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

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Rainey Center fielded an online survey over web panels of 1400 respondents from March 13-14, 2025 and weighted to education, age, gender, race, and 2024 election results. The margin of error is +/- 3.0.

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	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	24	27	24	20
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	21	16	25	25
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	16	17	14	17
Not Sure	39	40	38	38

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	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	37	48	38	23
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	24	20	23	30
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	14	8	14	21
Not Sure	25	24	26	25

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	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	35	48	34	23
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	26	21	26	30
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	15	8	16	20
Not Sure	24	22	25	26

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	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	30	44	30	17
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	16	15	17	18
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	25	19	22	35
Not Sure	28	22	32	30

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	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	34	43	33	25
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	27	25	25	30
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	12	9	10	16
Not Sure	28	23	32	30

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	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Keep the Tax Credits As Is	32	35	30	29
Limit Tax Credits to Only U.S. Companies	26	26	24	28
Eliminate Tax Credits Entirely	14	13	16	13
Not Sure	28	26	29	29

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	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes	33	41	35	22
No	67	59	65	78

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	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes	27	33	30	18
No	73	67	70	82

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	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes	19	23	20	14
No	81	77	80	86

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	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes	24	21	23	27
No	76	79	77	73

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	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes	18	10	18	26
No	82	90	82	74

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	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes	28	25	26	35
No	72	75	74	65

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	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Keep Tax Credits for U.S. Companies That Manufacture in the United States	59	60	58	60
End Tax Credits for U.S. Companies That Manufacture in the United States	16	14	14	18
Not Sure	25	26	29	22

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	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Keep Tax Credits for Foreign Companies That Manufacture in the United States	35	38	32	35
End Tax Credits for Foreign Companies That Manufacture in the United States	31	28	33	34
Not Sure	33	34	35	32

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	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Much More Likely to Support	17	17	16	18
Somewhat More Likely to Support	24	22	25	24
No Impact on My Support	48	46	48	48
Somewhat Less Likely to Support	6	7	3	6
Much Less Likely to Support	6	7	7	3

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	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Consider Trump's Promise to End the "Green New Scam" to Be Kept	37	22	35	53
Consider Trump's Promise to End the "Green New Scam" to Be Broken	26	31	22	22
Not Sure	38	47	43	25

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

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Not Appropriate	51	40	54	60
Appropriate	13	19	10	10
Not Sure	36	41	36	31

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

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Not Appropriate	55	42	55	70
Appropriate	15	22	12	11
Not Sure	29	37	33	20

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	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly Support	23	7	21	43
Somewhat Support	14	12	13	16
Somewhat Oppose	12	15	13	8
Strongly Oppose	18	30	14	9
Not Sure	33	36	39	25
Support	37	19	34	59
Oppose	30	46	27	16
Net Support	7	27	8	42

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	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
End Funding for the Left-Wing Nonprofits Through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	41	16	39	68
Keep Funding for the Left-Wing Nonprofits Through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	28	50	23	9
Not Sure	31	34	38	23

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	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
EPA Should End Funding for Climate Justice Alliance	37	17	35	61
EPA Should Keep Funding for Climate Justice Alliance	30	51	27	12
Not Sure	32	32	38	28

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	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Consider Trump's Promise to End the "Green New Scam" to Be Kept	37	23	35	52
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Not Sure	38	46	39	28



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