

DATA FOR PROGRESS

From October 20 to 21, 2023, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,222 likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, geography, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is ± 3 percentage points.

NB: subgroups with a n-size less than 50 (<50) are not shown on these cross-tabs. We choose not to display N<50 subgroups because the sample is too small to have statistical significance. We did, however, take samples of these subgroups for representational and weighting purposes to accurately reflect the electorate makeup. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

N=1,222 unless otherwise specified.

[1] Do you approve or disapprove of the utility company that provides power to where you live?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly approve	27	28	23	29	26	28	23	29	27	26	27	29	20
Somewhat approve	49	49	45	51	51	46	49	49	49	49	46	47	61
Somewhat disapprove	14	12	22	12	13	16	15	14	15	14	12	14	12
Strongly disapprove	6	7	6	5	5	7	7	5	6	6	9	6	4
Don't know	4	5	5	3	5	3	6	3	4	5	6	4	3
APPROVE (TOTAL)	76	77	68	80	77	74	72	78	76	75	73	76	81
DISAPPROVE (TOTAL)	20	19	28	17	18	23	22	19	21	20	21	20	16
APPROVE (NET)	+56	+58	+40	+63	+59	+51	+50	+59	+55	+55	+52	+56	+65
Weighted N	1,222	469	308	445	654	568	436	786	783	439	134	888	152

[2] In the past year, have your utility bills gone up, gone down, or stayed about the same?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Gone up	60	58	61	60	60	59	56	62	58	62	52	60	58
Stayed about the same	30	30	30	31	30	31	32	29	32	27	34	31	32
Gone down	4	5	3	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	7	4	3
I do not pay a utility bill	4	5	3	3	3	4	5	3	3	4	3	3	6
Don't know	2	3	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	4	2	1
Weighted N	1,222	469	308	445	654	568	436	786	783	439	134	888	152

[3] Of the following, what do you think should be the **top priority** of the utility company that provides power to where you live?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Transitioning to renewable energy	15	22	17	6	15	16	18	14	13	18	11	14	24
Ensuring reliable service	21	17	23	24	21	21	18	22	17	27	17	23	17
Lowering prices for customers	39	36	36	45	44	34	35	41	44	30	44	38	36
Creating new good-paying jobs in the community	4	5	3	5	3	6	8	3	5	4	8	3	8
Upgrading aging power grid infrastructure	17	17	17	18	14	22	15	19	17	18	16	19	12
Something else	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Don't know	3	2	3	3	3	2	5	1	3	2	4	2	3
Weighted N	1,222	469	308	445	654	568	436	786	783	439	134	888	152

[4] Publicly owned utility companies allow consumers to elect local utility board representatives, who oversee the utility provider by setting policies that affect energy rates, services, and the energy sources that provide electricity to an area.

Would you support or oppose having a publicly owned utility as **your** local utility provider?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly support	19	24	19	15	16	24	21	18	19	20	33	19	16
Somewhat support	49	47	47	52	49	48	44	51	48	49	36	51	48
Somewhat oppose	13	11	14	15	14	12	15	12	13	14	14	12	20
Strongly oppose	5	6	4	4	4	6	3	6	5	5	6	5	2
Don't know	14	13	16	14	18	10	16	13	15	12	12	14	14
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	68	71	66	67	65	72	65	69	67	69	69	70	64
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	18	17	18	19	18	18	18	18	18	19	20	17	22
SUPPORT (NET)	+50	+54	+48	+48	+47	+54	+47	+51	+49	+50	+49	+53	+42
Weighted N	1,222	469	308	445	654	568	436	786	783	439	134	888	152

[5] Publicly owned utility companies are governed by elected board representatives, whereas private utility companies are owned and operated by private companies.

Supporters of publicly owned utilities say they give communities local control, with a direct say in policies that affect energy rates, service, and the energy sources that provide electricity in an area.

Opponents of publicly owned utilities say that private utilities are more efficient, leaving the market and private companies to determine energy rates and service based on electricity demand and other market factors.

Having read more, would you support or oppose having a publicly owned utility as **your** local utility provider?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly support	20	29	16	14	17	24	21	20	20	21	31	19	21
Somewhat support	48	44	47	54	51	45	46	49	49	46	40	50	48
Somewhat oppose	15	12	18	15	15	15	16	14	13	17	12	14	19
Strongly oppose	6	5	6	6	4	7	3	7	5	6	3	6	6
Don't know	11	10	13	12	14	9	14	10	12	10	14	12	6
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	68	73	63	68	68	69	67	69	69	67	71	69	69
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	21	17	24	21	19	22	19	21	18	23	15	20	25
SUPPORT (NET)	+47	+56	+39	+47	+49	+47	+48	+48	+51	+44	+56	+49	+44
Weighted N	1,222	469	308	445	654	568	436	786	783	439	134	888	152

[6] Publicly owned utility companies allow consumers to elect local utility board representatives, who oversee the utility provider by setting policies that affect energy rates, services, and the energy sources that provide electricity to an area.

What aspects of **having a publicly owned utility** would be most appealing to you? You may select **up to three** options.

— Having a say over the rates I pay for electricity

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Yes	45	41	47	47	48	41	39	48	46	42	34	48	32
No	55	59	53	53	52	59	61	52	54	58	66	52	68
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[7] Publicly owned utility companies allow consumers to elect local utility board representatives, who oversee the utility provider by setting policies that affect energy rates, services, and the energy sources that provide electricity to an area.

What aspects of **having a publicly owned utility** would be most appealing to you? You may select **up to three** options.

— Having a say over who makes decisions about energy projects and investments in my area

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Yes	17	18	16	16	16	18	18	16	15	20	21	16	19
No	83	82	84	84	84	82	82	84	85	80	79	84	81
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[8] Publicly owned utility companies allow consumers to elect local utility board representatives, who oversee the utility provider by setting policies that affect energy rates, services, and the energy sources that provide electricity to an area.

What aspects of **having a publicly owned utility** would be most appealing to you? You may select **up to three** options.

— Having a say over the types of energy sources used to provide my electricity

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Yes	16	18	16	14	13	20	18	15	15	18	15	16	20
No	84	82	84	86	87	80	82	85	85	82	85	84	80
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[9] Publicly owned utility companies allow consumers to elect local utility board representatives, who oversee the utility provider by setting policies that affect energy rates, services, and the energy sources that provide electricity to an area.

What aspects of **having a publicly owned utility** would be most appealing to you? You may select **up to three** options.

— Having a say over the environmental impact of the energy sources used to provide my electricity

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Yes	14	20	14	7	16	11	18	12	12	16	16	13	12
No	86	80	86	93	84	89	82	88	88	84	84	87	88
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[10] Publicly owned utility companies allow consumers to elect local utility board representatives, who oversee the utility provider by setting policies that affect energy rates, services, and the energy sources that provide electricity to an area.

What aspects of **having a publicly owned utility** would be most appealing to you? You may select **up to three** options.

— Having a utility provider that serves public interests in my community, rather than private shareholders

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Yes	34	40	32	30	35	33	29	37	31	40	30	36	33
No	66	60	68	70	65	67	71	63	69	60	70	64	67
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[11] Publicly owned utility companies allow consumers to elect local utility board representatives, who oversee the utility provider by setting policies that affect energy rates, services, and the energy sources that provide electricity to an area.

What aspects of **having a publicly owned utility** would be most appealing to you? You may select **up to three** options.

— Having local representatives who can address any concerns about my home energy and utility services in my area

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Yes	22	21	20	24	20	24	22	22	21	24	29	21	23
No	78	79	80	76	80	76	78	78	79	76	71	79	77
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[12] Publicly owned utility companies allow consumers to elect local utility board representatives, who oversee the utility provider by setting policies that affect energy rates, services, and the energy sources that provide electricity to an area.

What aspects of **having a publicly owned utility** would be most appealing to you? You may select **up to three** options.

— Having a responsive utility provider that addresses power outages or necessary grid upgrades quickly and efficiently

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Yes	26	23	27	29	28	24	24	28	25	29	19	27	30
No	74	77	73	71	72	76	76	72	75	71	81	73	70
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[13] Publicly owned utility companies allow consumers to elect local utility board representatives, who oversee the utility provider by setting policies that affect energy rates, services, and the energy sources that provide electricity to an area.

What aspects of **having a publicly owned utility** would be most appealing to you? You may select **up to three** options.

— Having the ability to elect utility board members to represent my interests and concerns about energy in my area

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Yes	23	22	24	24	20	26	20	25	24	21	21	22	31
No	77	78	76	76	80	74	80	75	76	79	79	78	69
Weighted N	1,222	469	308	445	654	568	436	786	783	439	134	888	152

[14] Publicly owned utility companies allow consumers to elect local utility board representatives, who oversee the utility provider by setting policies that affect energy rates, services, and the energy sources that provide electricity to an area.

What aspects of **having a publicly owned utility** would be most appealing to you? You may select **up to three** options.

— Having the ability to **vote out** any utility board members who do **not** represent my interests and concerns about energy in my area

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Yes	18	16	19	18	16	19	15	19	20	14	21	19	14
No	82	84	81	82	84	81	85	81	80	86	79	81	86
Weighted N	1,222	469	308	445	654	568	436	786	783	439	134	888	152

[15] Publicly owned utility companies allow consumers to elect local utility board representatives, who oversee the utility provider by setting policies that affect energy rates, services, and the energy sources that provide electricity to an area.

What aspects of **having a publicly owned utility** would be most appealing to you? You may select **up to three** options.

— Having a publicly owned utility would **not** appeal to me at all

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Yes	5	3	6	7	5	6	2	8	5	6	2	7	2
No	95	97	94	93	95	94	98	92	95	94	98	93	98
Weighted N	1,222	469	308	445	654	568	436	786	783	439	134	888	152

[16] Publicly owned utility companies allow consumers to elect local utility board representatives, who oversee the utility provider by setting policies that affect energy rates, services, and the energy sources that provide electricity to an area.

What aspects of **having a publicly owned utility** would be most appealing to you? You may select **up to three** options.

— Don't know

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Yes	6	6	6	6	6	5	8	4	6	5	11	5	1
No	94	94	94	94	94	95	92	96	94	95	89	95	99
Weighted N	1,222	469	308	445	654	568	436	786	783	439	134	888	152