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## **GLOBAL WARMING IMPORTANT TO HUNTERS AND ANGLERS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE Could Play a Role in Presidential Primaries**

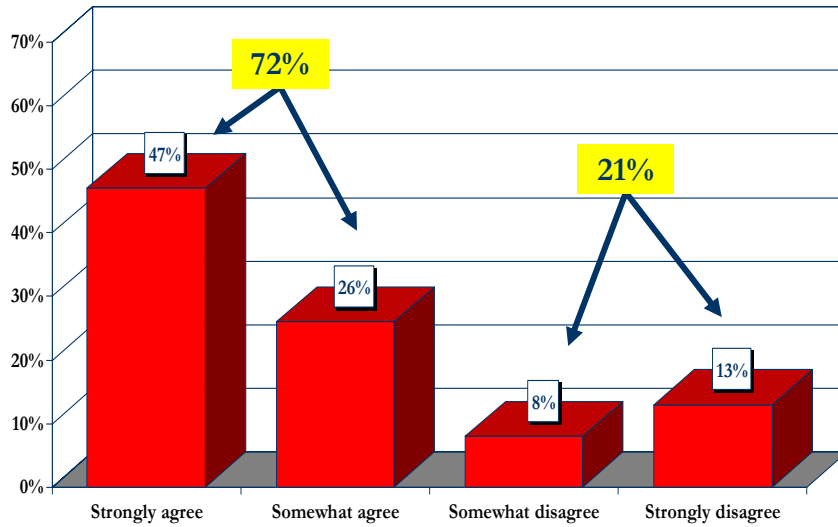
According to the findings of a recently completed survey of self-identified hunters and anglers in New Hampshire, global warming is occurring, is an important conservation issue, and is a threat to the future of outdoor activities. For all of these reasons, hunters and anglers in New Hampshire would be attracted to a candidate who agrees with them on this issue. And, 50% of the hunters and anglers who indicate they plan to vote in the upcoming presidential primaries have not yet made up their mind.

- 72% of hunters and anglers in New Hampshire believe global warming is occurring, with 63% indicating that human activity is at least a contributing factor, and 57% believe the United States is doing too little to address this issue.
  - Among likely Republican Primary voters, 55% believe global warming is occurring, 45% feel that human activity is at least a contributing factor and 37% feel that the U.S. is doing too little to address this issue.
  - Among likely Democratic Primary voters, 96% believe global warming is occurring, 88% believe that human activity is at least a contributing factor and 84% feel that the U.S. is doing too little to address this issue.
  
- By a two to one margin, global warming is the most important conservation issue among these voters.
  - 34% believe global warming is the most important conservation issue; followed by 16% who say clean water; 16% who say public lands, wetland and natural areas; and 14% who say clean air.
  
- Hunters and anglers also feel that global warming is a threat to the future of skiing, maple syrup production, trout fishing and hunting in New Hampshire and, one in every three respondents (32%) report that they have already seen changes to wildlife habitats that they think may be caused by global warming.
  - 71% believe global warming is a threat to future of skiing in New Hampshire;
  - 66% believe global warming is a threat to the future of maple syrup production in New Hampshire;
  - 65% believe global warming is a threat to the future of trout fishing in New Hampshire; and
  - 53% believe global warming is a threat to the future of hunting in New Hampshire.

- Hunters and anglers in New Hampshire would be attracted to a candidate who agrees with them on this issue. Specifically, they would be more likely to vote for a candidate who agreed with them on a series of statements.
  - 87% agree that we can improve the environment and strengthen the economy by investing in renewable energy technologies that create jobs, while reducing global warming;
  - 77% agree the United States should be a world leader in addressing global warming;
  - 75% agree we have a moral responsibility to confront global warming to protect our children's future;
  - 66% agree global warming is an urgent problem requiring immediate action; and
  - 60% agree global warming threatens the quality of life in New Hampshire.
  
- The primary electorate is very fluid.
  - Just 14% of the hunters and anglers in New Hampshire who plan on to vote in the upcoming presidential primaries have decided who they will vote for, with 34% either leaning toward one candidate or have narrowed the field of candidates.
  - 50% remain undecided, 64% of who are likely Republican primary voters.

*This public opinion poll conducted among 600 self-identified hunters and anglers in New Hampshire was conducted by American Viewpoint from September 23 through September 26, 2007 for the National Wildlife Federation. The statewide sample for this survey was randomly drawn from a list of self-identified hunters and anglers. To qualify, a respondent must have indicated they were a hunter, an angler or both as well as a registered voter in New Hampshire. All interviews were conducted by telephone. The margin of error for this study is plus or minus 4.1% at the 95% confidence level.*

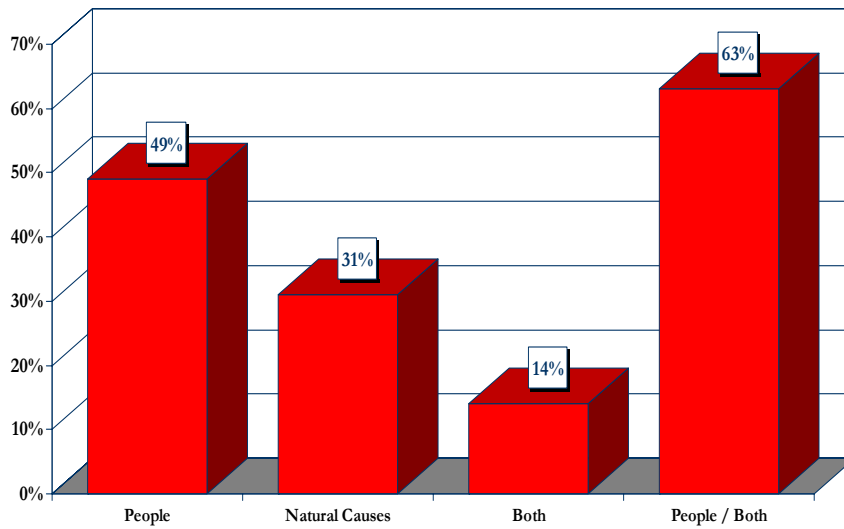
*Global warming has been defined as the rise in temperature of the Earth's atmosphere. Would you agree or disagree that global warming is currently occurring?*



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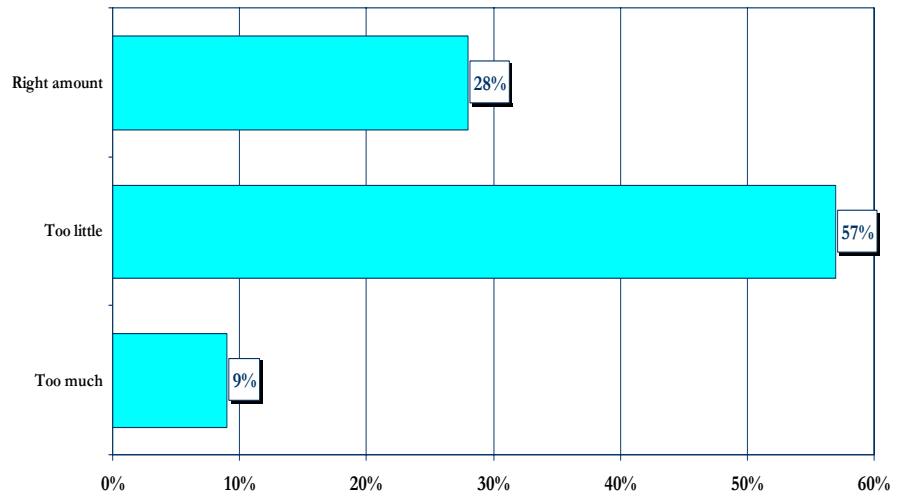
*Do you believe that global warming is caused mostly by people or mostly by natural causes?*



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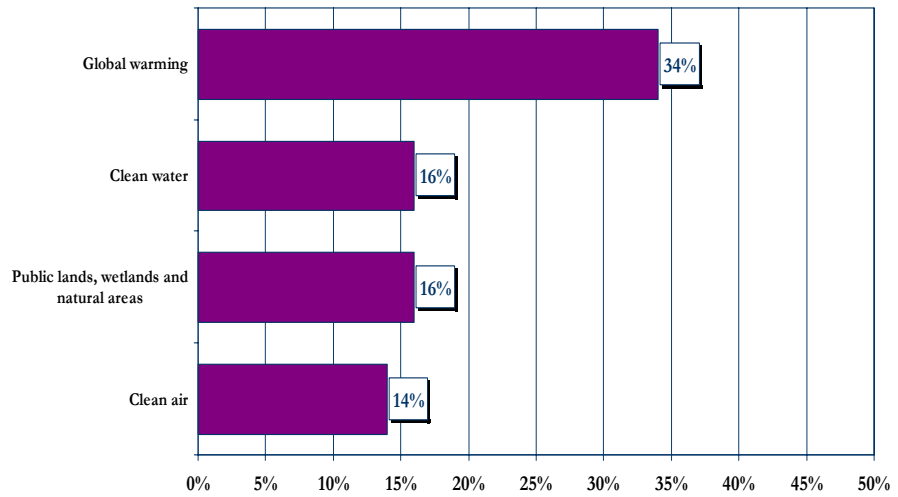
*Would you say that the United States is doing too much, too little or about the right amount to address the issue of global warming?*



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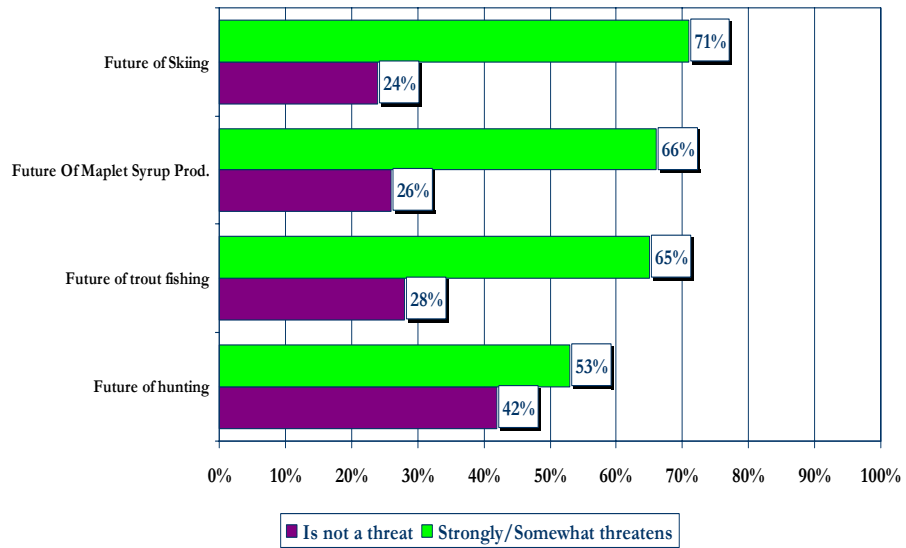
*Of the following conservation issues, which do you feel is the most important for the next President to address?*



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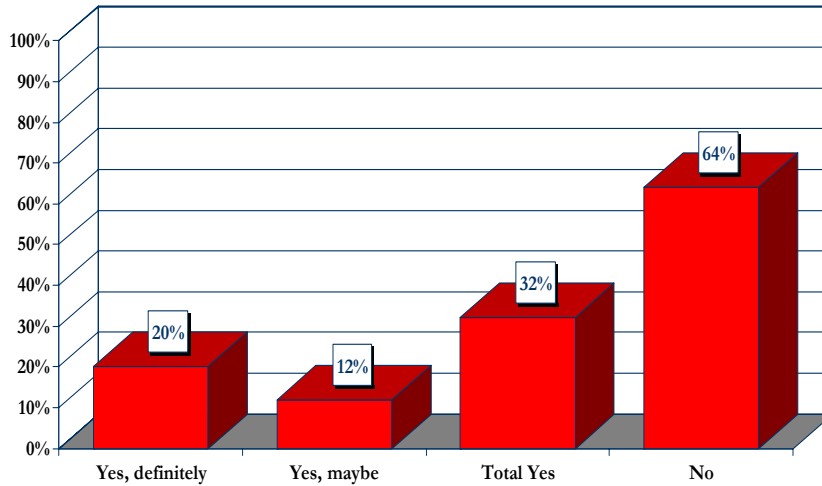
*Do you think global warming strongly threatens, somewhat threatens, or is not a threat to the future of...in New Hampshire?*



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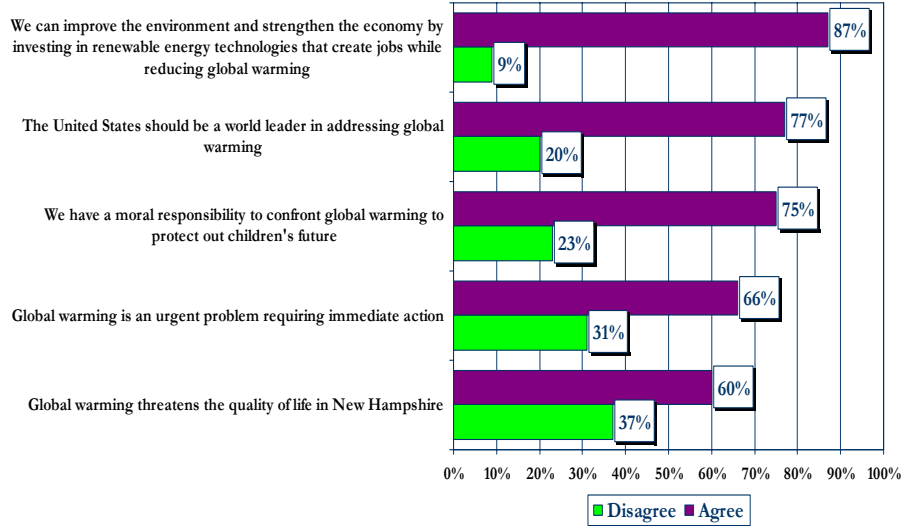
*Have you see any changes to wildlife or habitat that you think may be caused by global warming?*



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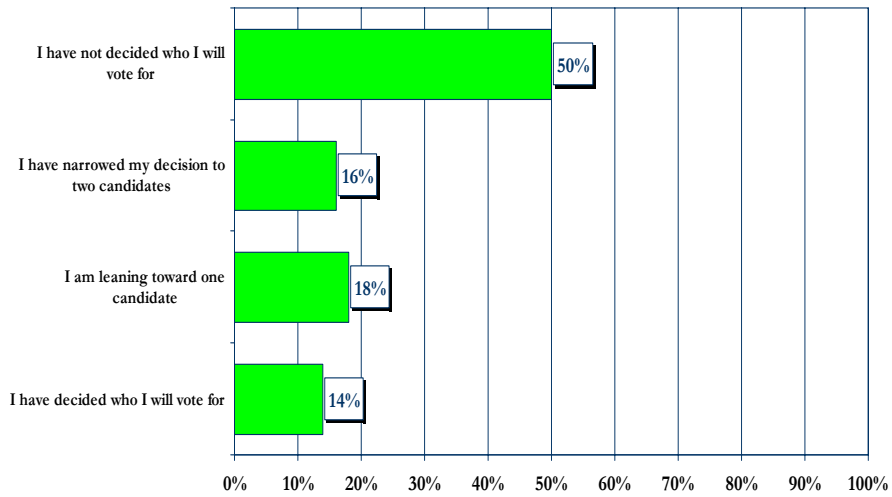
*I would now like to read to you a series of statements and have you tell me if you agree or disagree with each one. The first one is...*



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*Still thinking about the presidential primary that will be held in January...which of the following statements best describes you today?*



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