

DATA FOR **PROGRESS**

From 8/21/2020 to 8/21/2020 Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,135 likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is +/- 2.7 percentage points

N=570 unless otherwise specified. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

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<p>[1] Recently, rolling power blackouts occurred across the state of California. Some say that the outages were caused by utility companies that neglected to keep the required reserves of power for bad weather events and a natural gas plant that shut down because of the hot weather. Others say that the blackouts occurred because California relies too much on renewable energy like wind and solar, which makes up 36% of California's electricity generation, and could not keep up with demand during bad weather events. Based on what you know, which statement do you most closely agree with?</p>	California should not rely so much on renewable energy sources like wind and solar energy	21%	14%	21%	29%
	Don't know	15	10	23	14
	Utility companies should be more responsible in managing their power reserves and maintaining plants so they do not fail during periods of hot weather	64	75	56	57

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<p>[2] Recently, rolling power blackouts occurred across the state of California. Democrats say that the outages were caused by utility companies that neglected to keep the required reserves of power for adverse weather events and a natural gas plant that shut down because of the hot weather. Republicans say that the blackouts occurred because California relies too much on renewable energy like wind and solar, which makes up 36% of California's electricity generation, and could not keep up with demand during bad weather events. Based on what you know, which statement do you most closely agree with? (N=565)</p>	California should not rely so much on renewable energy sources like wind and solar energy	24%	15%	19%	37%
	Don't know	14	13	22	10
	Utility companies should be more responsible in managing their power reserves and maintaining plants so they do not fail during periods of hot weather	62	73	59	53