

## New surveys show a majority of Americans and Chinese support the Paris Agreement and the transition to a low carbon future

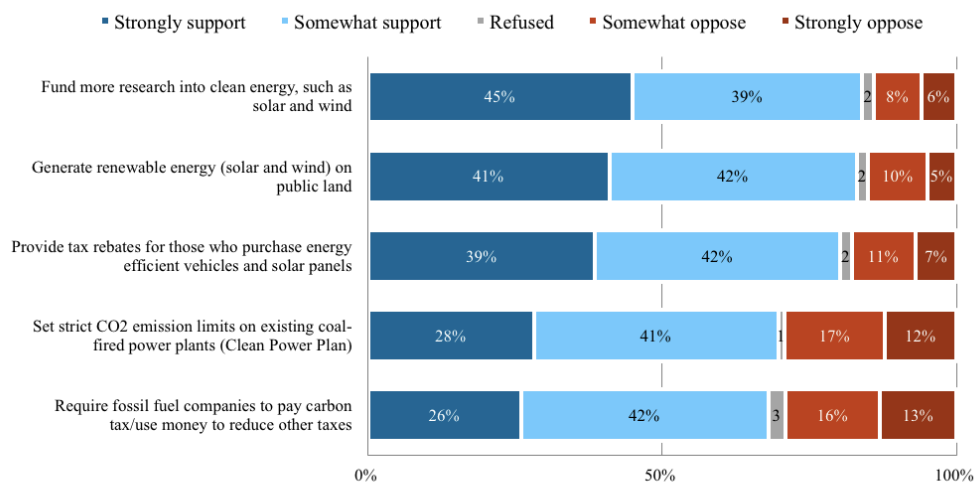
*Bonn, Germany*-- At COP 23 the China Center for Climate Change Communication (China4C) and the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication (YPCCC) released and compared results from their recent national surveys of public opinion about climate change in China and the United States.

**Both surveys show that the majority of the public in the US and China support the Paris Agreement and the transition to a low carbon future. Nearly all Chinese support China's participation in the Paris Climate Agreement (96%). Three in four Americans support U.S. participation (77%). With Trump announcing his intention to withdraw the US from the Paris Agreement, nearly all Chinese still support the country's continued participation (95%), while nearly two in three Americans oppose the president's decision (64%).**

Professor Anthony Leiserowitz, Director of the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication says, **"The studies in China and the United States demonstrate that the public in China and the US - the two largest annual emitters - support climate action domestically and internationally. Data also proves that most Americans support climate and clean energy policies."**

### Most Americans Support Climate and Clean Energy Policies

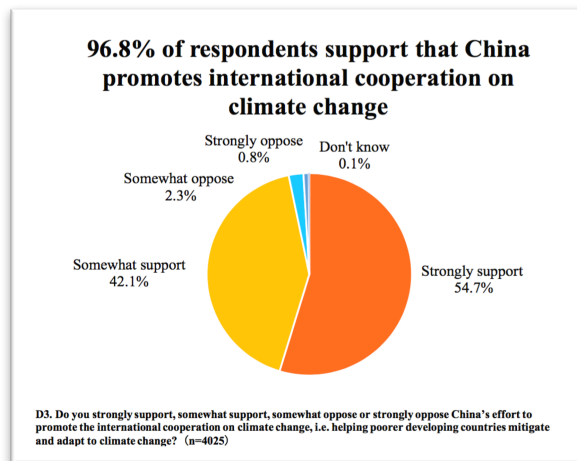
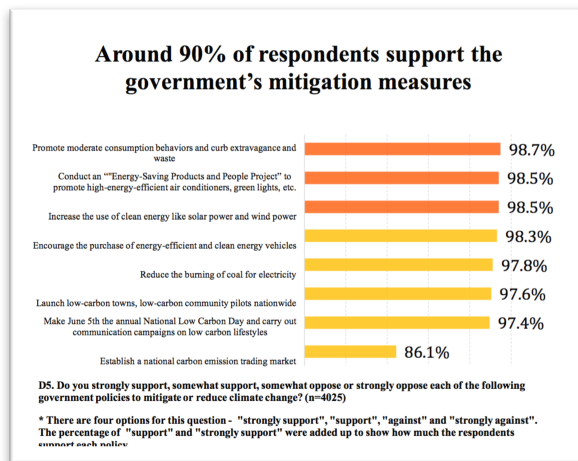
- Majorities support the Clean Power Plan and a carbon tax -



How much do you support or oppose the following policies?  
October 2017. Base: Americans 18+ (n=1,304).

According to the latest survey conducted in Mainland China, nearly all Chinese support the government's climate policies, and specifically, around 90% of respondents support the transition towards the low carbon future.

Dr. Binbin Wang, Co-Founder of the first independent think tank on climate communication in the developing countries, China Center for Climate Change Communication, comments, " **Shifting to a low carbon is the only pathway to save the earth and ourselves. The Public's voices should be heard by the governments to keep the momentum of the Paris Agreement, and to move the international climate cooperation forward.**"



## [Yale Program on Climate Change Communication]

YPCCC's mission is to advance the science of climate change communication, help leaders communicate more effectively, and increase the public's understanding of climate risks and opportunities. We conduct scientific research on public climate change knowledge, attitudes, policy preferences, and behavior at the global, national, and local scales.

For more information: <http://climatecommunication.yale.edu>

## [China Center for Climate Change Communication]

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