

National Tracking Poll

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Topline Report

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
NMA1	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Coal remains the world's leading fuel for electricity generation. Meeting global emissions targets will require significant momentum in commercially viable advanced coal technologies and carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS). As policymakers consider investments in energy innovation and deployment of advanced technologies as part of the nation's economic recovery, U.S. leadership in advancing CCUS and other essential coal technologies must be a priority.</i>		
	Strongly agree	413	21%
	Somewhat agree	705	35%
	Somewhat disagree	236	12%
	Strongly disagree	169	8%
	Don't know/No opinion	468	23%
NMA2	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? California's ambitious transition to intermittent renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar, without the required constant baseload power led to rolling blackouts that are of great concern. The limits of today's technologies still require baseload power from fuels like natural gas, coal and nuclear that can be dispatched when needed to supplement weather-dependent renewables. States should proceed with caution when adding weather-dependent sources of power to the grid.</i>		
	Strongly agree	564	28%
	Somewhat agree	733	37%
	Somewhat disagree	248	12%
	Strongly disagree	111	6%
	Don't know/No opinion	335	17%

Intermittent/renewable energy sources

without baseload power

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NMA3	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Americans are concerned about electricity affordability in the midst of so much economic uncertainty, yet policymakers continue to pursue aggressive changes to the grid that will raise consumer rates. While the cost of electricity from renewable sources of power is falling, the system costs of integrating these intermittent sources of energy is rising and those costs are passed onto the consumer. Before retiring well-operating power plants, utilities should consider the impact of the transition to renewables on their customers.</i>		
	Strongly agree	683	34%
	Somewhat agree	728	37%
	Somewhat disagree	207	10%
	Strongly disagree	80	4%
	Don't know/No opinion	292	15%
NMA4	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? A major U.S. electric utility with more than 7 million customers just reported that moving aggressively to renewable sources of power, which would require early retirement of well-operating baseload coal and natural gas plants, could add \$50 or more to monthly electricity bills. An additional \$50 per month in electricity bills is too much to ask of ratepayers.</i>		
	Strongly agree	796	40%
	Somewhat agree	529	27%
	Somewhat disagree	255	13%
	Strongly disagree	150	8%
	Don't know/No opinion	260	13%
NMA5	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Together with iron ore, coal is indispensable in the production of steel. As countries around the world look to large-scale infrastructure projects to aid in their post-pandemic economic recovery plans – from new bridges or dams to renewable energy systems and subways – the world needs metallurgical coal. The U.S. should be supporting export policies that ensure that the world's appetite for coal is met with supplies from the U.S., where we know it is mined under the strictest environmental and safety standards.</i>		
	Strongly agree	460	23%
	Somewhat agree	737	37%
	Somewhat disagree	215	11%
	Strongly disagree	114	6%
	Don't know/No opinion	464	23%

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.