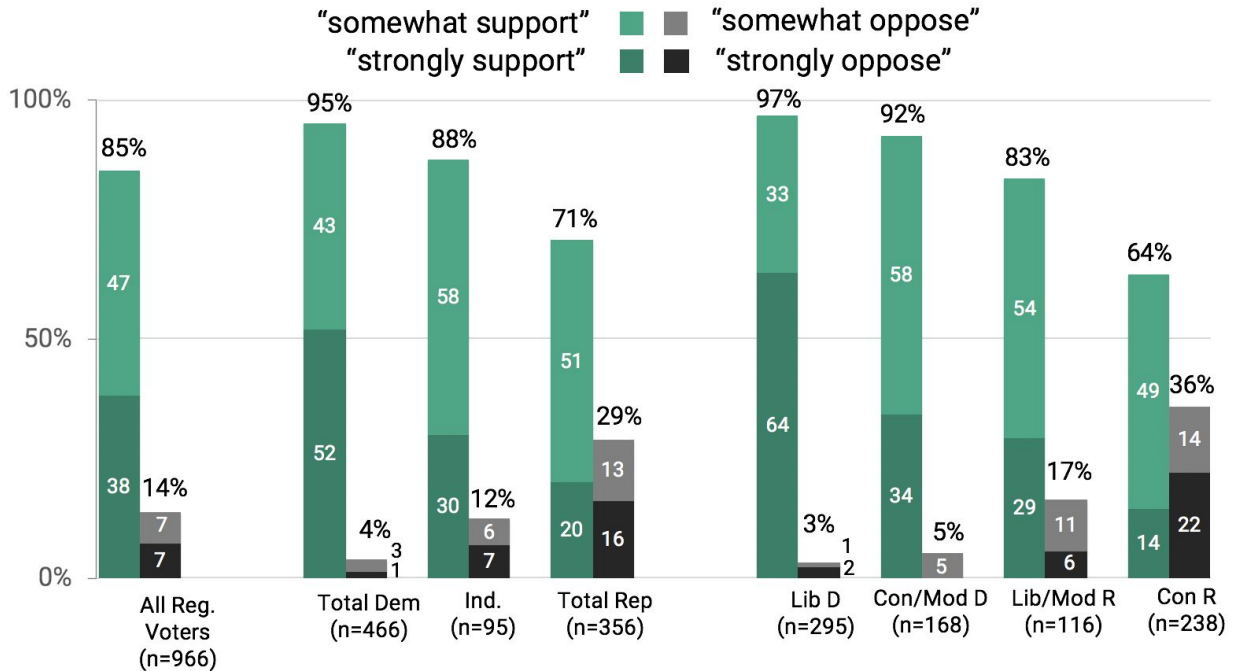


February 26, 2019 – (New Haven, CT) A new national [survey](#) finds strong bipartisan support for policies that promote a transition from fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy.

For example, 85% of registered voters – including 95% of Democrats and 71% of Republicans – support requiring utilities in their state to produce 100% of their electricity from clean, renewable sources by 2050. About half of registered voters say they are more likely to vote for a candidate who supports this policy.

“A transition to 100% clean, renewable energy is a key plank of the proposed Green New Deal,” said Dr. Anthony Leiserowitz of Yale University. “Voters have already reached a strong bipartisan consensus in support of this goal.”

A Large Bipartisan Majority of Registered Voters Support Requiring Electric Utilities to Use 100% Clean, Renewable Energy by 2050



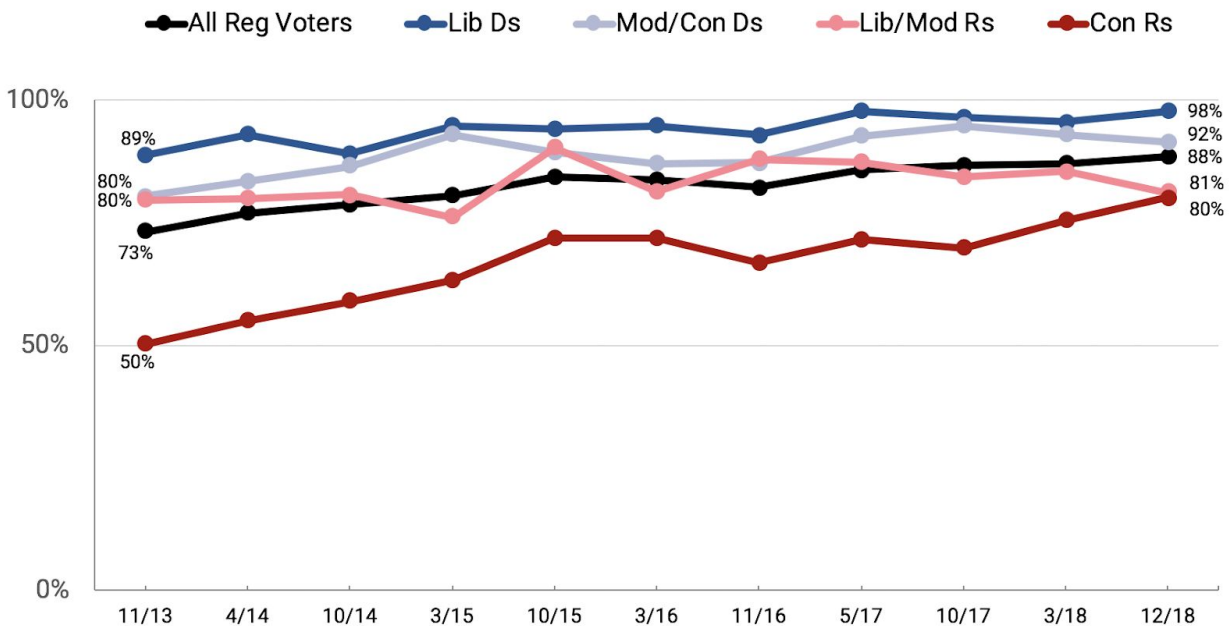
How much do you support or oppose requiring electric utilities in your state to produce 100% of their electricity from clean, renewable energy sources (such as wind and solar) by 2050?

December 2018. Base: Registered American voters (n=966)



Between 2013 and 2018, support for funding renewable energy research increased by 15 percentage points among registered voters (from 73% to 88%). This growing support was primarily driven by a large shift among conservative Republicans, whose support increased by 30 points from 50% to 80%.

Support for Funding Renewable Energy Research Has Increased Over the Last Five Years - % who say “strongly” or “somewhat” support -



How much do you support or oppose the following policies: Fund more research into renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power.

Nov. 2013 to Dec. 2018. Base: Registered American voters (n=11,262).



Other important findings:

- 71% of Americans say clean energy should be a “high” or “very high” priority for the president and Congress.
- 62% of Americans think coal energy is harmful to people’s health. By contrast very few Americans think wind or solar energy are harmful (5% each).
- 58% of Americans think policies to speed the transition from fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy will improve economic growth and create new jobs. Only 18% of Americans think such policies will *reduce* economic growth and jobs.

“Most Americans understand that burning coal to make electricity is bad for our health,” said Dr. Edward Maibach of George Mason University. “They also understand that switching to clean, renewable energy will clean our air and our water, and make us healthier.”

These findings come from a nationally representative survey (Climate Change in the American Mind) conducted by the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication and the George Mason University Center for Climate Change Communication. The survey of 1,114 American adults, aged 18 and older, was conducted November 28 – December 11, 2018 on the Ipsos KnowledgePanel.

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