TOPLINES

Keep America Competitive

Voters Support a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism

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Online sample of 1097 respondents fielded over web panels from September 15-16, 2024 and weighted to education, gender, race, and 2020 election results. The margin of error is +/- 3.4.

When it comes to climate change, which comes closer to your view?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
We Should Seek to Address Climate Change in a Way That Maximizes Economic Efficiency and Protects US Companies	58	39	57	83
We Should Seek to Address Climate Change in a Way That Maximizes Emissions Reductions	42	61	43	17

To what extent do you agree that U.S. policymakers should prioritize international rules and recommendations from international organizations like the World Trade Organization (WTO) over domestic interests?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly Prefer WTO	4	5	3	2
Somewhat Prefer WTO	22	31	16	14
Somewhat Prefer Domestic Interests	41	49	44	29
Strongly Prefer Domestic Interests	33	15	37	54

Do you support or oppose a policy that would put a fee on imports of foreign steel, cement, aluminum and other industrial products that are made in countries with weaker environmental protections than the United States?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly Support	24	16	23	35
Somewhat Support	45	48	47	41
Somewhat Oppose	22	27	23	15
Strongly Oppose	9	9	7	9
Support	69	64	70	76
Oppose	31	36	30	24
Net Support	39	27	40	52

Do you support or oppose a policy that would place a tax on carbon emissions within the United States?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly Support	14	21	12	7
Somewhat Support	38	52	36	21
Somewhat Oppose	28	21	34	34
Strongly Oppose	20	6	18	38
Support	52	73	48	29
Oppose	48	27	52	71
Net Support	4	46	-4	-43

Which of the statements below comes closer to your view regarding a policy to charge a fee on foreign industrial products made in countries with weaker environmental protections than the United States?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
This is a good policy. It's not fair for US companies that have to comply with our environmental standards to compete with Chinese products that don't face the same standards.	67	69	60	69
This is a bad policy. It will increase costs for American consumers because it will increase the price of goods from other countries.	33	31	40	31

In 2025, a number of tax cuts are set to expire. Some lawmakers have proposed putting a fee on imports of foreign steel, cement, aluminum and other industrial products that are made in countries with weaker environmental protections than the United States and using the money raised from that to pay for tax cuts. Do you support or oppose this policy?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly Support	20	14	19	28
Somewhat Support	47	50	45	45
Somewhat Oppose	25	29	28	19
Strongly Oppose	8	8	8	8
Support	67	63	64	73
Oppose	33	37	36	27
Net Support	34	27	28	46

If the fee on foreign imports of steel, cement, aluminum and other industrial products that are made in countries with weaker environmental protections than the United States was used to pay for middle income tax cuts, would that make you more or less likely to support the policy?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Much More Likely	14	13	12	18
Somewhat More Likely	26	30	26	21
Wouldn't Change My Opinion	49	45	54	50
Somewhat Less Likely	8	10	5	7
Much Less Likely	3	3	3	5

Some people say that if we put a fee on emissions produced by foreign imported steel, cement, aluminum and other industrial products that are made in countries with weaker environmental protections it would increase prices for goods and services. Others say this policy will protect American jobs and reduce our dependence on China. Which goal is more important to you?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Keep Prices Low	36	38	38	31
Protect American Jobs and Reduce Dependence on China	64	62	62	69

How important is it to bring back industrial production jobs to the United States?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Extremely Important	46	35	42	63
Very Important	30	33	33	25
Somewhat Important	22	31	23	11
Not At All Important	2	1	2	1



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