ESRC Climate - Related Investments

Climate Change a human and social issue!

Centre For Climate Change Economics and Policy (CCEP)
Food-Energy-Water NEXUS
Centre for Understanding Sustainable Prosperity (CUSP)
Social, Technological and Environmental Pathways to Sustainability (STEPS)

Energy Investments (UKERC, EUED),
NERC/ESRC Investments – e.g. Valuing Nature

(past) Climate Change Fellows, Tyndall Centre
About £1.2m ESRC investment in tracking (mostly UK) public attitudes since 2002
Belief in scientific consensus

To the best of your knowledge, what proportion of scientists agree that climate change is happening and that humans are largely causing it?

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<th>The vast majority of scientists agree (80% or more)</th>
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Looking Forward

- ESRC currently commissioning a new Climate Change Centre (5m) plus a Climate Change Network Plus (open competition)

- STRATEGIC GAP – risk communication for climate resilient decisions - how to bring the best climate science together with the best risk communications science to support decision-making