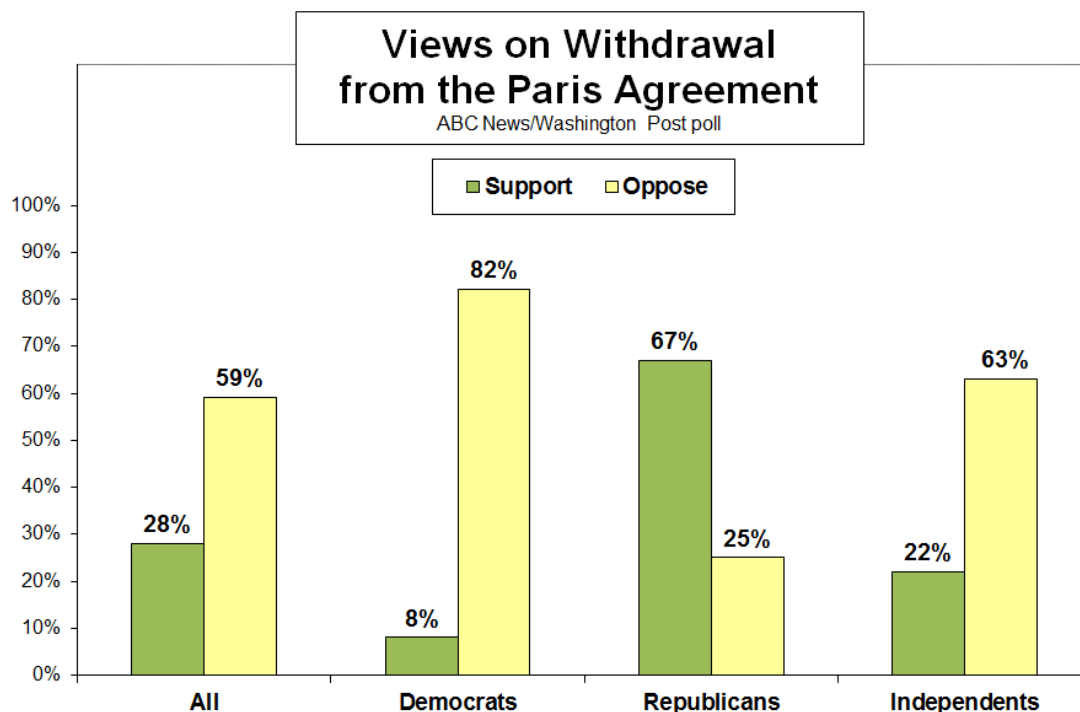


Americans Oppose Climate Pact Pullout 2-1; Plurality Rejects the Economic Argument

Americans by 2-1 oppose Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris climate accord, with a majority in an ABC News/Washington Post poll saying the decision will weaken U.S. leadership in the world and pluralities rejecting Trump's claim it'll boost the economy.

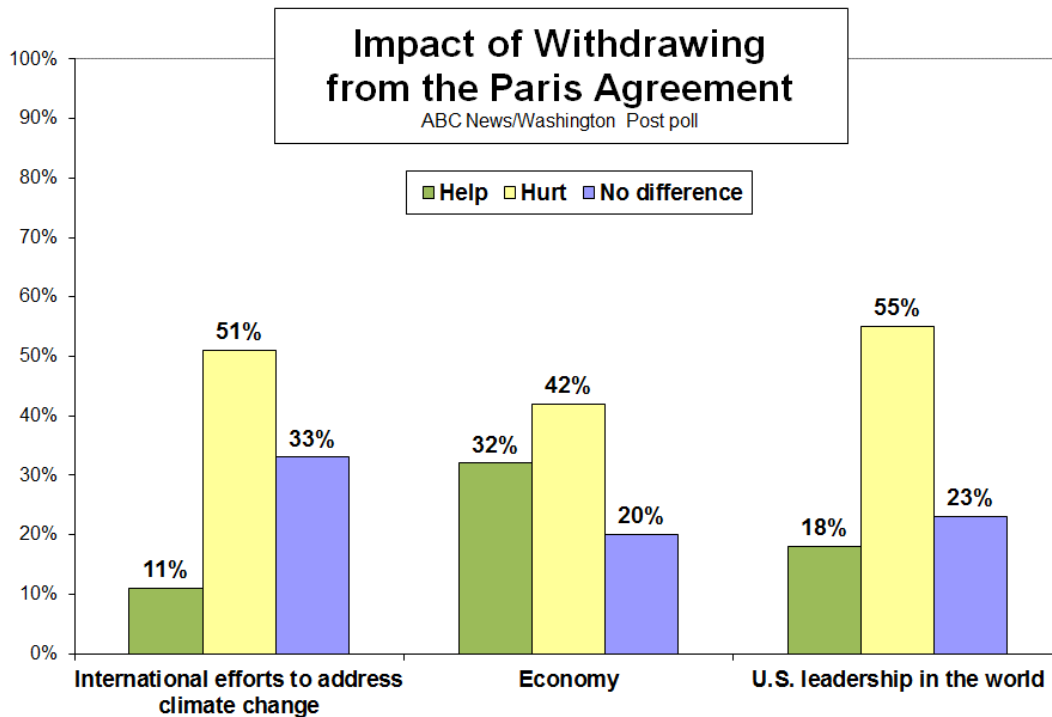
The public opposes Trump's move by 59-28 percent – perhaps not a surprise, since views in an ABC/Post poll in January were very similar. But the intensity of criticism has risen: “Strong” opposition has risen by 7 points, to 46 percent, a high level of strong opposition. Just 18 percent strongly support Trump's decision.



Doubts are widespread in the poll, produced for ABC by [Langer Research Associates](#):

- Fifty-five percent think Trump's action will hurt U.S. leadership in the world; just 18 percent think it'll bolster U.S. leadership, with the rest seeing no difference.
- Fifty-one percent think the decision will hurt international efforts to address climate change; 11 percent think it will help. A third expect no impact.

- Cutting to the core of Trump's argument against the agreement, the public by a 10-point margin, 42-32 percent, thinks withdrawal will harm the U.S. economy.
- Similarly, Americans by 47-39 percent think it'll cost more jobs (for example, in the renewable energy sector) rather than create more jobs (for example, in the traditional energy sector).



GROUPS – Criticism is especially high among young adults – 72 percent of those age 18 to 29 are opposed, compared with 52 percent of those age 50 and older. Opposition also is higher among college graduates (67 percent) vs. non-graduates (still a majority, 55 percent). And while 54 percent of whites are opposed, that jumps to 71 percent of nonwhites.

Views are highly partisan. Sixty-seven percent of Republicans support Trump's decision to withdraw from the agreement; 63 percent of independents, and 82 percent of Democrats, oppose it. Support reaches 55 percent among conservatives, compared with opposition from 64 percent of moderates and 88 percent of liberals.

Such differences carry over into views of the economic and international impacts of the decision. Those age 30 and over roughly divide on whether it'll create or cost more jobs; young adults, though, think it'll cut jobs, by a broad 66-21 percent. This view also is much more prevalent among college graduates, nonwhites, and along partisan and ideological lines.

There's also a sharp gender gap on economic impacts: Women by 50-31 percent think the action will cut more jobs than it creates, while men divide much more closely, 43-47 percent. Women

also are a broad 16 points more apt than men to think withdrawal from the accord will hurt the economy more generally; 50 percent say so, vs. 34 percent of men. Expectations of economic damage peak among Democrats and liberals, as well as among nonwhites.

The results, in all, show majority support for Trump's move within his Republican base. Just 21 percent of Republicans think it will damage U.S. leadership, for instance (vs. 56 percent of independents and 82 percent of Democrats). And only 17 percent of Republicans think it will hurt international efforts to address climate change, vs. 51 and 80 percent, respectively. (Fifty-eight percent of Republicans think it'll make no difference in these efforts.)

That said, a combination of overwhelmingly negative views among Democrats, and majority opposition among independents, clearly tips the political balance. Among Americans who either are Republicans or lean that way, 62 percent support Trump's decision. Among Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents, far more, 82 percent, are opposed.

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by landline and cellular telephone June 2-4, 2017, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 527 adults. Results have a margin of [sampling error](#) of 5.0 points, including the design effect. Partisan divisions are 33-23-38 percent, Democrats-Republicans-independents.

The survey was produced for ABC News by [Langer Research Associates](#) of New York, N.Y., with sampling, data collection and tabulation by SSRS of Media, Pa. See details on the survey's methodology [here](#).

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Full results follow.

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1. Do you support or oppose Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from the main international agreement that tries to address climate change? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	No opinion
6/4/17	28	18	10	59	13	46	13
1/15/17*	31	16	16	56	17	39	13

*Support/oppose "Withdrawing from the main international treaty that tries to address climate change"

2. Do you think that Trump's decision will do more to (create U.S. jobs, such as in the traditional energy sector) or (cost U.S. jobs, such as in the renewable energy sector)?

Create jobs Cost jobs No opinion

6/4/17 39 47 14

3. Overall, do you think Trump's decision will help (INSERT ITEM), hurt it, or make no difference?

Summary Table - 6/4/17

	Help	Hurt	No diff.	No opinion
a. International efforts to address climate change	11	51	33	4
b. The U.S. economy	32	42	20	6
c. U.S. leadership in the world	18	55	23	4

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