## GEORGIA VOTERS' VIEWS

**SUMMER 2020** 





# Summary of Key Findings

- Georgia voters recognize they rely on natural gas and oil in their homes and for transportation and that it will continue to play a role in the country's energy needs over the next two decades.
- The coronavirus has damaged Georgia's economy, and a majority say the natural gas and oil industry will play at least an important role in the economic recovery.
- Voters across party lines prioritize affordability and job creation. Democrats also focus on investing in new clean energy sources and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. A majority of voters say the industry has a mostly positive effect on national security.
- Nearly two-thirds of Georgia 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. A strong majority agree the industry is essential for a modern lifestyle and that it helps lift communities out of energy poverty.

#### Methodology

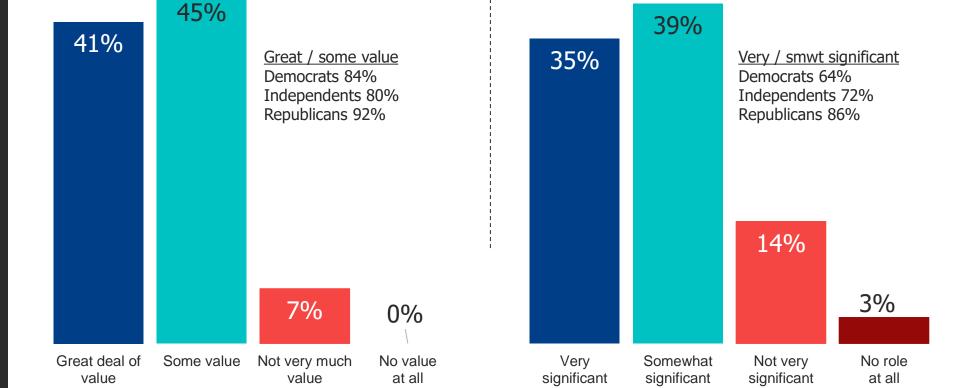
This poll was conducted between June 26-July 1, 2020 among a sample of 799 Georgia Registered Voters. The interviews were conducted online and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of Georgia Registered Voters based on gender, age, educational attainment, race, home ownership, and 2016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

## Over 8 in 10 voters 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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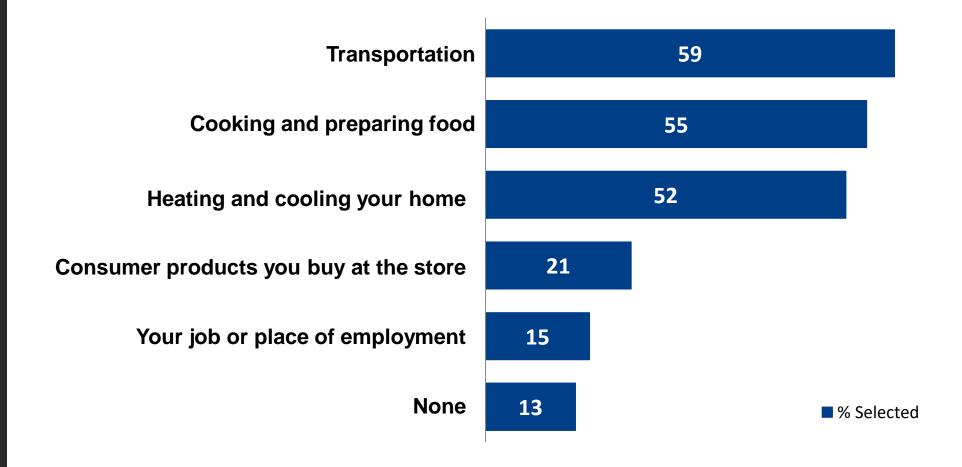
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## Majority of GA voters recognize the rely on natural gas and oil for transportation and in their homes on a regular basis

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



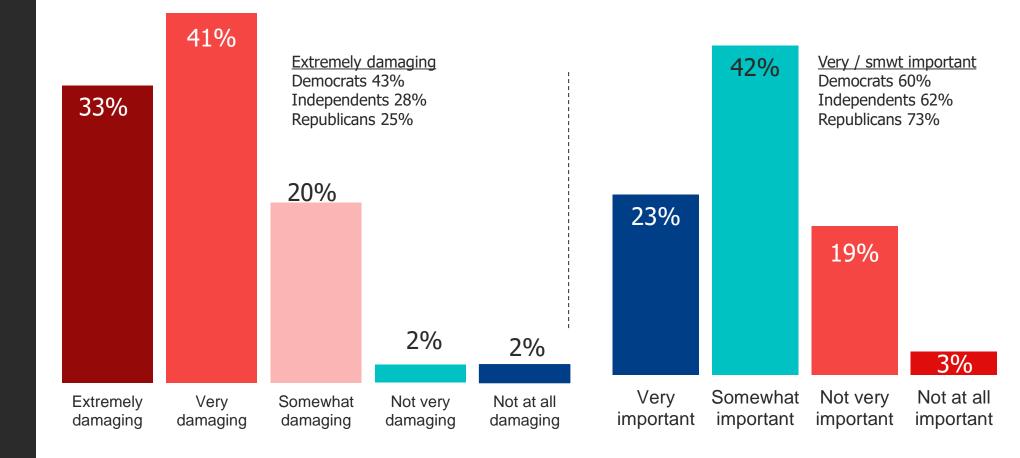
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## 7 in 10 GA voters say COVID has damaged state economy; solid majority believe natural gas and oil will play role in economic recovery

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?

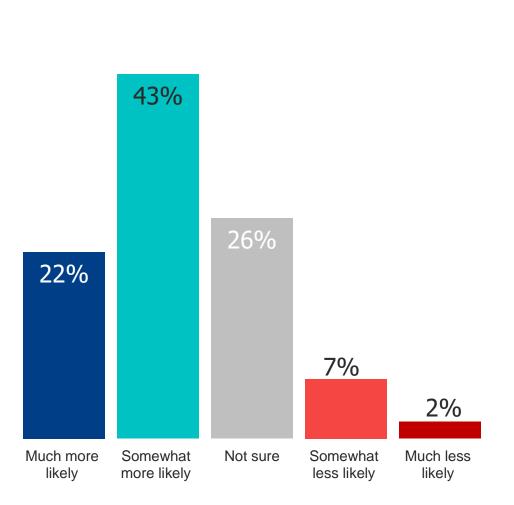


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## Nearly two-thirds of GA voters, including most Dems, would be more likely to vote for a candidate who supports access to oil and gas produced in U.S.

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?



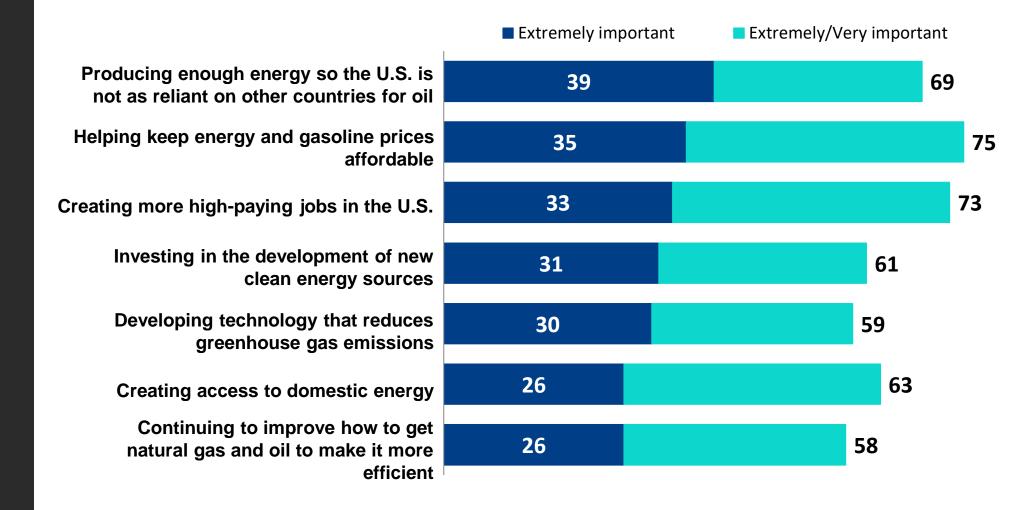
	Total more likely	Total Less Likely	Not Sure
Total	65%	9%	26%
Democrats	56%	10%	34%
Independents	61%	15%	25%
Republicans	79%	3%	18%
Non-college	61%	8%	32%
Bachelor's degree	71%	7%	22%
Post-grad	64%	11%	25%
Urban	59%	18%	23%
Suburban	64%	8%	28%
Rural	72%	3%	25%

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## GA voters prioritize energy independence, affordability, and job creation above all

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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## Voters across party lines agree on importance of affordability and job creation, while Dems also prioritize investing in new clean energy sources

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?

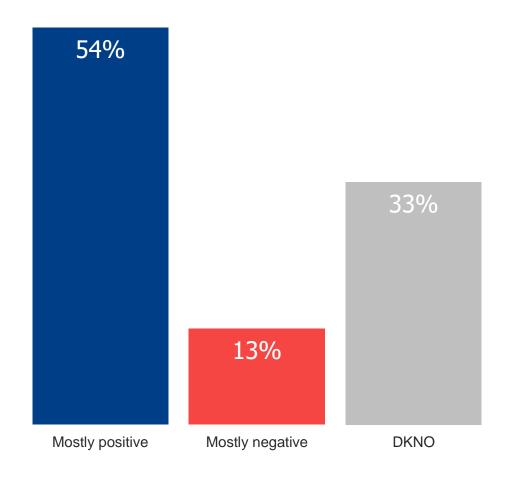
(Extremely/very important) shown	Keeping prices affordable	Create high- paying jobs	Producing enough energy	Access to domestic energy	New clean energy sources	Greenhouse gas emissions	More efficient
Total	75	73	69	63	61	59	58
Democrats	73	73	59	63	76	77	57
Independents	67	70	62	53	61	57	44
Republicans	81	73	84	69	45	42	67
18-34	70	69	52	47	61	59	61
35-44	67	74	76	62	63	67	51
45-64	77	77	75	68	59	56	57
65+	81	71	78	76	62	62	54
Non-college	77	74	71	64	59	58	59
Bachelor's degree	78	73	69	56	63	56	61
Post-grad	70	70	65	66	62	63	52
Urban	71	79	56	53	68	64	60
Suburban	73	71	68	63	60	59	53
Rural	84	72	83	72	57	57	65

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## Majority of GA voters think producing natural gas & oil in the U.S. has a positive impact on national security

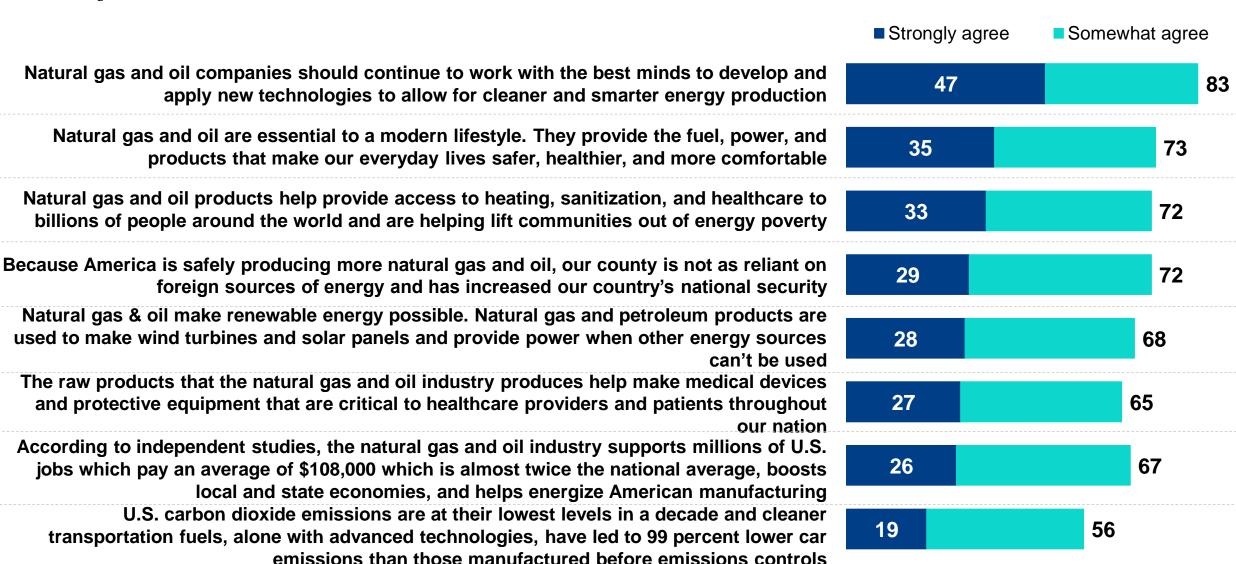
Do you think producing natural gas and oil here in the U.S. tends to have a mostly positive or mostly negative impact on our country's national security?



	Mostly positive	Mostly negative	Neutral
Total	54	13	33
Democrats	35	19	46
Independents	53	13	34
Republicans	77	5	18
18-34	36	21	43
35-44	56	16	27
45-64	65	7	28
65+	62	8	30
Urban	46	15	38
Suburban	55	12	32
Rural	61	10	29

## GA voters agree industry should develop new technologies for clean energy production & note it is essential to modern life, lifts people out of poverty

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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## Partisans in agreement that industry should be focused on developing new technology to allow for smarter and cleaner energy production

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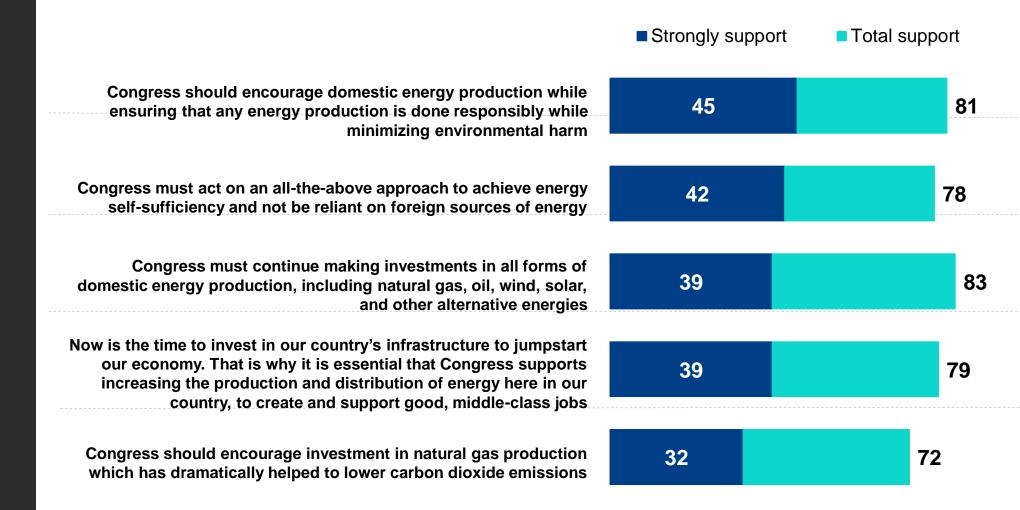
(Total agree) shown	New technologies	Essential to modern life	Energy poverty	Increased national security	Renewable energy	Supports jobs	Medical devices	Lower emissions
Total	83%	73%	72%	72%	68%	65%	67%	56%
Democrats	80%	59%	66%	60%	62%	56%	57%	47%
Independents	82%	73%	69%	70%	68%	71%	70%	51%
Republicans	86%	87%	80%	87%	74%	71%	77%	71%
18-34	67%	54%	65%	54%	57%	43%	58%	40%
35-44	85%	75%	66%	76%	66%	70%	68%	73%
45-64	90%	82%	74%	79%	71%	72%	73%	55%
65+	93%	82%	82%	85%	80%	81%	69%	72%
Non-college	75%	68%	65%	62%	63%	58%	64%	54%
Bachelor's degree	85%	77%	75%	69%	70%	59%	64%	52%
Post-grad	88%	72%	75%	83%	70%	76%	73%	62%
Urban	73%	63%	66%	64%	70%	56%	60%	52%
Suburban	85%	74%	73%	75%	67%	67%	69%	56%
Rural	86%	78%	73%	71%	69%	67%	69%	61%

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## GA voters want to invest in all forms domestic energy production and strive for self-sufficiency while ensuring 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.



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#### Investing in domestic energy production while ensuring minimal harm to the environment stands out as top item among Dems and independents

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

(Total support) shown	Minimize harm	All-the-above	Continue investments	Infrastructure	Lower emissions
Total	81%	78%	83%	79%	72%
Democrats	77%	72%	86%	70%	61%
Independents	83%	78%	80%	77%	77%
Republicans	84%	84%	82%	92%	79%
18-34	64%	61%	73%	62%	55%
35-44	81%	79%	86%	85%	76%
45-64	89%	88%	89%	90%	81%
65+	91%	87%	87%	84%	76%
White	85%	81%	86%	86%	76%
African American	58%	55%	88%	88%	53%
Urban	69%	74%	72%	67%	56%
Suburban	83%	79%	88%	85%	74%
Rural	85%	81%	82%	75%	81%

