

**Critical Insights on Maine Tracking Survey – Spring 2018 Questions on Environment and Energy**

Recently, you may have noticed that there has been news coverage about the Earth's warming climate. Global warming refers to the fact that the world's average temperature has been increasing over the past 150 years, changing the earth's climate.

1. I will read several timeframes. Please stop me when I've read the one that you believe best describes when you think global warming will start having harmful impacts in Maine. **[STOP READING IMMEDIATELY WHEN RESPONDENT PROVIDES ANSWER]:**

1. Global warming is having a negative impact on Maine now
2. Global warming will negatively impact Maine within the next 10 years
3. Global warming will negatively impact Maine in the next 10 to 25 years
4. Global warming will negatively impact Maine in the next 26 to 50 years
5. Global warming will negatively impact Maine in the next 51 to 100 years
6. Global warming will negatively impact Maine, but not before 100 years from now, or
7. Global warming will NEVER negatively impact Maine [SKIP NEXT QUESTION]
8. **(DO NOT READ)** Not sure **[SKIP NEXT QUESTION]**

2. **[IF 1-6 ABOVE, ASK:]** Thinking about how serious the effects of global warming will be, how much do you think global warming will harm people in Maine during the next 10 years? Would you say:

1. A great deal
2. A moderate amount
3. Only a little, or
4. Not at all
5. **(DO NOT READ)** Not sure

3. Scientists predict that global warming and climate change will have many impacts on the public, our economy, and the environment. I'm going to read you several of these predicted impacts. Please tell me whether you, personally, are very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned about these potential impacts. **[RANDOMIZE.]**

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Too Concerned	Not At All Concerned	Not Sure (DO NOT READ)
a. Rising sea levels and increasing storm surge on our coasts, damaging property and roads	4	3	2	1	5
b. Increased spread of insect-borne diseases such as Lyme Disease	4	3	2	1	5
c. Negative impacts on snow and ice-based recreation businesses, such as skiing and snowmobiling	4	3	2	1	5
d. Decrease in lobster populations, which would hurt Maine's lobstering industry	4	3	2	1	5
e. More cases of asthma and other lung disease from increased smog and summer temperatures	4	3	2	1	5
f. Habitat loss for wildlife such as moose, chickadees, and brook trout	4	3	2	1	5
g. More frequent and damaging storms that wash out roads, flood property or damage power lines	4	3	2	1	5

4. To help limit the risks of climate change, Maine lawmakers have set targets for reducing global warming pollution. Maine is on track to meet the target of reducing this pollution by 10% by 2020. In coordination with other New England states, Maine has also committed to the goal of reducing this pollution by 40% by the year 2030.

Do you support or oppose the next Governor and legislature taking action to meet this goal and reduce global warming pollution by 40% by 2030? **[AFTER RESPONSE, ASK:]** Is that strongly or somewhat (support/oppose)?

1. Strongly support
2. Somewhat support
3. Somewhat oppose
4. Strongly oppose
5. (DO NOT READ) Not sure

5. I'm going to read you some policy proposals that will be considered next year by Maine legislators. Please tell me whether you support or oppose that proposal. **[RANDOMIZE. AFTER RESPONDENT ANSWERS, ASK:]** Is that strongly or somewhat (support/oppose)?

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not Sure (DO NOT READ)
a. Encourage Mainers to purchase more fuel-efficient cars and trucks, including electric vehicles	4	3	2	1	5
b. Promote a new offshore wind industry for Maine	4	3	2	1	5
c. Promote the use of solar power by homes, businesses and municipalities	4	3	2	1	5
d. Expand energy efficiency programs for Maine homeowners, businesses, and industry	4	3	2	1	5
e. Increase the share of our electricity that comes from local renewable resources like wind and solar	4	3	2	1	5
f. Provide funding for the Land for Maine's Future program, which conserves land for public access and traditional uses, and preserves farmland and working waterfronts	4	3	2	1	5

6. Would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for Governor of Maine who put forward an ambitious plan to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, increase energy efficiency, and create clean energy jobs as a strategy for addressing the impacts of climate change?

**[REVERSE ORDER OF 1-4 FOR 1/2.]**

1. Much more likely to support
2. Somewhat more likely to support
3. Somewhat more likely to oppose
4. Much more likely to oppose
5. Or would it have no difference
6. **(DO NOT READ)** Not sure

Now I would like to ask two questions about the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument.

7. In 2016, 87,500 acres of land near Baxter State Park was donated to the American public and designated as “Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument.” This land is being managed similar to a national park, for hiking, camping, paddling, fishing, and other recreational purposes, with some of the land open for hunting and snowmobiling.

Do you support or oppose the establishment of the National Monument with guaranteed public access forever? **[AFTER RESPONSE, ASK:]** Is that strongly or somewhat (support/oppose)?

1. Strongly support
2. Somewhat support
3. Somewhat oppose
4. Strongly oppose
5. **(DO NOT READ)** Not sure