

Asian Public Opinion on Climate Change and Its Implications for Climate Change Policies

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Abstract

Climate change has been a focal point in recent environmental public debate and policymaking. Latest polls show virtually unanimous consensus among the global public on the significance of the problem. This paper examines Asian public opinion on key issues of climate change policy in a comparative by comparing the level of public awareness and support for climate change policies in Asian countries with that of other regions as well as within the region. One of the major findings is that Asians are the least willing to bear the costs of climate change mitigation and also the least supportive of tax incentives for alternative energy development. This suggests a great challenge for environmental policymakers and the environmental community in Asia, which is home to some of the largest greenhouse gas emitters and is also perhaps the most vulnerable region to climate change effects.

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