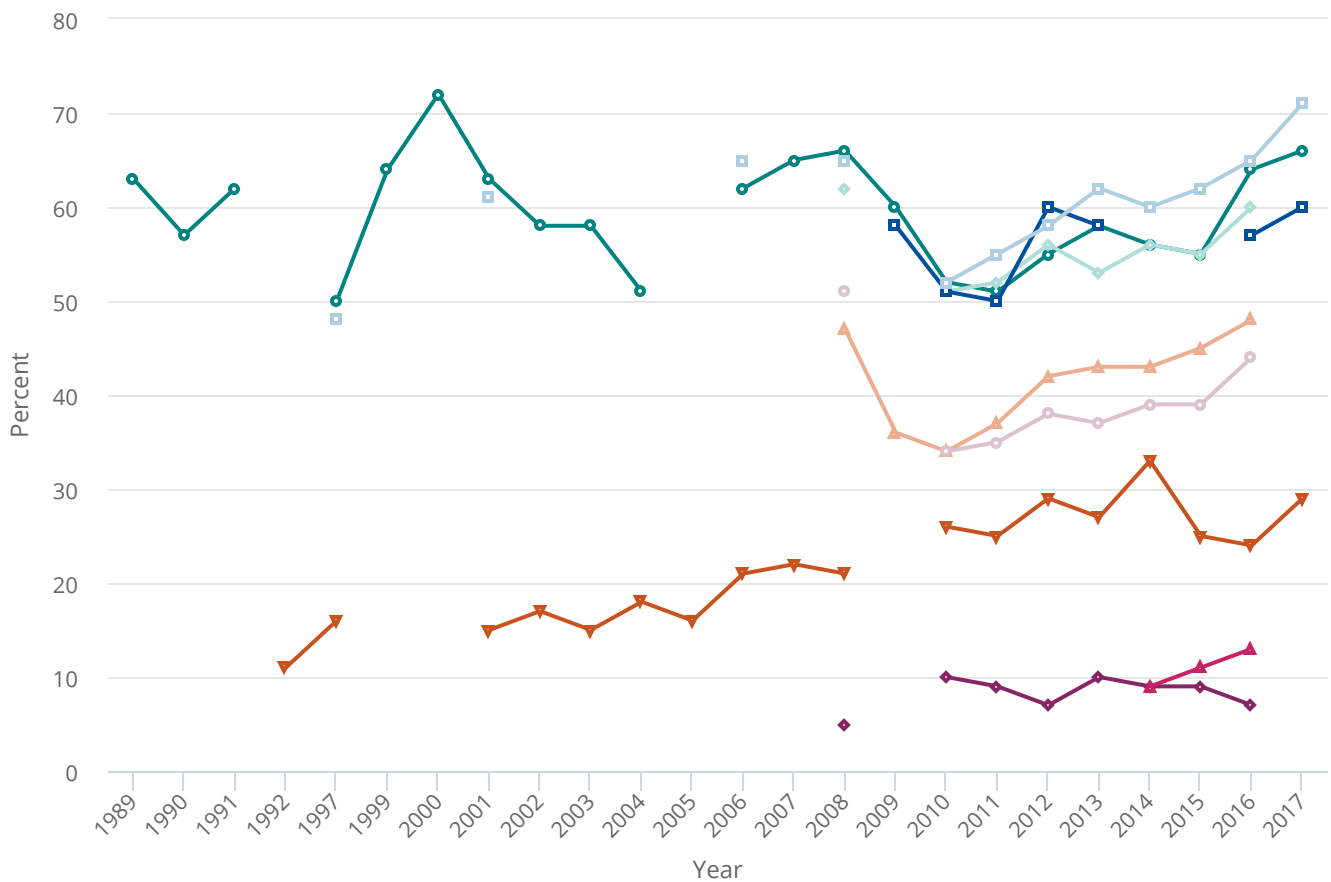


FIGURE 7-19

### Belief in global warming and confidence in that belief: 1989–2017



- How much do you personally worry about global warming or climate change? (Gallup) (great deal/ fair amount)
- How worried are you about global warming? (Yale and GMU) (very worried/ somewhat worried)
- How concerned are you about the issue of global warming (Muhlenberg and Michigan) (very concerned/ somewhat concerned)
- Yes, solid evidence Earth is warming due to human causes (Pew)
- How well do you understand global warming? (Gallup) (very well)
- How sure are you that global warming is happening? (Yale and GMU) (extremely sure/ very sure)
- How sure are you that global warming is not happening? (Yale and GMU) (extremely sure/ very sure)
- Most scientists believe that global warming is occurring (Gallup)
- More than 90% of climate scientists think that human-caused global warming is happening (Yale and GMU)

GMU = George Mason University.

**Note(s)**



Questions were not asked in all years. *How concerned are you about the issue of global warming?* (Muhlenberg and Michigan) was asked in 2017, 2016, 2012, 2011, and 2009 only of respondents who answered yes to the question *From what you've read and heard. Is there solid evidence that the average temperature on earth has been getting warmer over the past four decades?* In 2013, a split sample of the entire sample ( $n = 947$ ) was used, with 477 respondents asked about "global warming" and 470 respondents asked about "climate change." However, responders to *How concerned are you about the issue of global warming?* are shown as percentages of the total population.

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