Clean Power Institute
National Survey

Key findings from a national survey of 1,000 registered voters, conducted October 13-17, 2021.

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Public Opinion Strategies and Hart Research Associates are pleased to present the key findings of an online survey conducted nationally. The survey was completed October 13-17, 2021, among 1,000 registered voters, and has a credibility interval of +3.53%.

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Political & Issue Environment
Voters place as high a priority on “clean air and clean water” as they do on “health care” and “jobs and the economy.”

“Please read the following list of issues and please indicate how important each issue is to you personally.”

Ranked by % Very Important

- **Health care**: 76% Very Important, 3% Total Important, 97%* Total Not Important
- **Clean air and clean water**: 70% Very Important, 4% Total Important, 96% Total Not Important
- **Jobs and the economy**: 70% Very Important, 5% Total Important, 95%* Total Not Important
- **The environment and climate change**: 57% Very Important, 5% Total Important, 16%* Total Not Important
- **Energy independence and energy security**: 55% Very Important, 8%* Total Important, 92% Total Not Important

*Denotes Rounding.
Nearly three in four voters say it would be better to invest in clean energy sources.

“When you think about planning for our nation’s energy future, do you feel that it would be better to...?”

Overall

Invest more in clean energy sources, such as wind, solar, and energy storage. 72%

...or...

Invest more in traditional energy sources such as oil, gas, and coal. 28%

By Party

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<td>Republicans (39%)</td>
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<td>Lean/Ind (19%)</td>
<td>74%</td>
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<td>Democrats (42%)</td>
<td>87%</td>
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Overall: +10

By Party: +48, +74
An overwhelming majority of voters say clean energy is important to the country’s energy future.

“Now, thinking about the clean energy industry, which includes wind, solar, and energy storage, how important would you say the industry is to the country’s energy future? Is it... extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all?”

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Four in five voters support providing tax incentives for the expansion of the clean energy industry.

“Do you favor or oppose the country providing tax incentives for the expansion of the clean energy industry?”

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Total Favor: 79%*
Total Oppose: 21%*

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Support for tax incentives to expand clean energy extends across party lines.

Tax Incentives by Party

- **Republicans** (39%)
  - Favor: 68%
  - Oppose: 32%
  - **Net Support**: +36

- **Lean/Ind** (19%)
  - Favor: 75%
  - Oppose: 25%
  - **Net Support**: +50

- **Democrats** (42%)
  - Favor: 92%
  - Oppose: 8%
  - **Net Support**: +84
A sizable majority of voters believe the clean energy industry has a positive impact on job creation.

“Thinking about the clean energy industry, would you say it has a positive impact on job creation, a negative impact on job creation, or makes no real impact on job creation?”

69% Positive Impact
10% Negative Impact
21% No Real Impact

Overall

By Party

Republicans (39%)
62%
54%
16%

Democrats (42%)
86%

Lean/Ind (19%)
29%
29%
9%

Positive | Negative | No Impact
There is strong support for investing in the electric grid, especially among Democrats.

“Upgrading the transmission and power grid will enable the expansion of clean energy to more communities. Do you favor or oppose investing in the electric grid to make it easier to transmit clean energy?”

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Total Favor: 89%
Total Oppose: 11%
80% of Americans believe that clean energy is as reliable or more reliable than traditional generation sources.

“Now please read three statements about the reliability of clean energy sources. After you read all three, please select the ONE that comes closest to your own opinion.”

- **Clean energy sources are more reliable than traditional energy sources like coal, oil, and natural gas.**
  - 47%

- **Clean energy sources are equally reliable as traditional energy sources like coal, oil, and natural gas.**
  - 33%

- **Clean energy sources are less reliable than traditional energy sources like coal, oil, and natural gas.**
  - 20%

\^Split Sample A, N=491.
Clean Energy Benefits
Voters place the most importance on the idea energy storage helps build a resilient grid and that clean sources combat climate change.

"Please read the following benefits you might hear about the clean energy industry. After you read each one, please indicate how important each benefit is when it comes to the clean energy industry."

**Ranked by % Very Important**

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<td>Energy storage allows us to store energy for use at another time, increasing reliability, controlling costs for consumers, and ultimately helping build a more resilient grid.</td>
<td>11%*</td>
<td>89%</td>
<td>59%</td>
<td>84%</td>
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<td>Clean energy sources like wind and solar are critical parts of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and combating climate change.</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>59%</td>
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<td>Increasing clean energy generation in this country will create more than 500,000 jobs for people of all education and skill levels across industries such as construction, manufacturing, and operations.</td>
<td>12%</td>
<td>88%</td>
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<td>The clean energy industry employs more than 415,000 Americans across all 50 states.</td>
<td>14%</td>
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These benefits are also important to voters.

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**Ranked by % Very Important**

Transitioning to majority carbon free energy sources like land-based wind, offshore wind, and solar will help drive the clean energy economy forward while also benefiting our environment.

- **Very Important**
  - 55%
  - 46%
- **Total Important**
  - 83%
  - 81%
- **Not That Important**
  - 5%
  - 6%
- **Total Not Important**
  - 5%
  - 6%

The clean energy industry plays a major role in growing our economy by creating good-paying jobs in a fast-growing industry.

- **Very Important**
  - 54%
- **Total Important**
  - 86%
- **Not That Important**
  - 5%
- **Total Not Important**
  - 5%

Jobs in the clean energy industry pay significantly more than the national average.

- **Very Important**
  - 46%
- **Total Important**
  - 81%
- **Not That Important**
  - 6%
- **Total Not Important**
  - 6%

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