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Public opinion about climate change was reviewed in the National Science Board's [Science and Engineering Indicators](#) [4] (PDF) 2018.

"Americans are divided on the severity and cause of climate change but concern has returned to previous highs," the report summarized, citing:

- More than 6 in 10 Americans said they worried a "great deal" (45%) or a "fair amount" (21%) about "global warming." Similar high levels of worry occurred in the early to mid-2000s.
- The highest recorded proportion of Americans ever — more than 6 in 10 — say they believe that "global warming" is likely caused by humans.
- While 7 in 10 Americans recognize that "most" scientists believe warming is due to human activities, fewer than 2 in 10 know that almost all climate scientists attribute warming to human activity.

- Fewer than half of Americans think that "global warming" will pose a serious threat during their lifetime.

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