



MEMO

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES

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RE: NRCC POLLING ON ENERGY ISSUES

The following memo is based on polling fielded by the NRCC in the 2020 cycle. All surveys were at least an N=400 in targeted congressional districts and were dialed entirely by live operators. Generally, 50% or more interviews were conducted via a cell phone.

- ***Polling in battleground areas of the country shows that Joe Biden and House Democrats' job-killing anti-energy agenda is politically toxic.***
 - In one Texas suburb, 55% of voters were less likely to support the Democratic candidate for Congress when they learned that they voted to enter back into the Paris Climate Accords, which could cost taxpayers nearly \$3 trillion dollars, destroy 6.5 million energy jobs across the country, and raise energy bills by 20 percent.
 - In one district deemed a toss-up by all race raters, 75% of voters were less likely to vote for the Democrat when they learned that they supported the Green New Deal.
 - In one western congressional district, women between the age of 40-59 were 51% less likely to support the Democratic candidate for Congress because of their support for the Paris Climate Accords.
 - Over 40% of voters in a growing suburban district were much less likely to vote for the incumbent Democrat when they learned that they had repeatedly voted against the oil and gas industry.
 - Nearly six-in-ten voters (58%) in a western seat were less likely to support the Democratic candidate for Congress after that candidate voted to allow future presidents to ban fracking.
 - In an Ohio district where memories of the Great Recession are still salient, 60% of the district was less likely to vote for the Democratic candidate when they learned that the candidate was willing to put 250,000 jobs at risk by supporting the Green New Deal.
 - Voters in another Texas community were 70% less likely to support the Democratic candidate for Congress when they learned they wanted to end all new oil and gas exploration in America.
 - Independent voters in one Pennsylvania suburb were 55% less likely to support the Democratic candidate for Congress after they learned they support President Biden's work eliminating oil and gas jobs.
 - In three of the four California seats that flipped from Democrat to Republican in 2020, over half of the electorate were less likely to vote for a candidate backed by supporters of the Green New Deal.

The bottom line is that voters aren't going to tolerate job-killing anti-energy policies that will worsen any economic recovery.