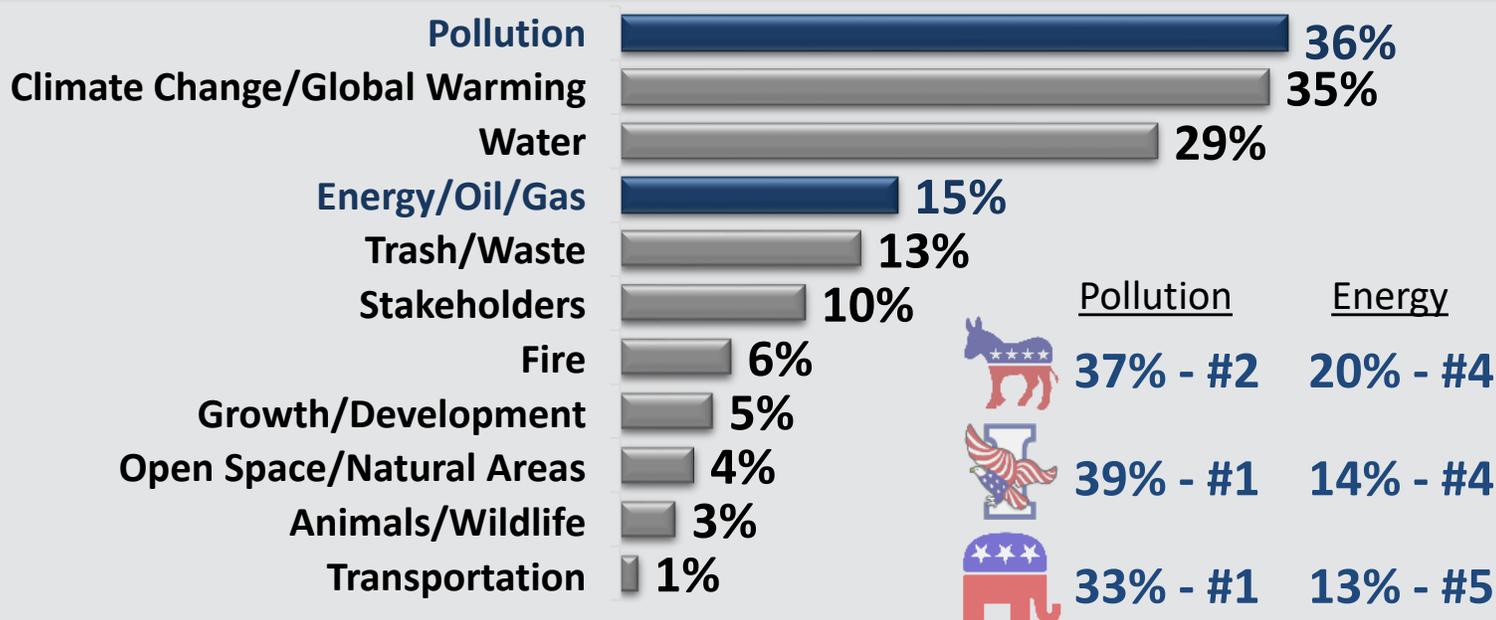


Energy in the West

Western voters express concerns about pollution and support efforts to move to clean, renewable, energy sources.

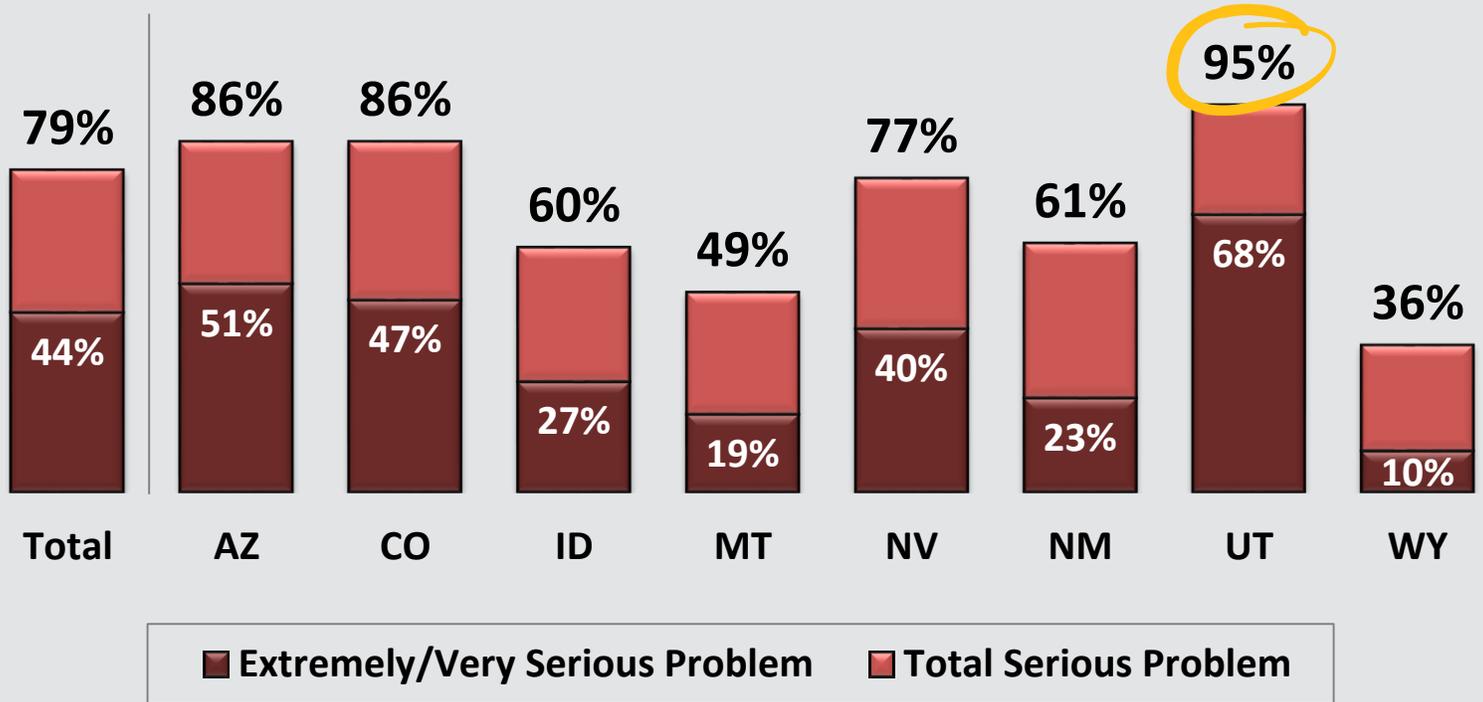
Pollution tops the list of perceived environmental problems volunteered by Western voters, with energy/oil/gas ranking in fourth place. Views on this are similar across the partisan spectrum, with pollution ranking first or second, and energy/oil/gas ranking fourth or fifth.

Most Important Environmental Problem



Overall, a majority of Western voters say air pollution and smog is a serious problem. Consistent with when this question was last asked in 2011, Utah respondents express the greatest concern about this issue. Additionally, voters living in big cities and the suburbs are more likely to say this is a serious issue (85% for both groups), compared with small town (73% serious) and rural voters (66%).

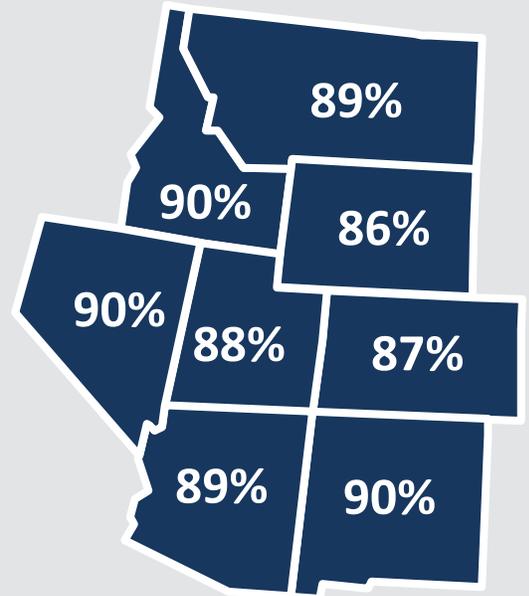
Seriousness of Air Pollution and Smog



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 large support in all the states interviewed, this proposal is also favored by 83% of Republicans, 89% of Independents, and 94% of Democrats.

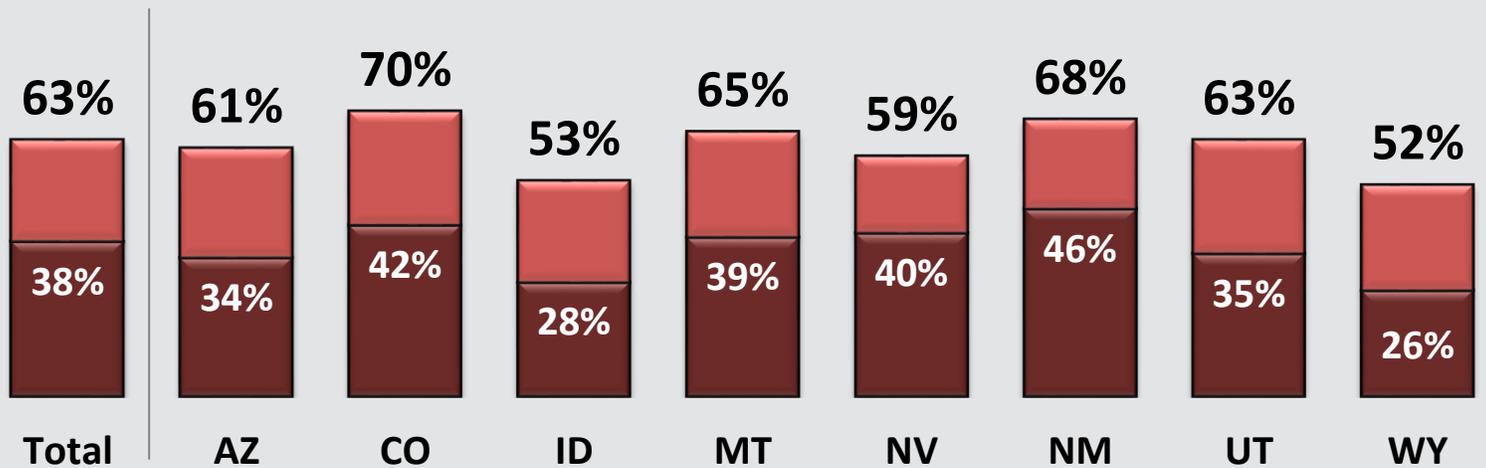
Requiring Oil and Gas Companies to Use Updated Equipment and Technology to Prevent Leaks of Methane Gas and Other Pollution into the Air

88% Support Proposal



Most Western voters say the impact of oil and gas drilling on our land, air, and water is a serious issue. Although Republicans are less concerned (40% serious) than Independents (70%), and Democrats (86%).

Seriousness of the Impact of Oil and Gas Drilling on Our Land, Air And Water

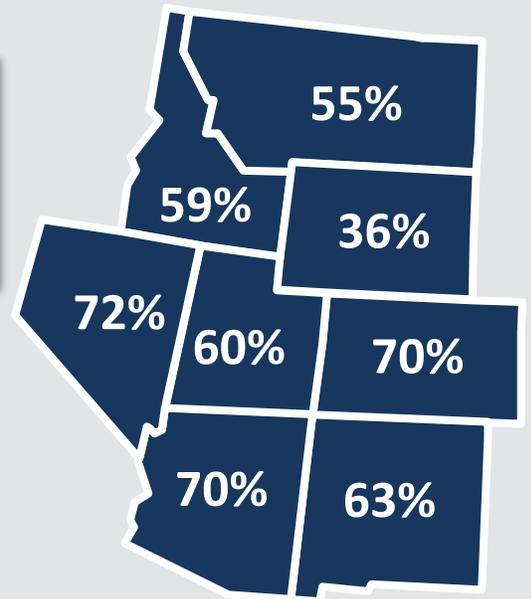


■ Extremely/Very Serious Problem ■ Total Serious Problem

There is majority support for requiring these Western states to gradually transition to 100% of our energy being produced from clean, renewable sources like solar and wind power by 2050. Wyoming is the sole state in which more oppose this idea. Support is particularly strong among key voter sub-groups such as young voters under age 35 (75% support), Latinos (74% support), moderates (76% support), and those who are new to their state (78% support).

Requiring your state to gradually transition to 100% of our energy being produced from clean, renewable sources like solar and wind power over the next thirty years, that is by 2050

66% Support Proposal



More immediately, voters in the West say that most of their electricity should be renewable (mean of 63%). There is **plurality or majority support across party lines that half or more of each state's electricity needs should come from renewable sources** such as solar and wind power.

Percentage of Electricity Needs Should Come From Renewable Sources

