

## American Voters Support Climate Candidates in 2022 Midterms

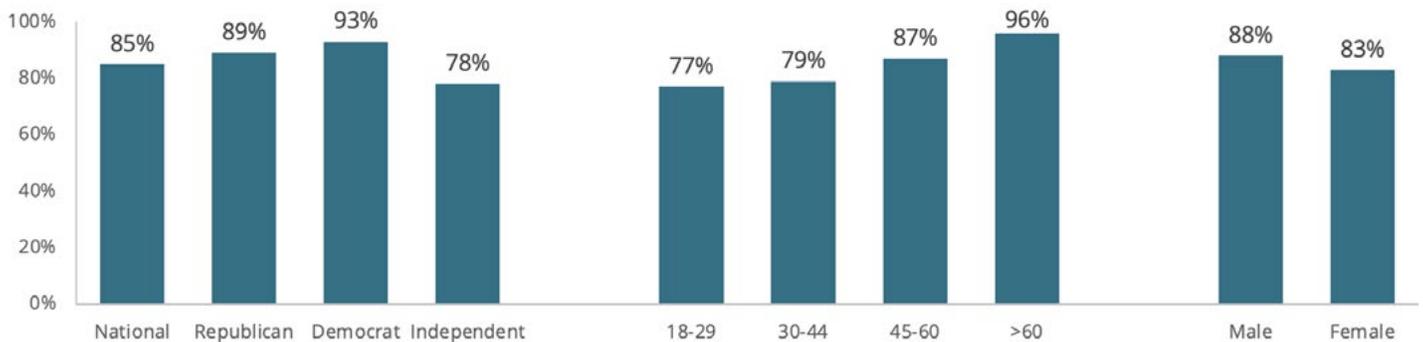
A large majority of US voters plan to cast their ballots in the midterm elections, according to the latest research from ecoAmerica. And, three-quarters report being likely to vote for candidates who support climate change solutions. What’s behind that motivation? In their own words, they cite children and future generations as top motivators to vote with climate change in mind.

Read the full report to find out specific demographic breakdowns of voters who back climate candidates and what motivates them to bring climate change to the polls.

### High Majorities Plan to Cast Their Vote This Midterm

Nationally, 85% of registered voters report that they plan to vote this election season. A closer look at results by political affiliation shows that 93% of Democrats, 89% of Republicans, and 78% of Independents plan to vote. The percentage of voters saying they will head to the polls this season increases with age — 77% of young voters between 18-29, 79% of voters 30-44, 87% of voters 45-69, and 96% of voters >60 plan to vote. Nearly 9 in 10 males also say they plan to vote (88%), 5 points higher than females (83%).

**Democrats and older voters among top groups planning to head to the polls.** Do you plan to vote in the upcoming 2022 midterm election? “Yes” 1,022 national respondents. +/- 3% margin of error.

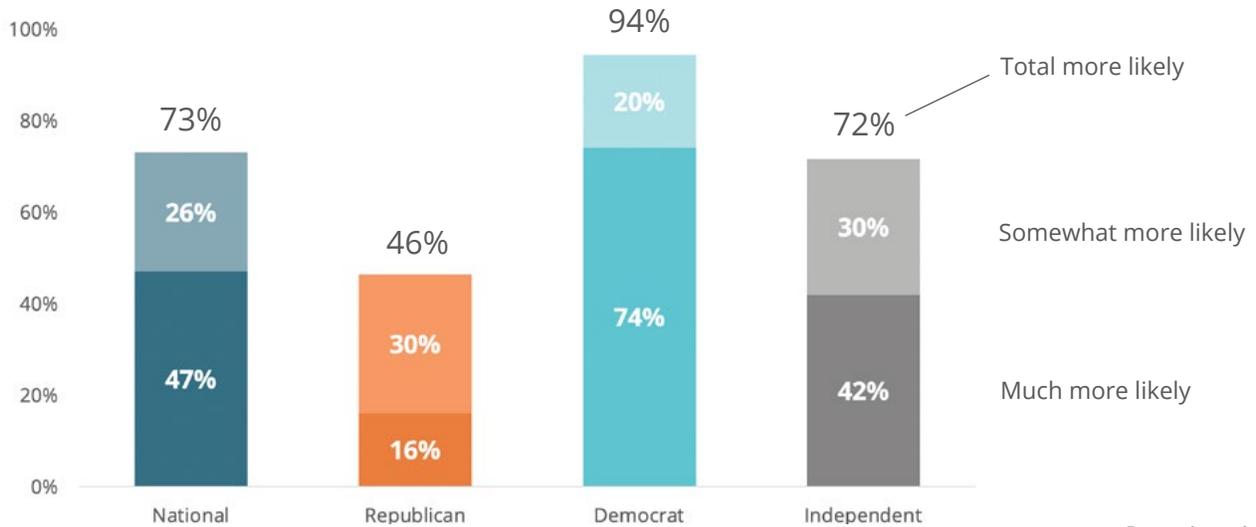


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### Candidates Who Support Climate Solutions Are Favored Among Democrats, Independents, and Nearly Half of Republicans

ecoAmerica’s research finds that the majority of registered voters in the US support candidates who back climate change solutions. When asked how likely they would be to vote for a candidate who supports climate change solutions, 73% said they would be “much” or “somewhat” more likely to vote for them. A higher majority of Democrats (94%) would vote for a candidate who supports climate solutions than Republicans and Independents, however, nearly half of Republicans say they would, too (46%). Just about three-quarters of Independents agree (72%).

**Majorities of American voters favor climate candidates.** Survey question: How likely would you be to vote for a candidate who supports climate change solutions? “much more likely” and “somewhat more likely” 1,022 national respondents. +/- 3% margin of error.



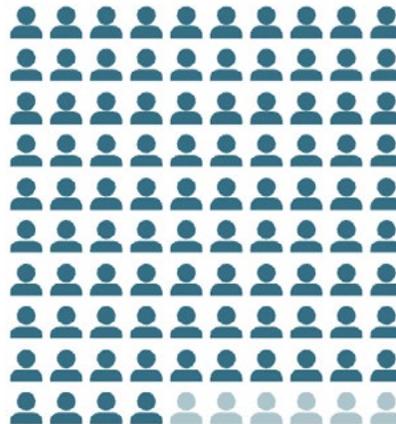
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### Concerned Voters Back Climate Candidates

Beyond political party, feeling concerned about climate change may influence which candidates Americans support. Over 9 in 10 voters who say they are either “very” or “somewhat” concerned about climate change also say they are more likely to vote for a candidate who supports climate solutions.

**Climate-concerned voters are more likely to vote for a candidate who supports climate change solutions.** Survey question: How likely would you be to vote for a candidate who supports climate change solutions? “much more likely” and “somewhat more likely” 1,022 national respondents. +/- 3% margin of error.

**94%** of voters who are concerned about climate change are “much” or “somewhat” more likely to vote for a candidate who supports climate solutions



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Full data is available in the accompanying [toplines](#).

### Methodology

ecoAmerica designed and administered this survey, which was conducted online on September 7-8, 2022 using Survey Monkey. The survey yielded a total of 1,022 complete adult responses and used the Census Bureau's American Community Survey to weigh the national general population and reflect the demographic composition of the US. The sample was drawn from an online panel and the respondents were screened to ensure that they were over the age of 18. The margin of error for the sample is +/-3%. In interpreting the survey results, it is important to note that all sample surveys are subject to possible sampling error. Thus, the results of a survey may differ from the results that would be obtained if the entire population was interviewed. The size of the sampling error depends upon both the total number of respondents in the survey and the percentage distribution of the responses to a particular question. For example, if 50% of the respondents in a sample of 1,066 respondents answered, "Yes" to a particular question, we can be 95% confident that the true percentage would fall within 3 points, or range from 47% to 53%.

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