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Voters Support an "America First" Approach to Clean Energy Tax Credits

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	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	24	18	25	29	22	26
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	21	20	21	24	21	22
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	16	16	13	20	13	20
Not Sure	39	46	41	27	45	32

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	23	21	18	25	27	24	20
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	15	14	19	24	16	25	25
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	16	24	15	15	17	14	17
Not Sure	47	41	48	36	40	38	38

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	27	22	28	14	22
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	23	20	18	13	26
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	19	14	17	13	16
Not Sure	32	44	37	60	37

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	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	37	29	37	45	36	37
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	24	24	25	23	22	26
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	14	14	11	18	14	15
Not Sure	25	33	27	14	28	22

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	34	29	35	38	48	38	23
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	17	29	26	25	20	23	30
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	13	15	13	14	8	14	21
Not Sure	37	27	26	23	24	26	25

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	46	29	51	19	25
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	23	25	20	17	30
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	13	15	9	16	19
Not Sure	17	31	21	47	26

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	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	35	32	35	41	36	35
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	26	24	26	26	24	28
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	15	12	12	20	13	16
Not Sure	24	32	27	12	27	21

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	32	39	38	35	48	34	23
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	23	24	23	27	21	26	30
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	10	14	11	16	8	16	20
Not Sure	35	22	28	23	22	25	26

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	45	29	49	22	24
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	26	26	22	23	30
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	14	15	9	10	20
Not Sure	16	31	19	45	26

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	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	30	26	31	35	28	33
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	16	19	18	11	17	16
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	25	19	22	38	23	28
Not Sure	28	36	29	16	32	23

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	33	24	28	31	44	30	17
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	13	20	18	16	15	17	18
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	17	28	19	27	19	22	35
Not Sure	36	27	34	26	22	32	30

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	38	25	44	15	19
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	18	15	16	18	17
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	26	25	18	16	34
Not Sure	19	34	22	51	30

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	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	34	29	31	43	33	35
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	27	24	28	28	22	31
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	12	11	11	14	12	12
Not Sure	28	35	31	15	33	22

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	30	33	25	36	43	33	25
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	21	32	32	26	25	25	30
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	12	12	8	12	9	10	16
Not Sure	37	23	35	26	23	32	30

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	43	27	45	22	25
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	27	27	24	16	31
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	12	11	9	10	14
Not Sure	18	35	22	52	30

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	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	32	26	30	41	28	36
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	26	26	25	29	24	28
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	14	14	15	14	15	13
Not Sure	28	35	31	17	34	22

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	25	30	25	34	35	30	29
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	22	26	31	26	26	24	28
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	16	19	14	13	13	16	13
Not Sure	36	26	31	27	26	29	29

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	38	27	38	13	29
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	25	27	23	22	30
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	15	14	15	9	13
Not Sure	21	33	24	56	28

Congress is currently considering policies to extend the 2017 tax cuts. To do this, they must cut other spending and tax credits. Which of the tax credits below do you believe are most important to keep? (Select 2) Tax credits for companies that build or produce clean electricity, including solar, wind, nuclear, and battery storage.

	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Yes	33	32	30	37	34	31
No	67	68	70	63	66	69

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes	26	26	34	35	41	35	22
No	74	74	66	65	59	65	78

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
Yes	38	29	44	26	23
No	62	71	56	74	77

Congress is currently considering policies to extend the 2017 tax cuts. To do this, they must cut other spending and tax credits. Which of the tax credits below do you believe are most important to keep? (Select 2) Tax credits for companies that manufacture solar panels, wind turbines, batteries, and other clean energy technology in the United States.

	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Yes	27	26	25	30	29	24
No	73	74	75	70	71	76

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes	19	33	27	27	33	30	18
No	81	67	73	73	67	70	82

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
Yes	29	25	35	21	19
No	71	75	65	79	81

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	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Yes	19	23	17	16	19	19
No	81	77	83	84	81	81

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes	27	21	21	17	23	20	14
No	73	79	79	83	77	80	86

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
Yes	21	17	24	15	14
No	79	83	76	85	86

Congress is currently considering policies to extend the 2017 tax cuts. To do this, they must cut other spending and tax credits. Which of the tax credits below do you believe are most important to keep? (Select 2) Tax credits for companies that manufacture hydrogen, which can be used for clean fuel in factories, transportation, and energy production.

	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Yes	24	23	23	25	22	25
No	76	77	77	75	78	75

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes	18	34	17	24	21	23	27
No	82	66	83	76	79	77	73

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
Yes	26	22	23	16	26
No	74	78	77	84	74

Congress is currently considering policies to extend the 2017 tax cuts. To do this, they must cut other spending and tax credits. Which of the tax credits below do you believe are most important to keep? (Select 2) Tax credits for companies that produce nuclear energy.

	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Yes	18	17	14	24	13	23
No	82	83	86	76	87	77

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes	11	16	13	20	10	18	26
No	89	84	87	80	90	82	74

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
Yes	22	15	11	15	25
No	78	85	89	85	75

Congress is currently considering policies to extend the 2017 tax cuts. To do this, they must cut other spending and tax credits. Which of the tax credits below do you believe are most important to keep? (Select 2) None of these.

	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Yes	28	30	32	23	30	27
No	72	70	68	77	70	73

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes	35	23	34	28	25	26	35
No	65	77	66	72	75	74	65

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
Yes	20	35	20	46	34
No	80	65	80	54	66

Congress is currently considering policies to extend the 2017 tax cuts. To do this, they must cut other spending and tax credits. Would you support keeping tax credits that encourage U.S. companies to manufacture clean energy technologies in the United States or should they be eliminated?

	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Keep Tax Credits for U.S. Companies	59	44	61	75	57	62
End Tax Credits for U.S. Companies	16	22	13	11	16	15
Not Sure	25	34	25	14	27	23

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Keep Tax Credits for U.S. Companies	35	49	56	65	60	58	60
End Tax Credits for U.S. Companies	21	20	19	14	14	14	18
Not Sure	44	31	25	21	26	29	22

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
Keep Tax Credits for U.S. Companies	68	53	64	30	59
End Tax Credits for U.S. Companies	16	15	13	17	17
Not Sure	17	31	23	52	23

Congress is currently considering policies to extend the 2017 tax cuts. To do this, they must cut other spending and tax credits. Would you support keeping tax credits for foreign companies that manufacture products in the United States or should they be eliminated?

	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Keep Tax Credits for Foreign Companies	35	31	34	41	34	37
End Tax Credits for Foreign Companies	31	31	30	34	30	33
Not Sure	33	38	36	25	36	30

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Keep Tax Credits for Foreign Companies	29	.8	23	37	38	32	35
End Tax Credits for Foreign Companies	25	32	39	32	28	33	34
Not Sure	46	30	38	31	34	35	32

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
Keep Tax Credits for Foreign Companies	40	31	38	19	35
End Tax Credits for Foreign Companies	35	29	32	28	32
Not Sure	25	40	31	53	33

If you knew that clean energy tax credits were only available to United States companies, would you be more or less likely to support them?

	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Much More Likely to Support	17	15	20	16	18	16
Somewhat More Likely to Support	24	16	27	29	23	24
No Impact on My Support	48	53	42	48	46	49
Somewhat Less Likely to Support	6	8	5	4	6	5
Much Less Likely to Support	6	8	6	3	6	6

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Much More Likely to Support	12	16	16	18	17	16	18
Somewhat More Likely to Support	10	18	23	27	22	25	24
No Impact on My Support	56	52	49	45	46	48	48
Somewhat Less Likely to Support	10	7	2	5	7	3	6
Much Less Likely to Support	12	7	10	4	7	7	3

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
Much More Likely to Support	17	17	16	14	18
Somewhat More Likely to Support	27	21	24	13	25
No Impact on My Support	46	49	46	62	47
Somewhat Less Likely to Support	6	5	6	4	5
Much Less Likely to Support	5	7	7	7	4

President Trump has promised to get rid of President Biden's "Green New Scam," which includes tax credits for clean energy technology. If President Trump prevented these tax credits from going to foreign companies, but kept them for United States companies would you...

	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Consider Trump's Promise to Be kept	37	31	39	41	34	39
Consider Trump's Promise to Be Broken	26	28	21	28	25	26
Not Sure	38	41	40	31	41	34

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Consider Trump's Promise to Be kept	26	30	18	42	22	35	53
Consider Trump's Promise to Be Broken	26	27	29	25	31	22	22
Not Sure	48	44	53	34	47	43	25

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
Consider Trump's Promise to Be kept	39	35	22	28	52
Consider Trump's Promise to Be Broken	28	23	32	15	20
Not Sure	33	42	46	58	27

Do you believe it is appropriate for the government to rely on racial justice nonprofit organizations to distribute taxpayer money?

	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Not Appropriate	51	43	51	60	50	51
Appropriate	13	20	9	10	11	15
Not Sure	36	37	40	30	38	33

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Not Appropriate	40	41	42	55	40	54	60
Appropriate	15	19	22	11	19	10	10
Not Sure	45	40	36	34	41	36	31

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
Not Appropriate	54	48	41	41	62
Appropriate	15	12	18	9	9
Not Sure	30	40	41	50	29

Do you believe it is appropriate for the government to rely on left-wing nonprofit organizations to distribute taxpayer money?

	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Not Appropriate	55	41	59	68	52	59
Appropriate	15	22	11	14	14	17
Not Sure	29	38	31	18	34	25

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Not Appropriate	40	47	46	60	42	55	70
Appropriate	21	17	20	13	22	12	11
Not Sure	39	36	34	26	37	33	20

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
Not Appropriate	57	54	43	35	70
Appropriate	19	13	22	11	9
Not Sure	24	34	35	54	21

During the Biden administration, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) dedicated $20 billion in grants to left-wing nonprofits for clean energy investments. After the election in 2024, one EPA staffer referred to sending the funding to nonprofits after Biden lost as "throwing gold bars off the Titanic." Recently, EPA Director Lee Zeldin canceled the grants. Do you support or oppose EPA Director Lee Zeldin canceling the grants to left-wing nonprofits?

	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Strongly Support	23	16	23	33	19	28
Somewhat Support	14	14	14	14	14	13
Somewhat Oppose	12	15	11	9	12	12
Strongly Oppose	18	14	18	24	18	19
Not Sure	33	42	35	20	37	28

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly Support	7	16	16	28	7	21	43
Somewhat Support	11	12	16	14	12	13	16
Somewhat Oppose	15	16	12	11	15	13	8
Strongly Oppose	18	24	17	18	30	14	9
Not Sure	48	33	40	29	36	39	25

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
Strongly Support	25	22	6	10	42
Somewhat Support	14	13	12	8	16
Somewhat Oppose	12	12	16	16	7
Strongly Oppose	23	15	30	8	8
Not Sure	26	38	36	57	26

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	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
End Funding for the Left-Wing Nonprofits	41	31	42	51	38	44
Keep Funding for the Left-Wing Nonprofits	28	31	25	29	28	28
Not Sure	31	38	34	20	34	28

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
End Funding for the Left-Wing Nonprofits	22	30	29	47	16	39	68
Keep Funding for the Left-Wing Nonprofits	39	30	36	25	50	23	9
Not Sure	39	40	35	28	34	38	23

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
End Funding for the Left-Wing Nonprofits	41	41	16	25	67
Keep Funding for the Left-Wing Nonprofits	33	24	50	22	8
Not Sure	26	35	34	53	25

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) directed $50 million in government-funded grants to the Climate Justice Alliance (CJA), an environmental justice non-profit, to distribute to local community groups. CJA believes that environmental justice includes a struggle against "white supremacy" and the "liberation" of Palestine. Do you support or oppose the EPA ending funding for Climate Justice Alliance to distribute money to local community groups?

	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
EPA Should End Funding	37	29	37	48	32	44
EPA Should Keep Funding	30	34	27	30	32	29
Not Sure	32	37	36	22	36	28

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
EPA Should End Funding	23	30	26	42	17	35	61
EPA Should Keep Funding	39	37	35	27	51	27	12
Not Sure	38	33	39	30	32	38	28

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
EPA Should End Funding	40	36	16	27	60
EPA Should Keep Funding	35	27	51	18	12
Not Sure	26	37	32	55	28

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	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Consider Trump's Promise to Be kept	37	34	36	41	35	39
Consider Trump's Promise to Be Broken	25	23	25	28	22	29
Not Sure	38	43	38	31	43	32

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Consider Trump's Promise to Be kept	26	32	28	40	23	35	52
Consider Trump's Promise to Be Broken	25	30	26	25	31	25	20
Not Sure	48	38	45	35	46	39	28

	College	Non-college	Dem. Kamala Harris	Didn't Vote / Other	Rep. Donald Trump
Consider Trump's Promise to Be kept	38	36	24	23	52
Consider Trump's Promise to Be Broken	29	23	32	16	21
Not Sure	32	42	44	62	28


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