TOPLINES

Reconciliation Energy Survey and Message Test

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Online sample of 1853 respondents fielded over web panels from May 10-12, 2025 and weighted to education, age, gender, race, and 2024 election results. The margin of error is +/- 2.8.

Do you support extending the 2017 tax cuts called the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA)?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly Support	21	14	19	29
Somewhat Support	25	23	24	26
Somewhat Oppose	12	12	13	13
Strongly Oppose	10	16	9	4
Not Sure	33	35	35	28
Support	45	38	43	55
Oppose	22	28	22	17
Net Support	23	10	21	38

Congress is considering the following options to pay for extending the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA). Which do you like most? [Select 2]
Increasing Taxes on High-income Earners

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes	43	62	43	24
No	57	38	57	76

Congress is considering the following options to pay for extending the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA). Which do you like most? [Select 2]
Eliminating Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in Medicaid

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes	28	15	28	40
No	72	85	72	60

Congress is considering the following options to pay for extending the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA). Which do you like most? [Select 2]
Increasing the Deficit

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes	8	11	7	6
No	92	89	93	94

Congress is considering the following options to pay for extending the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA). Which do you like most? [Select 2]
Repealing Tax Credits for Electric Vehicle Purchases

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes	11	9	11	12
No	89	91	89	88

Congress is considering the following options to pay for extending the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA). Which do you like most? [Select 2]
Preventing Chinese Companies from Gaining Access to Energy Tax Credits

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes	30	29	31	29
No	70	71	69	71

Congress is considering the following options to pay for extending the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA). Which do you like most? [Select 2]
Repealing Tax Incentives for Domestic Manufacture of Clean Energy Components

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes	5	5	5	6
No	95	95	95	94

Congress is considering the following options to pay for extending the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA). Which do you like most? [Select 2]
Repealing Tax Incentives for Clean Energy Investments Including Geothermal, Solar, Nuclear, Natural Gas, and Carbon Capture

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes	7	8	7	7
No	93	92	93	93

Congress is considering the following options to pay for extending the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA). Which do you like most? [Select 2]
Reducing How Much the Government Pays for Prescription Drugs

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes	11	13	9	11
No	89	87	91	89

Congress is considering the following options to pay for extending the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA). Which do you like most? [Select 2]
Ending Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in Food Stamps

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Yes	29	15	30	42
No	71	85	70	58

Below are some tax credits. For each, say whether you support the tax credit or oppose it. Tax Credits for Companies That Build or Produce Clean Energy—Including: Solar, Geothermal, Nuclear, and Battery Storage

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly Support	26	39	21	17
Somewhat Support	34	28	36	39
Somewhat Oppose	11	7	10	14
Strongly Oppose	5	2	6	7
Not Sure	24	23	28	22
Support	60	68	57	56
Oppose	16	10	15	22
Net Support	45	58	41	34

Below are some tax credits. For each, say whether you support the tax credit or oppose it. Tax Credits for Companies That Manufacture Solar Panels, Batteries, and Other Clean Energy Technology in the United States

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly Support	25	37	23	15
Somewhat Support	35	34	34	36
Somewhat Oppose	12	7	11	18
Strongly Oppose	6	4	6	8
Not Sure	22	18	27	23
Support	60	71	56	51
Oppose	18	10	17	26
Net Support	42	61	39	26

Below are some tax credits. For each, say whether you support the tax credit or oppose it. A $7,500 Tax Credit for Individuals Purchasing an Electric Vehicle

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly Support	16	27	12	9
Somewhat Support	22	25	23	19
Somewhat Oppose	17	11	16	23
Strongly Oppose	20	12	17	28
Not Sure	25	25	31	22
Support	38	52	35	27
Oppose	36	23	34	51
Net Support	2	29	2	-24

Below are some tax credits. For each, say whether you support the tax credit or oppose it. 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 Support	20	28	18	15
Somewhat Support	35	33	34	39
Somewhat Oppose	10	8	10	11
Strongly Oppose	5	6	5	6
Not Sure	29	25	34	30
Support	56	61	52	54
Oppose	15	14	15	17
Net Support	40	47	37	37

Below are some tax credits. For each, say whether you support the tax credit or oppose it. Tax Credits for Companies That Produce Nuclear Energy

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly Support	14	14	12	16
Somewhat Support	28	27	27	29
Somewhat Oppose	16	16	15	17
Strongly Oppose	10	12	10	9
Not Sure	32	31	36	29
Support	42	41	39	45
Oppose	26	28	25	26
Net Support	15	13	14	19

Below are some tax credits. For each, say whether you support the tax credit or oppose it. Tax Credits for Companies That Deploy Carbon Capture—Which Captures Carbon Dioxide from the Source and Stores it or Transforms it into a Clean Energy Source

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly Support	22	31	19	16
Somewhat Support	34	31	34	37
Somewhat Oppose	10	10	8	12
Strongly Oppose	6	4	7	8
Not Sure	27	25	32	26
Support	56	62	53	53
Oppose	16	13	15	21
Net Support	40	48	39	33

Congress has created tax credits for investing in or producing clean energy in the United States. These credits are called "tech-neutral" tax credits and include geothermal, solar, nuclear, natural gas, and carbon capture. Do you support or oppose tax credits for investing in and producing clean energy in the United States?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly Support	22	31	21	16
Somewhat Support	36	35	35	37
Somewhat Oppose	10	8	9	13
Strongly Oppose	7	4	8	8
Not Sure	25	22	28	27
Support	58	66	56	52
Oppose	17	12	17	21
Net Support	42	54	39	32

These credits have driven billions in private investment and could save American families billions on electricity bills through 2030. They support clean energy like solar, nuclear, and geothermal—while creating strong U.S. manufacturing jobs that don't require a college degree. They promote economic growth, energy innovation, and American energy dominance.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Very Convincing	16	21	16	12
Somewhat Convincing	32	36	29	30
Not Too Convincing	14	10	14	17
Not at All Convincing	10	8	10	11
Statement if False	3	2	3	3
Not Sure	25	23	28	26

These credits are fueling an American energy renaissance and reducing our reliance on foreign countries. They've attracted hundreds of billions in investment to build a secure, reliable, and "America First" energy grid—ending dependence on foreign imports and securing U.S. energy independence.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Very Convincing	16	17	15	17
Somewhat Convincing	31	28	30	35
Not Too Convincing	13	14	13	12
Not at All Convincing	11	10	11	12
Statement if False	5	8	5	3
Not Sure	24	23	26	22

This tech-neutral approach lets the free market—not the government—choose the best energy solutions. It's driving innovation in nuclear, geothermal, hydrogen, and more. If we repeal these credits now, those technologies won't get the same fair shot that wind and solar had. Keeping these credits ensures a future of energy innovation.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Very Convincing	11	10	9	13
Somewhat Convincing	26	28	25	26
Not Too Convincing	18	16	20	19
Not at All Convincing	10	9	10	11
Statement if False	5	7	5	4
Not Sure	29	30	32	26

These credits are backed by the business community because they're market-based and technology-neutral. Any project can qualify if it meets clear standards. Pulling them back now would create uncertainty just as companies are making major energy investments.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Very Convincing	8	10	9	6
Somewhat Convincing	24	24	23	25
Not Too Convincing	20	17	21	22
Not at All Convincing	13	13	10	15
Statement if False	4	5	4	4
Not Sure	30	31	33	28

Ending these credits won't save the government money—it will cost money. If companies stop investing, tax revenue drops. Keeping the credits builds a strong long-term energy base, supports shared prosperity, and helps lower the federal deficit.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Very Convincing	9	13	7	6
Somewhat Convincing	27	30	28	24
Not Too Convincing	16	13	16	20
Not at All Convincing	13	12	12	16
Statement if False	6	6	6	5
Not Sure	29	27	32	29

These credits have rare bipartisan support in Congress—Republicans and Democrats alike back them. That's because they create good jobs, lower energy costs, and advance American energy dominance.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Very Convincing	13	17	12	10
Somewhat Convincing	31	30	31	31
Not Too Convincing	13	12	11	15
Not at All Convincing	9	8	9	11
Statement if False	7	6	7	8
Not Sure	27	26	29	25

These credits are keeping electricity bills down. Repealing them could raise the average household's power bill by more than $110 a year. With inflation already hitting families hard, we can't afford higher energy costs.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Very Convincing	17	19	18	15
Somewhat Convincing	27	32	24	25
Not Too Convincing	13	12	12	15
Not at All Convincing	10	8	9	12
Statement if False	8	6	9	8
Not Sure	25	23	28	24

These credits help the U.S. stay ahead in the global energy race. They build strong domestic energy and manufacturing capacity. Repealing them would weaken America's position and give China—already dominant in global energy manufacturing—an even greater edge.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Very Convincing	14	14	12	14
Somewhat Convincing	29	31	27	28
Not Too Convincing	15	12	17	17
Not at All Convincing	9	9	9	11
Statement if False	5	5	4	4
Not Sure	28	29	30	27

We need to end these tax credits to help reduce our massive national deficit. Cutting them could save $1 trillion over the next ten years. With out-of-control government spending, we can't afford to keep handing out subsidies.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Very Convincing	10	7	9	14
Somewhat Convincing	26	21	21	34
Not Too Convincing	16	18	21	10
Not at All Convincing	15	16	14	14
Statement if False	7	13	5	3
Not Sure	26	26	30	24

These credits unfairly favor unreliable energy like solar over steady sources like oil and coal. We should invest more in oil and coal, not in solar, nuclear, or geothermal. If we rely too much on solar, we risk grid failures, like the blackouts that recently happened in Spain.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Very Convincing	10	5	10	15
Somewhat Convincing	18	12	17	26
Not Too Convincing	16	15	18	14
Not at All Convincing	18	23	18	13
Statement if False	13	19	11	8
Not Sure	25	26	27	24

Our energy grid should be built by the free market, not propped up by government handouts. These tax credits are heavy-handed and distort the energy market, which prevents the market from achieving a reliable grid.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Very Convincing	14	8	13	21
Somewhat Convincing	20	14	20	25
Not Too Convincing	15	19	16	11
Not at All Convincing	14	18	14	8
Statement if False	8	12	6	7
Not Sure	29	29	31	28

These tax credits were the centerpiece of the Biden administration's energy and climate agenda—a sweeping, expensive policy that aimed to "decarbonize" America. But the costs are massive, and the promised benefits are uncertain. Americans voted this out in last year's election.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Very Convincing	14	8	14	21
Somewhat Convincing	18	14	15	24
Not Too Convincing	14	15	13	13
Not at All Convincing	15	18	17	11
Statement if False	11	18	10	6
Not Sure	27	28	30	25

Now that you have heard more, do you support or oppose extending tech-neutral tax credits?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly Support	11	14	10	7
Somewhat Support	28	32	27	26
Somewhat Oppose	18	13	18	23
Strongly Oppose	9	7	8	11
Not Sure	35	34	37	34
Support	39	46	38	33
Oppose	26	20	26	34
Net Support	13	27	12	-1

Congress is considering ending tax credits for companies that build or produce clean energy. Those who say these credits should end say these credits unfairly advantage clean energy over oil and coal, which they say are more reliable. Those who say these credits should continue say that if the credits are ended, it will increase consumer electricity bills. Which comes closer to your view?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
End the Credits to Bolster More Reliable Energy	15	7	15	23
Keep the Credits to Lower Energy Bills	46	61	42	33
Neither, Not Sure	39	32	42	45

Congress is considering ending tax credits for companies that build or produce clean energy. Those who say these credits should end say these credits unfairly advantage clean energy over oil and natural gas, which they say are more reliable. Those who say these credits should continue say that if the credits are ended, it will slow the development of nuclear energy which is clean and reliable.

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
End the Credits to Bolster More Reliable Energy	17	10	19	23
Keep the Credits to Lower Energy Bills	44	55	41	35
Neither, Not Sure	39	36	41	42

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	14	13	12	16
Somewhat More Likely to Support	22	24	21	21
No Impact on My Support	55	54	59	53
Somewhat Less Likely to Support	5	4	5	6
Much Less Likely to Support	4	4	3	5

When it comes to federal spending on Medicaid, which comes closer to your view?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
The proposals being considered to change federal funding would lead to millions of vulnerable Americans losing coverage, they must be rejected.	31	46	30	17
The proposals would ensure Medicaid achieves its original goal of helping the poorest, rather than subsidizing healthcare for able-bodied adults above the poverty line who could get jobs.	39	25	38	52
Not Sure	30	28	32	31

When it comes to federal spending on Medicaid, which comes closer to your view?

	All	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
We should not make any changes to Medicaid. We can't afford to throw millions of Americans off of their health insurance. Medicaid protects children, pregnant mothers and the elderly.	36	56	34	19
We need to reform Medicaid so it fulfills its original purpose, helping the vulnerable. Too many people on Medicaid could have jobs but don't. By eliminating waste, fraud and abuse we can save money and ensure the program serves its original purpose.	40	24	40	58
Not Sure	23	20	26	24





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