



To: Interested Parties
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Overview

The latest poll from Causeway Solutions finds an overwhelming majority of the country believes climate change is occurring and is open to deregulation and free market solutions to combat climate change.

Poll Results

Causeway Solutions conducted a poll of 1,011 registered voters ending October 11th to understand voter opinions regarding climate change and how to tackle climate change in the future.

Highlights of the poll include:

- 68% of voters believe climate change is real and action is needed, including 42% of Republicans and 68% of Independents. 59% of voters who say they support a few more Republicans than Democrats believe climate change is real and action is needed.
- 62% of voters support cutting regulations and red tape that slow energy development, including 67% of Republicans and 62% of Independents. 62% of those who believe climate change is real and action is needed support cutting energy regulations, as well as 72% of voters who support a few more Republicans than Democrats.
- 54% of voters want more emphasis on wind energy, and 60% want more emphasis on solar energy. Independents are more supportive of wind energy (50% want more emphasis on wind while 59% want more emphasis on solar). However, Republicans prefer solar (37% want more emphasis on wind and 44% more emphasis on solar). Of voters who support cutting energy regulations, 57% want more emphasis on wind, and 63% want more emphasis on solar. 47% of voters support a few more Republicans than Democrats want more of an emphasis on wind, and 56% want more of an emphasis on solar.
- An overwhelming majority of voters (67%) support community solar, including 59% of Republicans and 65% of Independents. 63% of voters who support a few more Republicans than Democrats support community solar.



- 57% of voters agree that the protection of the environment and development of energy supply should be balanced and given equal opportunity, including 54% of Republicans and 62% of Independents. 61% of voters who support a few more Republicans than Democrats agree. Additionally, 58% of voters who believe in Climate Change agree that protection of the environment and development of energy supply should be balanced and given equal opportunity. This shows that voters want an “all of the above” energy approach when tackling climate change.
- 42% of voters believe in climate change but support cutting energy regulations. Below is a demo panel of these voters.

Gender	
Female	53%
Male	46%

Race	
White	66%
Black	9%
Hispanic	11%
Other	14%

Area	
Rural	20%
Suburban	57%
Urban	23%

US Census Region	
Midwest	21%
Northeast	23%
South	38%
West	18%



Causeway Take

After the fielding of our survey, we saw that an overwhelming majority of voters believe in climate change and that action is needed. Also, the country wants more emphasis on alternatives of energy like solar and wind and less emphasis on traditional forms of energy like coal. Yet, the most telling point is that a plurality of the nation believes in climate change but supports cutting energy regulations to speed up energy production development. We see these voters as a persuadable universe and can help change the discussion around solutions concerning climate change. Also, voters want an all of the above energy approach to combat climate change.



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Causeway Solutions conducted a survey of Registered Voters in the United States from October 9 through October 11, 2023. This live dial survey (N=1,011) should yield a margin of error of $\pm 3.0\%$ in 95 out of 100 cases. Results have been weighted for age, sex, and party identification so some topline may not equal exactly 1,011 completes. Rounding may cause totals to not equal 100% in all cases.

Are you currently registered to vote?		
Yes	100%	(n=1,011)
No	0%	(n=0)

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?		
Republican	28%	(n=283)
Democrat	27%	(n=273)
Independent	36%	(n=368)
No preference	4%	(n=36)
Other/Something else	2%	(n=20)
Unsure	3%	(n=30)

Still thinking about the party you selected, would you say your personal views on energy issues are more conservative, more progressive, or about in line with the average member of that party?		
More Conservative	32%	(n=323)
More Progressive	26%	(n=262)
About in line	31%	(n=309)
Unsure	12%	(n=117)



Thinking back over past elections, which answer best describes how you voted?		
Straight Democratic	20%	(n=198)
Mostly Democratic	17%	(n=169)
A few more Democrats than Republicans	7%	(n=69)
About equally for both parties	10%	(n=102)
A few more Republicans than Democrats	9%	(n=87)
Mostly Republican	17%	(n=167)
Straight Republican	15%	(n=151)
Other	1%	(n=15)
Unsure	5%	(n=54)

Do you generally approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as President?		
Strongly approve	12%	(n=120)
Somewhat approve	25%	(n=249)
Somewhat disapprove	16%	(n=165)
Strongly disapprove	42%	(n=425)
Unsure	5%	(n=52)

Thinking about national government policies, do you think the U.S. is generally going in the right direction or the wrong direction?		
Right direction	19%	(n=193)
Wrong direction	69%	(n=693)
Unsure	12%	(n=125)

In November of 2024, all 50 states will be holding general elections for federal offices, including U.S. Congress and U.S. President. Thinking ahead to these elections, how likely would you say it is that you will vote?		
Extremely likely	73%	(n=743)
Very likely	13%	(n=135)
Somewhat likely	7%	(n=71)
Not at all likely	3%	(n=28)
Unsure	3%	(n=34)



If the November 2024 election for **United States Congress** was being held today, for whom would you vote -- the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?

Republican	38%	(n=388)
Democratic	38%	(n=386)
Someone else	5%	(n=55)
Unsure	18%	(n=182)

In 2024, all states will be holding a primary election for President of the United States. Thinking ahead to the primaries, would you say that you are likely to vote in the Republican primary, Democratic primary, or are you not likely to vote in the primary election at all?

Vote in Republican Primary	38%	(n=381)
Vote in Democratic Primary	33%	(n=332)
Not Likely to vote	15%	(n=147)
Unsure	15%	(n=151)

If the Republican primary for President of the United States were being held today, for whom would you vote?

Doug Burgum	1%	(n=5)
Chris Christie	4%	(n=17)
Ron DeSantis	19%	(n=72)
Nikki Haley	8%	(n=32)
Mike Pence	7%	(n=28)
Vivek Ramaswamy	5%	(n=21)
Tim Scott	0%	(n=1)
Donald Trump	46%	(n=177)
Someone Else	1%	(n=5)
Undecided	6%	(n=22)

Thinking ahead to the 2024 U.S. presidential election... If the election for President were held today and the choices were Democrat Joe Biden, a Republican candidate, or another candidate, for whom would you vote? If you are unsure at this point, please just select that answer.

Joe Biden	33%	(n=331)
Republican candidate	43%	(n=434)
Other candidate	3%	(n=33)
Unsure	21%	(n=214)



Which of the following most closely resembles your opinions on climate change?		
Action is needed because humans are contributing to climate change	45%	(n=458)
Action is needed because climate change is occurring, even if it isn't caused by humans	22%	(n=225)
More research is needed to determine if the climate change is occurring and if action is needed	16%	(n=166)
The concern over climate change is unwarranted, and no action is needed	11%	(n=115)
None of the above	5%	(n=47)

If you had to choose, with which of the following statements would you most agree?		
Protection of the environment should be given priority over development of energy supply	21%	(n=214)
Development of energy supplies should be given priority over protection of the environment	14%	(n=144)
Protection of the environment and development of energy supplies should be balanced and given equal priority	57%	(n=574)
Unsure	8%	(n=80)

How much, if at all, do you worry about each of the following?

	A Great Deal	A Fair Amount	Not Very Much	Not at all	Unsure
Environmental impact of energy in your life	21% (n=213)	42% (n=421)	22% (n=217)	11% (n=108)	5% (n=52)
Affordability of energy in your life	35% (n=359)	39% (n=398)	17% (n=170)	5% (n=50)	4% (n=35)
Reliability of energy in your life	32% (n=322)	40% (n=401)	19% (n=183)	6% (n=57)	4% (n=37)



How have current events (the war in Ukraine, OPEC oil production cuts, record summer heat wave, etc.) impacted your perceptions of the domestic oil and gas industry?		
Become much more positive	6%	(n=61)
Become somewhat more positive	6%	(n=64)
No impact one way or the other	48%	(n=490)
Become somewhat more negative	26%	(n=263)
Become much more negative	13%	(n=134)

How important, if at all, is it to you that the United States produces all of its own energy and becomes energy independent?		
Very important	61%	(n=614)
Somewhat important	28%	(n=283)
Not very important	5%	(n=52)
Not at all important	1%	(n=5)
Unsure	6%	(n=57)

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? A capitalistic free market society can help fix the climate crisis.		
Strongly Agree	13%	(n=130)
Somewhat Agree	23%	(n=228)
Somewhat Disagree	17%	(n=175)
Strongly Disagree	13%	(n=136)
Unsure	34%	(n=342)

How likely or unlikely do you think it is that the U.S. will dramatically reduce the use of fossil fuels within the next decade?		
Very likely	8%	(n=82)
Somewhat likely	30%	(n=307)
Somewhat unlikely	32%	(n=321)
Very unlikely	14%	(n=146)
Unsure	15%	(n=154)



When thinking about making lifestyle changes to protect the environment, are you personally more likely to make radical changes such as replacing your gas furnace, not driving, or not using an Air Conditioner, small changes such as reducing consumption or recycling, or no changes at all?

Radical changes	13%	(n=131)
Small changes	59%	(n=601)
No changes	19%	(n=196)
Unsure	8%	(n=83)

Community solar refers to a solar array located within a community where customers can subscribe and receive a credit on their utility bill for their share of the power that's produced, just as if the panels were on their roof. Would you support or oppose a community solar project being developed in your community?

Strongly support	29%	(n=294)
Somewhat support	38%	(n=381)
Somewhat oppose	8%	(n=76)
Strongly oppose	7%	(n=70)
Unsure	19%	(n=190)

Do you think that you will experience a blackout caused by a mass energy shortage during the next five years?

Yes, will face a blackout caused by a mass energy shortage in next five years	35%	(n=349)
No, will not face a blackout caused by a mass energy shortage in next five years	31%	(n=310)
Unsure	35%	(n=352)

When it comes to modernizing the energy grid, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Agree	S'What Agree	S'What Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unsure
A modern electric grid would greatly increase American national security	32% (n=328)	29% (n=292)	9% (n=86)	4% (n=37)	27% (n=268)



A modern electric grid would bring new jobs to my community	29% (n=294)	43% (n=434)	7% (n=73)	2% (n=20)	19% (n=190)
A modern electric grid would increase electricity reliability in America	37% (n=372)	37% (n=373)	4% (n=45)	2% (n=24)	19% (n=196)
A modern electric grid is necessary to maintain life in the 21 st century	41% (n=419)	32% (n=320)	5% (n=54)	3% (n=27)	19% (n=191)

Do you think the U.S. should put more emphasis, less emphasis, or about the same amount of emphasis on producing energy from each of the following sources?

	More Emphasis	About the Same	Less Emphasis	Unsure
Coal	11% (n=114)	26% (n=266)	50% (n=508)	12% (n=122)
Oil	20% (n=203)	29% (n=288)	41% (n=416)	10% (n=104)
Natural gas	30% (n=305)	37% (n=374)	20% (n=204)	13% (n=128)
Wind	54% (n=543)	24% (n=238)	15% (n=154)	7% (n=76)
Solar	60% (n=611)	25% (n=248)	9% (n=94)	6% (n=58)
Nuclear	28% (n=285)	28% (n=283)	27% (n=275)	17% (n=168)
Geothermal	34% (n=345)	30% (n=304)	7% (n=75)	28% (n=287)
Hydrogen	28% (n=285)	30% (n=304)	11% (n=111)	31% (n=311)

Please tell me how much you support or oppose the following policies:

	Strongly Support	S'What Support	S'What Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Unsure
Expanding drilling for oil and gas	22% (n=221)	23% (n=232)	20% (n=200)	21% (n=213)	14% (n=146)
Accelerating the development of	42% (n=422)	32% (n=325)	9% (n=94)	7% (n=71)	10% (n=99)



renewable energy sources like wind and solar					
Utilizing energy efficiency upgrades to reduce the amount of power needed	40% (n=406)	40% (n=407)	4% (n=38)	2% (n=18)	14% (n=143)
Taxing the emissions of carbon-based fuels such as coal, oil, and natural gas	18% (n=180)	24% (n=240)	19% (n=192)	21% (n=210)	19% (n=190)
Cutting regulations and red tape that slow the development of energy	28% (n=278)	34% (n=349)	10% (n=105)	6% (n=59)	22% (n=220)
Investors divesting or moving their money out of oil, coal, and gas companies for reasons related to climate change	24% (n=238)	24% (n=243)	12% (n=117)	18% (n=177)	22% (n=235)
Government subsidies for oil and gas	10% (n=97)	22% (n=225)	20% (n=207)	21% (n=216)	26% (n=266)
Government subsidies for renewables such as wind and solar	35% (n=359)	32% (n=327)	11% (n=108)	10% (n=99)	12% (n=118)
Government subsidies for nuclear energy	16% (n=160)	26% (n=266)	17% (n=169)	12% (n=123)	29% (n=292)
Increasing funding for research and development of energy solutions	40% (n=407)	37% (n=375)	9% (n=88)	3% (n=30)	11% (n=111)



Now I just have a few more questions for background and statistical purposes only...

Is your racial or ethnic heritage Asian, Black, Hispanic, White, or something else?		
Asian	4%	(n=41)
Black	8%	(n=86)
Hispanic	12%	(n=119)
White	63%	(n=642)
Other	12%	(n=123)

What is your age range?		
18-24	9%	(n=88)
25-34	17%	(n=170)
35-44	17%	(n=170)
45-54	15%	(n=156)
55-64	16%	(n=164)
65-Plus	26%	(n=260)
Dk/Ref	<1%	(n=3)

How would you describe the area where you live?		
Urban	18%	(n=183)
Suburban	56%	(n=565)
Rural	26%	(n=261)
Unsure	<1%	(n=3)

Finally, what is your sex?		
Female	53%	(n=538)
Male	46%	(n=470)