



## U. S. MEDIA ALERT / INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES

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### SO WHO CARES ABOUT REVIVING COPENHAGEN? EVERYBODY, SAYS NEW IN-DEPTH GLOBAL SURVEY

**WHAT?** Prospects for a climate treaty dimmed in recent weeks, though they may be reviving. October 26 [the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press](#) released a poll showing a sharp uptick in Americans' climate skepticism. The first week in November, climate talks stalled as Republicans boycotted markups of the U.S. Senate cap-and-trade bill, African nations walked out of Barcelona climate talks, and EU and British diplomats gave up for a legally binding agreement in Copenhagen next month. But this week in Beijing, Hu Jintao and President Obama agreed to shoot for emissions targets, and press for an agreement at Copenhagen that would "rally the world." So do their constituents back home want to be rallied? Do they care about the ups and downs of the climate treaty?

You bet they do, passionately. That is the finding of an innovative "citizen deliberative" survey of public opinion called [World Wide Views on Global Warming](#) conducted in 38 countries including in five cities across the U. S., to be [released](#) at the Danish Parliament with diplomatic fanfare on November 19. Unlike a traditional poll, it didn't just tally off-the-cuff responses to superficial questions posed on the phone during the dinner hour. It convened ordinary people from all walks of life, gave them a day to absorb and debate together current information from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, then asked them where they stood. It consistently found the opposite of what Pew found – that people worldwide, including Americans, and even Chinese, are deeply concerned about climate change, and overwhelmingly want faster action, deeper GHG emissions cuts and stronger enforcement than any one in Washington or Copenhagen is contemplating. What does this imply about standard polling on climate change, and about the democratic or undemocratic nature of current climate policy debate? Ask the experts who conducted it:

**WHO?** The following organizers and U. S. partners of the World Wide Views on Global Warming citizen deliberations and survey are available for interviews:

- [Richard Sclove](#) -- U.S. Advisor to the World Wide Views on Global Warming, founder and senior fellow of [the Loka Institute](#) and author of [Democracy and Technology](#). He recently wrote on the WWViews project for [Huffington Post](#) and [Yes! Magazine](#).
- [Richard Worthington](#) – U. S. Coordinator of the WWViews project and Chair of the Program in Public Policy Analysis at Pomona College and author of [Rethinking Globalization: Production, Politics, Actions](#)
- [Lars Kluver](#), director, [Danish Board of Technology](#), which organized the [WWViews project](#) globally, interviewed [here](#) on Sea Change Radio.
- [Bjorn Bedstedt](#), WWViews project director for the Danish Board of Technology
- [Mr. Netra Chhetri](#), geography professor, Arizona State University, and contributing author to the [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's](#) 2007 assessment report, interviewed [here](#) about WWViews by the Worldwatch Institute.
- [Ms. Nalini Chhetri](#), research associate, Arizona State University's Consortium for Science, Policy and Outcomes
- [Susan Cozzens](#), Professor of Public Policy and Director the Technology Policy and Assessment Center at the Georgia Institute of Technology
- [Jason Delborne](#), professor, Colorado School of Mines, Division of Liberal Arts and International Studies
- [Jen Schneider](#), professor, Colorado School of Mines, Division of Liberal Arts and International Studies, who wrote on the WWViews deliberation there for the [Huffington Post](#).
- [David Sittenfeld](#), project manager of the [WWViews Boston deliberation](#) and manager of the Boston Museum of Science's Forums program
- [Karen Nell Smith](#), Brookfield Institute, head facilitator of the WWViews Boston deliberation and program director of the [Brookfield Institute](#).

**WHEN & WHERE?** Organizers and partners of the World Wide Views on Global Warming project are available for in-person or phone interviews now. They are based around Atlanta, Boston, Denver, Los Angeles, and Phoenix, the five cities where citizen deliberations were held in the U. S. They can travel as necessary.

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