

**TO:** Environmental Defense Fund

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**RE:** Results: Voters' Views on Requiring Public Companies to Disclose Climate Risk

Morning Consult conducted a survey, on behalf of Environmental Defense Fund between December 9th – December 11th, 2020 among a national sample of 1994 registered voters. The interviews were conducted online. Results from the survey have a margin error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

**The survey sought to measure perceptions of and support for recent proposals which would require public companies to disclose risks that their operations pose to the climate.**

## KEY FINDINGS – CLIMATE RISK DISCLOSURE

### Nearly three quarters of voters support requiring public companies to disclose information related to climate risk.

This includes bipartisan majorities of both Democratic voters (86%) and Republican voters (55%), as well as 69% of independent voters.

Support for Climate Risk Disclosure	
% Support (Strongly + Somewhat)	Requiring public companies to disclose information related to climate risk
Registered Voters	71%
Democratic Voters	86%
Independent Voters	69%
Republican Voters	55%
Moderate Republican Voters	70%
Trump '16 – Biden '20 Voters	94%
Voters Ages 18-34	76%

### Younger voters in particular view the proposed requirements as a priority for the Biden administration to address in its first 100 days.

Three quarters of voters ages 18-34 (76%) and 35-44 (73%) say it should be a priority (top + important but not top priority) for the Biden administration to implement new requirements on climate risk disclosure. 87% of Trump '16 – Biden '20 voters, 59% of independent voters and 56% of moderate Republican voters view it as a priority as well.

## A majority of voters also support requiring public companies to disclose the money they spend to influence climate policy.

Four in five Democratic voters (80%), 70% of independent voters, and three in five Republican voters (59%) support such spending disclosure requirements.

Support for Influential Spending Disclosure	
% Support (Strongly + Somewhat)	Requiring public companies to disclose the money they spend to influence climate policy.
Registered Voters	71%
Democratic Voters	80%
Independent Voters	70%
Republican Voters	59%
Moderate Republican Voters	67%
Trump '16 – Biden '20 Voters	85%
Voters Ages 18-34	74%

## Voters largely recognize the benefits of increased climate risk disclosure.

In addition to the environment (55%) and climate change (51%), pluralities of voters believe requiring companies to disclose climate risk information would *mostly help* corporate transparency (44%), American consumers (40%), global economic growth (40%), and U.S. economic growth (38%).