

# Montana Voters Support the Clean Electricity Standard

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In mid-June 2021, Data for Progress and Montana Conservation Voters conducted a survey of 560 likely voters in Montana, using SMS and web panel respondents, to assess support for President Biden's proposed clean electricity standard, along with other key climate and clean energy provisions in the American Jobs Plan.

We find that **a clear majority of Montana voters support putting America on a path to achieving 100 percent clean electricity by 2035**, including a majority of Democrats and Independents and more than 30 percent of Republicans.

We also find that Montana voters support federal investments in clean energy jobs, even after being presented with counter-arguments, and support the American Jobs Plan's incentives for low-pollution technologies.

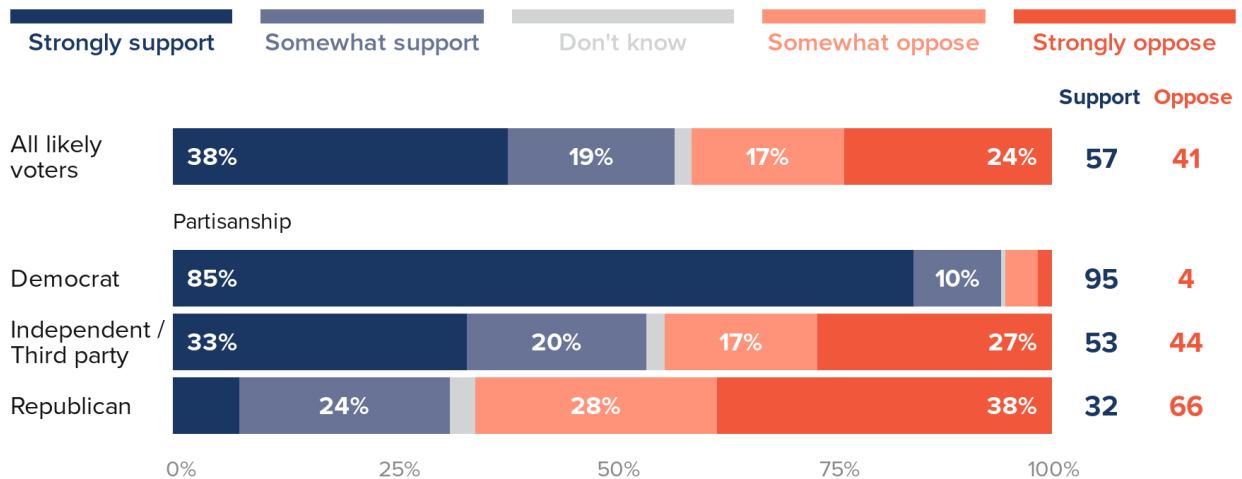
# MONTANA VOTERS SUPPORT A FEDERAL CLEAN ELECTRICITY STANDARD

We first asked respondents about the American Jobs Plan’s proposed clean electricity standard, which would put America on a path towards achieving a 100 percent carbon-free electricity grid by 2035. We find that Montana voters support this proposal to transition to a cleaner, more reliable grid by a 16-point margin (57 percent support, 41 percent oppose). The proposal is overwhelmingly popular with Democrats, who support it by a 91-point margin, and also receives majority support from Independents, who favor it by a 9-point margin. While Republican voters oppose the clean electricity standard by a 34-point margin, more than 30 percent say they support the proposal.

## Montana Voters Support Transitioning to a 100 Percent Clean Electricity Grid

The American Jobs Plan includes a proposal that puts America on a path to achieving a 100% clean and reliable electricity system by 2035.

Do you support or oppose this proposal?



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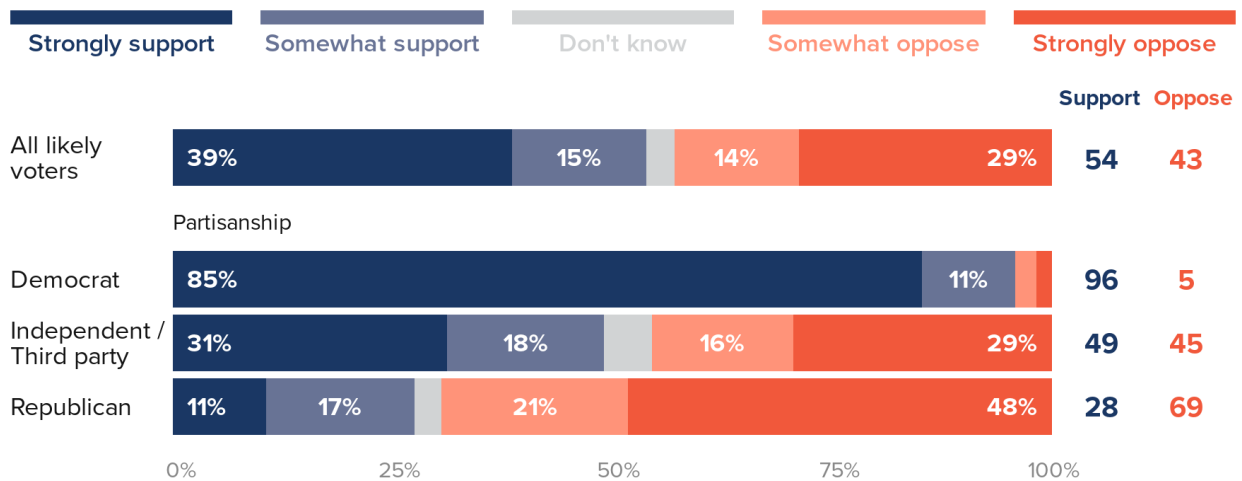


# MONTANA VOTERS SUPPORT GOVERNMENT INVESTMENTS TO CREATE MILLIONS OF CLEAN ENERGY JOBS WITH FAIR LABOR STANDARDS

Next, we asked respondents if they support or oppose the American Jobs Plan’s provisions to create new good-paying, union jobs in manufacturing new clean energy technologies such as wind turbines, solar panels, and electric vehicles. We find that Montana voters support these investments by a clear 11-point margin (54 percent support, 43 percent oppose). This includes an overwhelming 91-point majority of Democrats and a 4-point plurality of Independents. Republican voters oppose these investments by a 41-point margin.

## Montana Voters Support the American Jobs Plan's Investments in Clean Energy Jobs

The American Jobs Plan includes investments to create new good-paying, union jobs to manufacturing the technologies of the future, like wind turbines, solar panels, and electric vehicles. Do you support or oppose these investments?



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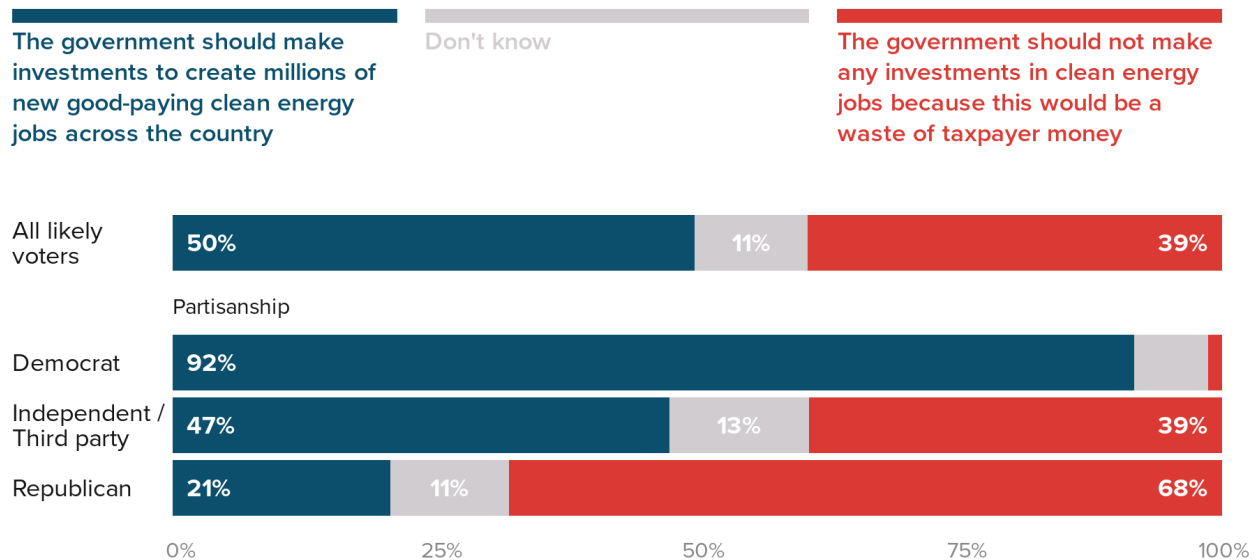
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To assess how support for federal investments in clean energy job creation is resilient to pushback, we also presented voters with two response options relating to clean energy jobs, and asked them to select the one they most agree with. One option argued that the government should create millions of good-paying clean energy jobs, while the other argued that the government should not make these investments because they would be a waste of taxpayer money. We find that even after presenting voters with this counter-argument, support for clean energy jobs remains high: by an 11-point margin, Montana voters agree the government should make investments to create millions of new clean energy jobs across the country. Support also remains strong among Democrats and Independents, who agree with this stance by 91-point and 8-point margins, respectively. Republicans oppose these investments by a 47-point margin.

## Montana Voters Support Federal Investments to Accelerate Clean Energy Job Growth

Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?



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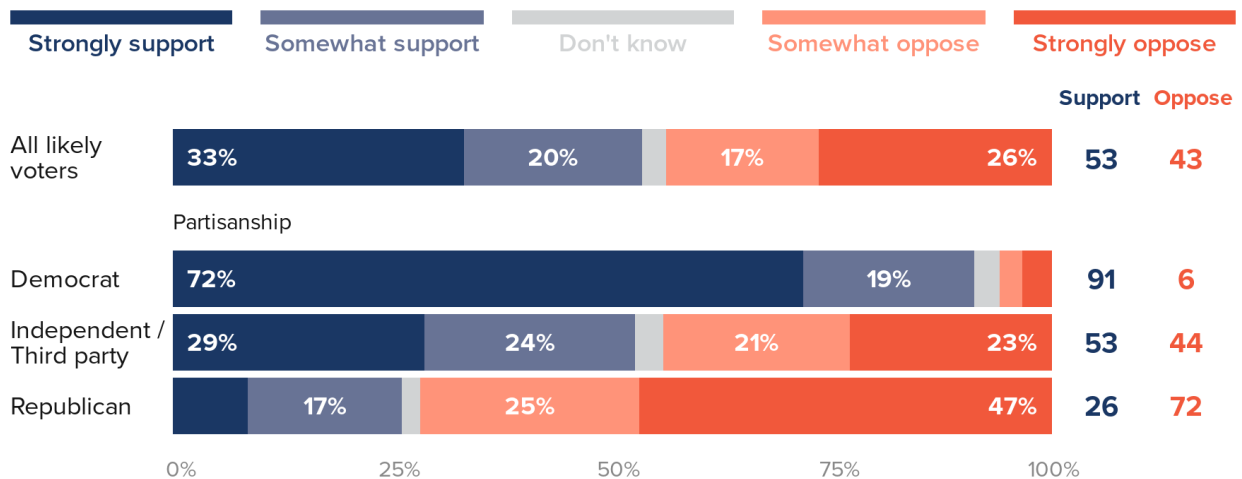
# MONTANA VOTERS WANT TO PROVIDE CONSUMERS INCENTIVES FOR PURCHASING LOW-POLLUTION TECHNOLOGIES

We then asked voters if they support or oppose the American Jobs Plan’s proposal to provide consumers rebates and other financial incentives for low-pollution technologies, such as electric vehicles, solar panels, and energy-efficient home appliances. We find that by a 10-point margin, Montana voters support federal initiatives to make low-pollution technologies more affordable for consumers (53 percent support, 43 percent oppose). This includes an overwhelming 85-point margin of support among Democrats and a 9-point margin of support among Independents. Republicans oppose these incentives by a 46-point margin.

## Montana Voters Support Consumer Incentives for Purchasing Low-Pollution Technologies

The American Jobs Plan includes funding to give consumers rebates and other incentives to purchase items such as electric vehicles, solar panels, and home appliances that are more efficient and create less pollution.

Do you support or oppose this proposal?



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## CONCLUSION

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These findings make it clear that Montana voters broadly support federal investments to create new jobs transforming our nation's electricity grid and manufacturing clean energy technologies. As lawmakers in Congress move to pass the bipartisan infrastructure framework and a budget reconciliation proposal, they should feel confident including investments to create millions of clean energy jobs.

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## SURVEY METHODOLOGY

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From June 12 to 20, 2021, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 560 likely voters in Montana using SMS and web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.

Toplines can be found [here](#).