

State of the Nation

How would you most prefer to balance the budget?

	CUT DEFENSE SPENDING	CUT DOMESTIC SPENDING	RAISE TAXES	BORROW
DEMOCRATS	62	8	23	7
REPUBLICANS	11	70	11	8
INDEPENDENTS	48	31	12	10
SWING STATES	38	33	19	10

Which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion about global warming?

	U.S.	U.K.	SWEDEN	JAPAN
A serious problem; immediate action is necessary.	17	41	35	54
Enough evidence exists; some action should be taken.	36	33	45	34
More research is necessary before taking action.	24	18	13	8
Concern is unwarranted.	7	4	2	0
Not sure	16	4	3	3

In which of the following ways will your country respond to global warming?

	U.S.	U.K.	SWEDEN	JAPAN
Firms and government researchers will develop new technologies.	21	26	37	22
We will change our lifestyles to reduce energy consumption.	32	27	22	66
We will learn to live with a warmer climate.	17	13	19	4
My country will do nothing—although global warming is a problem.	24	21	14	6
My country will do nothing—global warming is not a problem.	7	3	2	N.A.
Not sure	N.A.	10	6	2

Percentage of people unwilling to pay higher electricity bills “if it solved global warming”:

U.S. 24 U.K. 22 Sweden 43 Japan 14

Median amount in U.S. dollars that people are willing to pay monthly to solve global warming:

U.S. 10 U.K. 10 Sweden 5 Japan 10

Source: **MIT Public Opinion Research Training Lab Survey; Stephen Ansolabehere, principal investigator**

Numbers expressed in percentages unless otherwise indicated. Survey questions have been edited. **BALANCING THE BUDGET:** Survey conducted in the first week of November 2005 on a nationally representative sample of 1,170 people. **GLOBAL WARMING:** U.S. survey conducted in October 2003 on a nationally representative sample of 1,205 people. U.K. survey conducted in September 2004 on a nationally representative sample of 1,056 people. Swedish survey conducted in December 2004 on a nationally representative sample of 742 people. Japanese survey conducted in December 2003 on a nationally representative sample of 1,006 people.