

Poll Findings About Clean Energy in the Reconciliation Bill

What We Know: Provisions to cut clean energy investments in the 2025 reconciliation bill are consistently unpopular. This finding holds true in surveys that have been conducted by left-of-center, non-partisan, and right-of-center pollsters.

Scaling back clean energy investment is not a priority for any segment of the electorate, as Americans across party lines say that they would prefer to expand rather than cut back on solar and wind energy.

Additionally, voters are concerned that cuts to clean energy would eliminate jobs and raise energy prices—at a time when the cost of living continues to rate as the public's top concern.

No part of the electorate wants to roll back clean energy.

- Nearly three-quarters of voters (73%) say that Congress should not eliminate clean energy investments in its budget bill, including 56% of Republicans. [[Climate Power](#), June 2025]
- Around seven in ten voters (71%) support investments in the manufacturing and development of clean energy technologies in America, including 59% of Republicans. [[Data for Progress](#), May 2025]
- More voters say that the federal government should increase (33%) or maintain funding (35%) for clean energy tax credits than cut funding for them (21%). Even among Republicans, less than two in five (36%) want to cut federal funding for clean energy tax credits. [[Data for Progress](#), May 2025]
- According to Pew, three-quarters of Americans (77%) support expanding solar power and two-thirds (68%) support expanding wind power. [[Pew](#), May 2025]
- According to AP-NORC, Republicans are more likely to say that both solar panel farms (39% expanded / 35% maintained / 25% reduced) and offshore wind farms (34% expanded / 35% maintained / 30% reduced) should be expanded rather than reduced. Less than one-third of Republicans want to scale back wind power, and only one-quarter want to scale back solar power. [[AP-NORC](#), June 2025]

Voters are concerned that cuts to clean energy would cost jobs and raise prices.

- Roughly three in five voters (62%) expect electricity costs to rise if the Republican budget bill passes. [[Climate Power](#), June 2025]
- Across nine polls of Republican-leaning states (IN, KS, OH) and GOP-held congressional districts (AZ-6, CO-8, IA-1, NV-2, PA-1, and VA-2) about the reconciliation bill, Republican polling firm Meeting Street Insights found that six in ten voters agree with each of the following arguments: [[American Energy American Jobs](#), June 2025]

“Those who oppose eliminating these energy investments say industry and local business leaders believe doing so will slow down manufacturing in this country, threaten hundreds of thousands of American jobs, and raise electricity costs for all Americans.”

“Those who oppose eliminating these energy investments say the U.S. is falling behind China in the energy race, and that these investments are vital to creating American jobs, lowering energy costs, and ensuring the U.S.—not China—leads the world in the technologies of the future.”

There are effective messages against cuts to clean energy that focus on costs, reliability, national security, and energy independence.

- Climate Power identified the following three messages as the most effective frames for opposing cuts to clean energy investments: [\[Climate Power, June 2025\]](#)

[COSTS] “With energy prices already high, now is the time to produce more energy—not less—to drive down those costs. Cutting clean energy means America produces less energy overall, and that means families will pay even more to keep the lights on. Repealing clean energy investments could increase energy costs by \$110 per family starting next year.”

[NATIONAL SECURITY] “No foreign country should be able to threaten or control America's energy supply. To protect our national security and energy dominance, we need to produce as much energy as possible here at home. American-made clean energy keeps both money and power here in the U.S., not overseas.”

[RELIABILITY] “We've seen what happens when there is severe heat, ice storms, and other dangerous extreme weather: thousands of people lose power. Lives are put at risk and businesses lose millions of dollars. Eliminating these investments would leave the electric grid weaker and more vulnerable when we need it most.”