

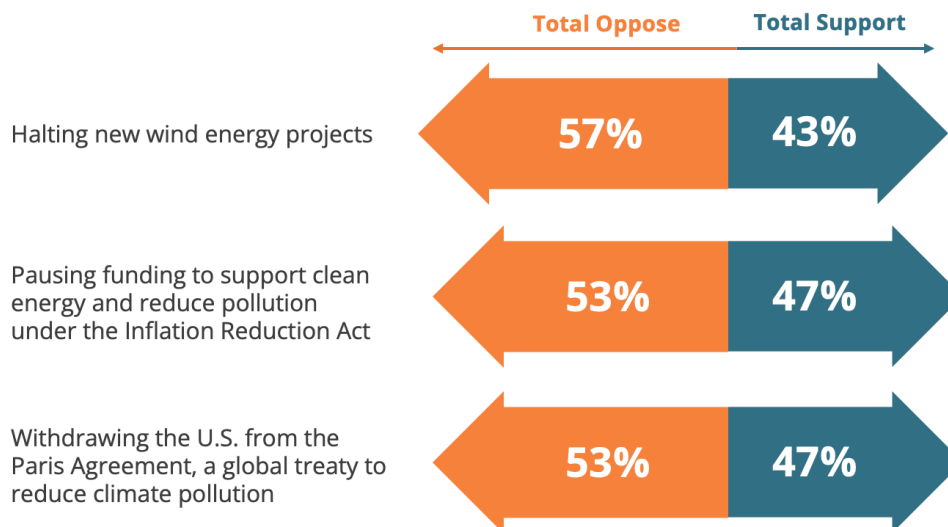
Americans Reject President Trump’s Climate Rollbacks, Republicans Under 45 See the Downsides

A new poll from ecoAmerica explores American attitudes toward President Trump’s recent executive orders to roll back progress on climate and clean energy solutions. Findings show the majority are concerned about climate change and recognize the harms these orders will bring — from halting clean energy projects to pausing IRA funding and withdrawing from the Paris Agreement. The survey also reveals stark differences between younger Republicans under 45 years old and their 45+ counterparts, where the younger demographic shares the majority concern about climate change and recognizes the harmful impacts of rollbacks on par with or *higher* (as with jobs) than national averages.

Americans Oppose Clean Energy Rollbacks and Paris Agreement Exit¹

President Trump’s executive orders to roll back clean energy initiatives and withdraw from the Paris Agreement lack majority support from Americans. ecoAmerica’s latest poll shows that more Americans (57%) strongly or somewhat *oppose* halting new wind energy projects. Similarly, over half (53%) strongly or somewhat oppose pausing funding from the Inflation Reduction Act to support clean energy and reduce pollution. And over half of Americans (53%) also strongly or somewhat oppose the U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement, a global treaty to reduce climate pollution.

More Americans oppose executive orders to halt wind, pause IRA funding, and exit Paris Agreement. Q: *What is your opinion on these actions taken by the Trump administration?* Showing total for “Strongly oppose” and “Somewhat oppose” and total for “Strongly support” and “Somewhat support.” 1,120 national respondents. +/- 3% margin of error.



This chart shows that nationally, 57% of Americans strongly or somewhat oppose halting new wind energy projects, while the remaining 43% support it. 53% of Americans strongly or somewhat oppose pausing funding from the Inflation Reduction Act to support clean energy and reduce pollution, while the remaining 47% support it. 53% of Americans strongly or somewhat oppose the U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement, while the remaining 47% support it.

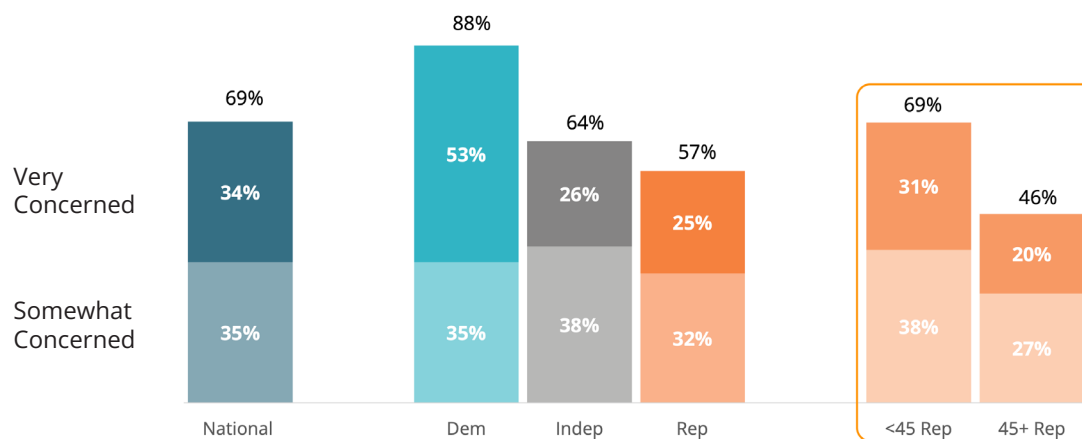
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¹ See [special note](#).

Climate Concern is High, And Young Republicans Are As Concerned As Americans Overall

A majority of Americans (69%) nationally are concerned about climate change. Across parties, the vast majority of Democrats (88%), most Independents (64%), and more than half of Republicans (57%) are concerned about climate change. A closer look at younger Republicans under 45 years old reveals that 69% are concerned about climate change, matching the national consensus. In contrast, 46% of older Republicans (45+) are concerned, highlighting a generational shift within the party.

Nearly 7 in 10 Young Republicans are concerned about climate change, on par with Americans overall. Q: How concerned are you about climate change right now? Showing total for “Very concerned” and “Somewhat concerned”. 1,120 national respondents. +/- 3% margin of error.



This chart shows that nationally, 69% of Americans are concerned about climate change, with 34% very concerned and 35% somewhat concerned. 88% of Democrats are concerned about climate change, with 53% very concerned and 35% somewhat concerned. 64% of Independents are concerned about climate change, with 26% very concerned and 38% somewhat concerned. 57% of Republicans are concerned about climate change, with 25% very concerned and 32% somewhat concerned. Moreover, 69% of Republicans under 45 years old are concerned about climate change, with 31% very concerned and 38% somewhat concerned. 46% of Republicans over 45 years old are concerned about climate change, with 20% very concerned and 27% somewhat concerned.

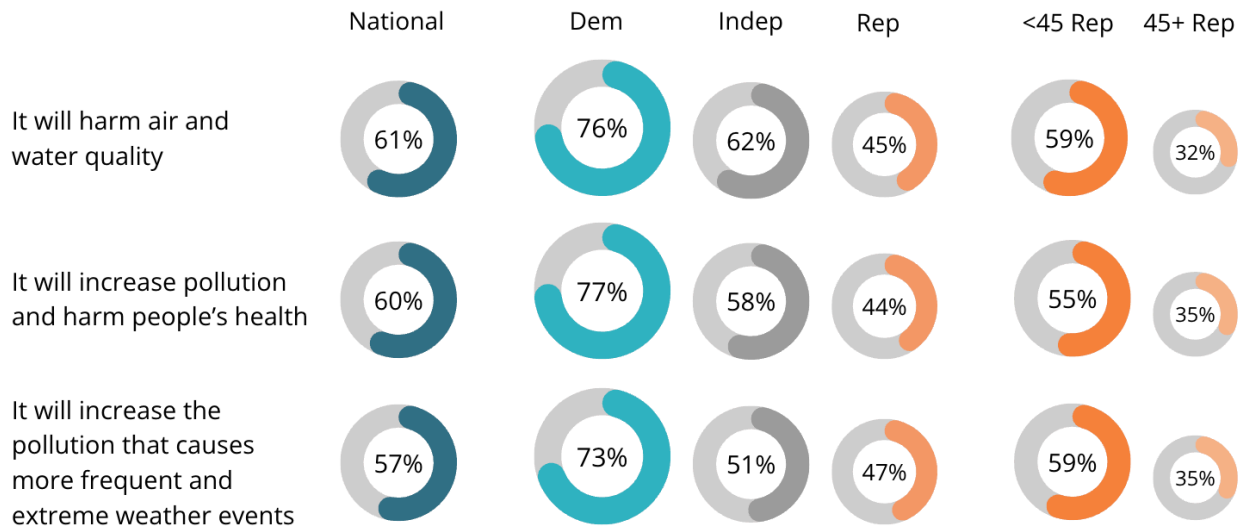
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Drilling Plans Face Backlash as Young Republicans Join Majority Consensus About Harms to Health and Environment

Most Americans recognize the harmful effects of President Trump’s “drill, baby, drill” plans. Nationally, 61% agree that increasing oil and gas drilling will harm air and water quality. 60% agree it will increase pollution and harm people’s health. And 57% agree it will increase the pollution that causes more frequent and extreme weather events (e.g., floods, hurricanes, and wildfires).

Analysis of the findings by political affiliation shows a more distinct picture: a strong majority among Democrats agree on the harms, and most Independents also agree, but less than half of Republicans do so. A closer look at Republicans reveals notable differences within the party. Significantly more younger Republicans under 45 years old agree that expanding oil and gas drilling will pollute air and water (59%), harm people’s health (55%), and lead to more frequent and extreme weather events (59%) vs. their over-45-year-old Republican counterparts, who expressed agreement at only 32%, 35%, and 35% respectively.

Americans agree expanding drilling will harm air, water, health and increase pollution. *Q: How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the Trump administration's plan to increase oil and gas drilling? Showing total for "Strongly agree" and "Somewhat agree". 1,120 national respondents. +/- 3% margin of error.*



This chart shows that nationally, 61% of Americans agree that the Trump administration's plan to increase oil and gas drilling will harm air and water quality. 60% of Americans agree it will increase pollution and harm people's health. And 57% agree it will increase the pollution that causes extreme weather events.

Across party lines, 76% of Democrats, 62% of Independents, and 45% of Republicans agree increasing oil and gas drilling will harm air and water quality. 77% of Democrats, 58% of Independents, and 44% of Republicans agree it will increase pollution and harm people's health. 73% of Democrats, 51% of Independents, and 47% of Republicans agree it will increase the pollution that causes extreme weather events.

Across Republicans, 59% under 45 vs. 32% over 45 years old agree increasing oil and gas drilling will harm air and water quality. 55% under 45 vs. 35% over 45 years agree it will increase pollution and harm people's health. 59% under 45 vs. 35% over 45 years agree it will increase the pollution that causes extreme weather events.

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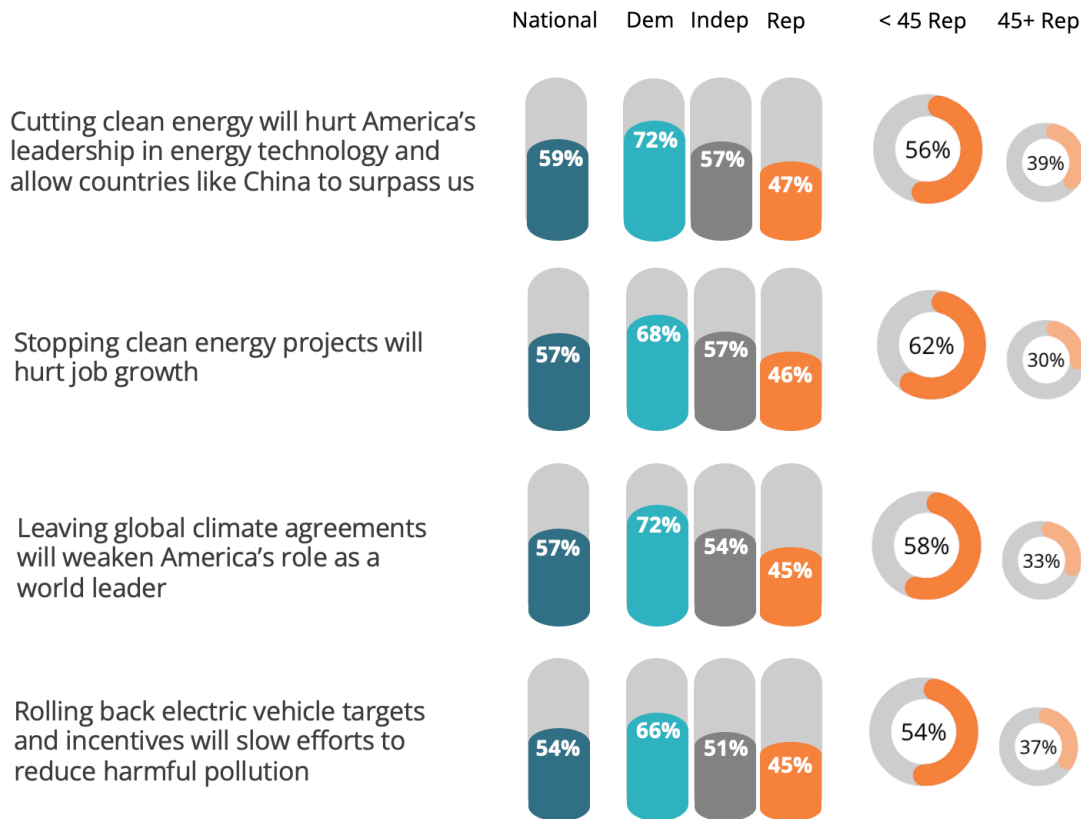
Not "Great": Americans Agree Clean Energy Cuts Will Hurt Jobs, Progress, Tech Leadership, and Global Standing

Nationally, 59% of Americans agree that cutting clean energy will hurt America's leadership in energy technology and allow countries like China to surpass us. 57% agree that stopping clean energy projects will hurt job growth. 57% also agree that leaving global climate agreements will weaken America's role as a world leader. And 54% agree that rolling back electric vehicle targets and incentives will slow efforts to reduce harmful pollution.

Consensus on the downsides of these recent executive orders is strongest among Democrats (72%, 68%, 72%, and 66%, respectively). Most Independents also agree (57%, 57%, 54%, 51%). Among Republicans, those under 45 years old show majorities recognizing the downsides of the executive orders (56%, 62%, 58%, 54%), a stark difference to those over 45, where far fewer acknowledge them (39%, 30%, 33%, 37%). Notably, agreement that stopping clean energy projects will hurt job growth is stronger among Republicans under 45 years old than the national average (62% vs. 57%). This may be tied to the fact that clean energy investments and consequent job creation have disproportionately [benefited Republican-majority states](#).

Americans agree clean energy cuts will hurt jobs, progress, tech leadership, and global standing.

Q: How much do you agree or disagree with these statements about the Trump administration's policy changes? Showing total for "Strongly agree" and "Somewhat agree". 1,120 national respondents. +/- 3% margin of error.



This chart shows that nationally, 59% of Americans agree that cutting clean energy will hurt America's leadership in energy technology and allow countries like China to surpass us. 57% agree that stopping clean energy projects will hurt job growth. 57% agree that leaving global climate agreements will weaken America's role as a world leader. And 54% agree that rolling back electric vehicle targets and incentives will slow efforts to reduce harmful pollution.

Across party lines, 72%, 68%, 72%, and 66% of Democrats agree, respectively. 57%, 57%, 54%, and 51% of Independents agree, respectively. 47%, 46%, 45%, and 45% of Republicans agree, respectively.

56%, 62%, 58%, and 54% of Republicans under 45 agree, respectively vs. 39%, 30%, 33%, and 37% of Republicans over 45, respectively.

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The opposition numbers are higher if Republicans over 45 (roughly 19-21% of the total U.S. population based on [2023 Gallup figures](#)) are excluded from the national survey sample. Excluding Republicans over 45 from the sample, ecoAmerica's polling shows:

- 62% of Americans oppose halting new wind energy projects
- 59% oppose pausing Inflation Reduction Act funding for clean energy and pollution reduction
- 59% oppose withdrawing the U.S. from the Paris Agreement

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

Methodology

ecoAmerica designed and administered this survey, which was conducted online from February 3-5, 2025, using SurveyMonkey. The survey yielded a total of 1,120 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 errors. Thus, the results of a survey may differ from the results that would be obtained if the entire population were 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 1,120 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%.

Note on Analysis

The total sample includes 1,120 national respondents. For scale-based questions (e.g., support/oppose, agree/disagree), "Not Sure/No Opinion" responses were not included. The remaining data was re-scaled to reflect the distribution among respondents who took a stance. As a result, base sample sizes vary by question.

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