

Surveyor: _____

Respondent: _____

Date: _____

CLIMATE CHANGE

Opinions

- ☐ Climate alarmists are pushing a hoax. There is no global warming.
- ☐ What global warming may be happening is not a crisis. We are seeing normal variations in climate.
- ☐ Climate change is happening, but it is not primarily due to human activity.
- ☐ Climate change is a global crisis. We must dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions or our descendants face catastrophe within this century
- ☐ It is too late. We cannot prevent climate change. We need to focus on adapting to global warming and accommodating extreme weather.
- ☐ _____

Beliefs

- ☐ There is broad scientific consensus that human activity is primarily responsible for current climate change.
- ☐ It is possible to identify the type of CO2 that comes from human activity, and that type of CO2 is increasing and responsible for warming beyond what natural causes can explain.
- ☐ The rate of change is more rapid than historical climate change events
- ☐ We can see evidence of warming: glaciers melting, sea level rise, record heat and weather events (drought, floods)
- ☐ Climate change is a threat: rising sea levels, food chain species dying off
- ☐ Some members of the scientific community challenge the methods and conclusions of climate change proponents.
- ☐ To model the last century of climate change, you need both 'forcing factors' (like increased sun activity) and human factors (like industrialization)
- ☐ Current warming is within the range of temperature fluctuations over the past few thousand years
- ☐ Prior ancient warm periods in earth's history were much warmer than current global mean temperatures
- ☐ There are other causes of climate change besides greenhouse gases: ocean currents, solar forcing, urban heat islands
- ☐ Earth's climate is complex and difficult to model. There are a range of climate models and their validity can be challenged. Scientists and laypersons are cherry-picking versions of models and data
- ☐ We can solve climate change if we act in time to reduce fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions dramatically.
- ☐ We can solve climate change with new technologies: carbon sequestration and geoengineering.
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INSTRUCTIONS

Call to Action

What will our great-great-grandchildren say about us?

Imagine the year 2070. We may not be there, but our children or grandchildren probably will be. Their grandchildren will ask about the olden days, back in the early 21st century, saying, “What were they thinking? Didn’t grown-ups know back then how bad this was going to be?”

These survey topics may seem vast and impersonal. We may shrug and claim that our actions as individuals don’t matter. As one of more than 8 billion people, it’s easy for us to hide in the herd and dodge blame. However, these topics become personal, and we feel more accountable, when we realize that our direct descendants will judge us for our actions and beliefs.

Our grandchildren will be caught flat-footed – or worse, misrepresent our beliefs! – when their kids confront them about our generation’s legacy. Don’t let *your* grandchildren throw you under the bus when talking to *their* grandkids in the year 2070. (Unless you deserve to be blamed for the state of the world in the late 21st century.) Ensure your descendants have an accurate record of your thoughts and beliefs. These surveys are the simplest way to do that.

Guidance

Each survey is meant to cover a wide range of beliefs about a single topic without being biased. Respondents should be able to find a few comments that they agree with. There are blank lines for respondents to write-in their own beliefs. If respondents do not have clearly defined beliefs on this topic, then that uncertainty may lead to some healthy research and introspection before they feel ready to share their beliefs with posterity.

This survey may inspire you to archive hard copy versions of other documents and photos that are important to you. We all have thousands of digital files and images stored in the cloud or on backup drives. Consider storing physical copies of key items from your life: birth and marriage certificates, concert tickets, family portraits, and this survey! Use acid-free paper (most ordinary copy paper will do). Keep items away from sunlight, heat, humidity – a closet is better than the attic or garage. How about a time capsule?

For the Respondent

Review the survey. You should be able to find yourself on the page in one or more statements that you agree with and check them off. Feel free to write-in some of your own opinions and beliefs. Perhaps add a personal note. Then, have the document be stored in a way that a future generation will discover it.

For the Surveyor

Take the time to sit down with people who matter to you, especially older folks. Don’t confront them. Instead, work with them to capture their point of view. Archive the document in a way that someone will be able to access it in the year 2070.

Good luck