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As the Obama administration deliberates over whether to allow the Keystone XL pipeline to be built, the proposed pipeline continues to draw broad support from the public.

Currently, 61% favor building the pipeline while 27% are opposed. These views have changed little over the past year.

As previous surveys on the pipeline proposal have found, there is far more support for constructing the pipeline among Republicans (84% favor) and independents (61%) than among Democrats. About half of Democrats (49%) favor building the pipeline while 38% are opposed.

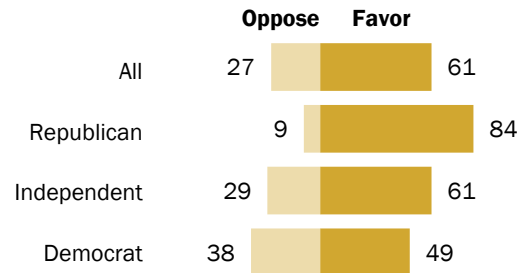
The new national survey by the Pew Research Center, conducted Feb. 27-Mar. 16 among 3,335 adults, provides an opportunity for a detailed look at differences among Democrats on this issue. Opposition to building the pipeline is most widespread among highly educated Democrats, liberals and those with high family incomes.

While Democrats without college degrees support construction by a wide margin (53% to 34%), only about four-in-ten college-graduate Democrats (39%) favor the project and nearly half (47%) oppose it. (Among Democrats in the survey, 28% had a bachelor's degree or higher.)

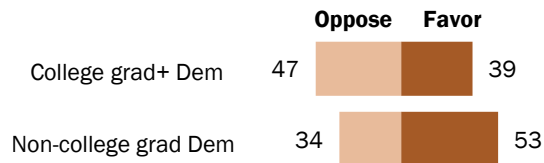
There are comparable differences among Democrats across income categories. Democrats with annual family incomes of at least \$100,000 are the least likely group to support the pipeline: about half (51%) oppose Keystone and 36% support it. Those with incomes between \$50,000 and \$100,000 are divided, while there is more support than opposition among those with family incomes of less than \$50,000.

Across Parties, Support for Keystone

Favor/oppose building Keystone XL pipeline ...



But Democrats Are Divided



Survey conducted Feb. 27-Mar. 16, 2014.

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As [Pew Research polls last year found](#), moderate and conservative Democrats continue to be far more likely than liberals to favor building the pipeline (56% vs. 40%).

In addition, there is less support for Keystone among Democratic women than men. About as many women oppose (38%) as favor (43%) the pipeline, with 19% offering no opinion. By comparison, a 58% majority of Democratic men favor Keystone and just 37% oppose it.

Republicans also differ over the pipeline, but large majorities across all GOP groups favor its construction, including 94% of Tea Party Republicans and 78% of non-Tea Party Republicans. Greater shares of Republican men than women support Keystone (90% vs. 78%). Unlike Democrats, there are no significant differences by education or income level among Republicans.

Moderate, Lower-Income Democrats Favor Keystone; Women Split

<i>Building the Keystone XL pipeline ...</i>	Favor %	Oppose %	DK %
All Democrats	49	38	13=100
Men	58	37	6=100
Women	43	38	19=100
Conservative/Moderate	56	32	12=100
Liberal	40	46	14=100
White	48	38	14=100
Black	48	39	14=100
18-29	55	37	8=100
30-49	45	41	15=100
50-64	50	38	12=100
65+	50	32	19=100
Post-graduate	35	51	14=100
College grad	41	44	14=100
Some college	52	35	13=100
HS or less	54	33	13=100
<i>Family income</i>			
\$100,000 or more	36	51	14=100
\$50,000-100,000	48	42	11=100
Less than \$50,000	54	34	13=100

Survey conducted Feb. 27-Mar. 16, 2014. Democrat N=1,036.
Whites and blacks include only those who are not Hispanic. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

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About the Survey

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted Feb.27-Mar. 16, 2014 among a national sample of 3,335 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (1,668 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 1,667 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 870 who had no landline telephone). The surveys were conducted under the direction of Abt SRBI. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents in the landline sample were selected by randomly asking for the youngest adult male or female who is now at home. Interviews in the cell sample were conducted with the person who answered the phone, if that person was an adult 18 years of age or older. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see <http://people-press.org/methodology/>

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and nativity and region to parameters from the 2012 Census Bureau's American Community Survey and population density to parameters from the Decennial Census. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status and relative usage of landline and cell phones (for those with both), based on extrapolations from the 2013 National Health Interview Survey. The weighting procedure also accounts for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones have a greater probability of being included in the combined sample and adjusts for household size among respondents with a landline phone. Sampling errors and statistical tests of significance take into account the effect of weighting.

The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

Group	Unweighted sample size	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	3,335	2.0 percentage points
Republican	779	4.1 percentage points
Democrat	1,036	3.5 percentage points
College grad+ Dem	424	5.5 percentage points
Non-college grad Dem	611	4.6 percentage points
Independent	1,341	3.1 percentage points

Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request. In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

KEYSTONE XL APPROVAL TABLE*Pew Research Center, Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014*

QC128: Do you favor or oppose building the Keystone XL pipeline that would transport oil from Canada's oil sands region through the Midwest to refineries in Texas?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>N</u>
	%	%	%	
TOTAL	61	27	12	3335
SEX				
Men	68	26	6	1680
Women	55	28	17	1655
AGE				
18-49	57	31	12	1319
50+	67	22	11	1963
DETAILED AGE				
18-29	55	36	9	447
30-49	59	28	14	872
50-64	65	25	10	957
65+	68	19	13	1006
GENDER BY AGE				
Men 18-49	63	30	6	723
Men 50+	75	20	5	938
Women 18-49	51	32	18	596
Women 50+	59	25	16	1025
RACE				
White, non-Hispanic	65	24	11	2398
Black, non-Hispanic	48	37	15	337
Hispanic	62	27	11	299
EDUCATION				
College grad+	57	30	13	1351
Some college	63	26	11	946
High school or less	63	26	11	1023
FAMILY INCOME				
\$75,000+	64	28	8	994
\$30,000-\$74,999	65	25	10	1071
Less than \$30,000	56	30	14	911
RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE				
Total Protestants	66	22	12	1694
White NH evang. Prot.	76	12	11	656
White NH mainline Prot.	64	25	11	568
Total Catholic	68	23	10	658
White NH Cath.	71	19	10	467
Unaffiliated	49	41	10	616
ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES				
Weekly or more	67	22	11	1264
Less than weekly	58	30	11	2041
REGION				
Northeast	59	28	13	598
Midwest	63	27	10	712
South	65	24	11	1266
West	57	30	13	759

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	%	%	%	
REGISTERED VOTER				
Yes, certain	63	27	11	2653
Not registered	58	28	14	682
PARTY ID				
Republican	84	9	8	779
Democrat	49	38	13	1036
Independent	61	29	10	1341
PARTY WITH LEANERS				
Rep/Lean Rep	81	12	7	1391
Dem/Lean Dem	49	39	12	1568
IDEOLOGY				
Conservative	78	15	8	1279
Moderate	59	29	12	1153
Liberal	44	44	11	758
PARTY AND IDEOLOGY				
Conservative Republican	86	8	6	572
Mod/Lib Republican	79	11	10	192
Mod/Cons Democrat	56	32	12	567
Liberal Democrat	40	46	14	440
AMONG WHITES				
Men	72	23	5	1182
Women	59	25	16	1216
18-49	61	28	11	806
50+	69	21	10	1557
College grad+	60	29	11	1046
Some college or less	68	22	10	1349
Male college grad+	68	26	7	546
Female college grad+	52	33	15	500
Male some college or less	73	22	4	634
Female some college or less	62	22	16	715
\$75,000+	67	25	8	798
\$30,000-\$74,999	69	22	9	782
Less than \$30,000	58	29	13	549
Republican	84	8	8	695
Democrat	48	38	14	626
Independent	64	27	9	972
Northeast	63	26	10	433
Midwest	67	24	10	592
South	69	21	11	844
West	59	30	11	529

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
FINAL TOPLINE
February 27-March 16, 2014
N=3,335**

SELECTED QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

Q.C128 Do you favor or oppose building the Keystone XL pipeline that would transport oil from Canada's oil sands region through the Midwest to refineries in Texas?

Feb 27-Mar 16 <u>2014</u>		Sep 4-8 <u>2013</u> ¹	Mar 13-17 <u>2013</u>
61	Favor	65	66
27	Oppose	30	23
12	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	11

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) <u>No</u> <u>preference</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u> <u>party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Lean</u> <u>Rep</u>	<u>Lean</u> <u>Dem</u>
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	21	32	42	3	1	2	18	17
Feb 14-23, 2014	22	32	39	4	1	2	14	17
Jan 23-Feb 9, 2014	22	30	41	3	1	3	16	17
Jan 15-19, 2014	21	31	41	3	1	2	18	16
Dec 3-8, 2013	24	34	37	3	*	2	17	15
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	24	32	38	4	*	2	16	14
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	32	37	3	1	3	16	18
Sep 4-8, 2013	26	32	38	3	1	1	17	15
Jul 17-21, 2013	19	29	46	3	*	2	19	18
Jun 12-16, 2013	23	33	39	3	*	2	17	15
May 1-5, 2013	25	32	37	2	1	3	14	16
Mar 13-17, 2013	26	33	34	3	1	3	14	15
Feb 13-18, 2013	22	32	41	2	*	2	15	19
Yearly Totals								
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9

¹ In September 2013 and March 2013, question was asked as part of a list.

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) <u>No</u> <u>preference</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u> <u>party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--