

Table 2: Statements With a Supermajority and High Levels of Strong Consensus (2023)

Statement	Summary	Consensus Rank
Unregulated markets provide public goods in optimal quantities.	96.84% disagree	1
Air pollution and hazardous waste siting decisions disproportionately affect low-income communities.	91.05% agree	6
Air pollution and hazardous waste siting decisions disproportionately affect minority communities.	90.53% agree	3
Emissions taxes or marketable emissions permits are a more economically efficient approach to pollution control than emissions standards.	90.5% agree	7
How concerned are you about climate change?	88.95% concerned	4
Forests should be managed to provide multiple uses.	88.42% agree	2
Unregulated common-pool resources face the “tragedy of the commons” problem.	87.96% agree	9
We worry too much about the future of the environment and not enough about prices and jobs today.	87.43% disagree	10
The management of resource use should aim to meet the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.	85.86% agree	26
Individual transferable quotas are a more economically efficient approach to fishery regulation than open access regulations.	84.32% agree	5
The U.S. should increase energy taxes.	83.33% agree	11
Unregulated markets provide optimal quantities of goods whose production and consumption generate negative externalities.	82.72% disagree	39
Regulation in the U.S. should be implemented to address environmental justice concerns.	81.15% agree	14
Reducing the regulatory power of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would improve the economic efficiency of the U.S. economy.	80.63% disagree	33
Communities that exist close to hazardous waste sites are aware and accepting of the hazardous waste site(s) near their home.	75.39% disagree	8
Establish strict limits on the release of methane in the production of natural gas.	75.39% favor	31
For environmental problems, there should be international agreements that U.S. and other countries should be made to follow.	74.35% agree	11
The free market, property rights, and tort law provide the best tools to preserve the health and sustainability of the environment.	73.44% disagree	37
How concerned are you about biodiversity?	71.51% concerned	26
Economic growth always harms the environment.	70.16% disagree	16
Spend federal money to increase the number of electric vehicle charging stations in the U.S.	68.95% favor	13
Tax imports based on the greenhouse gases used to make them.	67.72% favor	22
Set higher fuel efficiency standards for cars, trucks and buses	66.84% favor	17

Table 3: Statements Without a Supermajority but With a Majority (2023)

Statement	Summary	Consensus Rank
How concerned are you about groundwater?	63.49% concerned	30
Provide tax incentives to businesses to promote their use of wind, solar and nuclear power.	63.35% favor	25
How concerned are you about fish and wildlife habitat?	61.29% concerned	26
Provide tax credits to Americans who install clean energy systems, like solar power, in their homes.	61.26% favor	32
Forests should be managed to achieve the maximum sustainable yield of timber resources.	58.95% disagree	47
How concerned are you about air quality?	57.14% concerned	19
Carbon markets and carbon offsets are an efficient mechanism for private firms to meet their carbon reduction goals.	56.84% agree	40
Emissions tax or permit auction revenues should be returned to the public through dividends or lower income taxes.	55.5% agree	20
The optimal forest rotation is when the harvest generates the maximum economic yield of timber and ecosystem services.	54.3% agree	51
How concerned are you about environmental justice?	53.97% concerned	41
How concerned are you about overfishing?	52.94% concerned	17
Provide tax credits to individuals who purchase electric vehicles.	51.85% favor	29
Ocean fisheries should be managed to achieve the maximum sustainable yield from commercial catch.	51.6% disagree	52

Table 4: Statements Without a Majority of Without Agreement/Disagreement (2023)

	Summary	Consensus Rank
Statements without a majority		
Emissions standards are rigid, and insensitive to geographical and technological differences.	49.74% agree	38
How concerned are you about surface water quality?	48.13% concerned	21
How concerned are you about land conservation?	46.52% concerned	44
How concerned are you about forest conservation?	45.99% concerned	36
How concerned are you about renewable energy?	45.21% concerned	47
There exists a maximum level of economic growth that can be sustained without undermining the resource base upon which it depends.	44.21% agree	49
Ocean fisheries should be managed to achieve the maximum economic yield from commercial and recreational catch.	43.55% disagree	50
How concerned are you about drinking water quality?	43.09% concerned	41
How concerned are you about food safety?	41.8% unconcerned	43
Population growth inevitably degrades the environment.	41.58% disagree	46
How concerned are you about mining impacts?	40.64% concerned	34
How concerned are you about solid waste?	39.46% unconcerned	45

Statements without agreement/disagreement		
Nonrenewable resource prices tend to rise at the rate of interest over time (adjusted for new discoveries, etc.).	44.39% neutral	15
How concerned are you about invasive species?	43.01% neutral	24
Emissions tax or permit auction revenues should be used to reduce the national debt.	42.63% neutral	22
How concerned are you about hazardous waste?	38.38% neutral	35