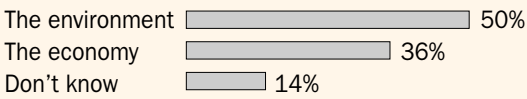


Environmental Issues

■ **If they conflict, which should take priority?**

■ **Nation**



■ **What do you think is causing global warming? Do you think it is caused more by human activities, such as driving cars and burning fuel, or is it caused more by natural changes in the climate?***

	Nation	East	Midwest	South	West
Human activities	60%	75%	56%	58%	53%
Natural changes	20	8	24	24	21
Both (volunteered)	15	16	16	11	19
Don't know	5	1	4	7	7

* Asked of those who have heard or read about global warming.

■ **George W. Bush reversed a campaign promise to reduce the emission of carbon dioxide from power plants, which many experts believe contributes to global warming. He said that requiring carbon dioxide controls at this time would add too much to the cost of power production and that the nation instead needs an overall national energy strategy. Do you support or oppose Bush's decision not to reduce the emission of carbon dioxide from power plants?**

	Nation	East	Midwest	South	West
Support	34%	31%	31%	37%	38%
Oppose	54	62	60	49	44
Don't know	12	7	9	14	18

■ **Before President Clinton left office he ordered a ban on logging and road building on nearly 60 million acres of national forests, or about 30% of the total acreage in the forest system. Supporters say the ban is needed to protect the forests and the wildlife that lives in them. Opponents say it will cut too deeply into the nation's timber supply and increase the likelihood of forest fires. Do you approve or disapprove of the ban?**

	Nation	East	Midwest	South	West
Approve	58%	60%	58%	53%	61%
Disapprove	32	28	33	37	29
Don't know	10	12	9	10	10

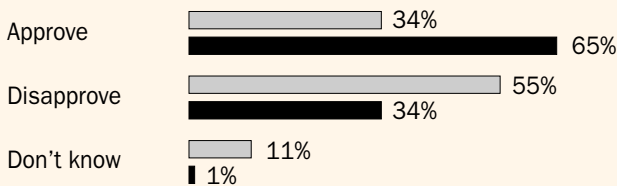
■ **Arsenic is a known cancer-causing agent that occurs in water either naturally or because of activities such as mining. Federal regulations set limits on the level of arsenic allowable in drinking water. Bush overturned a Clinton administration ruling that would have reduced that level by 80%. Bush said that Clinton's rule would cost local water districts too much money and that his administration would find a less costly way to reduce arsenic levels. Do you support or oppose Bush's action in overturning the regulations to reduce arsenic in drinking water?**

	Nation	East	Midwest	South	West
Support	34%	26%	35%	36%	38%
Oppose	56	61	55	54	53
Don't know	10	13	10	10	9

■ **Geologists estimate that the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska could supply enough oil to fuel U.S. consumption for between six months and three years. Supporters of drilling say the country needs to do whatever it can to expand oil supplies. Opponents of drilling say it would damage the environment in an unspoiled part of the country. Do you approve or disapprove of drilling for oil in the reserve?**

■ **Nation**

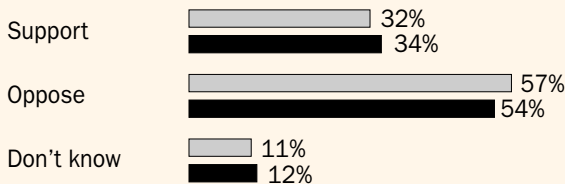
■ **Alaskans**



■ **The Bush administration is thinking of opening up national forests in the northern Rocky Mountains for oil and gas drilling. Do you support or oppose this?**

■ **Nation**

■ **Mountain States**



How the Poll Was Conducted

The Times Poll contacted 813 adults nationwide by telephone April 21-26. In addition, separate samples of 512 Californians, 553 adults residing in the Mountain States (Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada), 332 Oregonians, 317 Washingtonians and 322 Alaskans were contacted. Telephone numbers were chosen from a list of all exchanges in the nation, California, the Mountain States, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. Random-digit dialing techniques were used so that listed and unlisted numbers could be contacted. The entire sample was weighted slightly to conform with census figures for sex, race, age, education and region. The margin of sampling error for the national sample is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points; for California and the Mountain States it is 4 points; and for Oregon, Washington and Alaska it is 5.5 points. For certain subgroups the error margin may be somewhat higher. Poll results can also be affected by factors such as question wording and the order in which questions are presented.