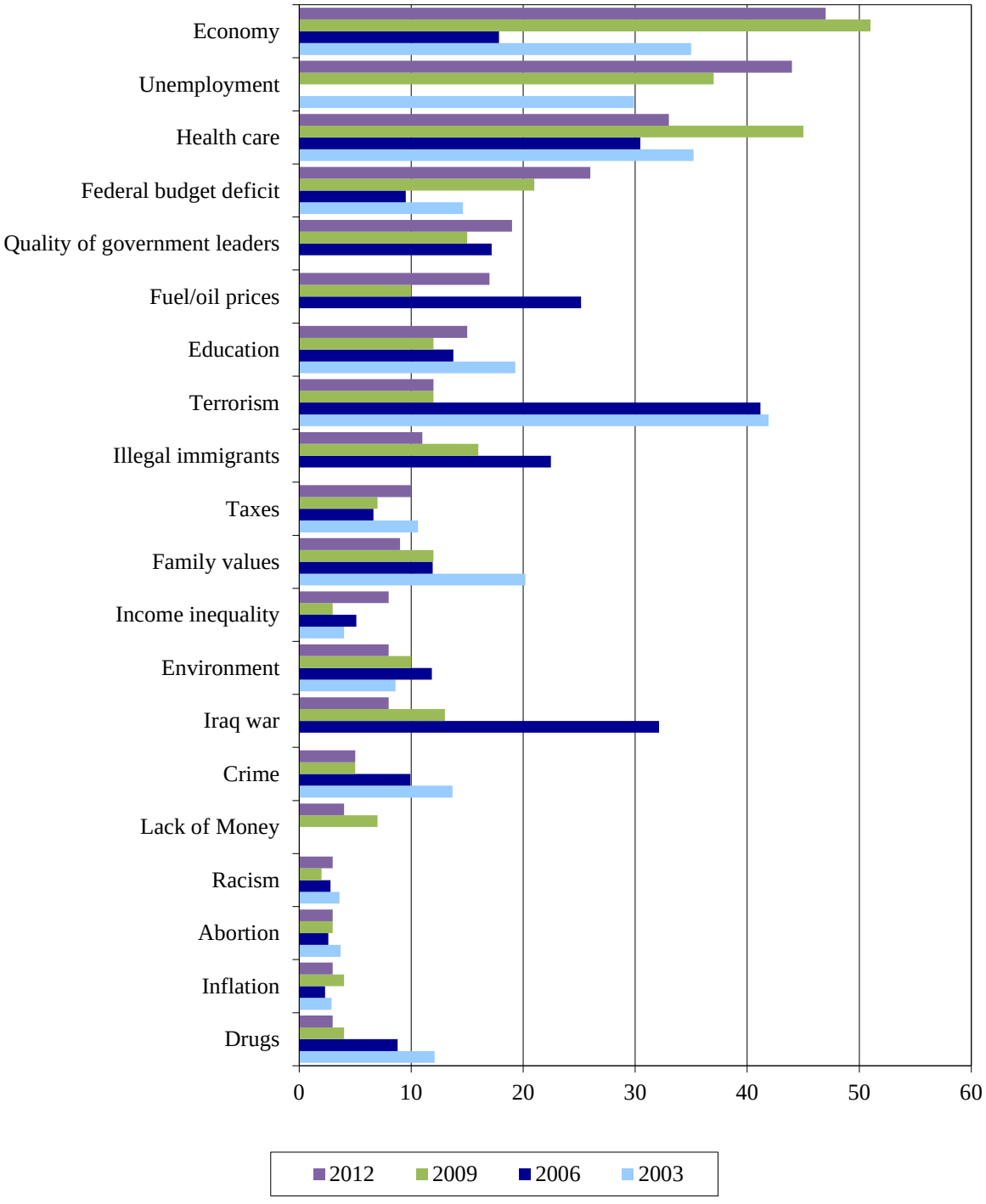
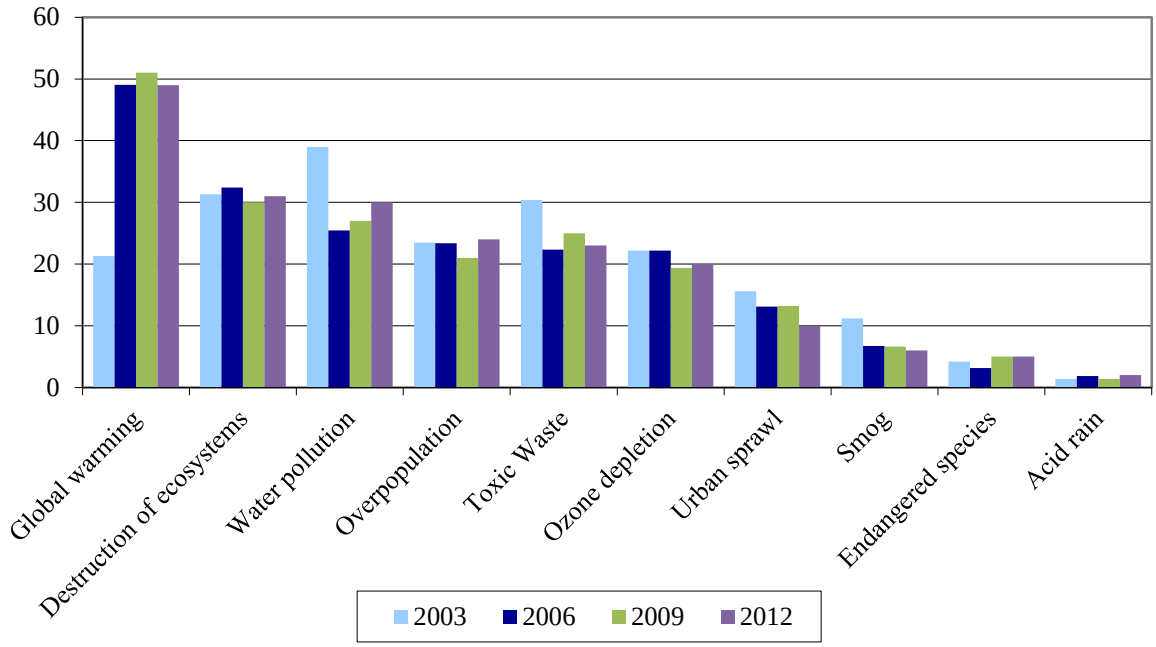
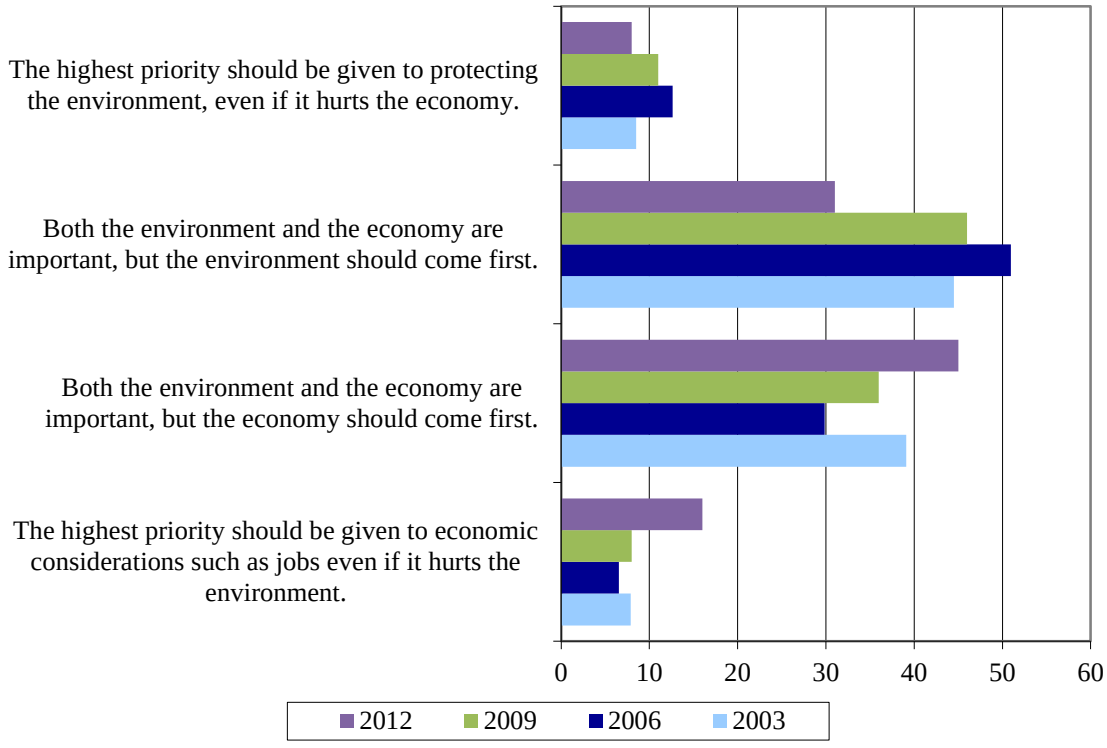
Question 1: *Consider the following issues. What are the three most important issues facing the US today?* [Note the graph does not include issues with less than five percent support.]



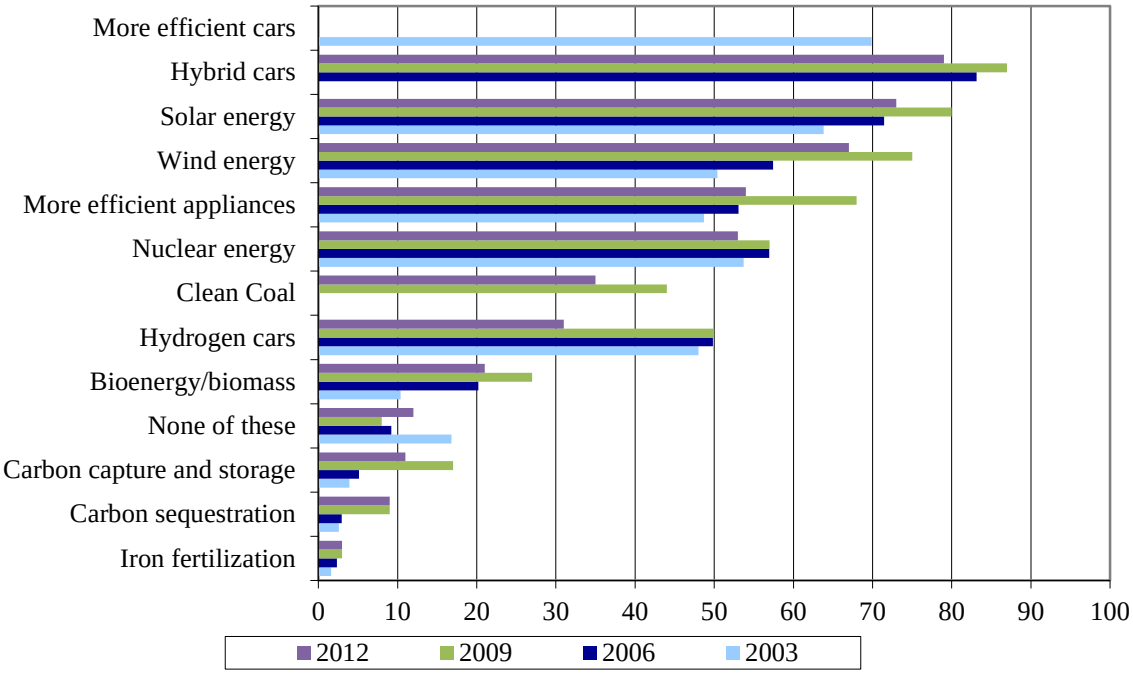
Question 2: *Consider the following environmental problems. Which is the most important problem facing the US today?* [Asked to select the top two, in order]



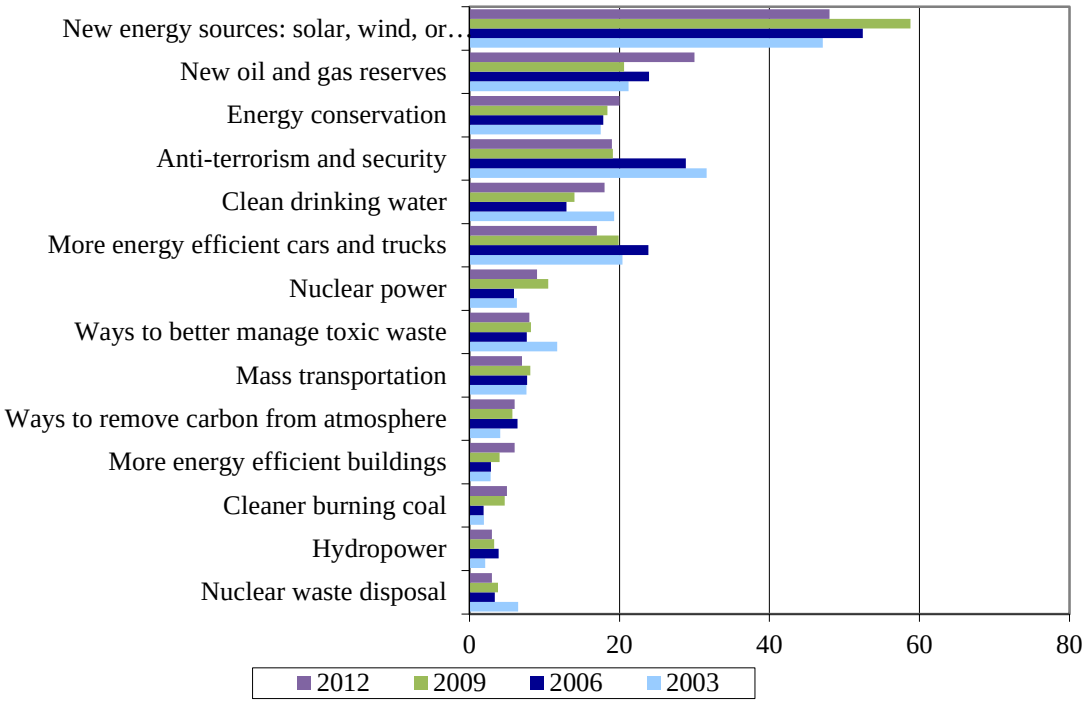
Question 3: *Many environmental issues involve difficult trade-offs with the economy. Which of the following statements best describes your view?*



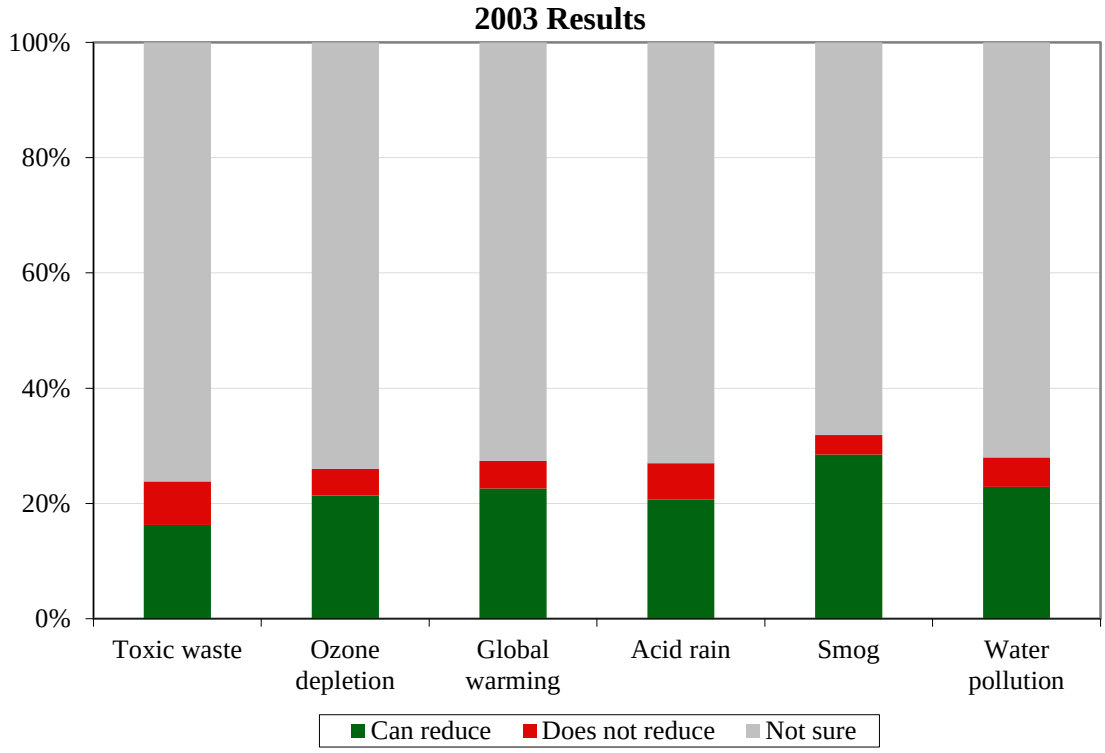
Question 4: *Have you heard of or read about any of the following in the past year? Check all that apply.* [2003 survey included 'More efficient cars' in place of Hybrid cars.]

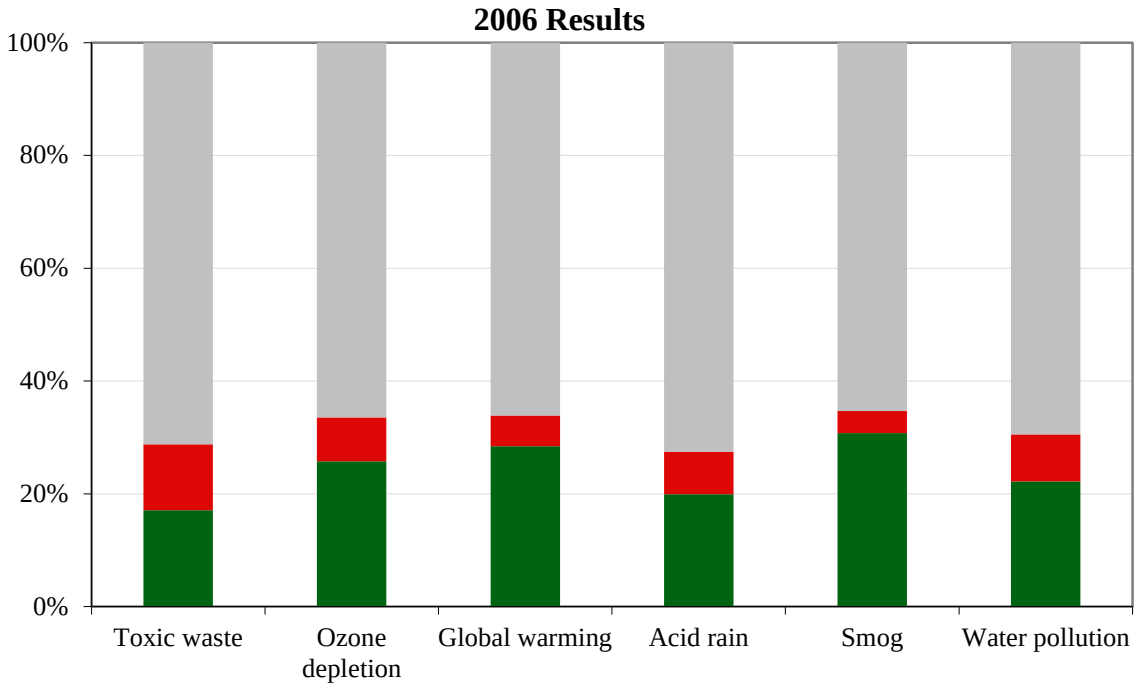


Question 5: *If the US Department of Energy has $10 billion to spend, which do you think should be the top priority?* [Asked to select the top two, in order]



Question 6: *Please select if "carbon sequestration" or "carbon capture and storage" can reduce each of the following environmental concerns?*





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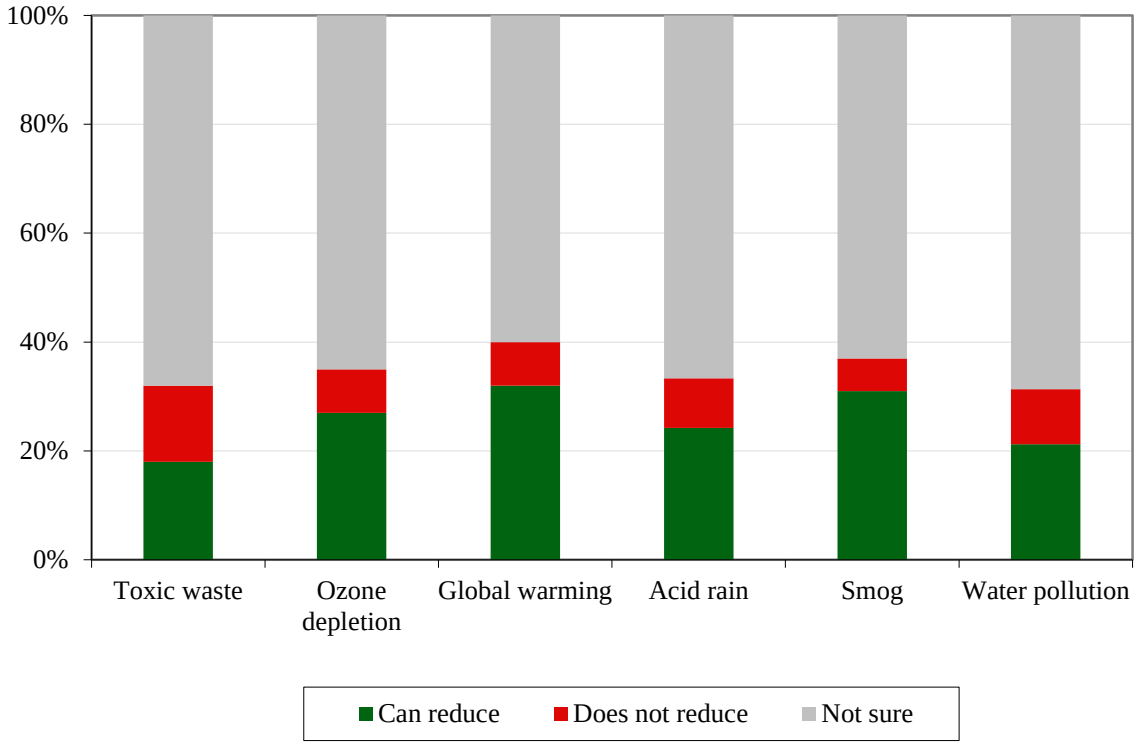

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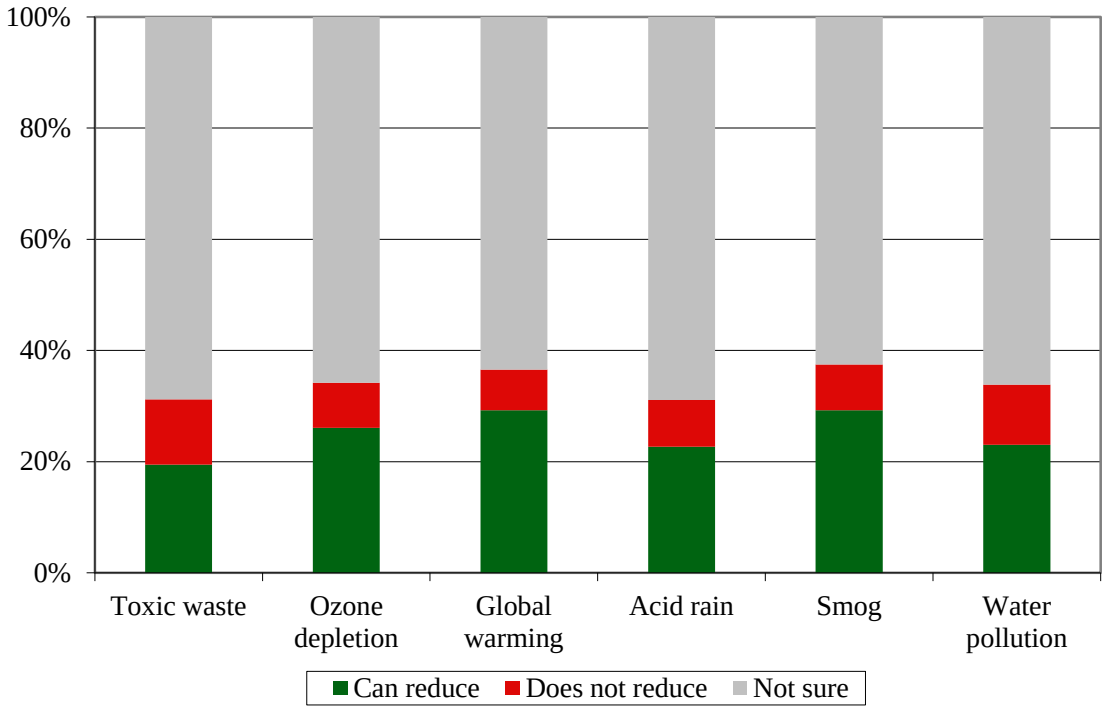
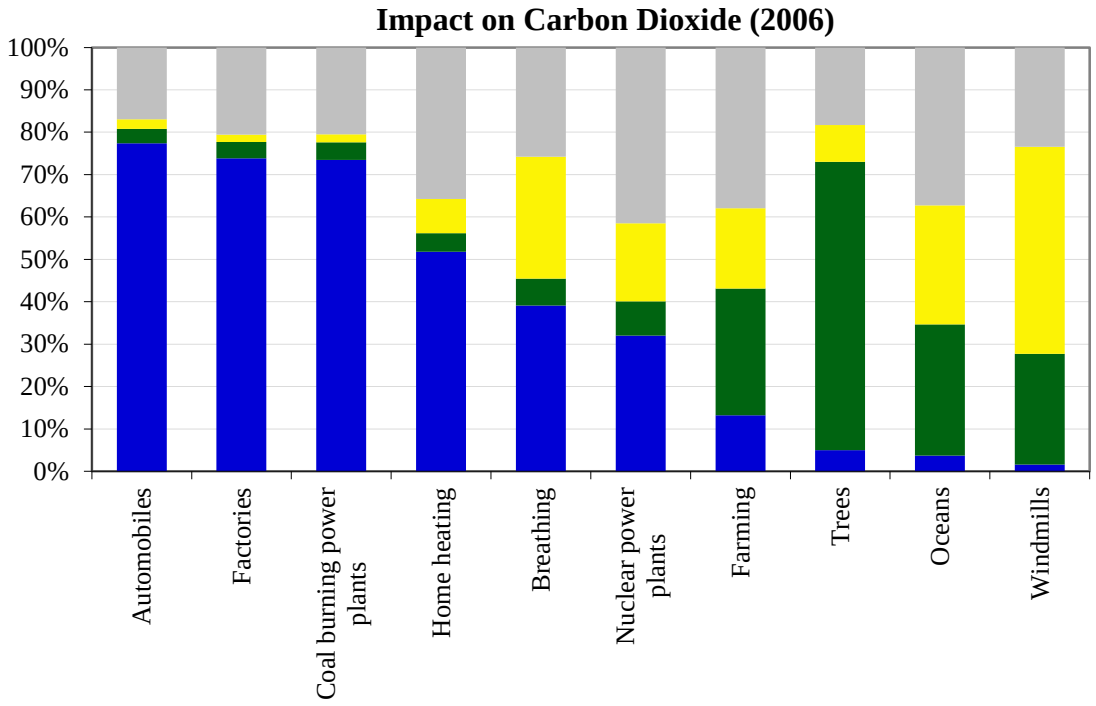
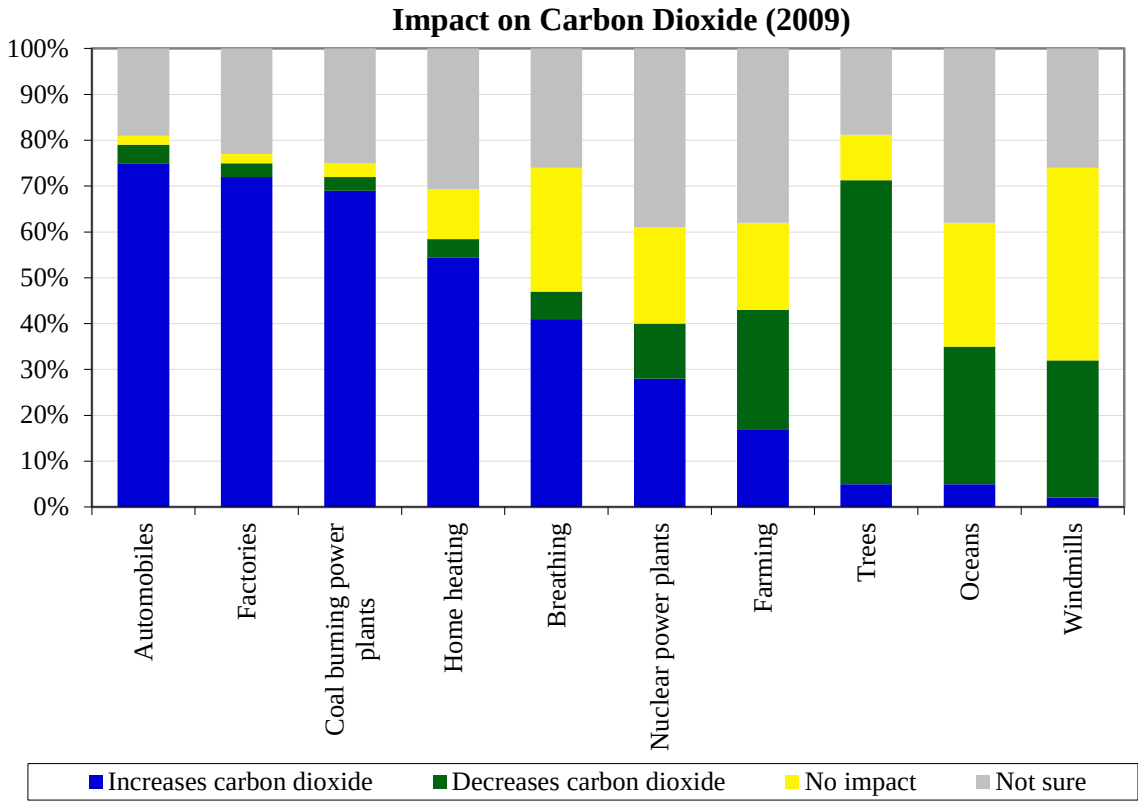
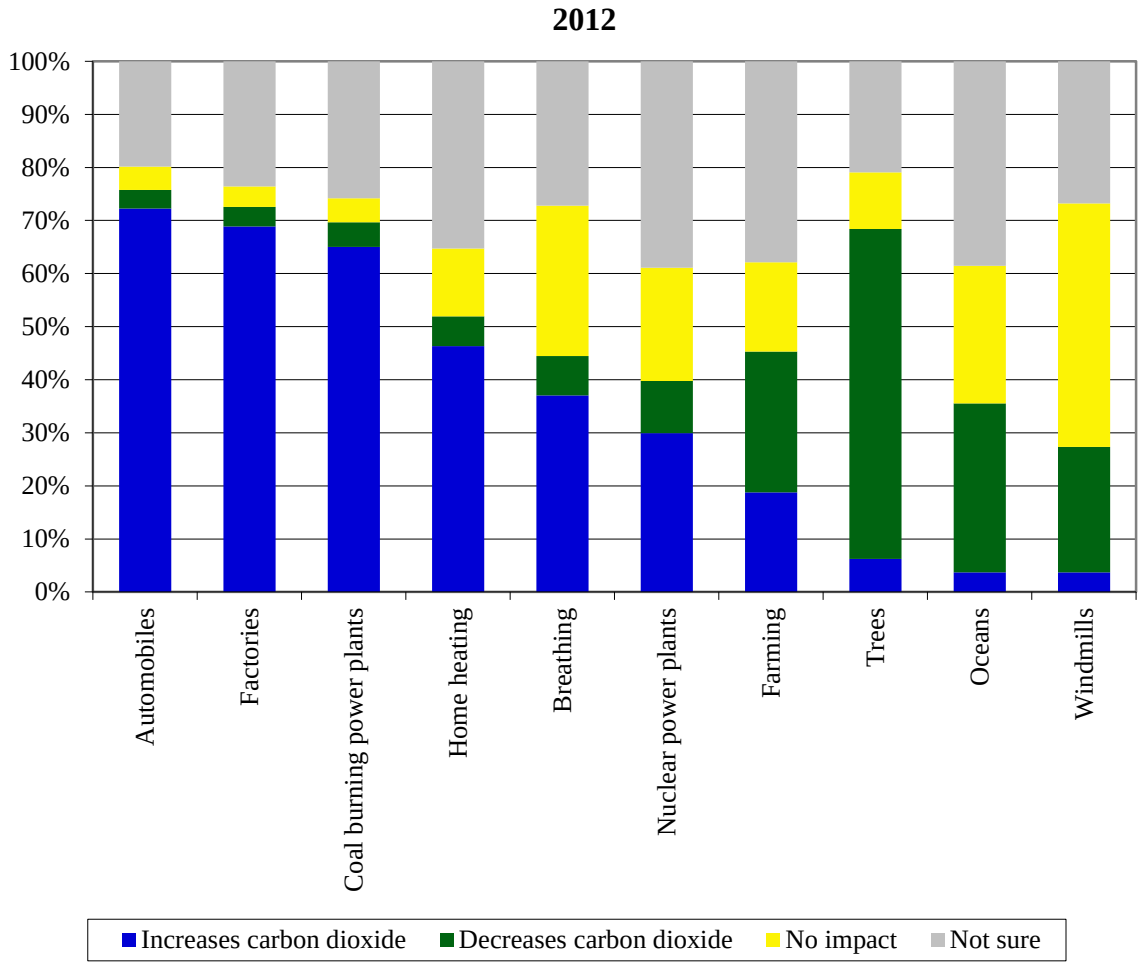


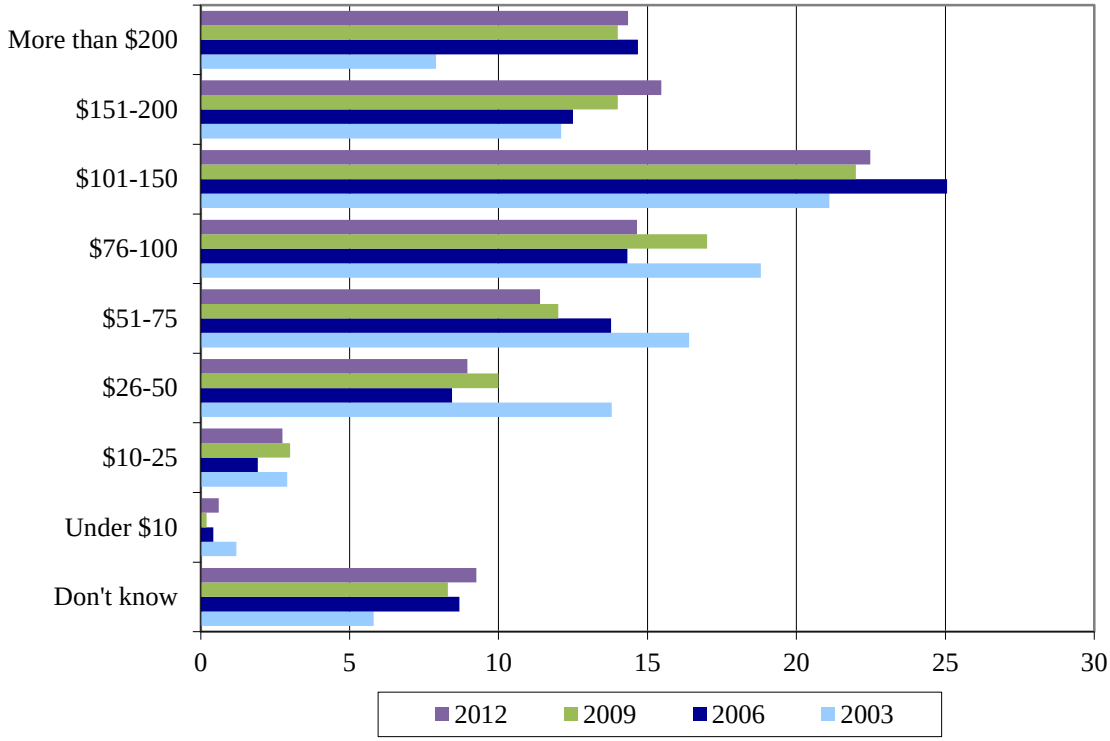
Question 7*: There is a growing concern about increasing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. How do you think the following contribute to these levels?* [Not included in the 2003 survey.]



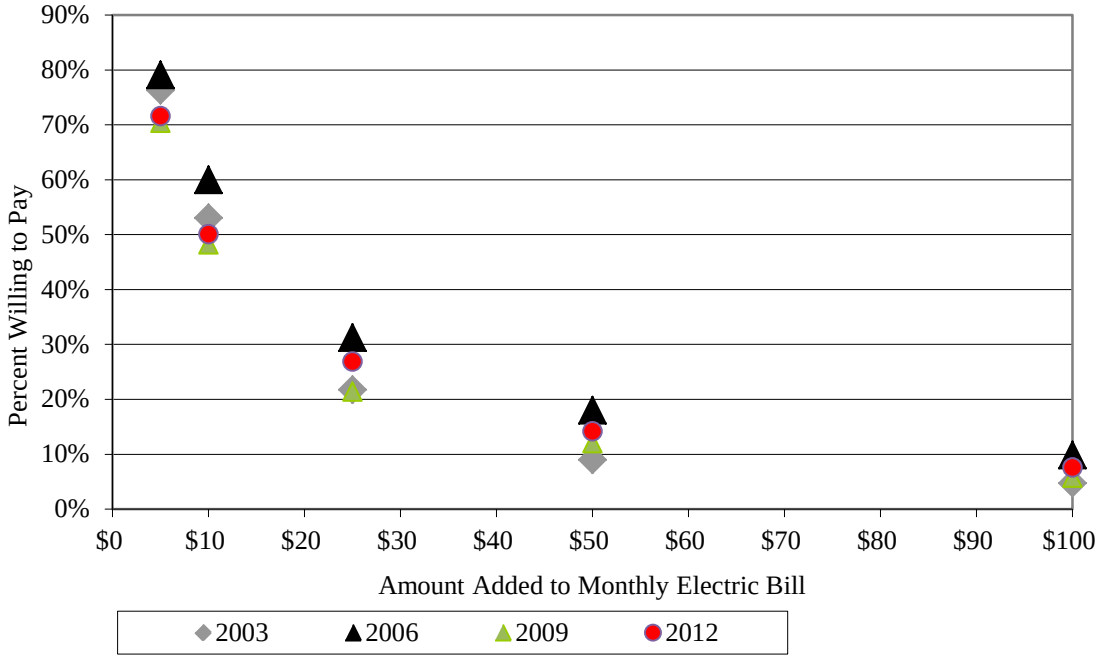



2012
100%
90%
80%
70%
60%
50%
40%
30%
20%
10%
0%
Automobiles
Factories
Coal burning power plants
Home heating
Breathing
Nuclear power plants
Farming
Trees
Oceans
Windmills
Increases carbon dioxide
Decreases carbon dioxide
No impact
Not sure

Question 8: *How much was your electric bill last month?*



Question 9: *If it solved global warming, would you be willing to pay [dollar value] more per month on your electricity bill?* (Dollar value started at $5, if a respondent chose "yes" it increased to $10 then $25, $50, and $100.)

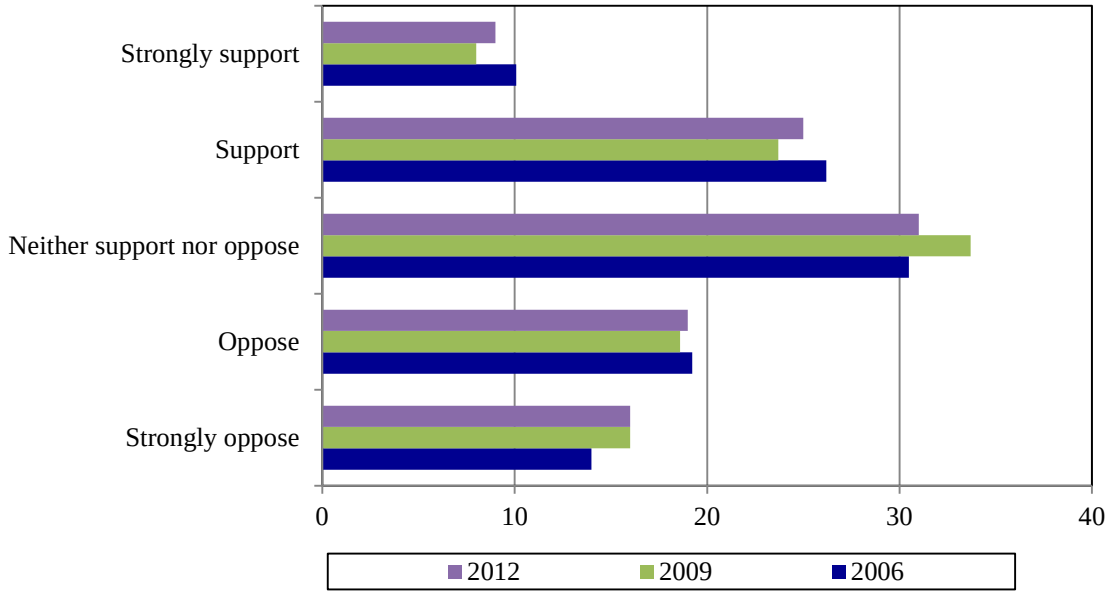


Question X: *One way to reduce greenhouse gases is to tax emissions. This would increase the price for gasoline, heating oil, and electricity. Such taxes would reduce use of oil and coal and make it easier to introduce new technologies, such as solar and wind power.*

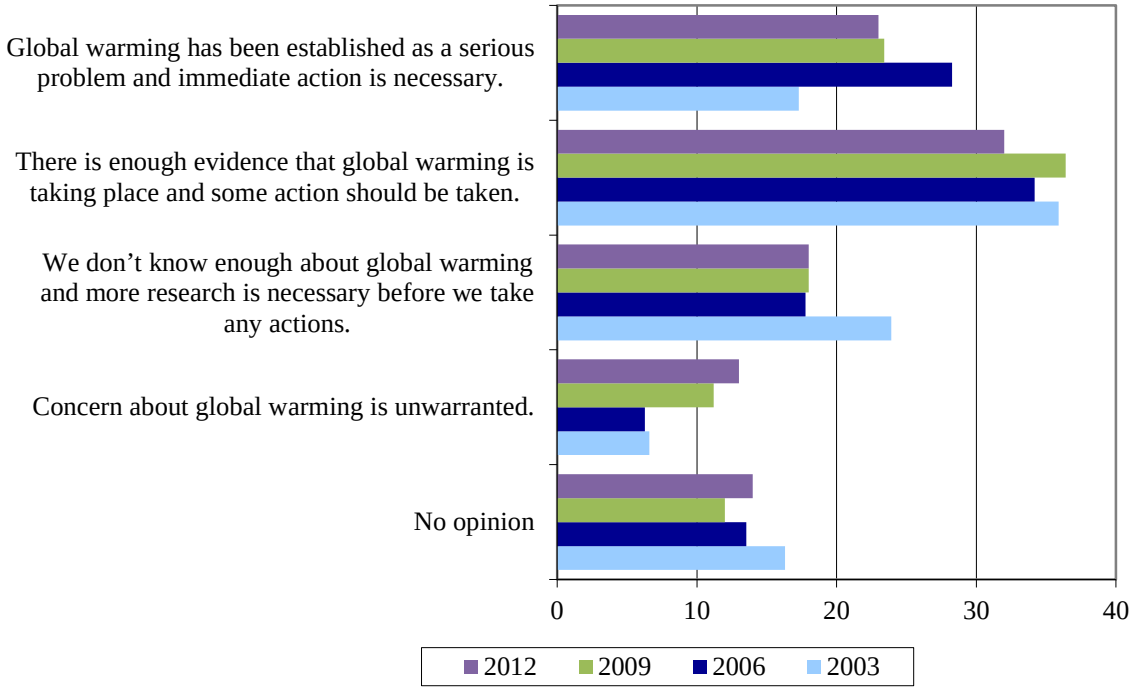
A proposal currently before Congress would keep the amount paid in taxes by the typical family the same, but the plan would shift taxes from being placed on income to being placed on emissions. This proposal would:

-Cut the income tax of a typical family by $1000
-Increase the amount the typical family pays for electricity by $25 per month Increase the price of gasoline by 60¢ per gallon
-Decrease greenhouse gas emissions by 50%

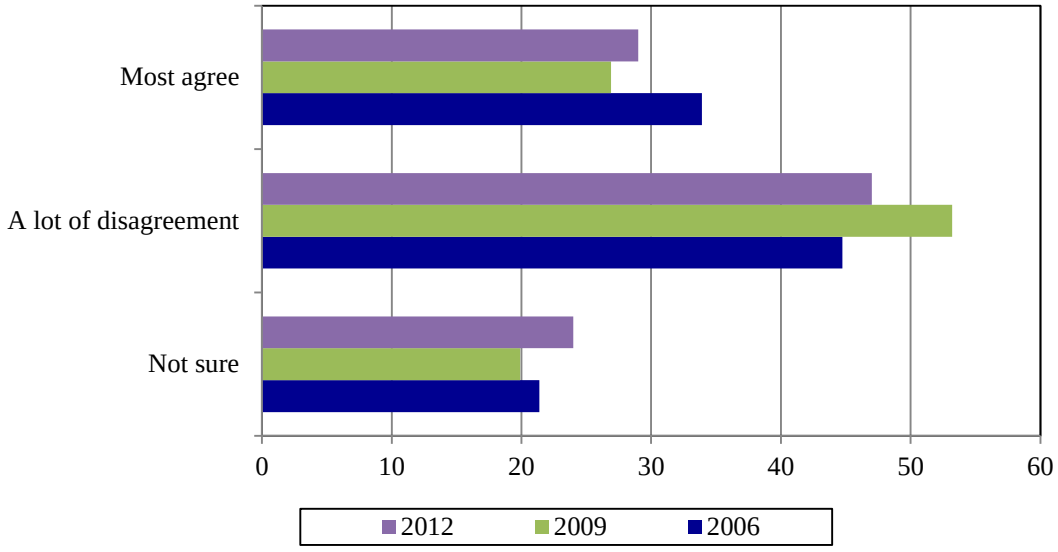
Would you oppose or support this proposal? [Not included in the 2003 survey.]



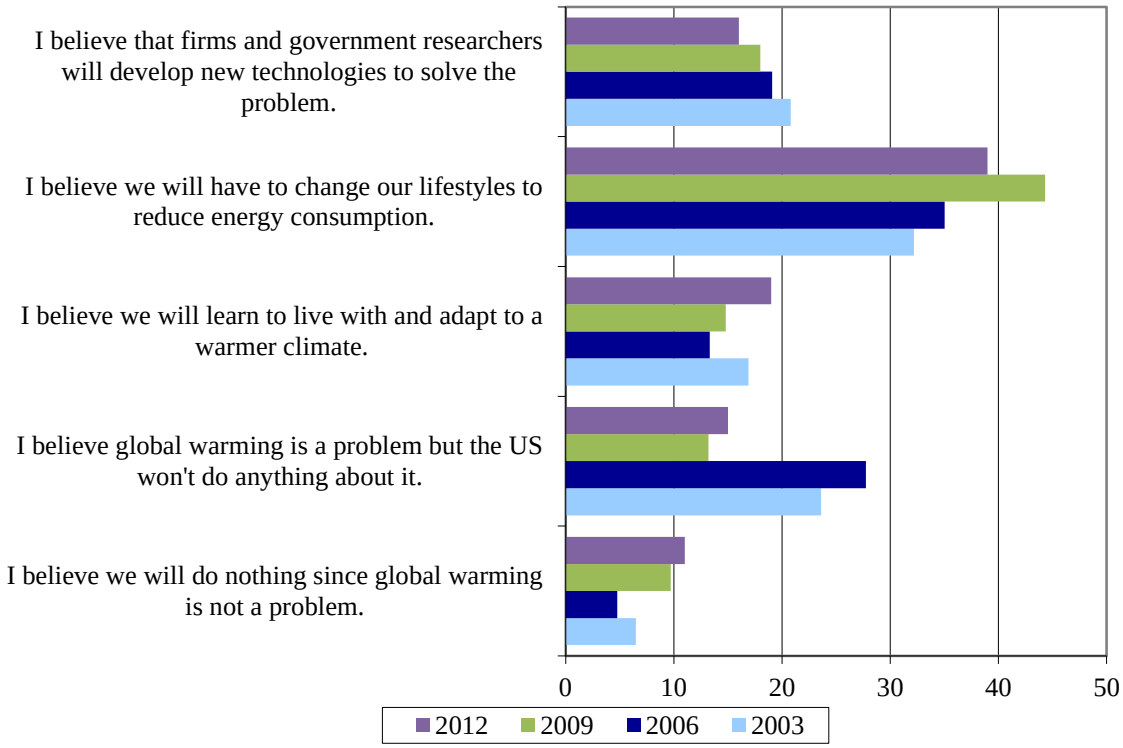
Question 10: *From what you know about global warming, which of following statements comes closest to your opinion?*



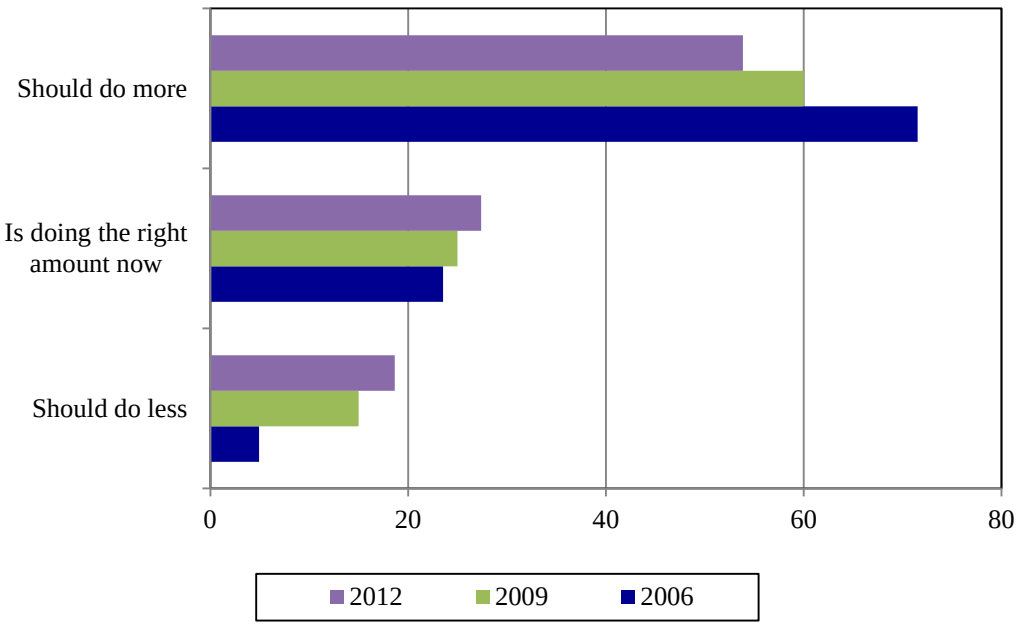
Question 10a: *Do you think most scientists agree with one another about global warming, or do you think there is a lot of disagreement?* [Not included in the 2003 survey.]



Question 11: *Assuming that global warming is a problem, what do you think the US is likely to do about it?*



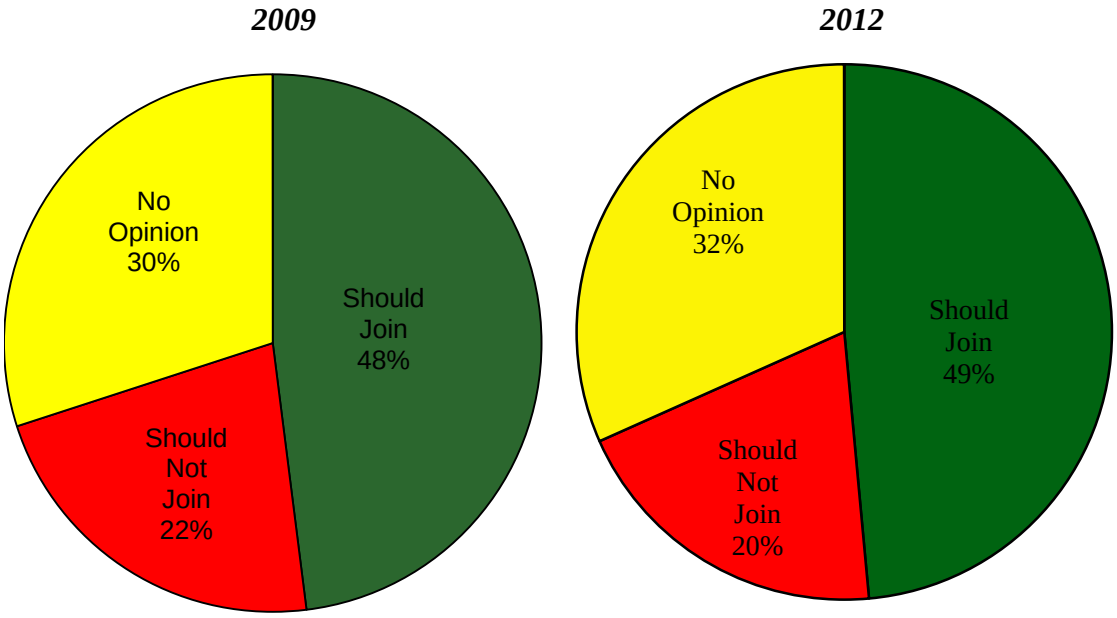
Question 12: *Do you think the federal government should do more to try to deal with global warming?* [Not included in the 2003 survey.]



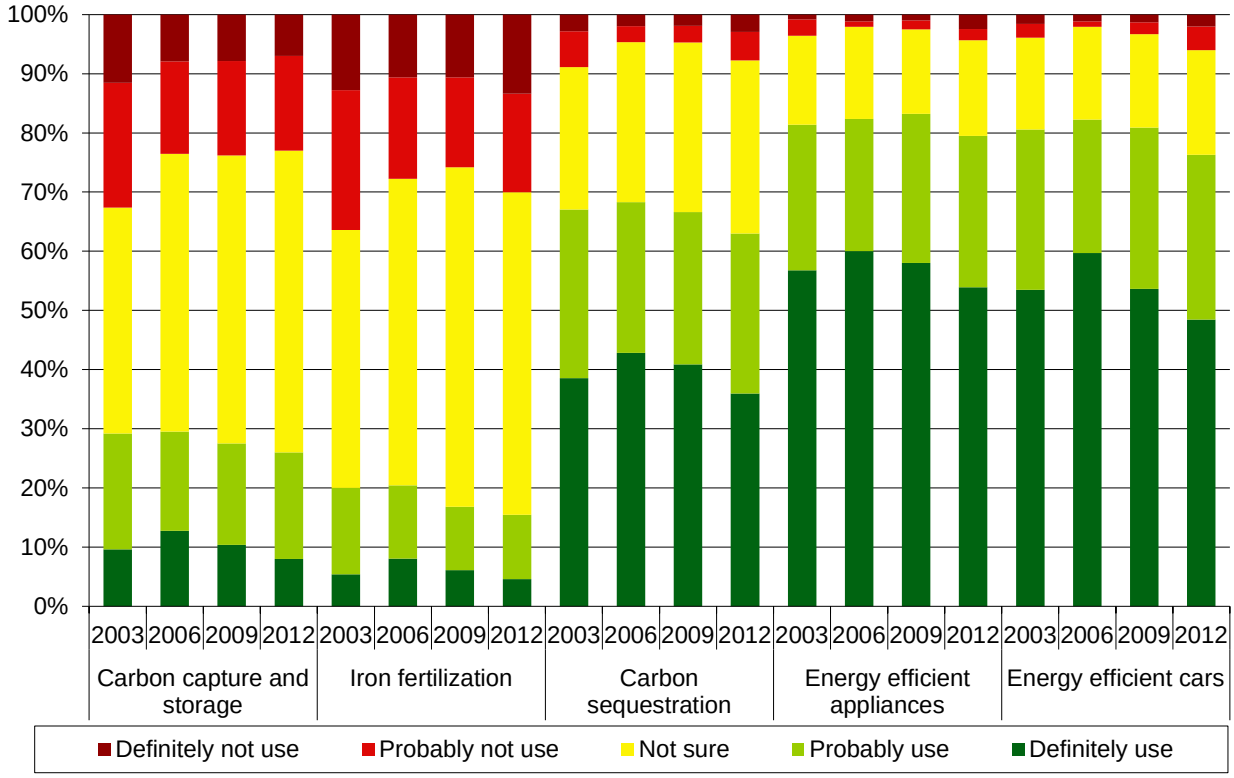
Question 12A:
An international treaty calls on the US and other industrialized nations to cut back on their emissions from power plants and cars in order to reduce global warming. Some people say this will hurt the economy and is based on uncertain science. Others say that this is needed to protect the environment and could create new business opportunities.

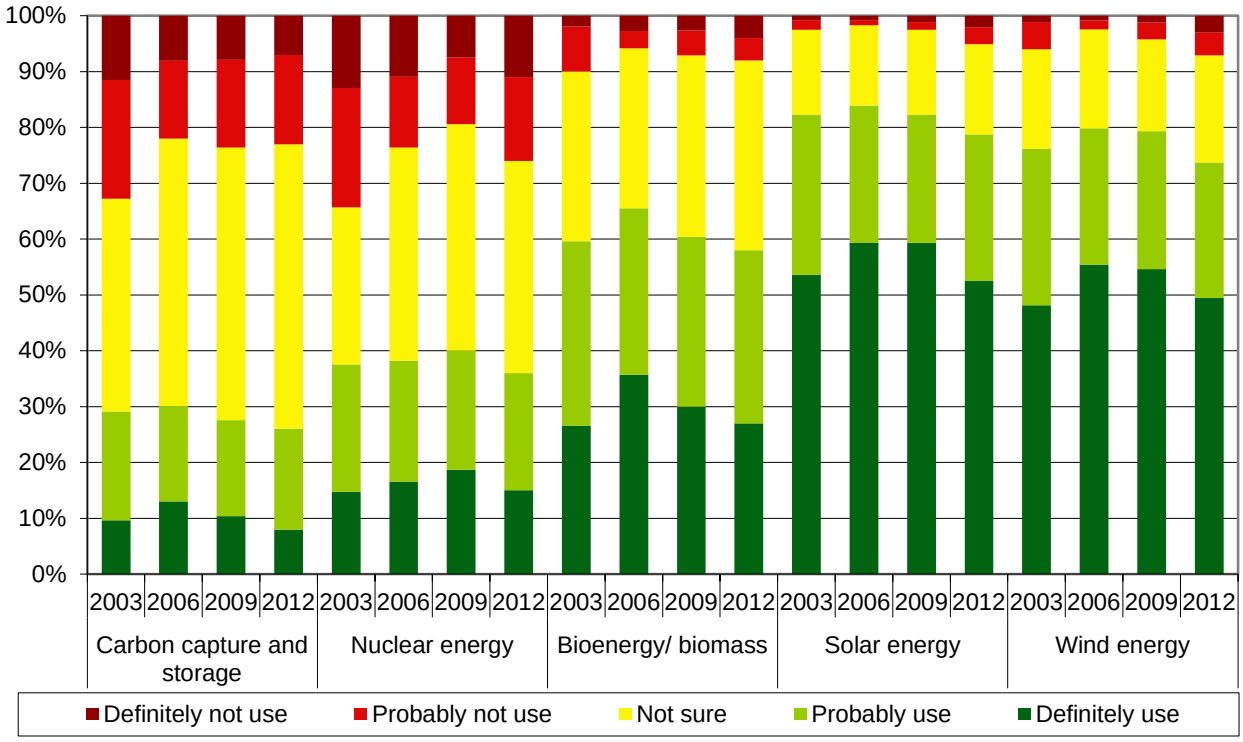
What is your view- do you think that the US should or should not join this treaty requiring less emissions from US power plants and cars? [Only included in the 2009 and 2012 surveys]

a) Should join
b) Should not join
c) No opinion



Question 13: *The following technologies have been proposed to address global warming. If you were responsible for designing a plan to address global warming, which of the following technologies would you use?* [The question included definitions not included here.]

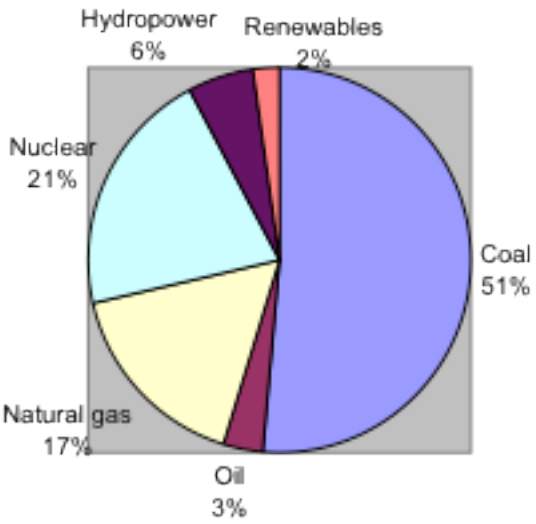




Information for Question 14: *How can we best address the issue of global warming?*

In the survey, we provided half the sample with information on cost and current use and provided half the sample with no additional information. The information is shown below.

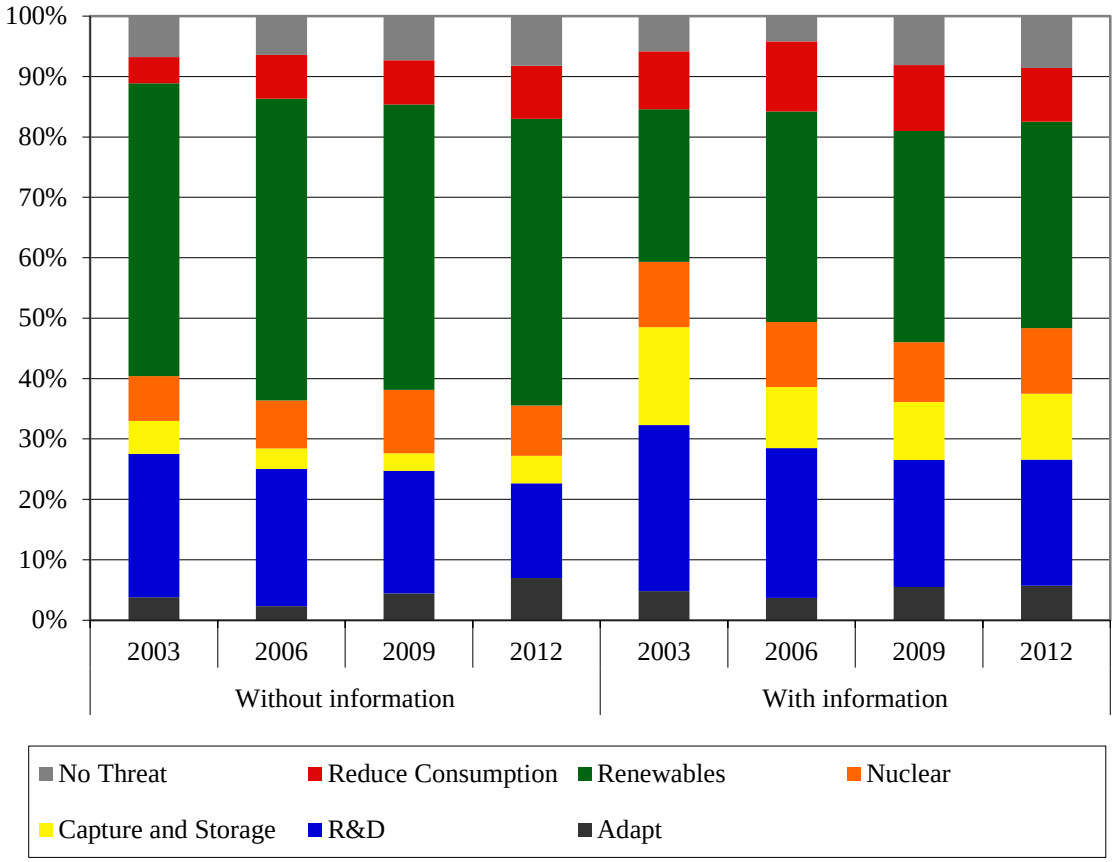
The following chart shows our reliance on fossil fuels (coal, oil and natural gas) for producing electricity.



Based on published studies, we can summarize electricity production costs as follows:

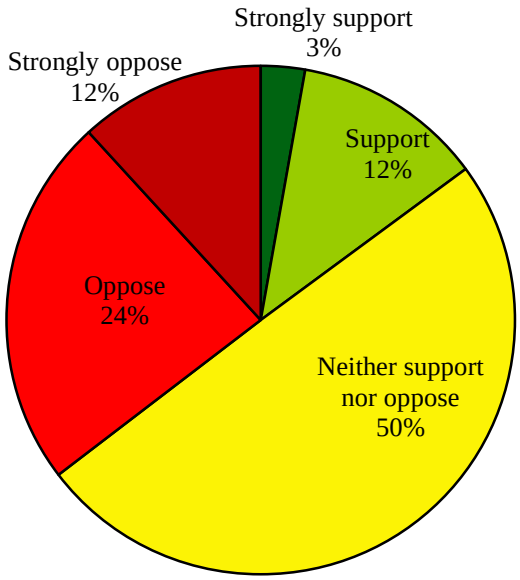
•Using coal and natural gas, the typical family pays $1,200 per year for electricity
•Using all nuclear power would emit no carbon dioxide and would increase electricity costs for families to $2,400 per year.
•Using carbon capture and storage along with coal and natural gas would reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 90% and would also increase electricity costs to$2,400 per year.
•Using renewables (solar and wind power) would increase annual electricity costs to $4,000.

Question 14BC: *How do you feel we can best address the issue of global warming as it relates to electricity production?*



Question 14D: *One option to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is to capture the carbon dioxide from smokestacks and store it underground for thousands of years. The US Government has recently announced it will spend $3.4 billion to demonstrate this technology at coal-fired power stations and other industrial facilities. What is your view of this proposal?* [*Only in 2009 and 2012]*

2009



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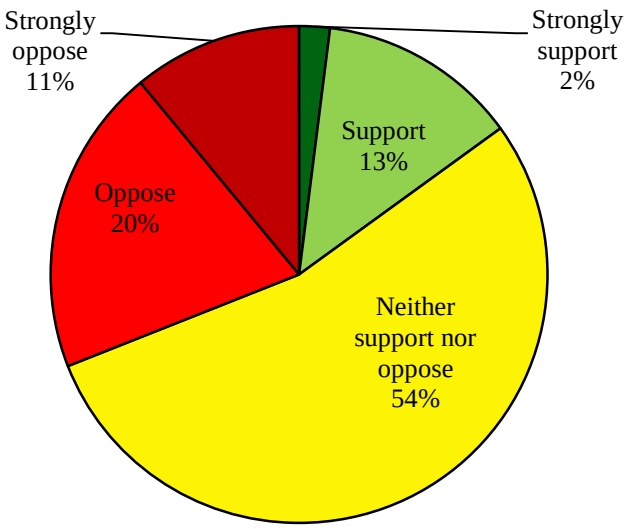

Question 15: *Do you believe that we have a responsibility to look out for the interests of future generations, even if it means making ourselves worse off?*

Response	2003	2006	2009	2012
Yes	87	84	79	81
No	13	16	21	19

Question 16: *We currently assist other nations through foreign aid and charitable donations, do you think we should increase that assistance, let it stay the same, decrease our assistance or remove it entirely?*

Response	2003	2006	2009	2012
Increase	6	10	6	6
Stay the same	35	35	35	33
Decrease	48	43	45	45
Remove it entirely	12	12	15	17

Question 17: *How do you primarily heat your home?*

	2003	2006	2009	2012
Oil	9	8	8	6
Electricity	31	34	36	34
Natural Gas	50	44	44	44
Wood	3	3	3	4
No Heating	2	2	2	4
Don't know	2	4	4	4
Other	4	5	4	4