Deep Dive On

Climate Change

Demographic Breakdown

40% Of people are concerned about climate change when compared to other issue areas

Generational Breakdown of Interest in Issue Area

- 34% Gen Z
- 36% Millennials
- 41% Gen X
- 53% Baby Boomers

42% Of men said climate change was one of their top areas of concern

39% Of women said climate change was one of their top areas of concern

*Those identifying as non-binary or other <0%

Why People Are Taking Action

I believe the actions of one person can go a long way in making a difference (46%)

It makes me feel good to do something for others (41%)

I’m so passionate about this issue that I’m willing to regularly take action (28%)

How People Are Taking Action

Points of Light’s Civic Circle® represents a person’s power to lead, lend support and take action for causes they care about, and to lead a civic life. People can engage through one or several elements of the Civic Circle®.

Top Actions Taken

- Took time to learn about the cause or social issue (Listen & Learn) 73%
- Stopped buying certain products and/or services (Purchase Power) 61%
- Made a charitable donation to a cause or organization (Donate) 58%

Most Influential Actions

- Volunteered in-person or online with a cause or organization (Volunteer) 79%
- Made a charitable donation (includes professional services) to a cause or organization (Donate) 77%
- Posted or shared content on social media (Voice) 77%

Data to Insights

When the cause area is framed as “The Environment,” a higher percentage of people report a concern compared to those concerned about “Climate Change.” This is likely due to the politicization of climate change in recent years. Additionally, this cause area shows that the most public representatives of a cause area (think Greta Thunberg) are not necessarily indicative of how people prioritize issue areas. For both “The Environment” and “Climate Change,” Baby Boomers surpassed every other generation in self-reporting concern.

In the next 30 days, people are most likely to:

- Listen & Learn 59%
- Donate 51%
- Volunteer 51%