Energy Policy in the U.S.

FINDINGS FROM AN AUGUST 2017 SURVEY OF ADULTS AGE 18 AND OLDER

✓ Most Americans say energy policy is personally important to them.
   - Fifty-four percent of adults say energy policy is important, 29% say it is moderately important, and 16% say it’s not important.
   - Democrats are more likely than Republicans to say energy policy is important (61% vs. 45%).

✓ A third oppose the current direction of U.S. energy policy while nearly half neither support nor oppose the current direction.
   - Seventeen percent favor the direction of energy policy in the U.S., 35% oppose it, and 45% neither favor nor oppose its direction.
   - Republicans are more likely than Democrats to favor the direction of energy policy, but they are also most likely to say they neither favor nor oppose current policy.

A majority of Democrats oppose the direction of U.S. energy policy, while many Republicans and independents remain neutral.

✓ More than 4 in 10 incorrectly believe the coal industry employs more people than the solar industry.
   - The solar industry employed more than twice as many people as the coal industry in 2016, though 44% believe the opposite.
   - Forty-eight percent correctly say the solar industry employs more people than the coal industry.
   - Republicans are more likely than Democrats to incorrectly believe the coal industry employs more people (53% vs. 41%).

✓ About a third of Americans lack opinions on the Keystone and Dakota Access Pipelines or the repeal of the Clean Power Plan.
   - Roughly equal numbers of Americans favor, oppose, and neither favor nor oppose the construction of the Keystone and Dakota Access Pipelines.
   - While the Trump administration reviews the Clean Power Plan, 20% of Americans favor its repeal, 40% oppose repeal, and 37% neither favor nor oppose repeal.
   - Views toward climate change influence support for each policy.

Attitudes about whether climate change is happening shape attitudes toward major U.S. energy policies.

% who favor...

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Policy</th>
<th>Democrats</th>
<th>Independents</th>
<th>Republicans</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Building the Keystone and Dakota Access Pipelines</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Repealing the Clean Power Plan</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Question: Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose each of the following? Building the Keystone and Dakota Access Pipelines; Repealing the Clean Power Plan

This survey was conducted by the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago (EPIC) and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, with funding from EPIC. Interviews were conducted on the AmeriSpeak® Omnibus with a nationally representative sample of 1,038 adults age 18 and over online and using landlines and cell phones from August 17-21, 2017. Results have a margin of sampling error of +/- 4.1 percentage points. A full topline is available at www.apnorc.org.