



Voters Support 100% Clean Electricity by 2035

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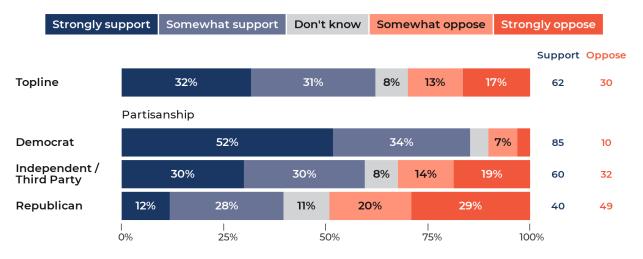
As part of their jobs and justice-centered climate agenda, President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris campaigned and won on achieving a 100% clean, carbon-free power sector by 2035, investing \$2 trillion in clean energy and infrastructure, and ensuring 40% of new clean energy investments go to disadvantaged communities. While President Biden has already signed several executive orders to start tackling the climate crisis at home and abroad, Congress will need to act to pass some of Biden's most ambitious climate plans, including transforming America's power sector to 100% clean, carbonpollution-free energy. In a new policy report, <u>A Roadmap to 100% Clean Electricity by 2035</u>, Data for Progress and Evergreen Action outline a path for Biden and Congress to pass a Clean Electricity Standard (CES) to achieve 100% clean, carbon-free power by 2035. This policy will be essential to ensure that investments in clean energy drive a sustained transformation of our energy system.

In a nationwide survey conducted in January 2021 and in several state-level surveys conducted just before the 2020 election, Data for Progress assessed voter attitudes toward transitioning to a 100% clean, carbon-free power sector and ensuring America meets this clean energy standard by 2035.

There is broad support among voters nationwide for the government transforming the nation's power grid by 2035 to reduce pollution and address the climate crisis. A majority of national likely voters (62 percent) support the government moving the country to a 100% clean energy electricity grid by 2035 to address climate change and reduce pollution, including an overwhelming majority of Democrats (85 percent), a majority of independents (60 percent), and 40 percent of Republicans. Given the high levels of support across party lines, it is clear that a federal CES is not only key to reducing America's carbon emissions, but also popular among the electorate.

A Majority of Voters Support a 2035 Clean Electricity Standard

Would you support or oppose the government moving the country to a 100% clean energy electricity grid by 2035 to address climate change and reduce pollution?



Jan 8 to Jan 11, 2021 survey of 1233 likely voters

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Moreover, voters in the battleground states that led to Democratic wins in the White House and Senate support moving the country to a 100% clean, carbon-free power grid by 2035. There is net support for federal interventions to achieve this energy transition by 2035 in all of the battleground states that Data for Progress surveyed, notably including Pennsylvania (56 percent), Arizona (56 percent), and Georgia (52 percent).

A Majority of Battleground Senate Voters Support a 100% CES by 2035

Strongly support Somewhat support Don't know Somewhat oppose Strongly oppose Likely voters by state Minnesota 33% 24% 8% 10% 25% Arizona **7**% 10% 35% **27**% 24% 25% Pennsylvania 11% 32% 9% Florida 32% 23% 9% 10% 26% lowa 27% 27% 10% 11% 24% 19% Nevada 35% 8% 11% 27% North 29% 24% 11% 13% 23% Carolina Georgia 31% 21% 14% 11% 24% Texas 29% 11% 10% 29% | 75% 0% 25% 50% 100% **DATA FOR PROGRESS**

Do you support or oppose federal investments to achieve a 100% carbon pollution-free power grid by 2035?

Achieving a 100% clean, carbon-free power sector by 2035 is a popular and critical step toward achieving President Biden and Vice President Harris' commitment to Build Back Better by creating jobs and addressing systemic environmental injustice. It is clear that voters nationwide—including in the battleground states that were pivotal to obtaining a Democratic Senate majority and White House—support the White House and Congress taking action to address climate change with the ambition and urgency that the crisis demands. With bipartisan consensus from voters, Congress should act now to establish a federal CES <u>as outlined by Evergreen and Data for Progress</u> and set the United States on a path toward a clean energy future.

Oct. 27 to Nov. 4 survey of likely voters in MN, AZ, PA, FL, IA, NV, NC, GA, and TX

Survey Methodology:

From January 8 to January 11, 2021, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,233 likely voters nationally using 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 ±2.8 percentage points.

From October 27 to November 4, 2020, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 11,399 likely voters in MN, AZ, PA, FL, IA, NV, NC, GA, and TX 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 for each state ranges from 2.5-3.0 percentage points.