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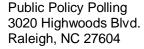
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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that a majority of Illinois voters supports the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's plan to limit the amount of carbon pollution that power plants can release. 70% of Illinoisans favor the E.P.A.'s Clean Power Plan, while only 26% oppose it. Confidence in the E.P.A.'s direction on the issue is high, with 70% saying they trust the scientists at the E.P.A. more than members of Congress to decide whether there should be limits on air and water pollution. Majorities across a broad range of demographic groups—including women, men, Democrats, Republicans, Independents, young voters, and seniors—are highly receptive to the E.P.A.'s expertise.

Key findings from the survey include:

- The Clean Power Plan is backed by a diverse, broad-based coalition, including majorities of women (79%), men (60%), Democrats (90%), Republicans (60%), Independents (56%), young voters (67%), and seniors (64%).
- 61% of voters say they would be more likely to vote for a candidate for U.S. Senate from Illinois if he/she supported the Clean Power Plan, including 34% who say they would be much more likely to vote for such a candidate. Just 25% of Illinoisans say they would be less likely to back a candidate who supported the plan.
- By a sizeable 55/39 split, Illinoisans think that the state should be investing more in clean, renewable energy sources like solar and wind instead of traditional sources like coal, oil, and gas.
- Climate change is an increasingly important issue for Illinois voters. 63% have reached the consensus that climate change is a serious problem, with 38% of those saying that it is a "very serious" problem.

PPP interviewed 614 registered Illinois voters from November 5-8. The margin of error for the poll is +/-4.0%. The poll was sponsored by the Sierra Club.



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## **Illinois Survey Results**

Q1	Are you registered to vote in Illinois?	Q4	In general, do you think the United States	
	Yes		should be doing more or less to address the issue of climate change or global warming, or	
	No 0%		is it currently doing the right amount?	
Q2	Not sure		The United States should be doing more to address the issue of climate change or global warming4	
	different sources, such as fossil fuels, like coal, as well as from renewable sources, like solar.		The United States should be doing less to address climate change or global warming 27%	6
	Do you think Illinois should be investing more in traditional energy sources like coal, oil, and gas, or do you think Illinois should be investing		The United States is currently doing the right amount to address climate change or global warming189	6
	more in renewable energy sources like solar and wind?	Q5	Not sure79	
	Illinois should be investing more in traditional energy sources like coal, oil, and gas39% Illinois should be investing more in renewable energy sources like solar and wind55%		Who do you trust more to decide whether there should be limits on air and water pollution: the scientists at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the elected members of Congress?	
Q3	Not sure		Trust the scientists at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency more to decide whether there should be limits on air and water pollution709	%
			Trust the elected members of Congress more to decide whether there should be limits on air and water pollution17%	
	Very serious problem38%		Not sure139	6
	Somewhat serious problem25%	Q6	How much, if anything, have you heard or r about the U.S. Environmental Protection	
	Not that much of a problem24%		Agency's Clean Power Plan: a lot, a little, the	the
	Not a problem at all13%           Not sure		name only, or nothing at all?	
			A lot	
			A little359	
			The name only219	
			Nothing at all289	
			Not sure2%	ó





Q7	As you may already know, the centerpiece of			
	the Clean Power Plan is having the U.S.			
	Environmental Protection Agency, or E.P.A.,			
	limit the amount of carbon pollution that power			
	plants can release. The plan gives states the			
	flexibility to choose the best set of cost-			
	effective pollution reductions for their own			
	needs. Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor,			
	somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the plan			
	to have the E.P.A. limit the amount of carbon			
	pollution that power plants can release?			

Strongly favor	44%
Somewhat favor	26%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	13%
Not sure	3%

Q8 If you knew that a candidate for U.S. Senate from Illinois supported the Clean Power Plan, would you be much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, or much less likely to support that candidate, or would it have no impact on your support?

	Much more likely	34%
	Somewhat more likely	
	Somewhat less likely	
	Much less likely	
	Would have no impact on support	
	Not sure	
Q9	If you are a woman, press 1. If a man	
	Woman	53%
	Man	47%

Q10	If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican,
	press 2. If you are an independent or identify
	with another party, press 3.

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	Democrat	38%
	Republican	28%
	Independent / Other	34%
Q11	If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, pre African-American, press 3. If other, pres	
	Hispanic	7%
	White	75%
	African-American	13%
	Other	5%
Q12	If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.	46 to
	18 to 45	28%
	46 to 65	46%
	Older than 65	26%
Q13	Area Code	
	217	12%
	309	12%
	312	1%
	618	13%
	630	10%
	708	8%
	773	13%
	815	15%
	0.47	15%