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Distressed about climate change, a ‘supermajority’ of young Americans across the political spectrum want bolder action from government, major corporations



‘Nobody wants their future to be ruined’

By Adriana Pérez | Chicago Tribune

A “supermajority” of young Americans across the political spectrum feel distressed about human-made climate change and want bolder action from the government and corporations, a new study has found. Experiencing the worsening effects of a rapidly changing climate throughout their youth and into adulthood, this crisis has become existential for them.

In the largest survey of its kind, 85% of nearly 16,000 respondents ages 16 to 25 from all 50 states reported being worried about the impact of climate change on people and the planet. More than 60% said they felt the emotional impact of this global crisis — anxiety, powerlessness, fear, sadness, anger. The study showed high proportions of concern across the board, whether respondents identified as Democrat, Republican, independent or other.

“So it really kind of challenges the notion that this is a very partisan issue. It certainly doesn’t appear that way in this younger age group,” said Eric Lewandowski, the study’s lead author and a clinical psychologist. He’s also a child and adolescent psychiatry professor at the New York University Grossman School of Medicine, one of six universities involved in the research published Thursday in the scientific journal *The Lancet Planetary Health*.

One-third of respondents said climate change affected their ability to carry on with their daily lives, including focusing on work or school, eating and sleeping, having fun and enjoying relationships.

“Honestly, the results don’t surprise me. I’ve

A storm rolls in at Ohio Street Beach after a day with the heat index at triple digits on Aug. 27. A new survey suggests 85% of respondents ages 16 to 25 are worried about climate change. **TESS CROWLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

seen it in my friends, I’ve seen it in myself. I’ve seen the despair,” said Chicago resident Zoharia Drizin, 24, a Gen Z advisory board member at the Climate Mental Health Network, a national advocate-led resource hub for mental well-being helping youth, parents and educators develop strategies to manage the emotional toll of climate change.

These sweeping feelings of helplessness, however, translate into a strong desire for action: 77% want the U.S. government and other countries to plan and prevent the worst consequences of the climate crisis. There is a similarly strong consensus around corporations reducing

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Secret Service changes sought

Panel recommends leaders from private sector, renewed focus on protective mission

By Eileen Sullivan
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — An independent panel reviewing the failures that led to the attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump in July called on the Secret Service to replace its leadership with people from the private sector and focus almost exclusively on its protective mission.

The recommendations, part of a report released Thursday and commissioned by the Department of Homeland Security, outlined deficiencies that had already been identified in the months after the rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, on July 13. Those include the failure of the Secret Service to secure a nearby building where a would-be assassin stationed on the rooftop fired eight shots toward Trump. That and other security lapses, members of the panel said, resulted from an absence of “critical thinking” among agents and supervisors.

The panel was particularly struck by a “lack of ownership” conveyed by the agents it interviewed. Those involved in the security planning did not take responsibility in the lead-up to the event, nor did they own failures in the aftermath.

The findings are stark — this is the first assessment to bluntly identify failures on the part of senior agents on Trump’s personal detail. Yet the conclusions are also familiar.

A panel convened in 2014 after a man scaled the White House fence and entered the mansion made similar proposals.

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Pritzkers gave big money for Chicago’s DNC

Convention host committee raised \$97 million in total

By Dan Petrella and A.D. Quig
Chicago Tribune

When Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker helped land the 2024 Democratic National Convention for Chicago, he vowed city and state taxpayers wouldn’t be left with the bill and that he wouldn’t pick up the whole tab himself.

While federal campaign finance disclosures filed this week show Pritzker was correct on those counts, the billionaire governor and first lady MK Pritzker were still the largest individual contributors to the event. The couple, through their trust fund, shelled out \$5.6 million — nearly 6% of the \$97 million raised by the convention’s local host committee.

The committee, Development Now for Chicago, reported spending about \$83 million in the lead-up to, during and in the month following the four-day August convention at the United Center, where Vice President Kamala Harris made history as the first Black and Asian American woman to accept a major party’s presidential nomination.

In comparison, the host committee for July’s Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, where former President

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MICHAEL MADIGAN TRIAL

Jury of 12 finally selected, but work is not done

By Jason Meisner and Megan Crepeau
Chicago Tribune

And on the seventh day, a jury was selected.

After a long week of intensive questioning, a panel of 12 people who will decide the fate of former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan was finalized Thursday, although attorneys for both sides will not finish picking alternates to sit for the landmark trial until next week.

Opening statements are scheduled for Monday afternoon.

The eight-woman, four-man panel, which was selected on a rolling basis over long days of in-court questioning, includes at least six people from Chicago, including two from the city’s 19th Ward on the Far Southwest Side. Others hail from as far away as Aurora, Downers Grove and northern Lake County.

Many of those selected said they had heard of Madigan only in passing and did

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Former House Speaker Michael Madigan leaves the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse on Thursday after a jury was finally selected in his trial. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

CPS sees record graduation rate

Chicago Public Schools announces a record graduation rate for the third consecutive year, along with one of the lowest dropout numbers in years. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

Israel: Top Hamas leader dead

Israeli forces in Gaza killed Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar, a chief architect of last year’s attack on Israel that sparked a war in Gaza, the military said Thursday. **Nation & World**

Can Bedard fast-forward rebuild?

Entering year two of the Blackhawks’ Connor Bedard era, the question is whether he’s improved enough to take his team to next level, writes Paul Sullivan. **Chicago Sports**

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