

OHIO VOTERS' VIEWS

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Summary of Key Findings

- 1 Large majorities Ohio voters recognize they rely on the natural gas and oil industry in their homes and for transportation.
- 2 Three quarters of voters say the coronavirus has badly damaged Ohio's economy; a majority say the natural gas and oil industry will play an important role in the recovery.
- 3 Voters across the board say energy independence, investing in clean energy sources, and creating high-paying jobs are very important to them in the current political and international environment. A majority of voters say the industry has a positive effect on national security.
- 4 Two-thirds of Ohio voters, including a majority of Democrats, would be more likely to vote for a candidate who supports access to oil and gas produced in the U.S.

Methodology

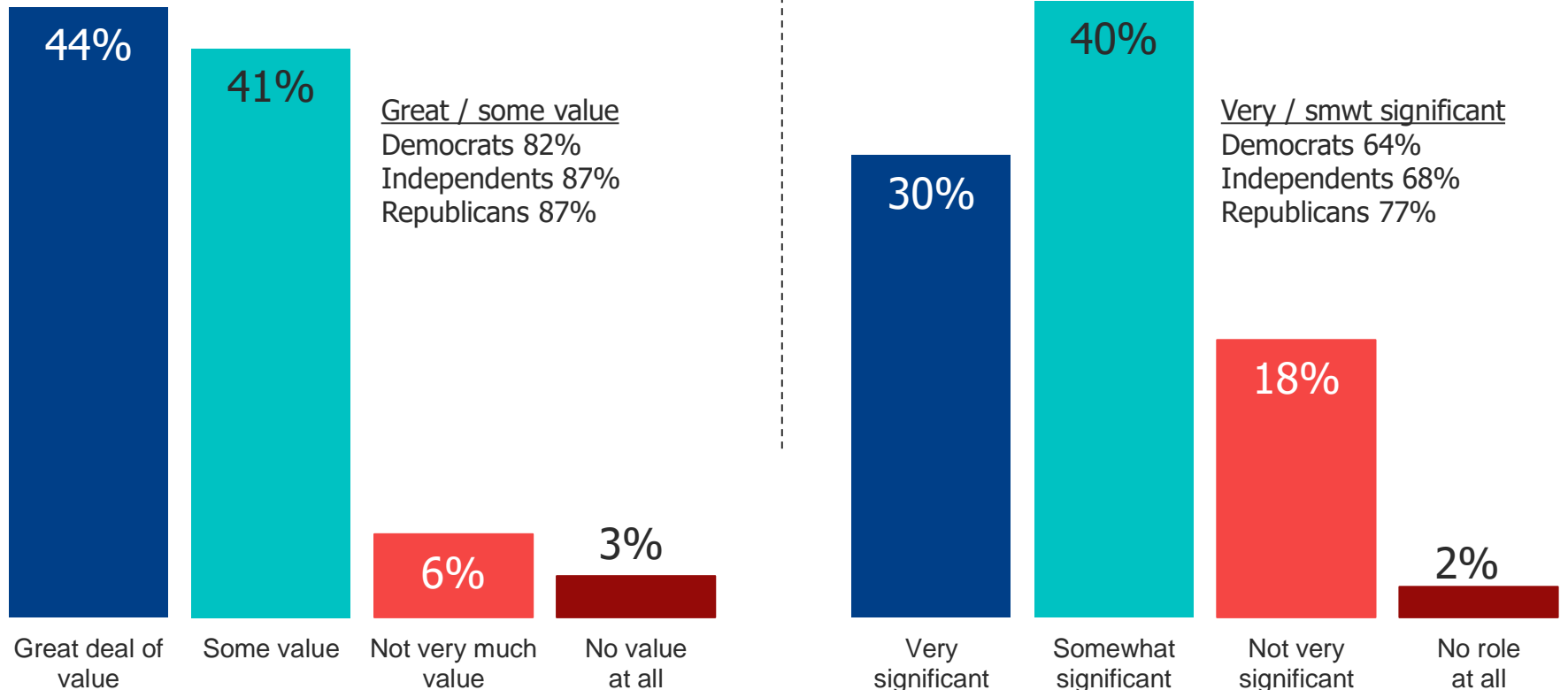
This poll was conducted between June 26-July 1, 2020 among a sample of 799 Ohio Registered Voters. The interviews were conducted online and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of Ohio Registered Voters based on gender, age, educational attainment, race, home ownership, and 2016 Presidential vote. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Vast majority in OH say they get personal value from natural gas and oil; think it will play a large role in America's continued energy needs

Thinking of the value that natural gas and oil provide to your life, would you say natural gas and oil provide to you personally...

How much of a role do you think natural gas and oil will be a part of America's energy needs 20 years from now?

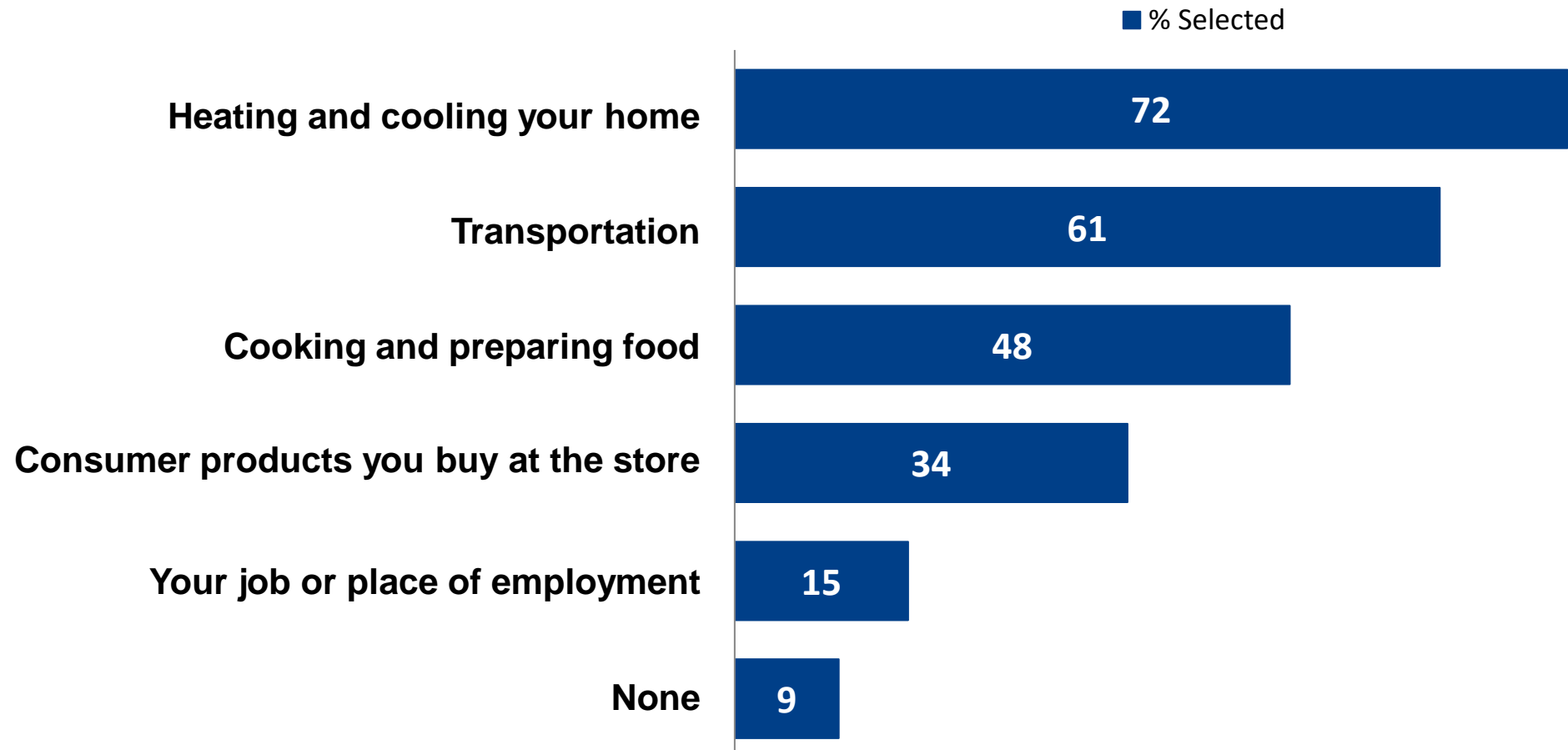
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Large majorities of OH voters note they regularly rely on natural gas and oil for heating and cooling their homes as well as transportation

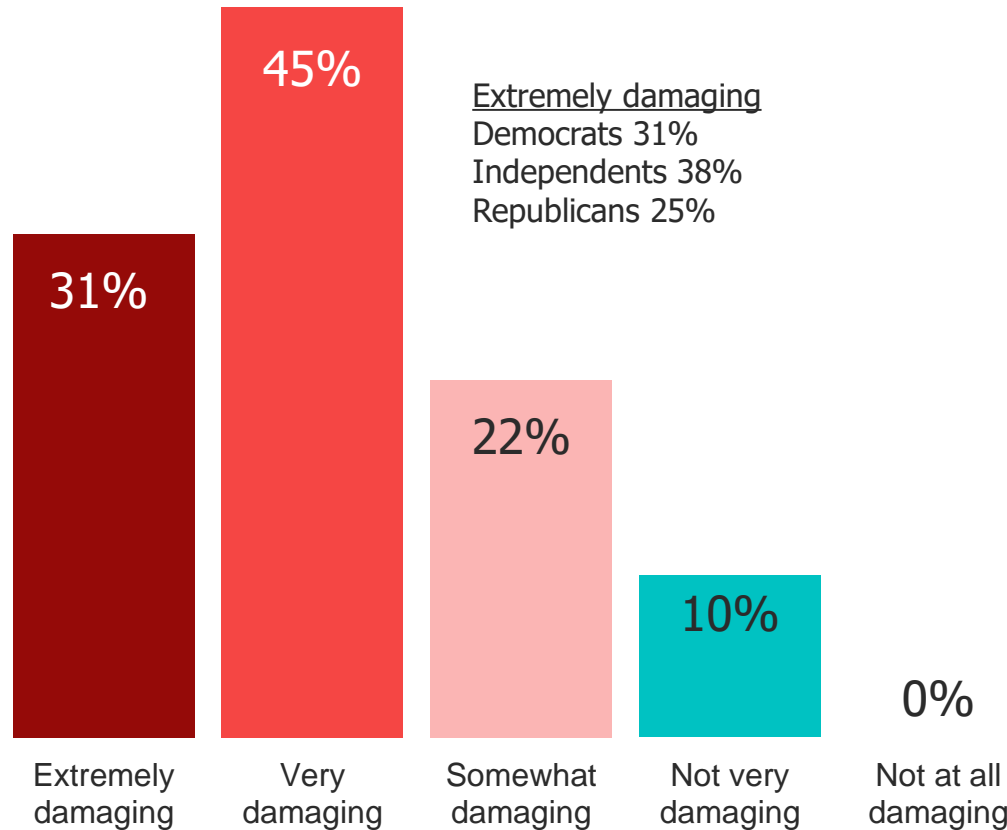
Do you rely on natural gas or oil for any of the following on a regular basis? Please check all that apply.



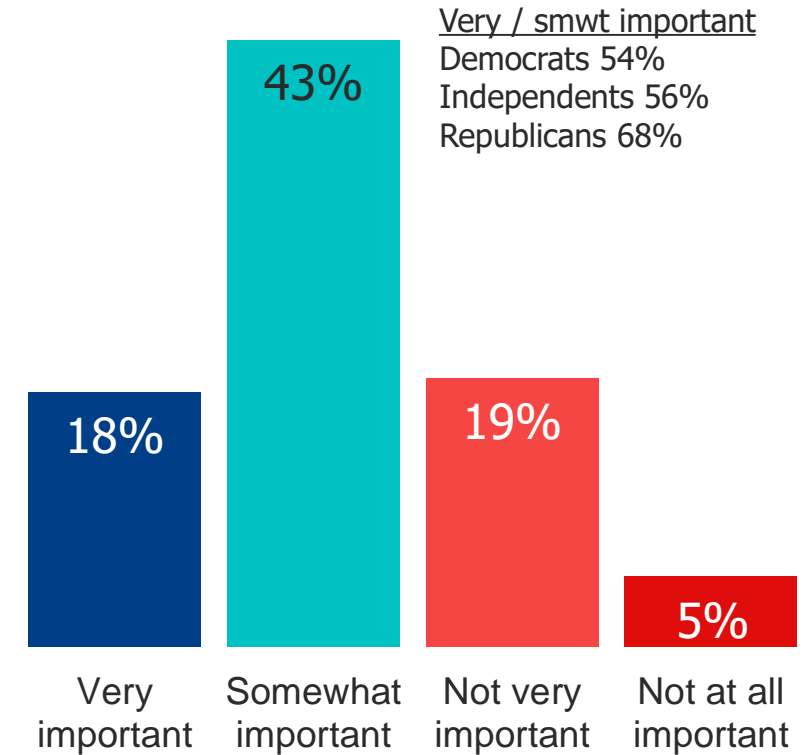
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Nearly all OH voters say COVID has damaged state economy; majority believe natural gas and oil will play an important role in recovery

In your opinion, how damaging has the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis been to the economy of your state?



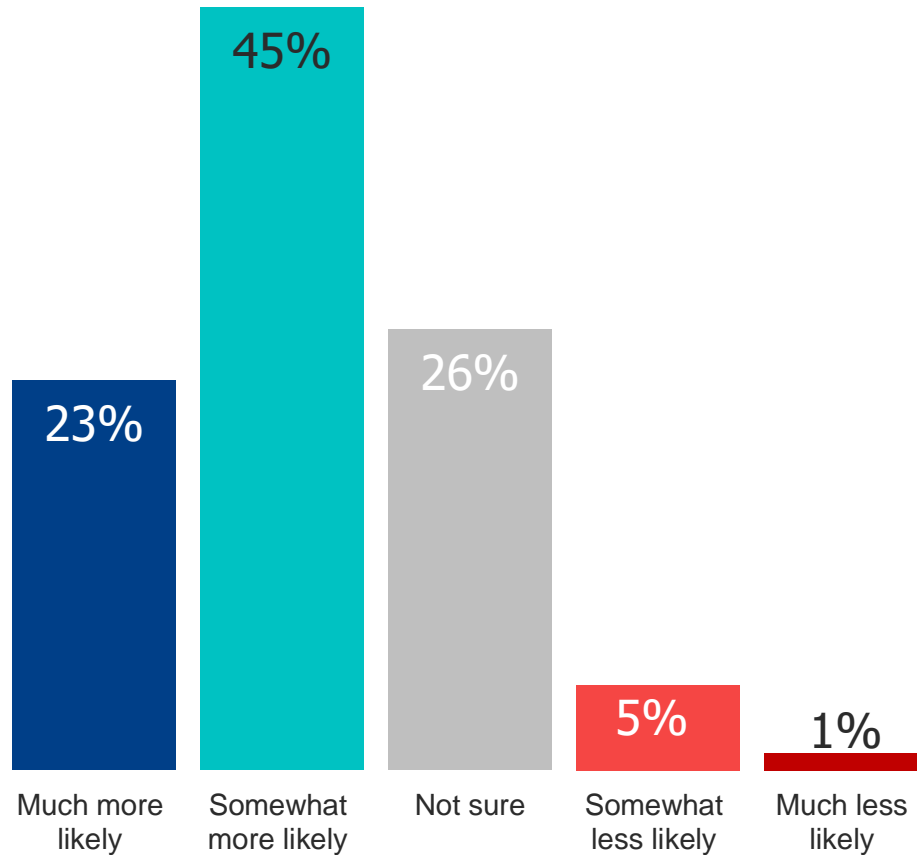
How important of a role do you believe the natural gas and oil industry will have in helping the economy recover from the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic?



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Just over two-thirds of voters, including six in ten Dems, are more likely to vote for a candidate who supports access to oil & gas produced in U.S.

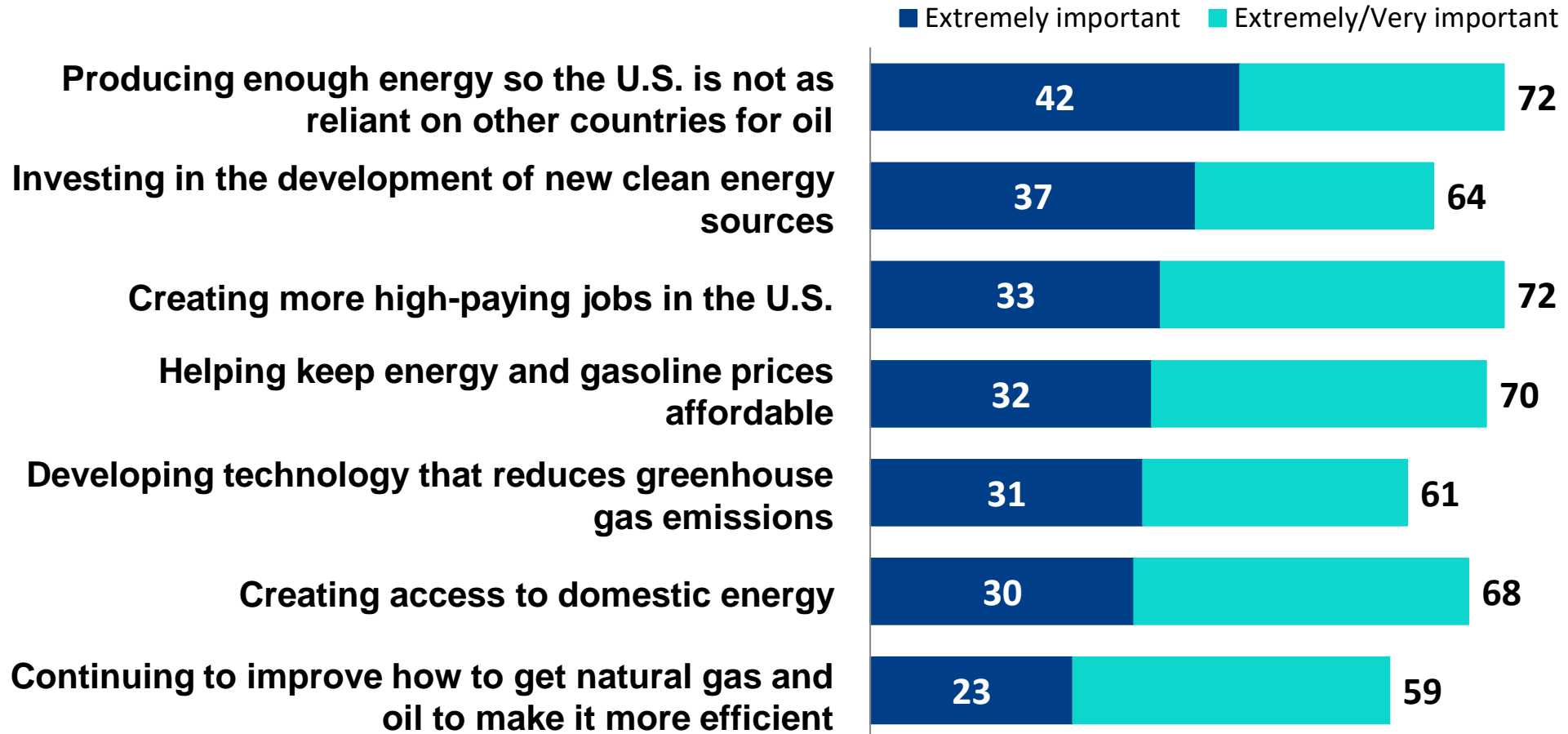
If you heard that a candidate for public office in your state supports policies that ensure consumers continue to have access to natural gas and oil produced in the U.S., would that make you more or less likely to vote for that person?



	Total more likely	Total Less Likely	Not Sure
Total	68%	6%	26%
Democrats	61%	10%	29%
Independents	56%	7%	38%
Republicans	84%	3%	14%
Non-college	71%	5%	25%
Bachelor's degree	67%	5%	29%
Post-grad	68%	8%	24%
Urban	64%	8%	29%
Suburban	72%	6%	22%
Rural	64%	6%	31%

OH voters want energy independence, more investment in new clean energy sources, and high-paying jobs

Do you rely on natural gas or oil for any of the following on a regular basis? Please check all that apply.



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Strong bipartisan agreement on importance of producing enough energy to reduce reliance on other countries as well as jobs and affordability

Please indicate how important, if at all, you believe each of the following statements are -- extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important?

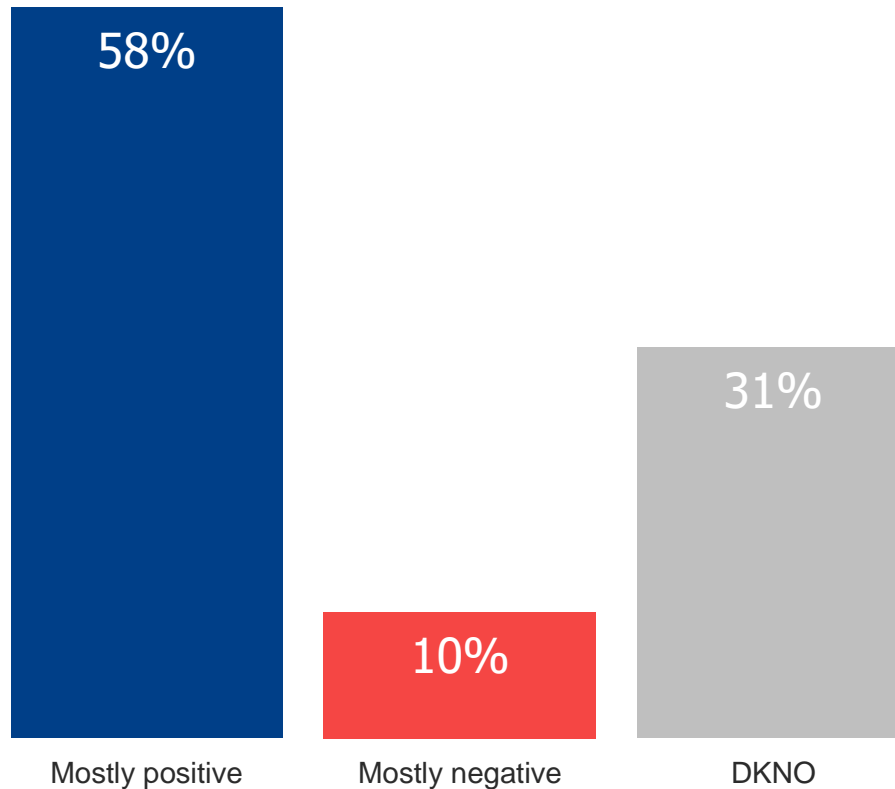
<i>(Extremely/very important) shown</i>	Producing enough energy	Create high-paying jobs	Keep prices affordable	Access to domestic energy	New clean energy sources	Greenhouse gas emissions	More efficient
Total	72	72	70	68	64	61	59
Democrats	68	77	69	67	76	75	54
Independents	71	68	71	71	71	65	59
Republicans	76	70	72	65	50	45	63
18-34	61	71	60	55	67	64	49
35-44	56	74	71	55	55	54	56
45-64	78	74	71	73	64	59	61
65+	81	68	82	77	66	62	67
Non-college	75	76	76	71	64	61	63
Bachelor's degree	75	68	72	69	67	65	60
Post-grad	66	71	65	64	62	56	53
Urban	71	73	67	68	70	73	64
Suburban	69	70	71	67	63	62	57
Rural	78	76	73	68	64	50	60

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Majority of voters believe natural gas & oil industry has a positive impact on national security

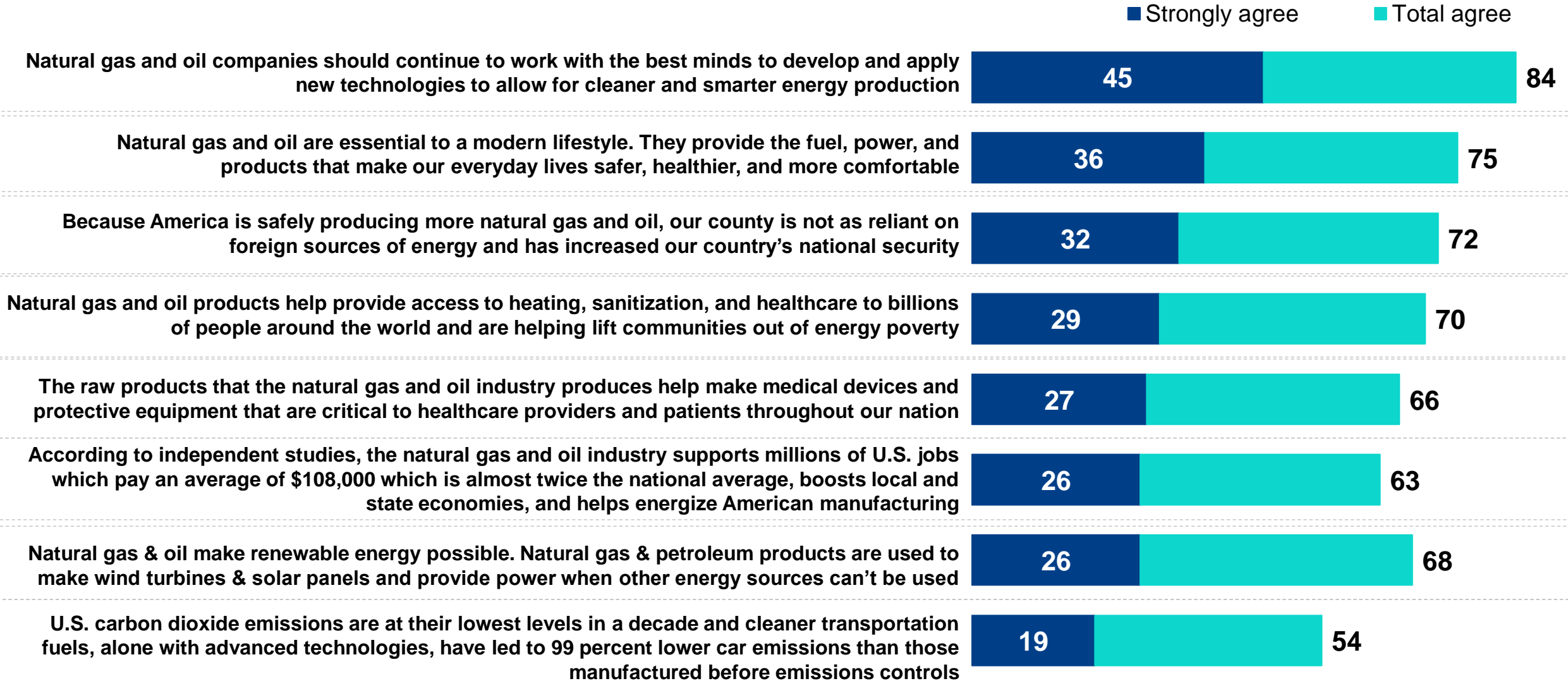
Do you think producing natural gas and oil here in the U.S. tends to have a mostly positive or mostly negative impact on our country's national security?



	Mostly positive	Mostly negative	Neutral
Total	58	10	31
Democrats	45	15	40
Independents	57	10	32
Republicans	69	7	23
18-34	32	29	39
35-44	59	3	38
45-64	69	3	27
65+	69	4	27
Urban	46	20	34
Suburban	61	9	30
Rural	59	7	34

OH voters say the industry should work on developing new technologies for clean energy production and agree it is essential to maintaining modern life

Below are some statements about America's natural gas and oil. Please read each one and indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with each.



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Democrats, independents, and Republicans agree industry should continue to work on developing clean and smart energy production

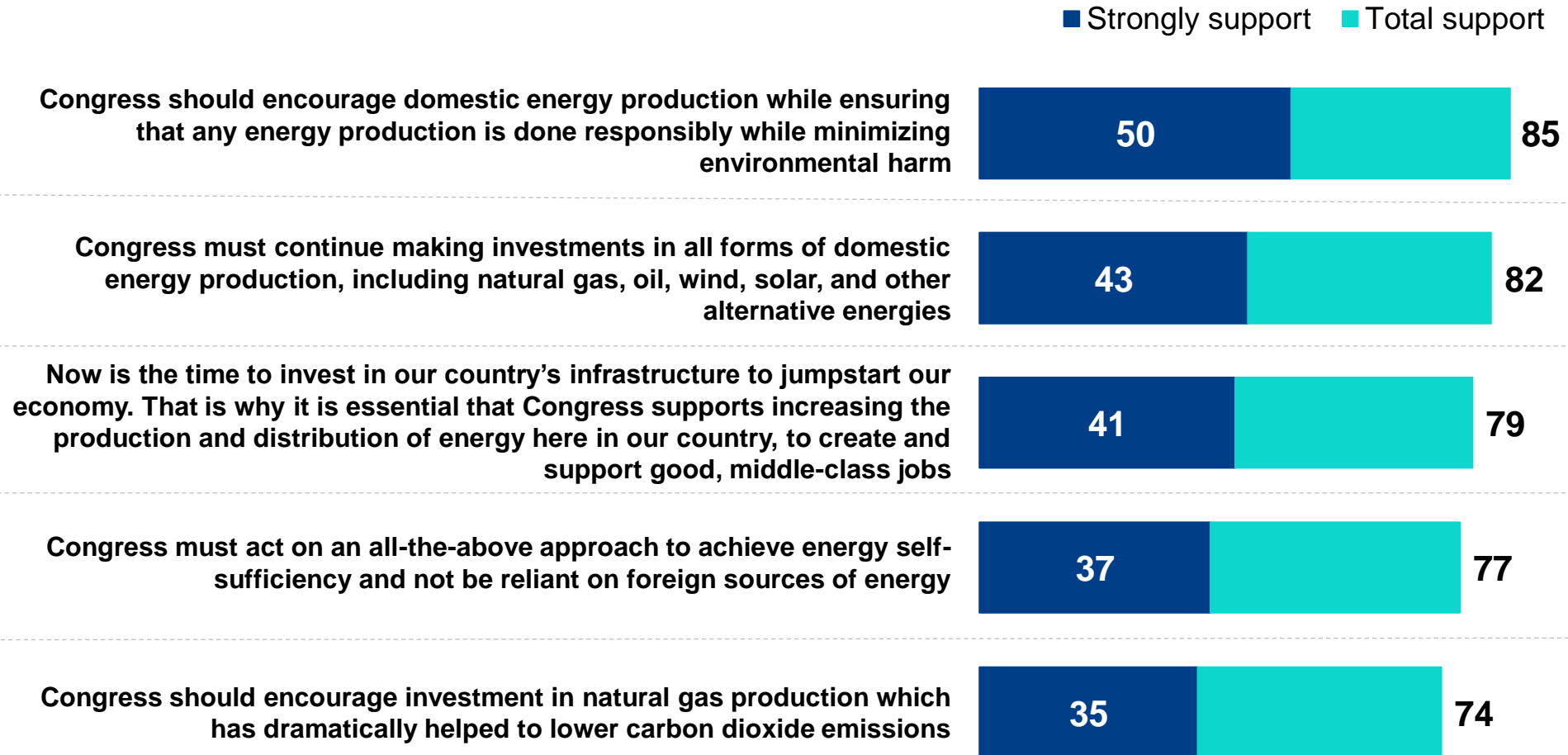
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<i>(Total agree) shown</i>	New technologies	Essential to modern life	Increased national security	Lift out of energy poverty	Medical devices	Supports jobs	Renewable energy	Lower emissions
Total	84%	75%	72%	70%	66%	63%	68%	54%
Democrats	82%	71%	69%	65%	59%	56%	63%	46%
Independents	78%	68%	60%	69%	63%	54%	67%	53%
Republicans	88%	84%	83%	76%	73%	75%	75%	61%
18-34	72%	60%	58%	48%	49%	49%	53%	36%
35-44	79%	67%	75%	70%	70%	71%	69%	53%
45-64	86%	80%	68%	76%	69%	62%	69%	61%
65+	94%	86%	89%	89%	76%	77%	85%	65%
Non-college	82%	75%	65%	70%	64%	61%	64%	51%
Bachelor's degree	83%	74%	76%	65%	63%	58%	74%	51%
Post-grad	86%	75%	75%	76%	68%	69%	69%	59%
Urban	73%	71%	65%	62%	60%	64%	63%	47%
Suburban	86%	78%	75%	76%	63%	64%	71%	57%
Rural	83%	71%	69%	65%	74%	58%	68%	52%

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OH voters want to invest in domestic energy production of all kinds, but also want to ensure minimal harm to the environment

Below are some actions that Congress can take on energy. Please indicate if you support or oppose Congress taking the following actions.



Older, suburban, white OH voters drive support for encouraging responsible domestic energy production

Below are some actions that Congress can take on energy. Please indicate if you support or oppose Congress taking the following actions.

<i>(Total support shown)</i>	Minimize harm	Continue investments	Infrastructure	All-the-above	Lower emissions
Total	85%	82%	79%	77%	74%
Democrats	85%	83%	72%	75%	69%
Independents	83%	81%	78%	78%	72%
Republicans	86%	82%	85%	78%	81%
18-34	73%	75%	62%	54%	60%
35-44	77%	77%	72%	65%	63%
45-64	91%	82%	84%	86%	80%
65+	93%	91%	94%	94%	86%
White	87%	84%	81%	79%	77%
African American	98%	88%	78%	81%	81%
Urban	80%	78%	70%	68%	62%
Suburban	86%	85%	82%	81%	77%
Rural	81%	81%	76%	73%	73%

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