

**2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
W169 - SCIENCE TOPLINE
APR 28-MAY 4, 2025
N=5,085**

Note: All numbers are percentages unless otherwise noted. Rows/columns may not total 100% due to rounding. The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel.

"No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say they don't know how to answer. In cases where "Not sure" was offered as an explicit option to web and telephone respondents, the "no answer" category includes only web skips and telephone refusals.

This survey was conducted primarily online, with some interviews conducted by live telephone. This topline shows the programming language for online administration. For details on how questions were slightly modified for phone administration, visit the questionnaire.

American Trends Panel surveys conducted between October 2016 and June 2024 were conducted fully online (with tablets and data plans provided to adults without home internet). American Trends Panel surveys conducted prior to October 2016 were conducted primarily online, with some respondents completing by mail. For additional details, visit the methodology.

PN = Programming note

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	5,085	+/- 1.6 percentage points

OTHER QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ENV2****ASK ALL:****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS.]**Do you favor or oppose expanding each of the following sources of energy in our country?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. More offshore oil and gas drilling in U.S. waters			
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	48	50	2
May 13-19, 2024	48	49	3
May 30-Jun 4, 2023	47	50	2
May 2-8, 2022	48	50	2
Apr 20-29, 2021	43	55	3
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	40	58	2
Oct 1-13, 2019	42	56	1
Mar 27-Apr 9, 2018	39	60	1
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	45	52	3
b. More nuclear power plants to generate electricity			
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	59	39	2
May 13-19, 2024	56	41	3
May 30-Jun 4, 2023	57	41	2
May 2-8, 2022	54	44	2
Apr 20-29, 2021	50	47	3
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	43	55	2
Oct 1-13, 2019	49	49	2
Mar 27-Apr 9, 2018	44	54	2
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	43	54	3
c. More coal mining			
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	41	57	2
May 13-19, 2024	39	58	3
May 30-Jun 4, 2023	38	60	2
May 2-8, 2022	36	62	2
Apr 20-29, 2021	36	61	3
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	33	65	2
Oct 1-13, 2019	35	63	2
Mar 27-Apr 9, 2018	37	61	2
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	41	57	3
d. More solar panel "farms"			
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	77	22	1
May 13-19, 2024	78	20	2
May 30-Jun 4, 2023	82	17	1
May 2-8, 2022	86	13	1
Apr 20-29, 2021	84	14	2

ENV2 CONTINUED...

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	90	9	1
Oct 1-13, 2019	92	8	1
Mar 27-Apr 9, 2018	89	10	1
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	89	9	2
e. More hydraulic fracturing, sometimes called "fracking," for oil and natural gas			
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	45	51	3
May 13-19, 2024	44	53	3
May 30-Jun 4, 2023	44	53	2
May 2-8, 2022	45	53	3
Apr 20-29, 2021	41	56	3
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	37	60	3
Oct 1-13, 2019	38	60	2
Mar 27-Apr 9, 2018	39	58	2
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	42	53	5
ASK FORM 1 [N=2,538]:			
f. More wind turbine "farms"			
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	68	31	1
May 13-19, 2024	72	26	2
May 30-Jun 4, 2023	75	23	1
May 2-8, 2022	79	19	1
Apr 20-29, 2021	77	20	2
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	83	16	2
Oct 1-13, 2019	85	14	1
Mar 27-Apr 9, 2018	85	13	2
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	83	14	3
ASK FORM 2 [N=2,547]:			
g. More offshore wind turbine "farms"			
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	69	30	2
Apr 20-29, 2021	75	23	3

OTHER QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

EN1F2MOD2**ASK FORM 1 AND FORM 2:****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1.]**

Right now, which of these do you think should be the more important priority for addressing America's energy supply?

	<u>Expanding wind and solar production</u>	<u>Expanding exploration and production of oil, coal and natural gas</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Apr 28-May 4, 2025 ¹	60	39	1
May 13-19, 2024 ²	64	35	1
May 30-Jun 4, 2023	67	32	1
May 2-8, 2022	67	32	1
Jan 24-30, 2022	69	30	1
Apr 20-29, 2021	71	27	1
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	79	20	1
Oct 1-13, 2019	77	22	1

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Pew Research Center survey conducted by telephone: Right now, which ONE of the following do you think should be the more important priority for addressing America's energy supply **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

	<i>Developing alternative sources such as wind, solar and hydrogen technology</i>	<i>Expanding exploration and production of oil, coal and natural gas</i>	(VOL.) <i>Both should be given equal priority</i>	(VOL.) <i>DK/Ref</i>
Jan 4-9, 2017	65	27	5	3
Dec 3-7, 2014	60	30	5	4
Feb 12-26, 2014	65	28	5	2
Sep 4-8, 2013	58	34	6	3
Feb 13-18, 2013	54	34	7	4
Oct 24-28, 2012	47	39	9	5
Mar 7-11, 2012	52	39	5	4
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	63	29	6	2

¹ This combines responses from two questions, each given to a random half of respondents. Form 1 asked respondents, "Right now, which of these do you think should be the more important priority for addressing America's energy supply? Expanding wind, solar and hydrogen production or Expanding exploration and production of oil, coal and natural gas." Form 2 received the question wording as shown here in the Topline. For Form 1, 60% chose "expanding wind, solar and hydrogen production" and 38% chose "expanding exploration and production of oil, coal and natural gas." For Form 2, 60% chose "expanding wind and solar production" and 39% chose "expanding exploration and production oil, coal and natural gas."

² This combines responses from two questions, each given to a random half of respondents. Form 1 received the previous question wording, which asked respondents "Right now, which one of the following do you think should be the more important priority for addressing America's energy supply? Developing alternative sources, such as wind, solar and hydrogen technology or Expanding exploration and production of oil, coal and natural gas." Form 2 asked respondents "Right now, which of these do you think should be the more important priority for addressing America's energy supply? Expanding wind, solar and hydrogen production or Expanding exploration and production of oil, coal and natural gas." For Form 1, 65% chose "developing alternative sources, such as wind, solar and hydrogen technology" and 34% chose "expanding exploration and production of oil, coal and natural gas." For Form 2, 62% chose "expanding wind, solar and hydrogen technology" and 36% chose "expanding exploration and production oil, coal and natural gas."

FEDDRILL**ASK ALL:**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 6 LAST.]

Do you think drilling for oil and natural gas on federally owned land should be...

Apr 28-May 4,

2025

17	Increased a lot
16	Increased a little
19	Kept the same as it is now
9	Decreased a little
19	Decreased a lot
20	Not sure
<1	No answer

EVCAR3**ASK ALL:**

Do you favor or oppose phasing out the production of new gasoline cars and trucks by the year 2035?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	34	65	1
May 30-Jun 4, 2023	40	59	1
May 2-8, 2022	43	55	2
Apr 20-29, 2021	47	51	3

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

EVCAR3B Do you favor or oppose rules that would make electric vehicles at least half of all new cars and trucks sold in the U.S. by the year 2032?

May 13-19,

2024

40	Favor
58	Oppose
2	No answer

OTHER QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

**ENVIR7
ASK ALL:**

Do you think it is possible or not possible to cut back on environmental regulations and still effectively protect air and water quality in the U.S.?

	<u>Yes, it is possible</u>	<u>No, it is not possible</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	54	45	1
Mar 27-Apr 9, 2018	52	48	1

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Pew Research Center survey conducted by telephone: Do you think it is possible to cut back on environmental regulations and still effectively protect air and water quality in the U.S. or do you think it's not possible to do this with fewer regulations?

May 3-7,
2017

49	Yes, possible to cut back on environmental regulations and still effectively protect air and water quality
47	No, not possible to do this with fewer regulations
4	No answer

**EVCAR2
ASK FORM 1 [N=2,538]:**

The next time you purchase a vehicle, how likely are you to seriously consider purchasing an electric vehicle?

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Not too likely</u>	<u>Not at all likely</u>	<u>I do not expect to purchase a vehicle</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	11	22	21	32	14	<1
May 13-19, 2024	11	18	21	36	13	<1
May 30-Jun 4, 2023	15	23	22	28	13	<1
May 2-8, 2022	16	25	21	24	13	<1
Apr 20-29, 2021	15	24	24	23	14	<1

**EVCAR2HYB
ASK FORM 2 [N=2,547]:**

The next time you purchase a vehicle, how likely are you to seriously consider purchasing a hybrid vehicle?

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Not too likely</u>	<u>Not at all likely</u>	<u>I do not expect to purchase a vehicle</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	20	25	18	22	14	<1
May 13-19, 2024	19	24	17	25	15	<1

OTHER QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...³

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something</u> <u>else</u>	<u>No</u> <u>answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
28	28	28	14	2	18	20

³ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.