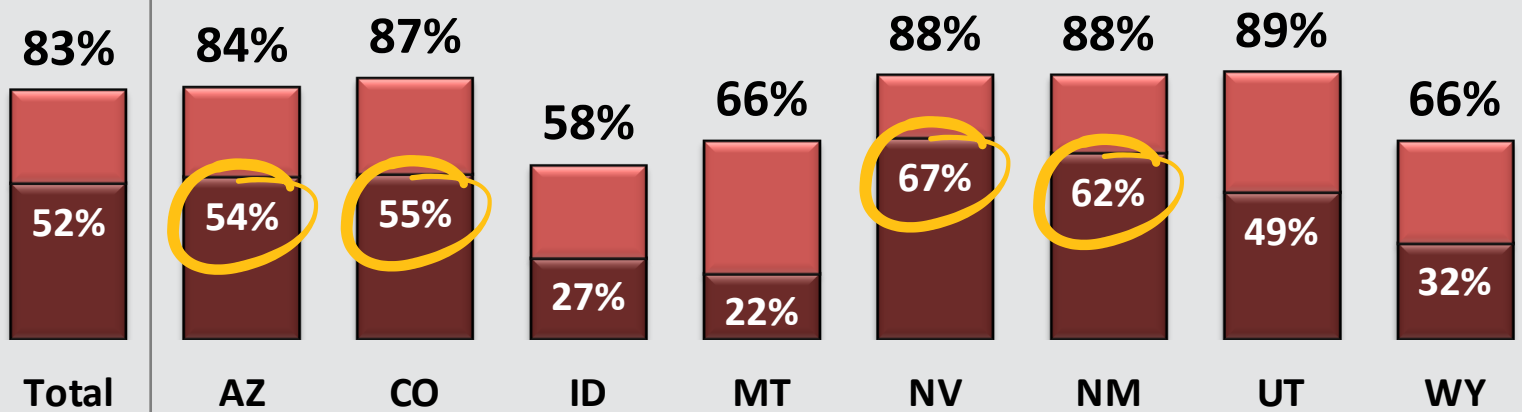


Water in the West

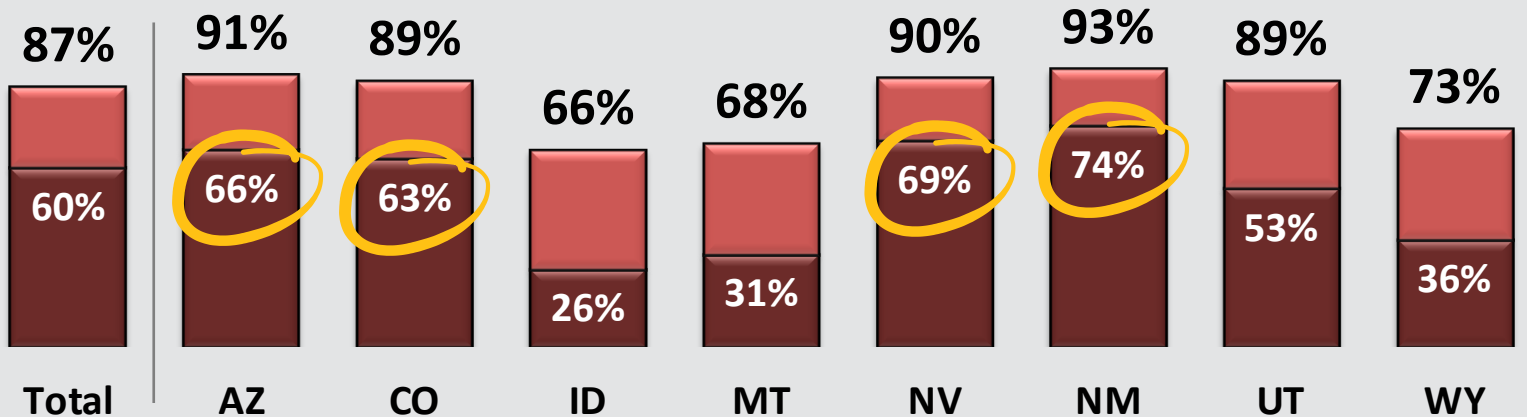
Water is a top environmental concern with voters expressing overwhelming support for proposals regarding protection of and access to water.

Water supply and river levels are perceived as serious problems by the majority of voters across all Western states interviewed. Not surprisingly, inadequate water supplies and low level of water in rivers are of most intense concern in the desert states of Arizona, Nevada, and New Mexico. This year, Coloradoans also express significant concern about inadequate water supplies and low levels of water in rivers in their state.

Seriousness of Inadequate Water Supplies



Seriousness of Low Level of Water in Rivers



■ Extremely/Very Serious Problem ■ Total Serious Problem

Western voters also perceive water pollution to be a serious problem. Majorities of Republicans (74 percent), Independents (86 percent), and Democrats (95 percent) say water pollution is a serious problem. Voters of color are also worried about pollution at higher levels – 89 percent say that it is a serious problem and over three-in-five say that it is an extremely serious or very serious problem.

Seriousness of Specific Water Pollution Issues



**Pollution of rivers,
lakes and streams**

84%



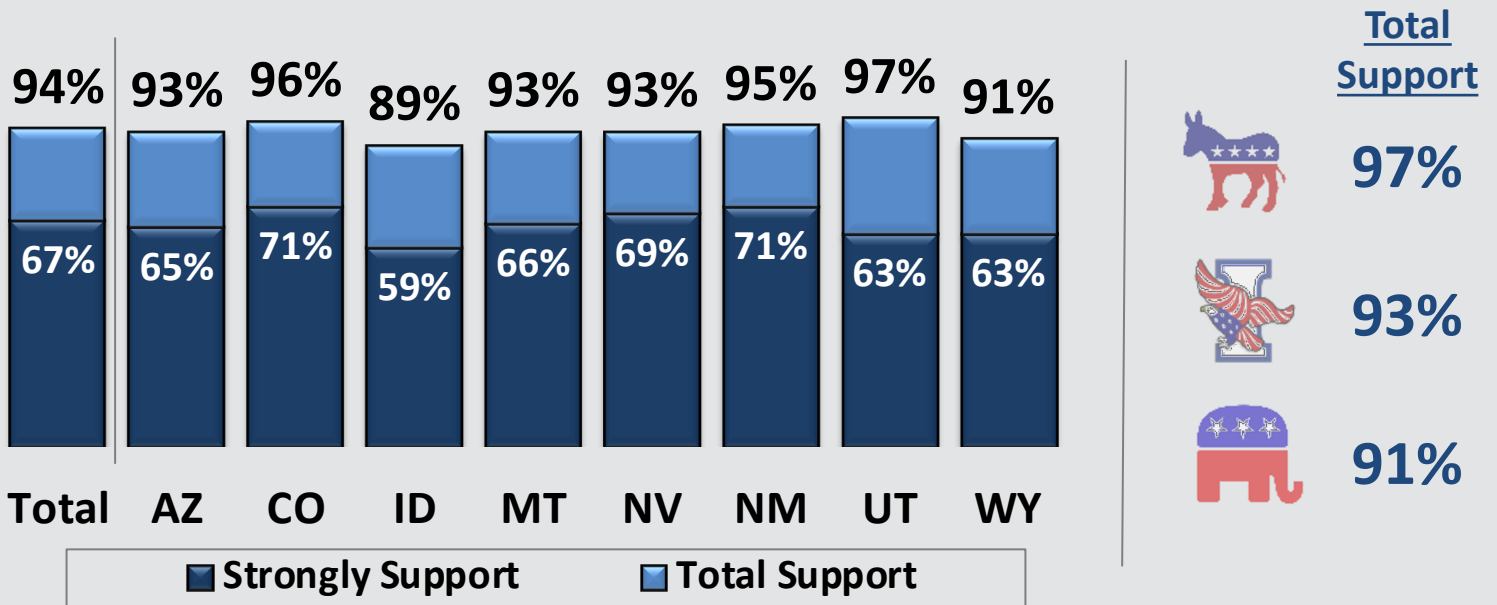
**The impact of oil and
gas drilling on our
land, air and water**

63%



A nearly universal 9A proposal to modernize older water infrastructure to protect sources of drinking water and to help withstand impacts of drought is a top priority for Western voters. 94 percent of voters support dedicating funding for water infrastructure and using nature-based solutions to protect drinking water. There is tremendous support for this proposal across the political spectrum and regardless of community (city – 93 percent support, suburbs – 94 percent support, small town 95 percent support, rural – 94 percent support).

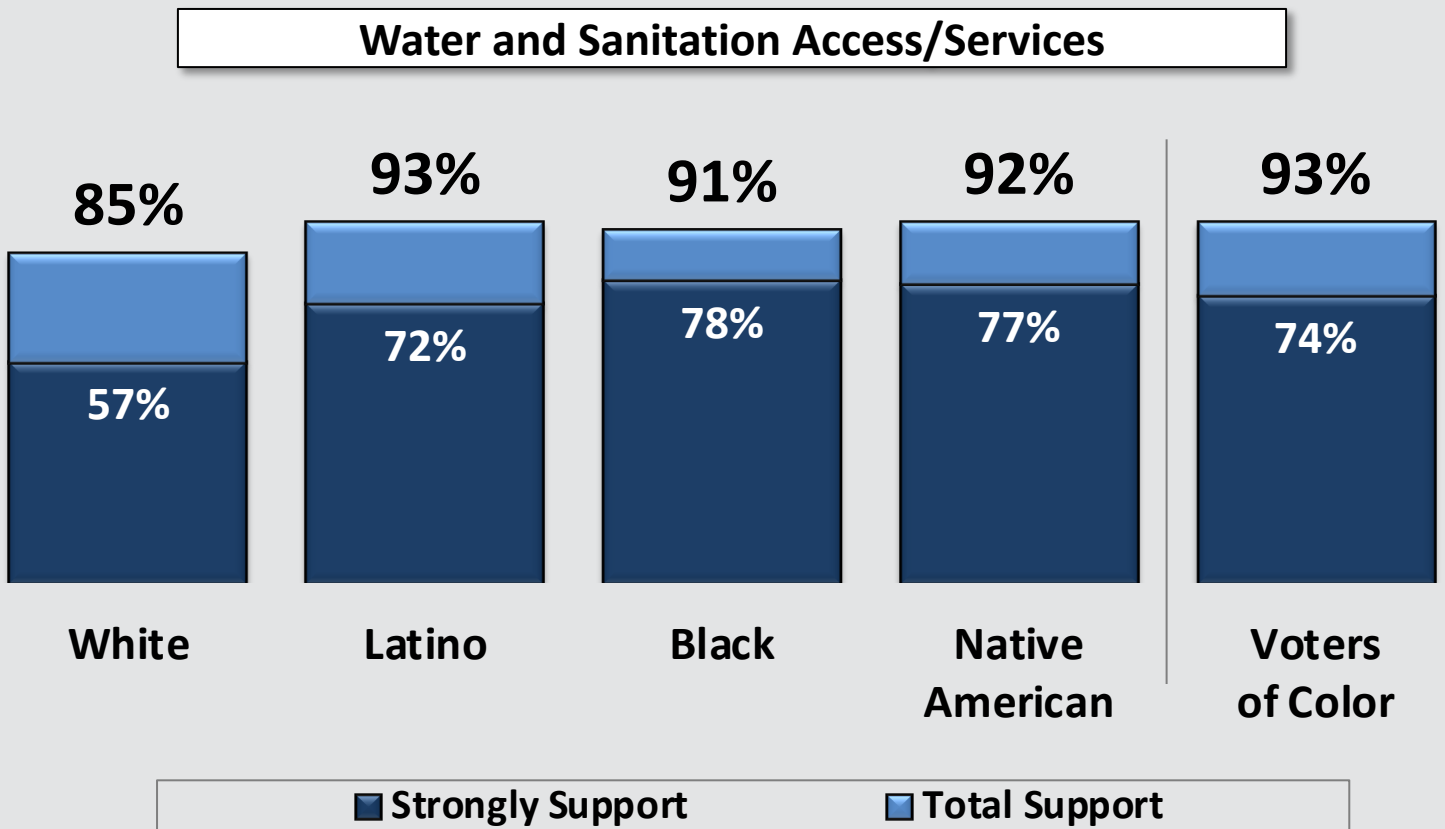
Modernize Water Infrastructure





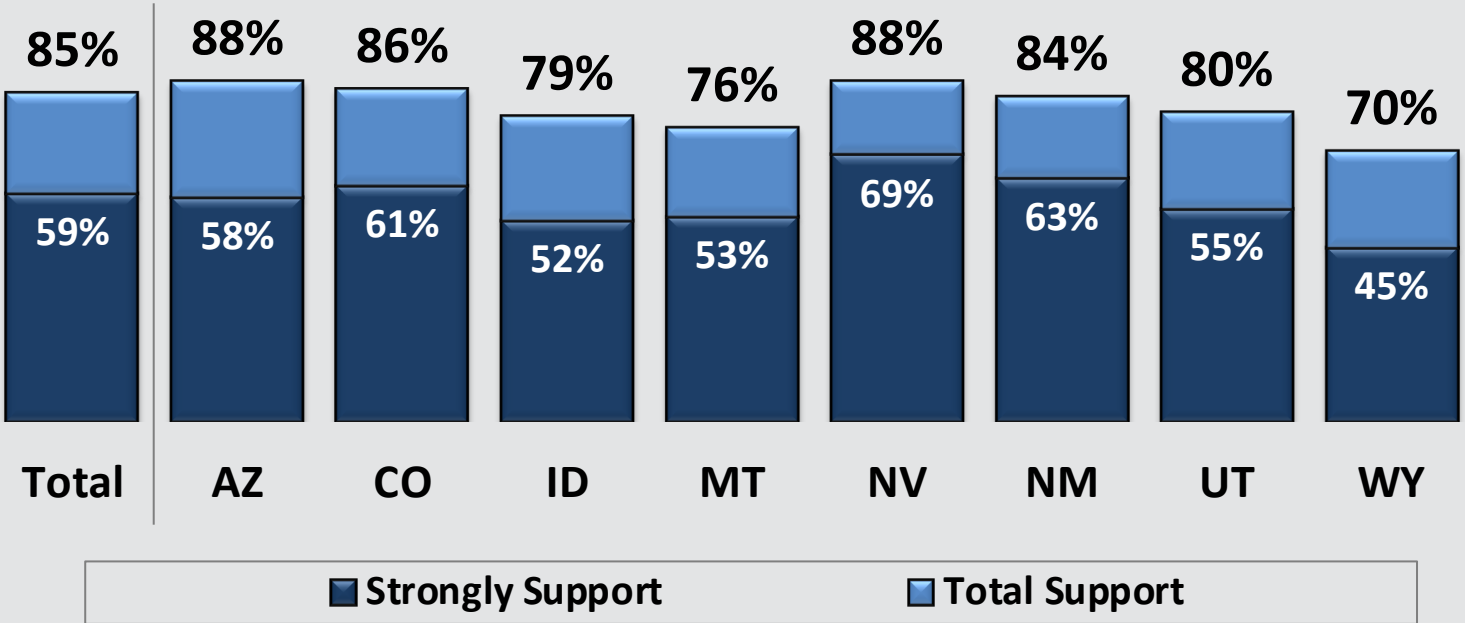
There is also overwhelming majority support for a proposal to increase water and sanitation services to rural areas and tribal communities that currently lack access. The proposal specifically calls for increased federal funding to help extend these services to rural and tribal communities. Fully 92 percent of Native Americans and 93 percent of all voters of color are supportive of this proposal.

Voters in every type of community back this effort to extend water and sanitation to rural areas, with 83 percent of rural Westerners, 86 percent in small towns and suburbs and 91 percent in cities supporting this idea.



Western voters across the region are supportive of restoring Clean Water Act protections for smaller streams and seasonal wetlands. Regardless of where they live, voters are more likely to say they support this proposal – whether in a city (90 percent support), suburb (84 percent support), small town (84 percent support), or rural area (79 percent support).

Restore Clean Water Act



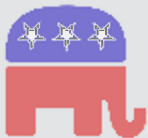
Total Support



98%



84%



74%

