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## Voters to Policy Makers: We Want Clean Energy

*A recent poll finds that Americans overwhelmingly favor investments in clean energy and energy efficiency to traditional fossil fuel resources.*



The environmental group the Sierra Club recently announced the results of a national survey that finds most Americans want the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to limit pollution from power plants. The survey also finds most Americans would like to see the country move away from fossil fuels and toward clean energy.

“Americans want to cut their ties to dirty fuels and instead power their country with 100% clean energy,” Sierra Club executive director Michael Brune interpreted from the survey. “These poll results should send a clear message to President Obama and the EPA that they must look beyond an ‘all of the above’ energy policy and completely replace dirty fuels with clean energy.”

The national poll, conducted by Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research, surveyed 1,000 registered voters throughout the country in mid-January.

Key findings of this important research project included:

61% versus 33% of respondents believed that the country should invest more in clean energy sources and energy efficiency as opposed to traditional fossil fuel resources.

51% of voters “strongly” supported investing in clean energy, and these sentiments were more pronounced among key minorities—African-Americans (77%) and Latinos (71%).

Two-thirds of U.S. voters believe that climate disruption is a serious problem.

Interestingly, 56% of respondents believed that the government limits the amount of carbon pollution that a power plant can release; in fact, it does not. 70% of voters are for the EPA putting limits on power plants’ carbon emissions.

Well more than half of voters (58%) would like to see the U.S. replace fossil fuels with clean, renewable sources by the year 2030.

Vice president of Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research, Andrew Baumann concluded, “Voters overwhelmingly want to see the country move away from fossil fuels and toward clean energy, and they believe the government should be taking more action to combat climate disruption.” Baumann added, “As a result, they show very strong support for new EPA limits on carbon pollution from power plants.”

In his January 28 State of the Union address, President Obama reiterated his so-called “all of the above” energy policy. In contrast to voter sentiments unveiled in the Greenberg et al survey, Obama proposes an American future that does rely more heavily on clean energy, but that also includes domestic oil drilling a natural gas fracking.



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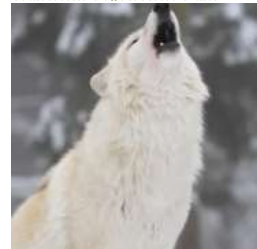
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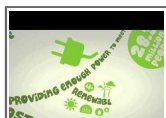
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