

National Tracking Poll

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Topline Report

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
EP1_1	<i>Generally speaking, how much, if at all, do you trust the following to act in the best interests of consumers? Utility companies (i.e. companies that supply gas, water, or electricity to the public)</i>		
	A lot	320	14%
	Some	917	41%
	Not much	514	23%
	Not at all	240	11%
EP1_2	<i>Generally speaking, how much, if at all, do you trust the following to act in the best interests of consumers? Independent power producers (i.e. entities that own facilities to generate electric power for sale to utilities and end users)</i>		
	A lot	184	8%
	Some	816	37%
	Not much	599	27%
	Not at all	232	11%
EP2_1	<i>Thinking about the energy grid that powers your home, how important to you, if at all, are the following? Reliability</i>		
	Very important	1821	82%
	Somewhat important	329	15%
	Not too important	35	2%
	Not at all important	24	1%
EP2_2	<i>Thinking about the energy grid that powers your home, how important to you, if at all, are the following? Affordability</i>		
	Very important	1807	82%
	Somewhat important	334	15%
	Not too important	42	2%
EP2_3	<i>Thinking about the energy grid that powers your home, how important to you, if at all, are the following? Environmental friendliness</i>		
	Very important	1086	49%
	Somewhat important	838	38%
	Not too important	198	9%
	Not at all important	88	4%

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EP2_4	<i>Thinking about the energy grid that powers your home, how important to you, if at all, are the following? Consumer choice</i>		
	Very important	1053	48%
	Somewhat important	912	41%
	Not too important	199	9%
	Not at all important	46	2%
EP2_5	<i>Thinking about the energy grid that powers your home, how important to you, if at all, are the following? Technological innovation</i>		
	Very important	932	42%
	Somewhat important	1036	47%
	Not too important	193	9%
	Not at all important	49	2%
EP2_6	<i>Thinking about the energy grid that powers your home, how important to you, if at all, are the following? Transparency into energy prices</i>		
	Very important	1400	63%
	Somewhat important	657	30%
	Not too important	114	5%
	Not at all important	38	2%
EP3_1	<i>How familiar, if at all, are you with the following? State monopolies for energy production</i>		
	Very familiar	181	8%
	Somewhat familiar	529	24%
	Not too familiar	618	28%
	Not at all familiar	576	26%
	Don't know/No opinion	306	14%
EP3_2	<i>How familiar, if at all, are you with the following? Competitive energy markets</i>		
	Very familiar	180	8%
	Somewhat familiar	544	25%
	Not too familiar	702	32%
	Not at all familiar	512	23%
	Don't know/No opinion	272	12%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
EP4	<i>As you may know, in states with energy monopolies, utility companies own all levels of the energy supply chain (generation, transmission, and distribution) with ownership of the production and sale of power in their service territories. Do you support or oppose your state granting an exclusive monopoly to one company to control all parts of the electricity supply chain?</i>		
	Strongly support	138	6%
	Somewhat support	259	12%
	Somewhat oppose	548	25%
	Strongly oppose	741	34%
	Don't know/No opinion	524	24%
EP5	<i>As you may know, in a competitive power market, several companies—not just one—compete to provide electric generation choices/ solutions. Additionally, customers in fully competitive markets with retail choice can choose the company that sells them power instead of having to buy power from one company. Do you support or oppose your state using a competitive power market?</i>		
	Strongly support	645	29%
	Somewhat support	773	35%
	Somewhat oppose	190	9%
	Strongly oppose	61	3%
	Don't know/No opinion	540	24%
EP7_1	<i>Based on what you know, do you think expanding electric competition would mostly help or mostly hurt the following in the United States? Your personal energy costs</i>		
	Mostly help	1184	54%
	No impact either way	399	18%
	Mostly hurt	200	9%
	Don't know/No opinion	427	19%
EP7_2	<i>Based on what you know, do you think expanding electric competition would mostly help or mostly hurt the following in the United States? Climate change</i>		
	Mostly help	716	32%
	No impact either way	612	28%
	Mostly hurt	282	13%
	Don't know/No opinion	600	27%
EP7_3	<i>Based on what you know, do you think expanding electric competition would mostly help or mostly hurt the following in the United States? Reliability of your energy supply</i>		
	Mostly help	1082	49%
	No impact either way	521	24%
	Mostly hurt	167	8%
	Don't know/No opinion	439	20%

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EP7_4	<i>Based on what you know, do you think expanding electric competition would mostly help or mostly hurt the following in the United States? Your choice of energy provider</i>		
	Mostly help	1289	58%
	No impact either way	391	18%
	Mostly hurt	141	6%
	Don't know/No opinion	390	18%
EP7_5	<i>Based on what you know, do you think expanding electric competition would mostly help or mostly hurt the following in the United States? Technological innovation</i>		
	Mostly help	1199	54%
	No impact either way	459	21%
	Mostly hurt	106	5%
	Don't know/No opinion	446	20%
EP7_6	<i>Based on what you know, do you think expanding electric competition would mostly help or mostly hurt the following in the United States? Transparency into how electric generation projects are bought and paid for</i>		
	Mostly help	1050	48%
	No impact either way	516	23%
	Mostly hurt	152	7%
	Don't know/No opinion	492	22%
EP8	<i>Which of the following approaches would you support to increase the use of clean energy resources?</i>		
	Paying utility companies significant amounts of money through taxpayer funds to follow through on their existing plans to adopt lower emitting energy resources	156	7%
	Enacting policies that promote competition and private investment among clean energy producers to minimize the cost of clean energy resources	781	35%
	Would not support either	257	12%
	Would support both equally	510	23%
	Don't know/No opinion	507	23%
EP9	<i>Do you agree or disagree that competition among electricity providers would help facilitate increased use of clean energy in your state?</i>		
	Strongly agree	507	23%
	Somewhat agree	894	40%
	Somewhat disagree	189	9%
	Strongly disagree	83	4%
	Don't know/No opinion	538	24%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
EP10_2	<i>As you may know, 'market competition' in the energy sector refers to companies working to provide power at a lower cost than their competitors. Do you agree or disagree that market competition supports the following when thinking about your state's energy grid? Promotes cleaner energy</i>		
	Strongly agree	617	28%
	Somewhat agree	1129	51%
	Somewhat disagree	368	17%
	Strongly disagree	96	4%
EP10_EP10_3	<i>As you may know, 'market competition' in the energy sector refers to companies working to provide power at a lower cost than their competitors. Do you agree or disagree that market competition supports the following when thinking about your state's energy grid? Lowers costs for consumers</i>		
	Strongly agree	891	40%
	Somewhat agree	950	43%
	Somewhat disagree	279	13%
	Strongly disagree	91	4%
EP10_EP10_4	<i>As you may know, 'market competition' in the energy sector refers to companies working to provide power at a lower cost than their competitors. Do you agree or disagree that market competition supports the following when thinking about your state's energy grid? Increases reliability</i>		
	Strongly agree	675	31%
	Somewhat agree	1103	50%
	Somewhat disagree	345	16%
	Strongly disagree	88	4%
EP10_EP10_5	<i>As you may know, 'market competition' in the energy sector refers to companies working to provide power at a lower cost than their competitors. Do you agree or disagree that market competition supports the following when thinking about your state's energy grid? Lowers carbon emissions</i>		
	Strongly agree	567	26%
	Somewhat agree	1062	48%
	Somewhat disagree	483	22%
	Strongly disagree	98	4%
EP10_EP10_6	<i>As you may know, 'market competition' in the energy sector refers to companies working to provide power at a lower cost than their competitors. Do you agree or disagree that market competition supports the following when thinking about your state's energy grid? Supports the economy</i>		
	Strongly agree	772	35%
	Somewhat agree	1114	50%
	Somewhat disagree	242	11%
	Strongly disagree	81	4%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
EP10_EP10_7	<i>As you may know, 'market competition' in the energy sector refers to companies working to provide power at a lower cost than their competitors. Do you agree or disagree that market competition supports the following when thinking about your state's energy grid? Encourages innovation</i>		
	Strongly agree	807	37%
	Somewhat agree	1119	51%
	Somewhat disagree	221	10%
	Strongly disagree	63	3%
EP11	<i>As you may know, a regional transmission organization (RTO) is an electric power transmission system operator that coordinates, controls, and monitors a multi-state electric grid and ensures reliability. Do you support or oppose the expansion of regional transmission organizations across the U.S.?</i>		
	Strongly support	303	14%
	Somewhat support	1315	59%
	Somewhat oppose	479	22%
	Strongly oppose	113	5%
EP12_1	<i>Here are some statements about regional transmission organizations (RTOs). Do the following statements make you more likely to support or more likely to oppose the expansion of RTOs? RTOs operate as an independent governing body.</i>		
	Much more likely	304	14%
	Somewhat more likely	572	26%
	Somewhat less likely	312	14%
	Much less likely	138	6%
	No impact either way	226	10%
	Don't know/No opinion	658	30%
EP12_2	<i>Here are some statements about regional transmission organizations (RTOs). Do the following statements make you more likely to support or more likely to oppose the expansion of RTOs? The purpose of the RTO is to promote economic efficiency, reliability, and non-discriminatory practices.</i>		
	Much more likely	507	23%
	Somewhat more likely	695	31%
	Somewhat less likely	182	8%
	Much less likely	94	4%
	No impact either way	177	8%
	Don't know/No opinion	555	25%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
EP12_3	<i>Here are some statements about regional transmission organizations (RTOs). Do the following statements make you more likely to support or more likely to oppose the expansion of RTOs? By coordinating the generation and transmission of electricity over a large geographic footprint, an RTO can lower the costs by procuring less 'reserve' energy, energy that is available on standby in case other sources go offline.</i>		
	Much more likely	448	20%
	Somewhat more likely	727	33%
	Somewhat less likely	195	9%
	Much less likely	102	5%
	No impact either way	157	7%
	Don't know/No opinion	581	26%

Note: Group proportions may total to larger than one-hundred percent due to rounding. All statistics are calculated for registered voters with demographic post-stratification weights applied.

Respondent Demographics Summary

Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemAll	Adults	2210	100%
xdemGender	Gender: Male	1067	48%
	Gender: Female	1143	52%
	N	2210	
age	Age: 18-34	658	30%
	Age: 35-44	359	16%
	Age: 45-64	754	34%
	Age: 65+	438	20%
	N	2210	
demAgeGeneration	GenZers: 1997-2012	215	10%
	Millennials: 1981-1996	695	31%
	GenXers: 1965-1980	566	26%
	Baby Boomers: 1946-1964	677	31%
	N	2153	
xpid3	PID: Dem (no lean)	782	35%
	PID: Ind (no lean)	794	36%
	PID: Rep (no lean)	633	29%
	N	2210	
xpidGender	PID/Gender: Dem Men	338	15%
	PID/Gender: Dem Women	445	20%
	PID/Gender: Ind Men	432	20%
	PID/Gender: Ind Women	362	16%
	PID/Gender: Rep Men	297	13%
	PID/Gender: Rep Women	336	15%
	N	2210	
xdemIdeo3	Ideo: Liberal (1-3)	622	28%
	Ideo: Moderate (4)	617	28%
	Ideo: Conservative (5-7)	729	33%
	N	1967	
xeduc3	Educ: < College	1519	69%
	Educ: Bachelors degree	446	20%
	Educ: Post-grad	245	11%
	N	2210	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemInc3	Income: Under 50k	1169	53%
	Income: 50k-100k	701	32%
	Income: 100k+	340	15%
	N	2210	
xdemWhite	Ethnicity: White	1730	78%
xdemHispBin	Ethnicity: Hispanic	351	16%
demBlackBin	Ethnicity: Black	276	12%
demRaceOther	Ethnicity: Other	205	9%
xdemReligion	All Christian	966	44%
	All Non-Christian	101	5%
	Atheist	116	5%
	Agnostic/Nothing in particular	620	28%
	Something Else	407	18%
	N	2210	
xdemReligOther	Religious Non-Protestant/Catholic	130	6%
xdemEvang	Evangelical	555	25%
	Non-Evangelical	780	35%
	N	1335	
xdemUsr	Community: Urban	580	26%
	Community: Suburban	1033	47%
	Community: Rural	598	27%
	N	2210	
xdemEmploy	Employ: Private Sector	692	31%
	Employ: Government	156	7%
	Employ: Self-Employed	205	9%
	Employ: Homemaker	148	7%
	Employ: Student	51	2%
	Employ: Retired	507	23%
	Employ: Unemployed	272	12%
	Employ: Other	179	8%
N	2210		
xdemMilHH1	Military HH: Yes	329	15%
	Military HH: No	1881	85%
	N	2210	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xnr1	RD/WT: Right Direction	698	32%
	RD/WT: Wrong Track	1512	68%
	N	2210	
xdemBidenApprove	Biden Job Approve	910	41%
	Biden Job Disapprove	1162	53%
	N	2072	
xdemBidenApprove2	Biden Job Strongly Approve	369	17%
	Biden Job Somewhat Approve	541	24%
	Biden Job Somewhat Disapprove	330	15%
	Biden Job Strongly Disapprove	831	38%
	N	2072	
xdemBidenFav	Favorable of Biden	945	43%
	Unfavorable of Biden	1142	52%
	N	2087	
xdemBidenFavFull	Very Favorable of Biden	414	19%
	Somewhat Favorable of Biden	531	24%
	Somewhat Unfavorable of Biden	288	13%
	Very Unfavorable of Biden	854	39%
	N	2087	
xnr3	#1 Issue: Economy	876	40%
	#1 Issue: Security	293	13%
	#1 Issue: Health Care	287	13%
	#1 Issue: Medicare / Social Security	250	11%
	#1 Issue: Women's Issues	123	6%
	#1 Issue: Education	115	5%
	#1 Issue: Energy	132	6%
	#1 Issue: Other	134	6%
	N	2210	
xsubVote20O	2020 Vote: Joe Biden	914	41%
	2020 Vote: Donald Trump	751	34%
	2020 Vote: Other	82	4%
	2020 Vote: Didn't Vote	464	21%
	N	2210	
xsubVote18O	2018 House Vote: Democrat	725	33%
	2018 House Vote: Republican	651	29%
	2018 House Vote: Someone else	73	3%
	N	1449	

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Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xsubVote16O	2016 Vote: Hillary Clinton	673	30%
	2016 Vote: Donald Trump	734	33%
	2016 Vote: Other	124	6%
	2016 Vote: Didn't Vote	677	31%
	N	2208	
xsubVote14O	Voted in 2014: Yes	1287	58%
	Voted in 2014: No	923	42%
	N	2210	
xreg4	4-Region: Northeast	395	18%
	4-Region: Midwest	464	21%
	4-Region: South	828	37%
	4-Region: West	522	24%
	N	2210	

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