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More Westerners identify as a "conservationist" than with other social movements.

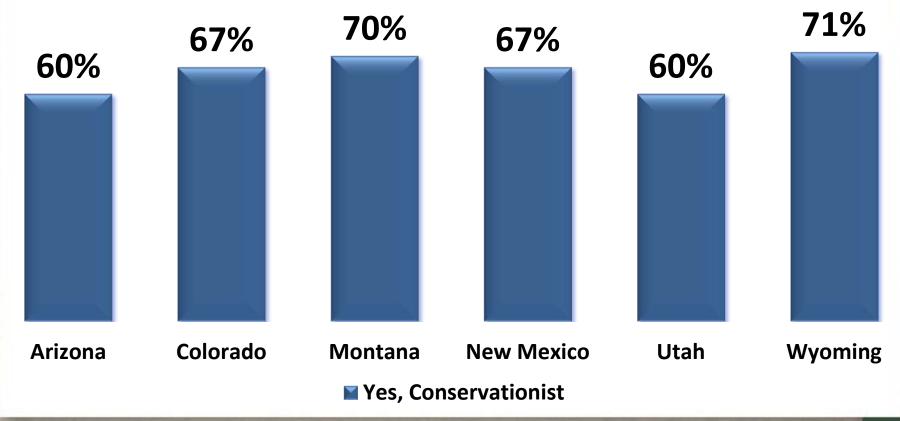






More then three-in-five in every state view themselves as a conservationist.

"Do you consider yourself to be a conservationist?"



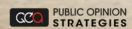




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		Identify as Conservationist
	Angler	69%
	Hunter	66%
	White/Anglo	66%
	Hispanic	62%
	City	67%
	Suburbs	62%
	Town	64%
	Rural	67%





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		Identify as Conservationist
	Tea Party Supporter	67%
Not Tea Party Supporter		63%
	Active Military	62%
	Veteran Household	66%
	Fox News	59%
//FOX	Broadcast	66%
NEWS	CNN or MSNBC	71%
channel	John Stewart/Colbert	67%





Sportsmen represent significant proportions of the electorate in most Western states.

"Do you consider yourself a hunter, an angler or both?"





	Total Hunter	Total Angler
Arizona	22%	30%
Colorado	25%	33%
Montana	49%	53%
New Mexico	33%	35%
Utah	25%	35%
Wyoming	47%	54%

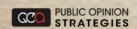


We asked Western voters last year what they liked most about living in the West. More voters pointed to something related to the outdoors than any other feature of life in the West.

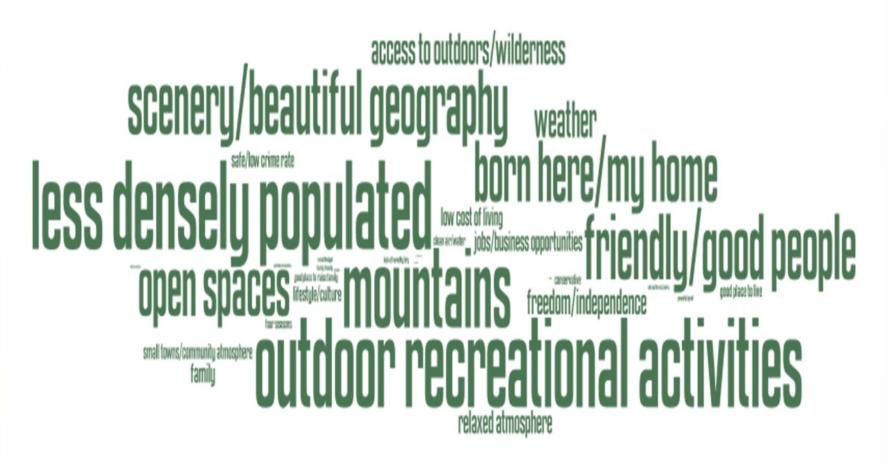








"Other than the weather, what do you like most about living in the Western United States?"*



*2011 survey question asked in five states



