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Study #12075 CAP Energy/Environment/Climate Voters Survey December 2016 47 Male 53 Female [109]

Interviews: 1,002 2016 voters

Dates: December 2-6, 2016

## Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

1a. Are you currently registered to vote?

Yes, registered	100	CONTINUE	[139]
No, not registered	-	TERMINATE	
Not sure	_		

1bc. How would you describe your overall point of view in terms of the political parties? Would you say that you are mostly Democratic, leaning Democratic, completely independent, leaning Republican, or mostly Republican? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS "COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

	All	
	Voters	
Mostly Democratic	33	[142]
Leaning Democratic	7	
Independent/closer to Democratic Party	5	
Completely independent	9	
Independent/closer to Republican Party	5	
Leaning Republican	9	
Mostly Republican	28	
Do not know/refused	-	
Not sure	4	
Total Democratic	45	
Total Republican	42	

1d. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS "REFUSED," ASK:) Well would you tell me which age group you belong to?

	All	
	<u>Voters</u>	
18-24	9	[143-144]
25-29	7	
30-34	7	
35-39	8	
40-44	8	
45-49	9	
50-54	11	
55-59	10	
60-64	8	
65-69	8	
70-74	7	
75 and over	7	
Refused	1	

1ef. For statistical purposes only, are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? **(THEN ASK:)** To ensure that we have a representative sample, what is your race--white, black or African American, Asian, or something else

	All	
	<u>Voters</u>	
White/Caucasian	73	[147]
Black/African American	12	
Hispanic	9	
Asian	3	
Other	2	
Not sure/refused	1	

1g. Many people were not able to vote in this year's elections for U.S. president. How about you? Did you vote in this year's election for U.S. president or did you not get a chance to vote this year?

Yes, voted	100	CONTINUE	[148]
No, did not vote	-	TERMINATE	
Not sure	-		

2. In the election for president last month, did you vote for Hillary Clinton, the Democrat, Donald Trump, the Republican, Gary Johnson, the Libertarian, or Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate?

(IF RESPONDENT DECLINES TO SAY HOW HE/SHE VOTED, SAY:) This survey is being done for research purposes only. Your willingness to say how you voted is really important for ensuring the accuracy of our research, and we promise that we will always maintain the privacy and confidentiality of your responses.

	All <u>Voters</u>	
Hillary Clinton	46	[149]
Donald Trump		
Gary Johnson		
Jill Stein	1	
Did not vote in presidential race (VOL)	2	
Not sure/refused	3	

3. On most issues that are important to you, would you say that Donald Trump is generally in step or out of step with your views? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS OUT OF STEP, ASK:) Would you say he is very far out of step or just somewhat out of step with your views on issues?

	All	
	Voters	
In step with views	44	[152]
Out of step with views	48	
Very far out of step with views	36	
Just somewhat out of step with views	12	
Not sure	8	

4a. How confident are you that Donald Trump will take the right positions when it comes to issues related to energy and what sources of energy we should be developing? Are you very confident, fairly confident, not that confident, or not confident at all that he'll take the right positions on energy and energy development?

	All	
	<u>Voters</u>	
Very confident	21	[153]
Fairly confident	25	
Not that confident		
Not confident at all	32	
Not sure	6	

4b. How confident are you that Donald Trump will take the right positions when it comes to issues related to the environment and conservation of natural places? Are you very confident, fairly confident, not that confident, or not confident at all that he'll take the right positions on the environment and conservation?

	All	
	<u>Voters</u>	
Very confident	17	[154]
Fairly confident	26	
Not that confident		
Not confident at all	35	
Not sure	6	

5. Next I'm going to read you some possible priorities and goals for the federal government. Please tell me how important you consider each one to be.

Do you consider **(READ ITEM)** to be very important, fairly important, just somewhat important, not that important, or not important at all?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL VOTERS WHO SAY VERY IMPORTANT

	Total Important	Total Not <u>Important</u>	Very Important	Fairly <u>Important</u>	Just Somewhat <u>Important</u>	Not That Important	Not Important <u>At All</u>	Not Sure	
Protecting and maintaining America's national parks, public lands, and natural places									[157/ 168]
All Voters	91	2	76	15	7	1	1	-	
Protecting important natural places for future generations **									[174]
All Voters	91	2	76	15	6	1	1	1	
Increasing our use of clean, renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power									[155/ 166]
All Voters	83	7	66	17	10	4	3	-	
Saving at-risk wildlife from going extinct *									[165]
All Voters	81	4	63	18	14	2	2	1	
Keeping energy prices low									[160/ 171]
All Voters	80	5	61	19	14	4	1	1	

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

<sup>\*\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q.5 (cont'd)	Total Important	Total Not <u>Important</u>	Very Important	Fairly <u>Important</u>	Just Somewhat <u>Important</u>	Not That Important	Not Important <u>At All</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Reducing carbon pollution and the emission of greenhouse gases that cause climate change									[159/ 170]
All Voters	77	10	59	18	11	6	4	2	
Preparing for more extreme storms, drought, heat waves, and other climate change effects *									[164]
All Voters	77	7	57	20	14	5	2	2	
Addressing the threat of climate change **									[175]
All Voters	68	13	53	15	15	7	6	4	
Ensuring that American taxpayers are fairly compensated for energy development on publicly owned lands and oceans									[161/ 172]
All Voters	67	8	43	24	17	5	3	8	
Cutting red tape associated with outdated and overly burdensome environmental laws									[162/ 169]
All Voters	63	12	41	22	18	7	5	7	
Increasing the production of traditional fossil fuel-based energy sources, such as oil, gas, and coal									[156/ 167]
All Voters	59	22	38	21	17	11	11	2	-
Ensuring the economic health of the coal industry *									[163]
All Voters	54	24	36	18	19	13	11	3	
Accelerating the approval of and construction of oil and gas pipelines **									[176]
All Voters	54	26	34	20	16	13	13	4	
Increasing oil and gas development on public lands									[158/ 169]
All Voters	46	31	26	20	18	14	17	5	

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

6a. Which of the following do you think should be a bigger priority for the federal government–investing more in clean, renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power OR increasing the production of traditional fossil fuel-based energy sources, such as oil, gas, and coal?

	All	
	<u>Voters</u>	
Investing in clean, renewable energy sources	58	[177]
Increasing production of traditional fossil fuel-based energy sources	23	
Some of both (VOL)	15	
Not sure	4	

6b. Which of the following do you think should be a bigger priority for the federal government–protecting important natural places for future generations OR increasing oil and gas development on public lands?

	All	
	<u>Voters</u>	
Protecting important natural places	67	[178]
Increasing oil and gas development on public lands	16	
Some of both (VOL)	13	
Not sure	4	

7a. Who do you trust more when it comes to issues involving energy and the environment–Donald Trump or Democrats in Congress? \*

	All	
	<u>Voters</u>	
Donald Trump	32	[179]
Democrats in Congress	46	
Both (VOL)	2	
Neither (VOL)	14	
Not sure	6	

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

7b. Who do you trust more when it comes to issues involving energy and the environment–Republicans in Congress or Democrats in Congress? \*\*

	All	
	<u>Voters</u>	
Republicans in Congress	30	[180]
Democrats in Congress	41	
Both (VOL)	3	
Neither (VOL)	18	
Not sure	8	

<sup>\*\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

8a. Who do you trust more when it comes to issues involving energy and the environment–the coal industry OR environmental and conservation organizations? \*

	All	
	<u>Voters</u>	
The coal industry	19	[208]
Environmental and conservation organizations	58	
Both (VOL)	7	
Neither (VOL)	9	
Not sure	7	

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

8b.. Who do you trust more when it comes to issues involving energy and the environment–oil and gas companies OR environmental and conservation organizations? \*\*

	All	
	<u>Voters</u>	
Oil and gas companies	13	[209]
Environmental and conservation organizations	61	
Both (VOL)	5	
Neither (VOL)	15	
Not sure	6	

<sup>\*\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

9. Let me read you a statement that Donald Trump recently made about what he will do with energy during his first one hundred days in office and then I'd like to get your reaction.

Donald Trump said, quote, "I will cancel job-killing restrictions on the production of American energy, including shale energy and clean coal," unquote.

Is your reaction to this statement very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

	All	
	Voters	
Very favorable	21	[210]
Somewhat favorable	26	
Somewhat unfavorable	15	
Very unfavorable	29	
Not sure	9	
Total Favorable	47	
Total Unfavorable	44	

Now I'm going to tell you some specific steps that President-elect Trump or Republican leaders in Congress have said they might take. For each one, please tell me whether you strongly support, somewhat support, 10. somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this proposal.

Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose (READ ITEM)?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL VOTERS WHO SAY SOMEWHAT OPPOSE OR STRONGLY OPPOSE

	Total Support	Total Oppose	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not Sure	
Privatizing or selling off some areas of America's national forests and public lands	47	70	F	40	4.4	04	F	[217/ 227]
All Voters  Eliminating protections for some at-risk wildlife species such as the gray wolf or the greater sage grouse so that they cannot be protected by the Endangered Species Act	17	78	5	12	14	64	5	[216/ 226]
All Voters	22	70	10	12	18	52	8	
Allowing oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge *								[220]
All Voters	27	67	12	15	15	52	6	[219]
All Voters Withdrawing the United States from international efforts to combat climate change **	30	65	14	16	15	50	5	[230]
All Voters  Overturning the fracking regulations that protect groundwater and the requirement that oil and gas companies disclose the chemicals they use in the fracking process on public lands	30	63	15	15	19	44	7	[213/ 223]
All Voters	30	62	17	13	14	48	8	-
Allowing for new leases of national public lands to coal companies for mining								[211/ 221]
All Voters  Eliminating the limit on how much methane gas energy companies are allowed to vent, leak, or otherwise waste when drilling on public lands	31	62	11	20	17	45	7	[212/ 222]
All Voters  Limiting the authority of the U.S.  Environmental Protection Agency to protect small waterways and wetlands from pollution	33	61	16	17	15	46	6	[215/ 225]
All Voters	39	57	23	16	12	45	4	-

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q.10 (cont'd)	Total <u>Support</u>	Total Oppose	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Eliminating the requirement that federal agencies consider and publicly disclose the impact of their actions on climate change	24	EG	46	40	40	40	40	[218/ 228]
All Voters	34	56	16	18	16	40	10	
Blocking the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from setting stricter limits on automobile pollution								[214/ 224]
All Voters	39	56	21	18	18	38	5	
Opening offshore areas off the coast of the Atlantic and in the Arctic Ocean for new oil and gas drilling **								[229]
All Voters	47	47	21	26	12	35	6	

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A). \*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now based on the specific policies I mentioned, is your overall opinion of the approach President-elect Trump or Republican leaders in Congress want to take on energy and the environment very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable? 11.

	All	
	<u>Voters</u>	
Very favorable	15	[231]
Somewhat favorable	28	
Somewhat unfavorable	17	
Very unfavorable	34	
Not sure	6	
Total Favorable	43	
Total Unfavorable	51	

12. Now I'm going to mention some potential consequences of these energy and environmental policies that President-elect Trump or Republican leaders in Congress have said they might take. For each one, please tell me whether it is a very big concern, a fairly big concern, somewhat of a concern, or not a concern?

(READ ITEM)—is this a very big concern, a fairly big concern, somewhat of a concern, or not a concern for you?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL VOTERS WHO SAY VERY BIG CONCERN

	Total Big <u>Concern</u>	Very Big <u>Concern</u>	Fairly Big <u>Concern</u>	Somewhat Of A <u>Concern</u>	Not A Concern	Not <u>Sure</u>	
They would contaminate our clean drinking water supplies							[233]
All Voters	80	74	6	9	10	1	
They would release chemicals that are hazardous to human health							[237]
All Voters	80	72	8	11	8	1	
They will provide subsidies and loopholes to big oil companies at the expense of taxpayers							[239]
All Voters	74	65	9	13	11	2	
They would increase air pollution							[232]
All Voters	71	62	9	17	11	1	
They would make climate change worse, which would increase the risk of more extreme droughts, storms, floods, heat waves, and wildfires							[238]
All Voters	67	60	7	13	18	2	
They would be a give-away to lobbyists and wealthy special interests that fund their campaigns							[235]
All Voters	68	59	9	15	13	4	
They would increase extinction by reducing protections for rare and at-risk wildlife							[240]
All Voters	65	55	10	19	13	3	
They would expand drilling on national public lands, coastlines, and other precious areas							[236]
All Voters	64	54	10	19	15	2	
They would promote reliance on non- renewable, dirty energy sources							[234]
All Voters	62	51	11	19	14	5	

13a. Supporters of these new policies say that for too long Washington has stood in the way of our nation's energy independence with needless and redundant regulations that have increased the cost of energy and had a devastating effect on job production. These proposals will allow us to take full advantage of America's abundant natural resources--including natural gas, oil, and coal. This approach will increase our supply of energy at home, lower fuel prices, create good-paying jobs, and reduce our reliance on foreign oil.

Opponents of these policies say they will only help the Big Oil and coal companies that have dumped millions of dollars into TV ads and political campaigns. The fossil fuel industry already gets eighteen billion dollars in subsidies and now it wants even more government giveaways to expand fossil fuel extraction on public lands, in our oceans, and near our communities. Instead of investing more in finite, dirty energy sources such as oil, gas, and coal, we should be investing in clean energy sources that offer America a permanent solution to energy independence and would make the U.S. a world leader in renewable energy innovation.

Who do you agree with more--supporters of Donald Trump and congressional Republicans' approach, or opponents of Donald Trump and congressional Republicans' approach? \*

All	
<u>Voters</u>	
35	[241]
48	
8	
9	
	35 48

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

13b. Supporters of these new policies say that for too long Washington has stood in the way of our nation's energy independence with needless and redundant regulations that have increased the cost of energy and had a devastating effect on job production. These proposals will allow us to take full advantage of America's abundant natural resources--including natural gas, oil, and coal. This approach will increase our supply of energy at home, lower fuel prices, create good-paying jobs, and reduce our reliance on foreign oil.

Opponents of these policies say that this fossil-fuel driven approach to energy will harm public health and the important natural places that are our heritage as Americans. These dangerous policies eliminate vital protections against pollution of the air we breathe and the water we drink and will increase carbon pollution that scientists say is responsible for climate change. We have a responsibility to our children and grandchildren to protect America's priceless natural heritage, and to preserve our clean air and clean water.

Who do you agree with more--supporters of Donald Trump and congressional Republicans' approach or opponents of Donald Trump and congressional Republicans' approach? \*\*

	All	
	<u>Voters</u>	
Supporters of this approach	36	[242]
Opponents of this approach	50	
Both/neither (VOL)	9	
Not sure	5	

<sup>\*\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

14. Next I'm going to read you some reasons why people oppose the policies that President-elect Donald Trump or Republicans in Congress have talked about for energy and the environment. For each one, please tell me whether you think it is a very strong reason to oppose these policies, a fairly strong reason, not that strong of a reason, or not a strong reason at all.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL VOTERS WHO SAY VERY STRONG REASON

	Total Strong Reason	Very Strong Reason	Fairly Strong <u>Reason</u>	Not That Strong Of A <u>Reason</u>	Not A Strong Reason At All	Not Sure	
Our parks, lands, waters, and wildlife are part of America's outdoor heritage that we all have a moral obligation to protect for children and grandchildren. It is our responsibility to protect this legacy so that we can guarantee that future generations can enjoy the beauty of our nation, learn about nature, and experience their heritage just like we did							[245/ 253]
All Voters	83	63	20	8	7	2	[246/ 254]
All Voters	79	61	18	9	9	3	[248/ 256]
All Voters	76	61	15	10	10	4	[258]
All Voters	79	59	20	10	8	3	[247/ 255]
All Voters	78	59	19	10	8	4	

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

<sup>\*\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q.14 (cont'd)	Total Strong <u>Reason</u>	Very Strong <u>Reason</u>	Fairly Strong <u>Reason</u>	Not That Strong Of A <u>Reason</u>	Not A Strong Reason <u>At All</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
These policies go too far. They are part of an extreme partisan agenda that tips the scales too far toward fossil fuels, special interests, and the well-connected. We need a balanced approach that grows America's renewable energy economy, protects our air, water, and wildlife, and that helps bring our country together around our shared values							[249/ 257]
All Voters	80	56	24	8	9	3	
and create hundreds of thousands of jobs in the clean energy economy  All Voters	74	55	19	11	12	3	[243/ 251]
climate change and are just looking to protect their own self-interest by doing the bidding of the oil companies and other polluters who fund their campaigns *  All Voters	69	54	15	8	17	6	[250]
Many scientists say that in order to avoid reaching the tipping point in the earth's temperature, which will result in severe climate impacts, we cannot afford to burn all the fossil fuels that are available. We need to keep as much of our current supplies of oil, gas, and coal in the ground as we can, so that we do not make climate change worse							[244/ 252]
All Voters	69	52	17	12	15	4	

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A). \*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

15. Which one or two of the following, if any, concern you the most about how the Trump administration and the Republicans in Congress might take on energy and the environment? (IF RESPONDENT CHOOSES MORE THAN TWO, ASK:) If you had to choose just one or two, which would they be?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF ALL VOTERS

	All <u>Voters</u>	
They would ignore the conclusions of scientists and medical experts, and base their decisions on politics and ideology	24	[259]
They would do what big oil companies and other special interests want, rather than what's in the public's best interest	24	>
Instead of working for a balanced energy policy, they would prioritize the development of oil, gas, and coal priority over the protection of the environment	20	
They would let lobbyists for the energy industry write the bills and set the policies, with few checks and balances	19	
Instead of unifying the country around mainstream ideas, they will take a divisive and extreme approach	13	
None of these (VOL)	13	
Not sure	8	

16a. Now based on everything we have talked about, is your overall opinion of these policies that President-elect Trump or Republicans in Congress have said they might propose very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

	All Voters		
Very favorable	17	CONTINUE	[260]
Somewhat favorable	23		
Somewhat unfavorable	13	Skip to Q.16c	
Very unfavorable	39		
Not sure	8	Skip to Factuals	
Total Favorable	40		
Total Unfavorable	52		

## (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY FAVORABLE IN Q.16a)

16b. Why do you feel that way? Why do you have a (VERY/SOMÉWHAT FAVORABLE) opinion of these policies that President-elect Trump or Republicans in Congress have said they might propose? [261-271]

	All
	<u>Voters</u>
He will bring change, we needed a change, will turn things around	9%
Agree with his views/ideas/stand on issues/plans sound good	9
He will be good for the economy/agree with his views on economic issues	8
He will do a good job, will get things done, will be a good president	6
Less dependent on foreign oil, gas, not beholden to foreign companies	6
Wait and see, never know until they do it, until it happens	6
Won't ignore the environment/will do what is right for the environment	5
Honest, trustworthy, doesn't owe anybody, I believe in him, his promise	5
Nothing, none, don't know, no response	9%

## (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY UNFAVORABLE IN Q.16a)

16c. Why do you feel that way? Why do you have a (VERY/SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE) opinion of these policies that President-elect Trump or Republicans in Congress have said they might propose? [308-318]

	All <u>Voters</u>
Lack of concern for the environment, not good for the environment	20%
Not for us, doesn't care about us, not for the common man	11
Self-serving, only cares about himself, making more money	10
Disagree with their ideas, their views, the things they are proposing	7
Too concerned with special interest groups/big businesses/the wealthy	7
Need to care, protect future generations/our children/their kids	6
Need to protect the animals, endangering animals, wildlife	5
He doesn't believe in climate change/climate change is real, a threat	5
Nothing, none, don't know, no response	6%

## FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

<u>Voters</u>	
1	[319-320]
3	
23	
21	
9	
25	
1	
13	
2	
2	
	1 3 23 21 9 25 1 13 2

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F2. Would you describe yourself as a hunter or an angler?

	All	
	<u>Voters</u>	
Yes, describe self as hunter or angler	43	[321]
No, do not describe self as hunter or angler	48	
Not sure	9	

F3. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be very conservative, somewhat conservative, middle of the road, somewhat liberal, or very liberal?

	All	
	Voters	
Very conservative	18	[322]
Somewhat conservative	22	
Middle of the road	29	
Somewhat liberal	16	
Very liberal	11	
Not sure	4	
Total Conservative	40	
Total Liberal	27	

F4. Are you currently employed? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS "NO, NOT EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

	All	
	Voters	
Yes, employed	61	[323]
Student		
Homemaker	5	
Retired	24	
Unemployed, looking for work	3	
Volunteer (VOL)	-	
Disabled (VOL)	2	
Not sure/refused	2	

F5. What is the best way to describe the area where you live--a city, a suburb, a small town, or a rural area?

	All	
	<u>Voters</u>	
A city	26	[324]
A suburb	26	
A small town	23	
A rural area	23	
Not sure	2	

F6. Finally, if you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and sixty thousand dollars, between sixty thousand dollars and eighty thousand dollars, between eighty thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than one hundred thousand dollars?

	All	
	<u>Voters</u>	
Less than \$40,000	17	[325]
Between \$40,000 and \$60,000	18	
Between \$60,000 and \$80,000	16	
Between \$80,000 and \$100,000	12	
More than \$100,000	22	
Not sure/refused	15	