² For more details, see our full report, "Trump Voters & Global Warming" <u>here</u>.



