

Concerned About Energy Infrastructure Spending, Voters Strongly Support Market-Based Competition and Private Investment

Three times as many voters prefer policies focused on market-driven emissions and reducing the cost of clean energy rather than tax dollar rewards for utilities.

When it comes to the **\$3.5 trillion** infrastructure spending package brought forth by President Biden and Congressional Democrats:

78%

say they are **very** (38%), **moderately** (20%) or **slightly** (20%) **concerned** about the \$3.5 trillion price tag.

Market-based strategies that leverage **competition** and **private investment** in clean energy are popular:

54%

prefer policies focused on market-based mechanisms for reducing emissions.

vs.

18%

prefer allocating taxpayer dollars to reward utilities for reducing their carbon footprints.



Competitive bidding and private investment from companies are seen as key drivers to reduce costs and determine who pays for cleaner energy infrastructure:

70%

agree that competitive bidding should be part of the process for determining who is charged with carrying out clean energy infrastructure projects.



Implementing carbon pricing to incentivize emissions reductions has voter support:

57%

say they would support carbon pricing while just 21% say they would oppose.



Reliability remains a top priority for U.S. voters:

83%

say maintaining overall reliability is very important (55%) or somewhat important (28%) as we pursue clean energy goals.

58%

support policies promoting competition and private investment among clean energy producers to minimize clean energy costs.



73%

say natural gas should be included in clean energy policies while just 11% disagree.

Methodology: This poll was conducted from September 14-18, 2021 among a national sample of 2,073 Registered U.S. Voters. The interviews were conducted online and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of voter based on age, gender, educational attainment, race, and region. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 2%.

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