

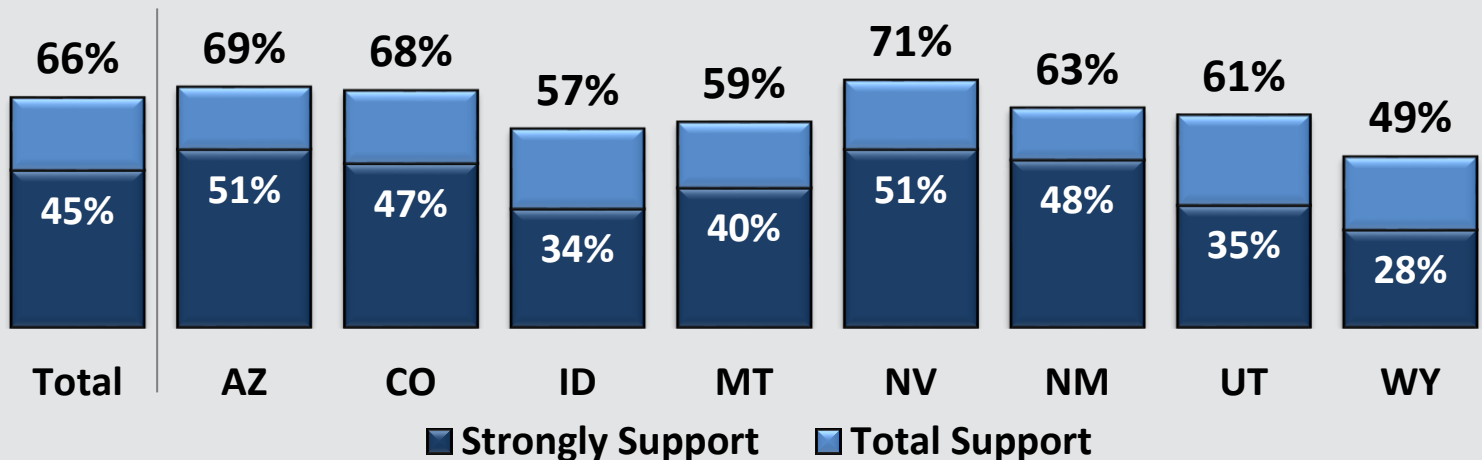
# Energy in the West

*Two-thirds of Western voters advocate for transitioning to 100 percent renewable energy in their state, and solar and wind are the preferred top sources of energy in most states. There is majority support for tighter standards on oil and gas production, even among those who view gas prices as a serious problem.*

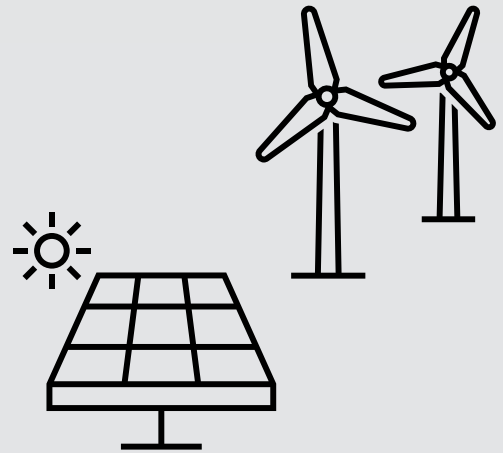


**Two-thirds of Westerners support gradually transitioning their state to 100 percent of the energy being produced from clean, renewable sources over the next 10 to 15 years. A majority in every state support this transition, except for Wyoming where voters are more divided (49 percent support; 51 percent oppose).**

## Gradually Transitioning to 100% Renewable Energy

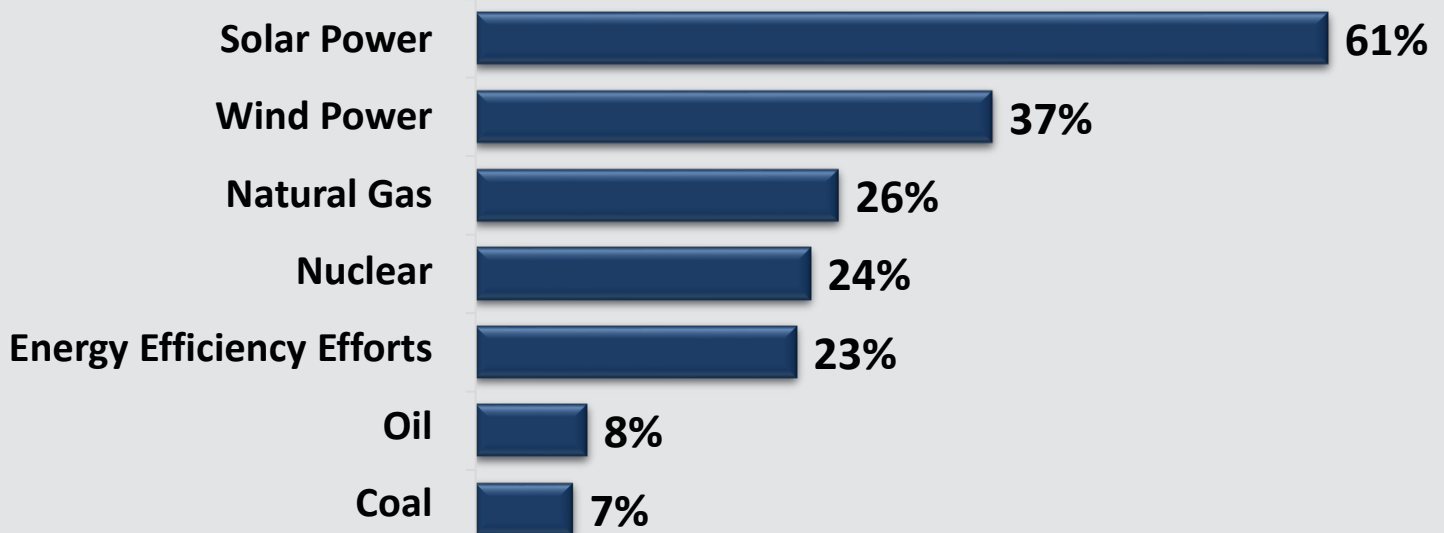


Support for this transition to all renewables is particularly strong among key voter sub-groups such as young voters under age 35 (74 percent support), Latinos (83 percent support), Blacks (86 percent support), moderates (76 percent support), and those who are newer to their state (70 percent support). Moreover, among the 88 percent of voters who consider gas prices to be a serious problem, there is still substantial majority (63 percent) support for a transition to clean energy.



**Westerners also back solar and wind power as the top sources of energy that should be encouraged in their state.** Oil and coal are far behind in preference, although nuclear is on par with natural gas.

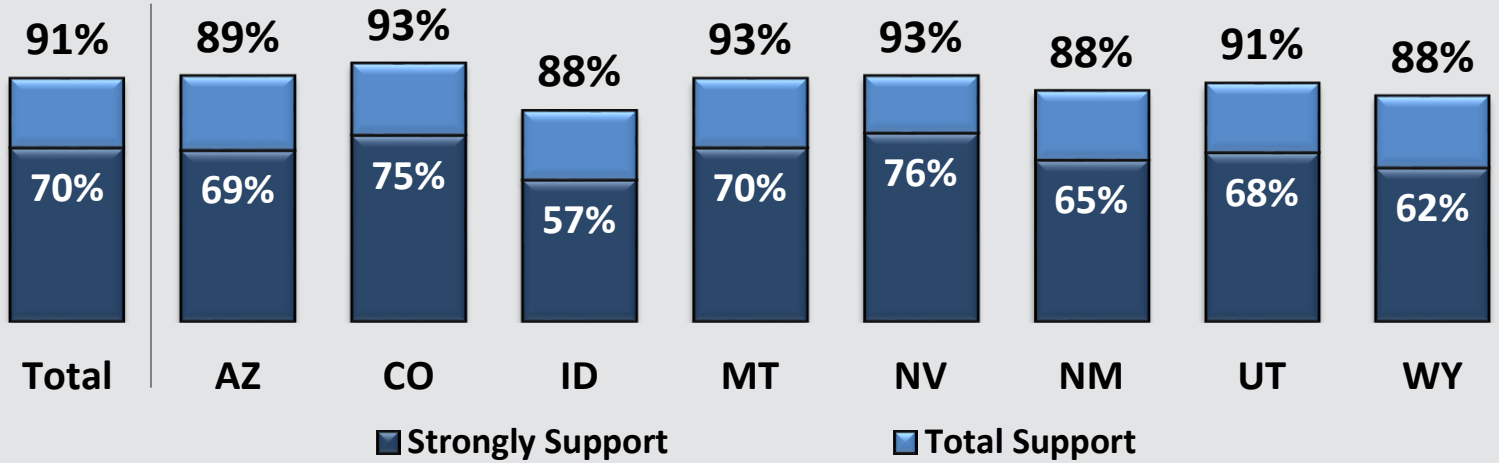
### Energy Sources Voters Want to Encourage the Use Of



**This preference for renewable energy may be grounded in the fact that many Western voters continue to say air pollution and smog is a serious problem in their state.** Overall, 82 percent say the issue is at least a somewhat serious problem. Respondents in Colorado and Utah express the greatest concern about this issue, with 91 percent and 90 percent, respectively, categorizing it as a serious problem in their state. Predictably, voters living in cities (88 percent serious) and suburbs (87 percent) are more likely to say this is a serious issue compared with small town (71 percent serious) and rural voters (75 percent).

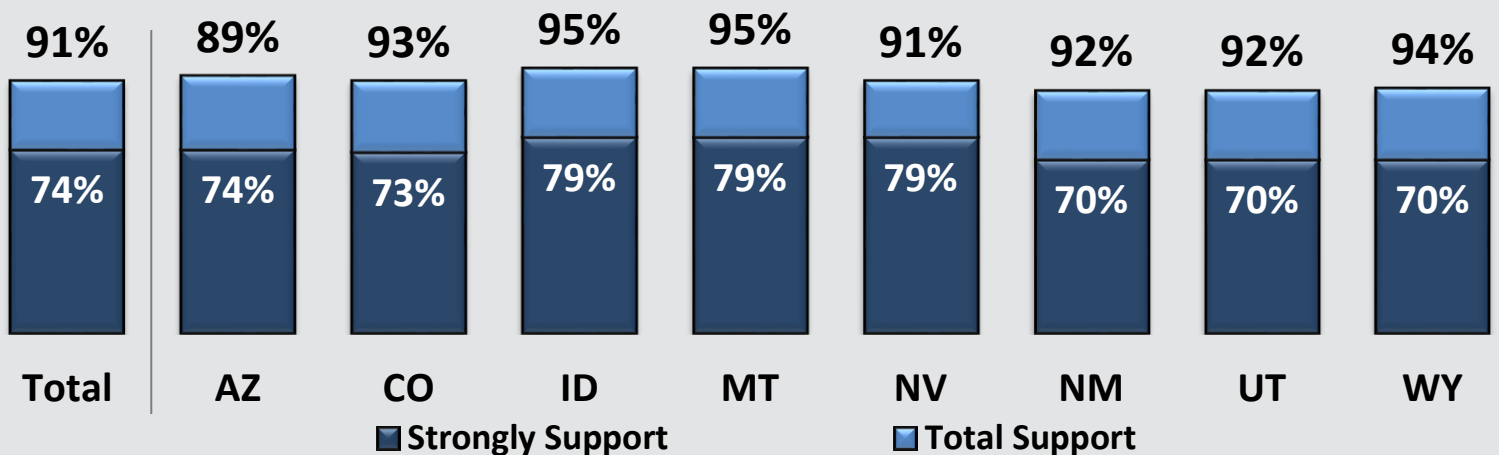
Consistent with the last two years, there is broad and deep support for a proposal that would require oil and gas companies to use updated equipment and technology to prevent leaks of methane gas and other pollution into the air. In addition to substantial support in all the states interviewed, this proposal is also favored by 86 percent of Republicans, 94 percent of Independents, and 95 percent of Democrats.

### Requiring Oil & Gas Companies to Reduce Methane Leaks



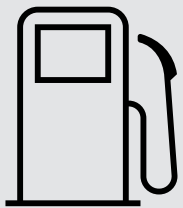
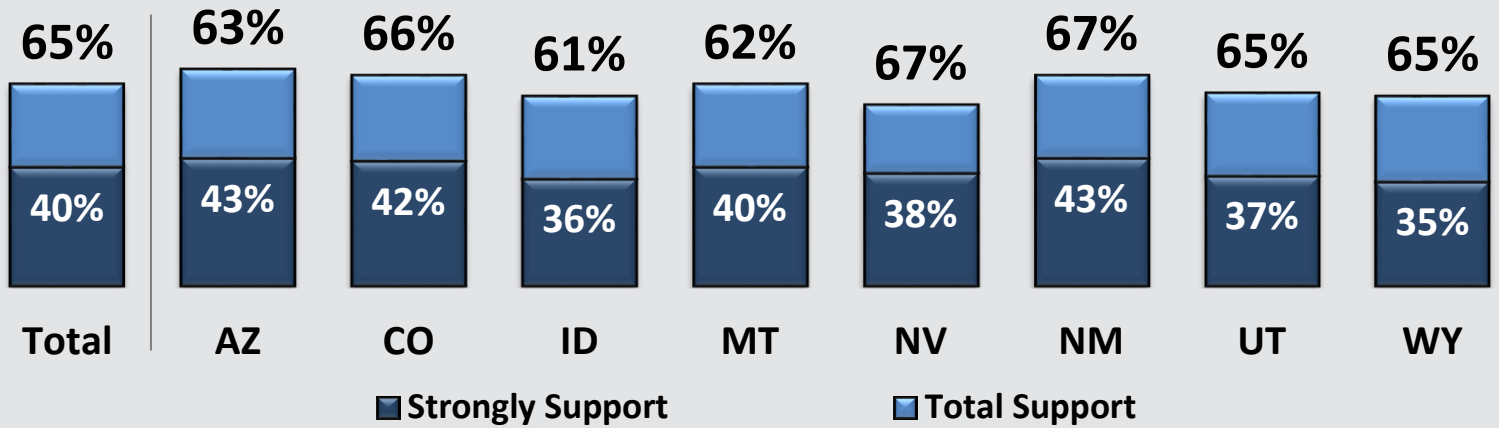
Western voters are in almost unanimous agreement that oil and gas companies should be required to pay for all clean-up and land restoration costs after drilling is finished. Similar to last year, support for this proposal is frankly staggering. Nine-in-ten or more voters in each state favor the proposal. Overwhelming support for this proposal transcends gender, age, party lines, community type, and ethnic background.

### Requiring Oil & Gas Companies to Pay for Cleanup/Restoration



Two-thirds of Westerners support increasing the fees that oil and gas companies pay to have the opportunity to drill on national public lands. Indeed, six-in-ten or more voters across every state would support this increase in drilling fees.

### Increasing Drilling Fees



Importantly, all three of these proposals that include requirements for oil and gas companies are supported by a solid majority of voters who consider gas prices to be a serious problem.

### Support for Oil & Gas Regulation Among Voters Concerned About Gas Prices

