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Voter Attitudes Towards Clean Energy Tax Credits

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Rainey Center fielded an online survey over web panels of 1383 respondents from February 16-17, 2025 and weighted to education, age, gender, race, and 2024 election results. The margin of error is +/- 3.1.

Congress is currently considering policies to extend the 2017 tax cuts. To do this, they must cut other spending and tax credits. Below are some tax credits they are considering ending. For each say whether you support keeping or ending the tax credit. Tax credits for companies that build or produce clean electricity, including solar, wind, nuclear, and battery storage.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly feel we should end	14	6	11	25
Somewhat feel we should end	15	12	13	19
Somewhat feel we should keep	26	27	31	22
Strongly feel we should keep	25	36	22	14
Not sure	21	19	24	20

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	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly feel we should end	15	6	13	26
Somewhat feel we should end	13	13	9	16
Somewhat feel we should keep	28	28	32	24
Strongly feel we should keep	25	36	22	14
Not sure	20	18	23	21

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	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly feel we should end	28	15	26	45
Somewhat feel we should end	16	16	16	14
Somewhat feel we should keep	21	27	20	14
Strongly feel we should keep	13	19	14	6
Not sure	22	22	24	20

Congress is currently considering policies to extend the 2017 tax cuts. To do this, they must cut other spending and tax credits. Below are some tax credits they are considering ending. For each say whether you support keeping or ending the tax credit. Tax credits for companies that manufacture hydrogen, which can be used for clean fuel in factories, transportation, and energy production.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly feel we should end	10	7	8	16
Somewhat feel we should end	13	12	14	14
Somewhat feel we should keep	30	32	32	27
Strongly feel we should keep	20	25	20	15
Not sure	26	24	27	28

Congress is currently considering policies to extend the 2017 tax cuts. To do this, they must cut other spending and tax credits. Below are some tax credits they are considering ending. For each say whether you support keeping or ending the tax credit. Tax credits for companies that produce nuclear energy.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly feel we should end	13	14	10	15
Somewhat feel we should end	17	18	17	17
Somewhat feel we should keep	25	22	30	23
Strongly feel we should keep	15	16	12	18
Not sure	30	31	31	27

When Congress passed the clean energy tax credits, they included adders that allow for the tax credit to be larger than the base tax credit. For each adder, say whether you would support keeping or ending the adder: an additional credit if the clean energy project uses union labor.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly feel we should end	16	7	17	25
Somewhat feel we should end	14	14	13	17
Somewhat feel we should keep	22	25	23	19
Strongly feel we should keep	17	27	15	8
Not sure	30	27	32	31

When Congress passed the clean energy tax credits, they included adders that allow for the tax credit to be larger than the base tax credit. For each adder, say whether you would support keeping or ending the adder: an additional credit if the clean energy project is in a low-income community.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly feel we should end	11	3	11	20
Somewhat feel we should end	11	11	10	13
Somewhat feel we should keep	30	31	32	26
Strongly feel we should keep	23	32	20	14
Not sure	25	24	26	27

When Congress passed the clean energy tax credits, they included adders that allow for the tax credit to be larger than the base tax credit. For each adder, say whether you would support keeping or ending the adder: an additional credit if the clean energy project uses materials sourced from the United States.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly feel we should end	11	4	9	20
Somewhat feel we should end	7	8	6	7
Somewhat feel we should keep	33	34	34	30
Strongly feel we should keep	25	32	25	19
Not sure	24	22	26	25

Do you currently own or are you considering purchasing a plug-in hybrid? A plug-in hybrid is a type of hybrid car that combines a gasoline engine with an electric motor and battery that can be recharged by plugging it into an external power source.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes, currently own one or more plug-in hybrids	3	4	3	3
Yes, considering owning a plug-in hybrid	21	31	18	12
No, unlikely to buy a plug-in hybrid	33	35	40	25
No, would never buy a plug-in hybrid	43	31	39	60

Do you currently own or are you considering purchasing an electric vehicle?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes, currently own one or more electric vehicles	4	4	7	2
Yes, considering owning an electric vehicle	21	31	18	10
No, unlikely to buy an electric vehicle	31	34	37	23
No, would never buy an electric vehicle	44	31	38	64

When it comes to building transmission for new energy, which comes closer to your view?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
It should be easier to build transmission for energy, because that will increase American energy production and keep electricity bills low	38	41	36	38
We shouldn't change our laws around energy transmission. What we have now is working fine.	17	15	15	20
It should be harder to build transmission for energy to ensure that communities have input on transmission in their neighborhoods.	10	11	10	8
Not sure	35	33	39	34

For each of the following energy types, say whether transmission should be easier or harder to build: solar energy.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Easier	45	56	52	27
Harder	14	9	11	23
About the same	23	18	20	32
Not sure	18	18	17	18

For each of the following energy types, say whether transmission should be easier or harder to build: wind energy.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Easier	45	56	52	27
Harder	14	9	11	23
About the same	23	18	20	32
Not sure	18	18	17	18

For each of the following energy types, say whether transmission should be easier or harder to build: natural gas.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Easier	40	30	41	51
Harder	12	17	12	8
About the same	29	33	29	24
Not sure	19	20	19	17

For each of the following energy types, say whether transmission should be easier or harder to build: coal.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Easier	22	12	23	34
Harder	30	42	32	14
About the same	26	23	22	31
Not sure	22	23	24	21

For each of the following energy types, say whether transmission should be easier or harder to build: oil.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Easier	31	18	28	47
Harder	21	32	22	9
About the same	29	29	31	26
Not sure	19	21	19	18

For each of the following energy types, say whether transmission should be easier or harder to build: nuclear energy.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Easier	29	23	34	34
Harder	22	28	19	19
About the same	25	27	22	24
Not sure	24	22	26	24

When it comes to making decisions about transmission, do you believe these decisions are best made?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
By state governments	36	34	32	41
By federal governments	29	31	29	26
Not sure	35	35	39	33

Some technology companies self-generate energy, rather than getting it from a utility or the grid. This self-generation is less regulated than traditional utilities. Which of the following types of energy do you believe that technology companies should be allowed to self-generate: solar energy?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Allowed to self generate	59	64	58	53
Not be allowed to self generate	15	12	15	19
Not sure	26	24	27	27

Some technology companies self-generate energy, rather than getting it from a utility or the grid. This self-generation is less regulated than traditional utilities. Which of the following types of energy do you believe that technology companies should be allowed to self-generate: wind energy?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Allowed to self generate	56	62	58	48
Not be allowed to self generate	17	12	18	23
Not sure	26	26	24	29

Some technology companies self-generate energy, rather than getting it from a utility or the grid. This self-generation is less regulated than traditional utilities. Which of the following types of energy do you believe that technology companies should be allowed to self-generate: natural gas?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Allowed to self generate	45	35	45	55
Not be allowed to self generate	25	30	25	18
Not sure	31	35	30	26

Some technology companies self-generate energy, rather than getting it from a utility or the grid. This self-generation is less regulated than traditional utilities. Which of the following types of energy do you believe that technology companies should be allowed to self-generate: coal?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Allowed to self generate	33	22	30	48
Not be allowed to self generate	36	49	36	20
Not sure	31	30	34	31

Some technology companies self-generate energy, rather than getting it from a utility or the grid. This self-generation is less regulated than traditional utilities. Which of the following types of energy do you believe that technology companies should be allowed to self-generate: oil?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Allowed to self generate	35	21	34	51
Not be allowed to self generate	34	46	34	21
Not sure	31	33	32	28

Some technology companies self-generate energy, rather than getting it from a utility or the grid. This self-generation is less regulated than traditional utilities. Which of the following types of energy do you believe that technology companies should be allowed to self-generate: nuclear energy?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Allowed to self generate	31	26	35	34
Not be allowed to self generate	36	41	34	32
Not sure	33	32	31	34

Some Republicans say that Donald Trump should repeal tax credits for solar and other low carbon technologies because extending the Trump tax cuts is more important. Others Republicans that these credits create good jobs in American manufacturing. Which approach comes closer to your view?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
End the clean energy tax credits to extend other tax cuts	22	10	19	39
Keep the clean energy credits to protect American manufacturing	57	73	56	39
Not sure	21	17	25	23



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