

Data for Climate Progress Presents Your 2023 Climate Wrapped

As 2023 draws to a close, we've reflected on another year of progressive climate policy and action. From advancing climate policy at the state level in Minnesota, Michigan, and New York to releasing our first report with findings from our qualitative focus groups on equitable direct air capture, Data for Progress' Climate Team did a lot this year – if we dare say so ourselves. Thank you for subscribing to our newsletter and continuing to support our work!

Now, without further ado, presenting your 2023 Data for Climate Progress wrapped, our top 23 findings from this past year:

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- Two-thirds of likely voters [support](#) a bill that would require oil and gas companies to pay a share of their pollution climate costs.
- DFP [found](#) six fossil fuel companies donated more than \$670 million in research funding to 27 universities in the US between 2010 and 2020.
- DFP and Fossil Free Media find that voters [support](#) limits on natural gas exports by a 2-to-1 margin.
- Despite global inaction, a majority of voters (53%) [supported](#) countries agreeing to a phaseout of fossil fuels at COP28.
- DFP and Climate Power find 54% of voters [agree](#) that financial managers should be allowed to consider environmental factors when making investment decisions.

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- Over three-fourths of voters [support](#) the use of community benefit agreements on development projects, according to DFP and the World Resources Institute.
- 72% of likely voters [favor](#) a community consultation process that allows a community to work with a developer to find the best site for a project.
- Voters [support](#) the creation of a Civilian Climate Corps by a +39-point margin, with voters under 45 in support by a +51-point margin.
- A strong bipartisan majority of likely voters nationwide (68%) [support](#) having a publicly owned utility as their local utility provider.

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- One year after its passage, the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) [remained](#) popular in [all fifty states](#).
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rolled out new rules to reduce pollution from power plants — rules which 65% of likely voters [support](#).
- Voters [back](#) proposals to expedite transmission buildout and reliably deliver electricity across the national grid.
- A plurality of voters (47%) [don't want](#) Republicans to roll back key clean energy components of the IRA, including majorities of Democrats and Independents.
- A strong majority of voters [agree](#) that building clean energy infrastructure with Made in America goods and jobs will lay the foundation for long-term economic growth.

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- In focus groups and a national survey, we found communities across the country [believe](#) that DAC hubs present the opportunity to build not only climate-critical infrastructure but also economic and social opportunity, if done right.
- DFP and 16 environmental justice and climate organizations [called](#) for the U.S. Department of Energy to build anti-fossil fuel carbon management.
- DFP authored public comments to DOE [arguing](#) that public ownership structures for carbon management can embed equity, responsibility, and justice into projects by putting communities or workers in charge.
- Our focus groups [demonstrated](#) direct air capture can be a means of rectifying past carbon pollution, but only if it is deployed with an aim of addressing the Gulf Coast's legacy of environmental racism and siting injustices.

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- 66% of New York voters [support](#) a proposal to end new gas hookups, including 85% of Democrats and 64% of Independents.
- DFP and Farm Forward [find](#) that a strong majority of American adults (69%) are concerned about where their food comes from.
- 61% of Michigan voters [support](#) a transition to a 100% clean electricity grid by 2035.
- 57% of Minnesotans [support](#) legislation to lead Minnesota to achieving 100% clean energy by 2040.
- Sen. Bowman and Rep. Nadler [called for](#) passing the Climate Change Superfund Act after DFP [found](#) broad support (71%) among New York voters for the bill.

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