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Attitudes toward whether there should be stricter laws and regulations to protect the environment

United States, selected years 1992-2012

Question: "For each statement, please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly disagree with it or completely disagree with it: There needs to be stricter laws and regulations to protect the environment."

| | Completely agree | Mostly agree | Mostly disagree | Completely disagree |
|------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1992 | 55% | 35% | 7% | 2% |
| 1994 | 46 | 36 | 13 | 4 |
| 1997 | 41 | 40 | 13 | 5 |
| 1999 | 41 | 42 | 12 | 4 |
| 2002 | 42 | 41 | 12 | 4 |
| 2003 | 46 | 40 | 10 | 3 |
| 2007 | 35 | 48 | 12 | 3 |
| 2009 | 41 | 42 | 12 | 4 |
| 2012 | 36 | 38 | 18 | 7 |

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2012 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,462 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Apr.4-15, 2012. The "don't know" category has been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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