

Street poll

Do you think that climate change is man made?



“A very large part of climate change is down to Man. Climate does go in cycles but Man is definitely increasing the speed of global warming”

Anna Beck, 63

“I do and I don't. I recycle, I am quite good at doing that, but I do believe the planet works in a cycle. The dinosaurs dying out are evidence of that”

Christine Charles, market trader



“No. Man is such a small dot in the scale of time. I don't think it is possible to prove or disprove Man's effect on the planets”

Gary Erricker

“It's not man made. Climate change has happened before and it's happening again; it's inevitable”

Simon Griffiths, import/export officer

“We have created the pollution, which has caused global warming. Climate change is not a natural process”

Sukhvir Trivedi

“Ecologically it was bound to happen, but Man has sped it up. We have contributed to climate change with our lifestyles”

Lee Bell, 17, sales adviser



“There is so much contrasting opinion and information it's difficult to tell what the source of climate change is”

Zara Peacock, 25, store manager

“It's a mixture of Man and Nature. I don't think we help the matter but it was and is going to happen anyway”

Emma Williams, housewife

“I don't know either way, haven't got a clue!”

Graham Grant, waste disposal

“I don't believe it is man made. It's a natural occurrence,

it's all down to time and the planet. I will definitely be following the Copenhagen Summit”

Guy Taylor, 30, asylum seeker



“I don't believe it is man made. The amount of change that Man generates couldn't affect the planet so severely”

Louise Dunn, management consultant

“Yes, I think climate change is man made, but nothing can be done until you can stop America, China and the large manufacturers producing so much pollution and waste. The facts are exaggerated”

Pauline Allen, company director

“Yes climate change is caused by Man. I think America is a massive contributor; 4x4 vehicles should be banned unless for agricultural purposes as they use so much fuel”

Tom May, 19, trainee pilot



“The sad fact is that climate change will most affect the poor and the marginalised. We think a couple of extra degrees would be lovely, but there are people dying in floods and tsunamis. I am very interested in the outcome of the Copenhagen Summit; I have recorded a video personally for Gordon Brown, telling him my feelings on climate change”

Jackie Sherrington

“I sometimes wish we (Man) could start again. Human beings have made such a mess of the planet. As I have kids now, I take more notice of climate change and global warming. I doubt the Summit will change anything”

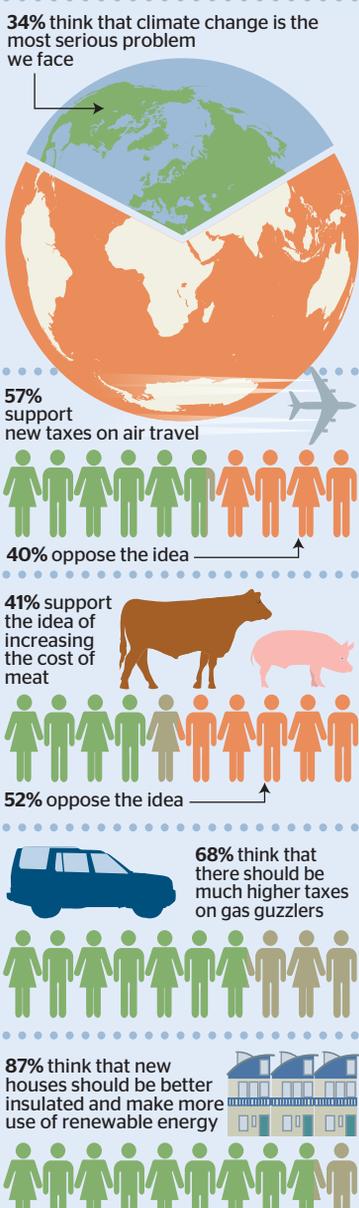
Mike Adams



“Yes and I think that we all have a responsibility to fix it”

John Trussler

● A random selection of the public interviewed yesterday by Chloe Culhane in Guildford High Street



Times poll

YES climate change is happening

(all in percentage terms)

From what you know or have heard, do you think that the Earth's climate is changing and climate change taking place?

	All	Men	Women	Voters C	Lab	Lib Dem	Age 18-34	35-54	55+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	83	79	86	77	86	88	82	86	79
No	15	18	12	20	12	12	16	12	15

BUT doubts over its causes

Climate change is happening ...

	All	Men	Women	Voters C	Lab	Lib Dem	Age 18-34	35-54	55+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
... and is now established as largely man-made	41	40	43	38	45	47	42	41	42
... but not yet proven to be largely man-made	32	30	33	29	30	33	31	34	30
... but it is not environmentalist propaganda that is man-made	8	8	7	7	11	8	8	7	6
Climate change is not happening	15	18	12	20	12	12	16	12	15

Among all believing the Earth's climate is changing and global warming taking place (83 per cent of the total)

	All	Men	Women	Voters C	Lab	Lib Dem	Age 18-34	35-54	55+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
The most serious problem we face	34	38	31	28	37	36	36	35	32
A serious problem, but other problems are more serious	62	56	66	68	60	62	61	61	63
Not really a serious problem	4	5	3	4	3	1	4	4	5

BUT very variable response to measures to reduce carbon dioxide and other emissions

(change since November 2006 shown in brackets where applicable)

New taxes on air travel with the aim of reducing the number of flights people take

	All	Men	Women	Voters C	Lab	Lib Dem	Age 18-34	35-54	55+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Support	57 (+7)	55 (+2)	58 (+10)	53 (+3)	60 (+12)	64 (+6)	53 (+7)	59 (+10)	57 (+2)
Oppose	40 (-6)	44 (-1)	36 (-12)	45 (-4)	35 (-15)	34 (-6)	43 (-9)	38 (-10)	39 (-)

Increasing the cost of motoring to encourage people to drive less

	All	Men	Women	Voters C	Lab	Lib Dem	Age 18-34	35-54	55+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Support	44 (+3)	41 (-1)	47 (+7)	35 (+2)	56 (+9)	50 (-5)	44 (+6)	43 (+2)	45 (+1)
Oppose	53 (+10)	57 (-)	57 (-7)	63 (-2)	41 (-12)	49 (p8)	53 (-10)	53 (-3)	50 (-2)

Much higher taxes on cars that use a lot of petrol and emit a lot of carbon dioxide

	All	Men	Women	Voters C	Lab	Lib Dem	Age 18-34	35-54	55+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Support	68 (-6)	64 (-9)	72 (-4)	64 (-6)	76 (+5)	76 (-12)	66 (-5)	70 (-6)	68 (-6)
Oppose	29 (+5)	34 (+8)	24 (+1)	34 (+5)	28 (-7)	22 (+10)	32 (+4)	28 (+5)	28 (+4)

New building regulations for all new houses to meet highest standards of insulation and make more use of renewable energy such as solar power, even if it increases costs

	All	Men	Women	Voters C	Lab	Lib Dem	Age 18-34	35-54	55+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Support	87 (-)	86 (-1)	88 (+1)	89 (-)	90 (+3)	85 (-1)	87 (p8)	88 (-1)	86 (-6)
Oppose	11 (-)	13 (+1)	10 (-1)	9(-)	9 (-4)	14 (+2)	12 (-8)	11 (+2)	11 (+5)

Increasing the cost of meat, because farming of cows and pigs is a major contributor to methane emissions

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Support	41	38	42	36	47	46	39	44	38
Oppose	52	56	48	58	47	47	54	50	52

Setting limits on carbon dioxide emissions and making companies pay for emissions, even if it results in higher prices for manufactured goods and energy

	All	Men	Women	Voters C	Lab	Lib Dem	Age 18-34	35-54	55+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Support	69	69	69	65	73	81	67	71	69
Oppose	26	29	25	31	26	17	29	26	25

Source: Populus for The Times, based on interviews with 1,504 adults November 6 to 8