

# Florida Statewide Survey Questions on Energy February 2009



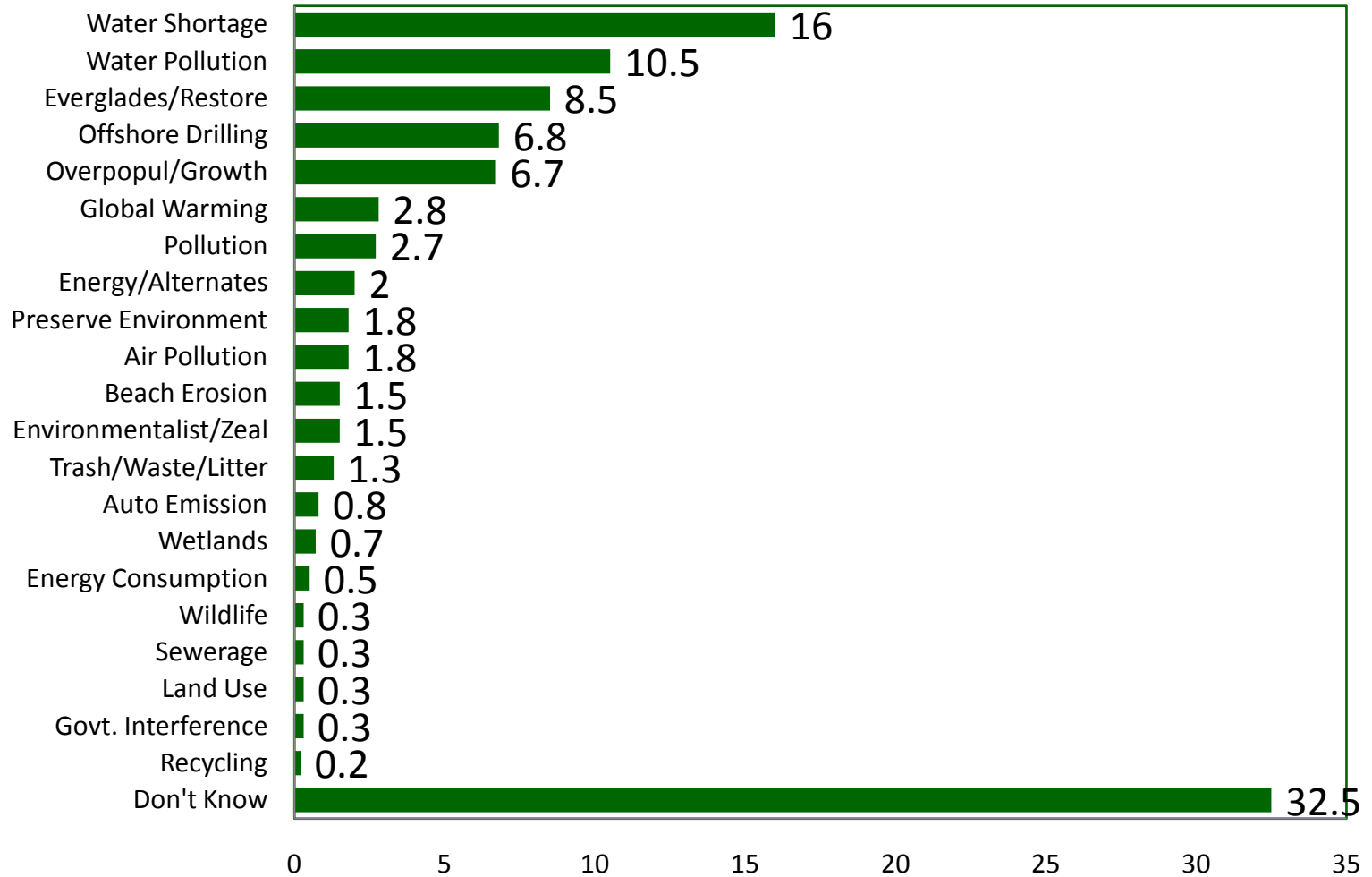
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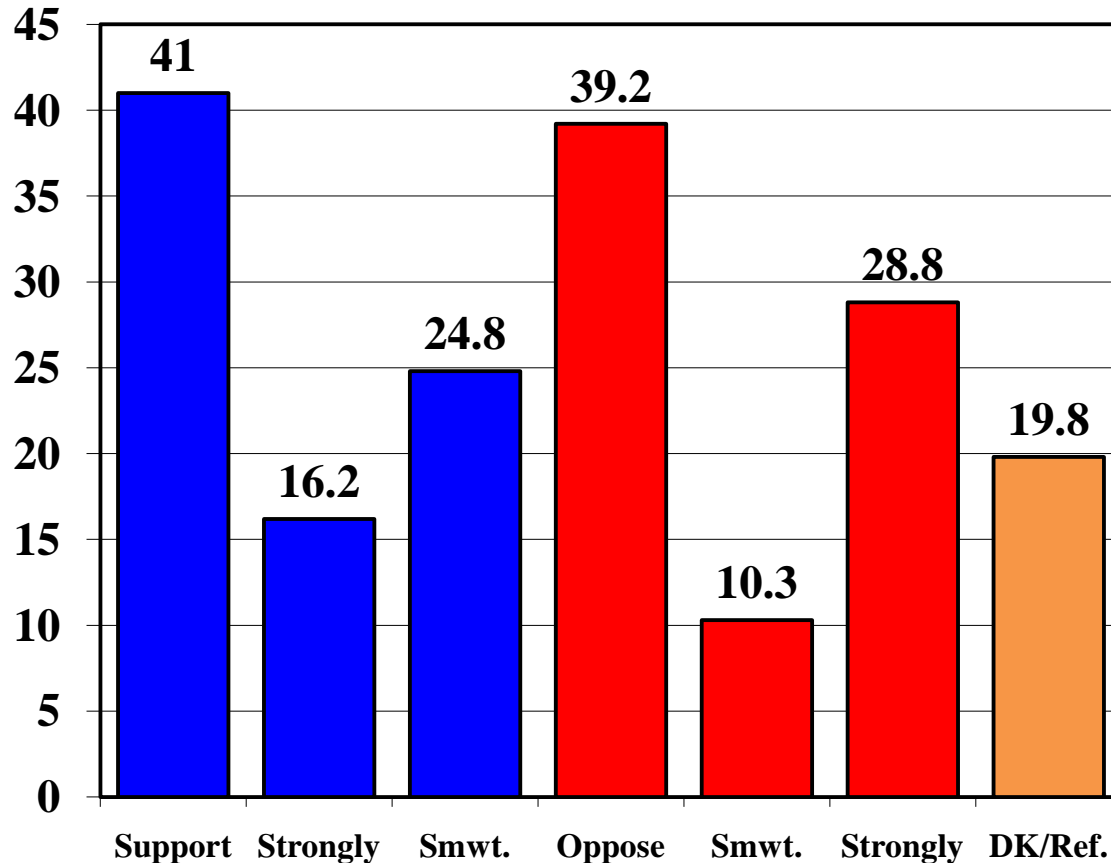
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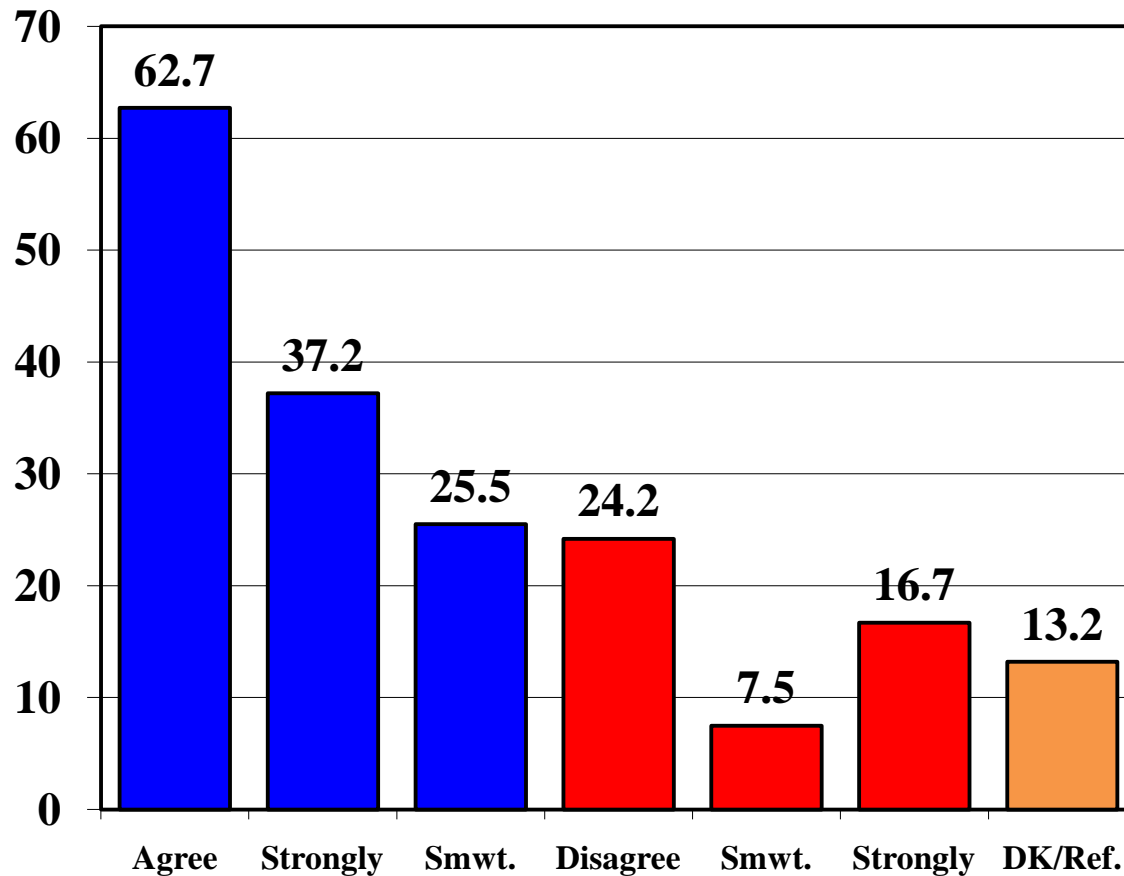
# What would you say is the most important environmental issue facing Florida right now?



Both the United States and Florida are considering a plan to address global warming which will impose limits on the amounts of greenhouse gasses companies are allowed to emit. If a company emits less than that amount, they may sell the surplus to other companies. In general, do you support or oppose this plan?

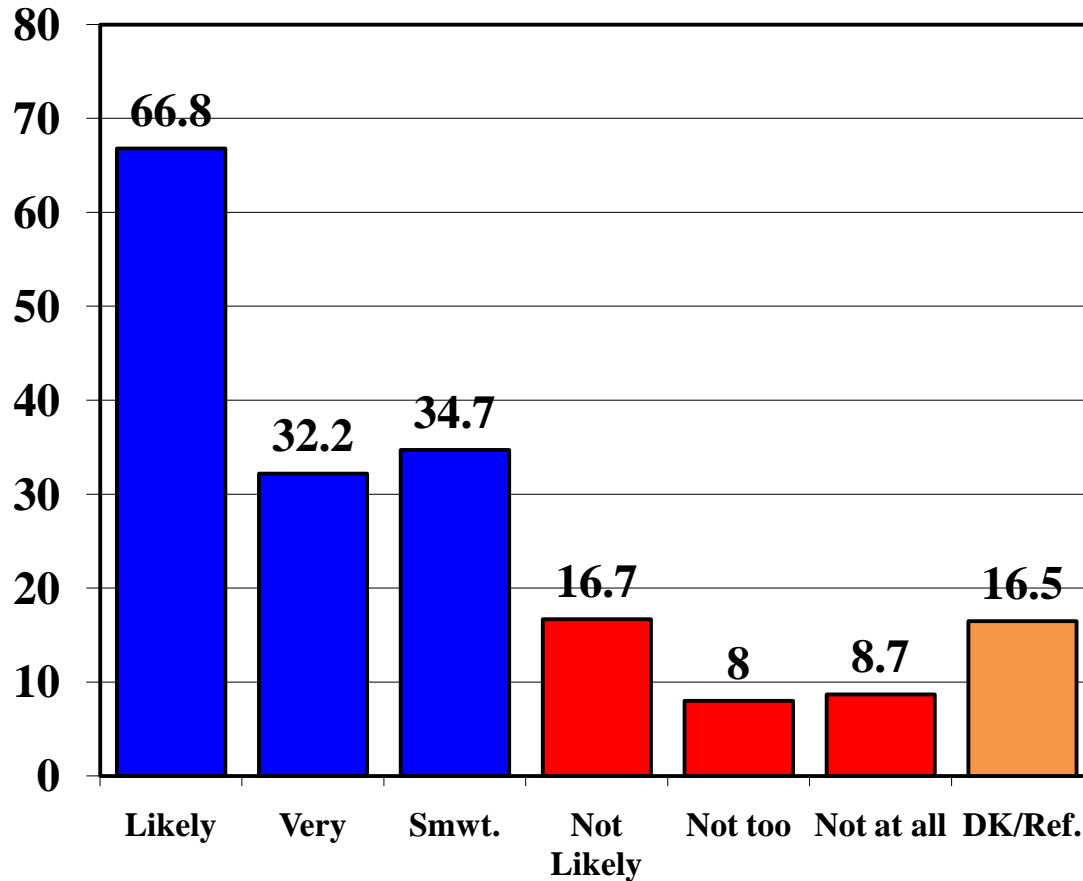


Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “The real costs of this program will not be paid by corporations or utilities, but will be passed onto the consumers in the form of increased energy costs, or taxes or both.”

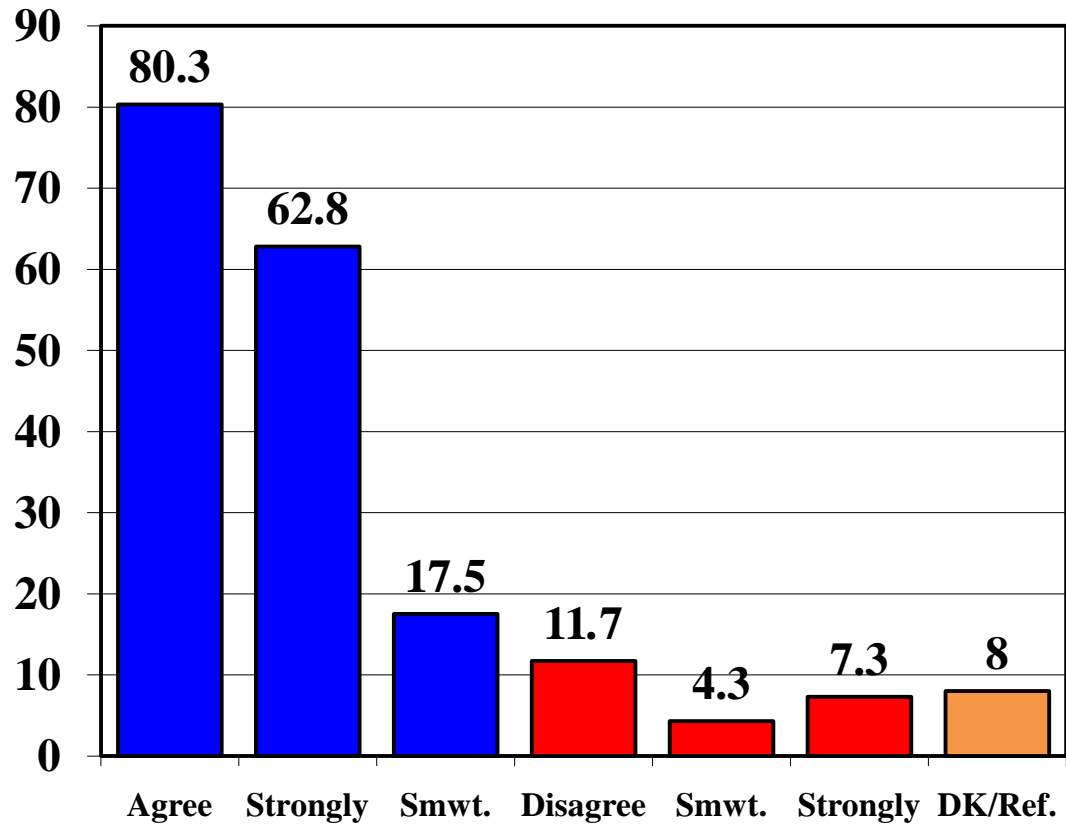


Some economists think that this plan will cost the average Florida household an additional twelve hundred dollars per year in increased energy costs.

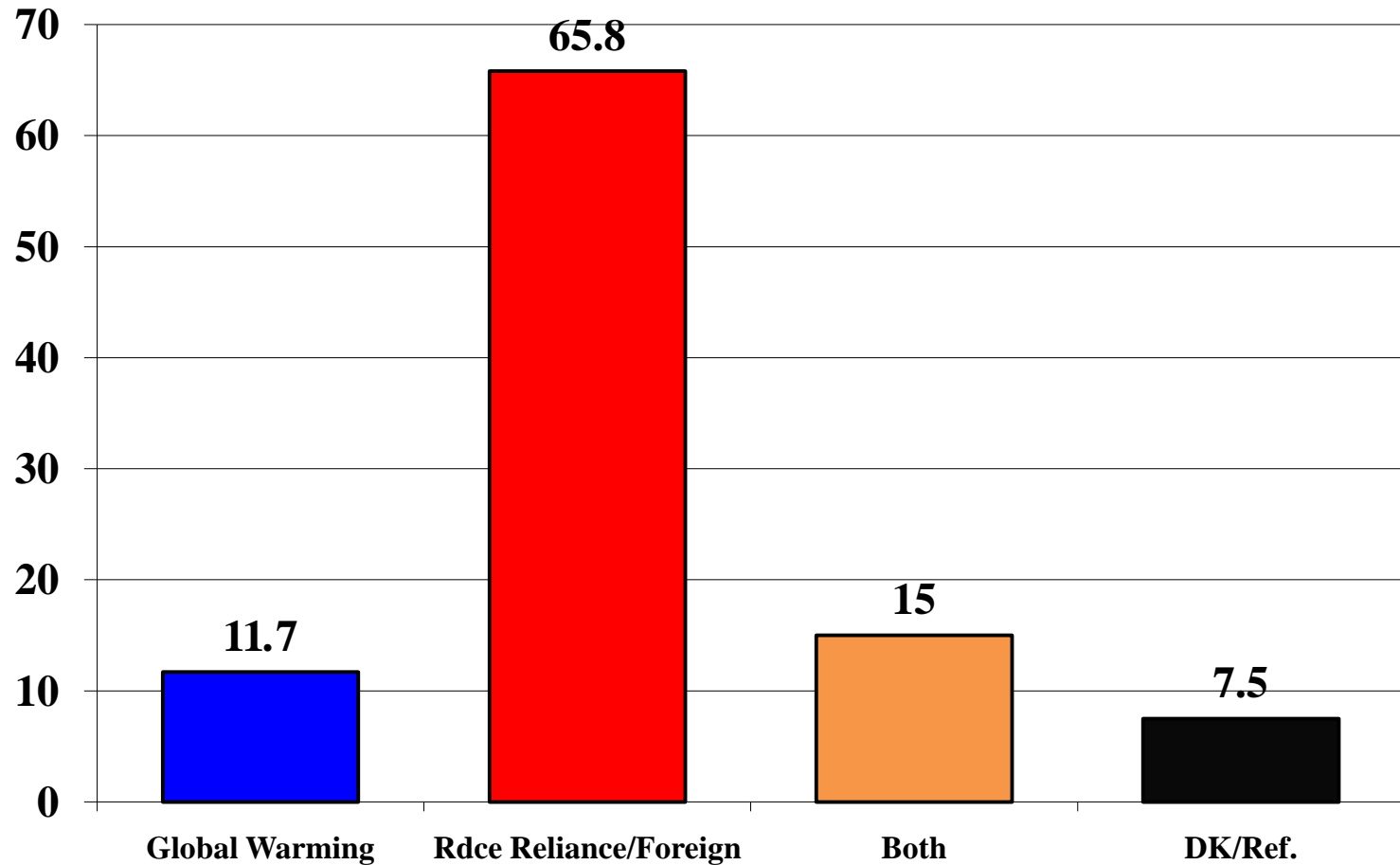
Do you think these increased energy costs are very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely or not likely at all?



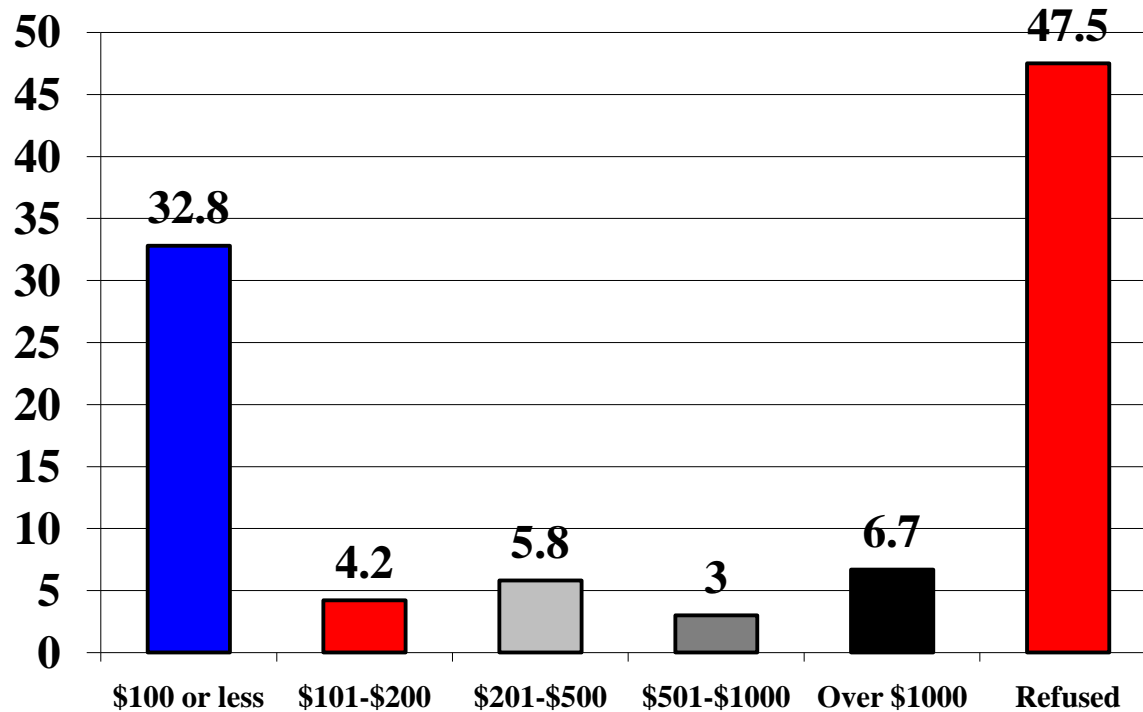
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “With the current uncertain economy and high energy prices, now is not the right time to ask Florida consumers to pay more for electricity and gasoline.”



Which is more important to you, addressing global warming or reducing our reliance on foreign sources of energy?

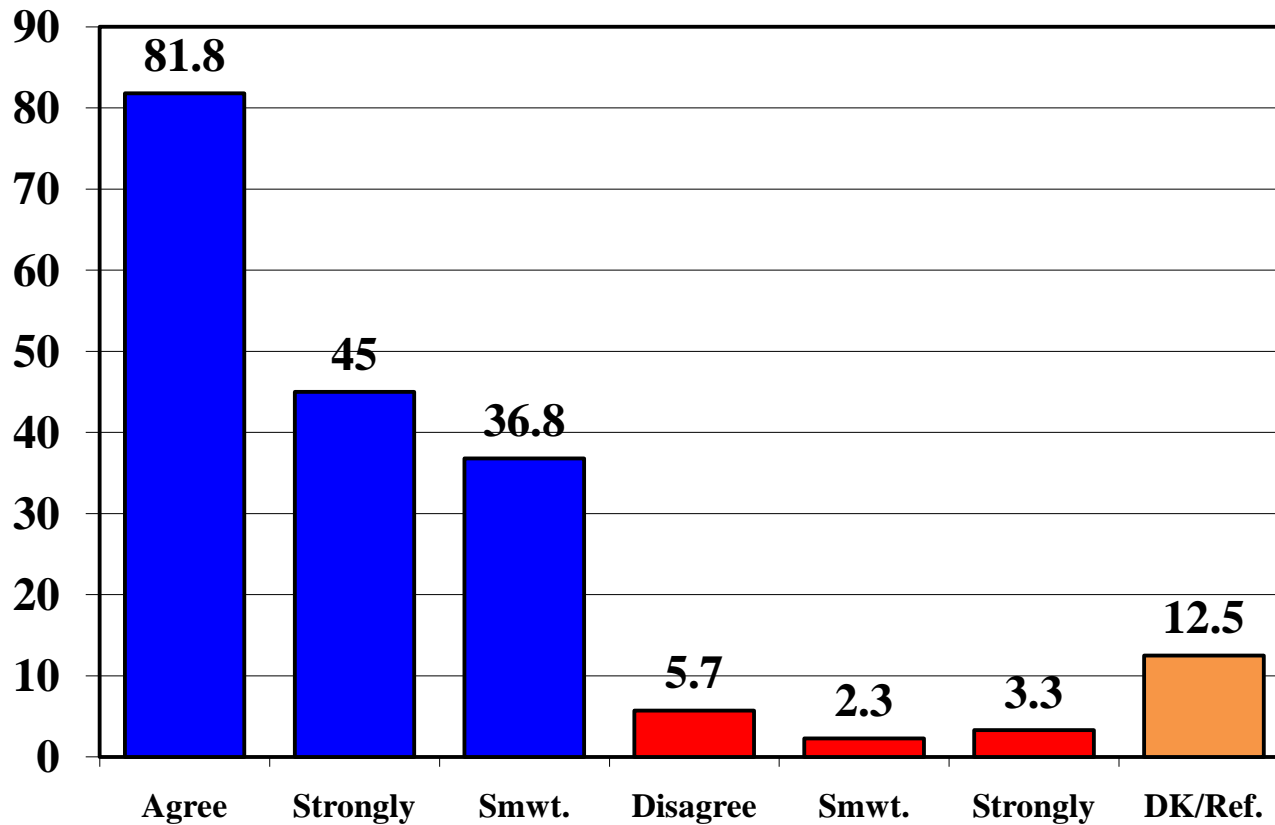


How much would you personally be willing to pay each year, either in higher gasoline prices, higher electricity prices, or higher heating bills, to deal with global warming?





Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Electricity consumption will continue to grow nationally and in Florida. To meet that demand and to keep the economy healthy, utilities must have a balanced portfolio of energy options, including renewables, efficiency, nuclear, natural gas and modern coal-based electricity?”



Which of the following statements comes closer to your own personal opinion about building coal-burning power plants? [Some/Others] people say that we need to stop building coal-burning power plants until we can figure out a way to capture and store the carbon that they emit. **OR,**

[Some/Other] people say that coal is our most abundant domestic energy resource and using it to generate electricity in Florida will help keep costs low, maintain reliability, and a balanced portfolio of energy sources.

