

# NATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION POLL

## AMERICAN ENERGY

### OVERVIEW

**Americans are supportive of natural gas, knowing it to be a cleaner, reliable, and American-made alternative to coal** according to a new poll commissioned by EQT to better understand the sentiment surrounding the energy sector.

The survey found that there is a common desire across party lines to see this resource more heavily utilized during the clean energy transition. This broad support for natural gas translates to the polls as well, as voters among all political affiliations say that they'd be more likely to vote for a candidate who supports the increased production of natural gas.

### KEY FINDINGS

#### 1. Natural gas is better for the environment

- A strong majority (**61%**) of voters see increasing natural gas production as better for the environment as it will reduce reliance on coal and oil, including a majority of liberal (53%) and moderate (56%) Democrats and Independents (62%)

#### 2. Americans favor a steady energy transition

- **65%** of Americans, **67%** of younger Democrats and **60%** of Independents favor a steady transition to cleaner energy sources using any option currently available to keep energy affordable and reliable even if they aren't completely renewable
- **64%** of voters, including **61%** of Independents and a majority of Democrats, want to see natural gas used more as a source of energy, ranking slightly behind only renewables, like solar and wind

#### 3. Increased natural gas production is popular among all groups

- Nearly **70%** of all respondents support increasing natural gas production, including **60%** of Democrats and **67%** of Independents

#### **4. Natural Gas can help reduce emissions**

- **65%** of Democrats and **64%** of all respondents believe increased production of natural gas can help the world address climate change by reducing emissions

#### **5. Most Americans see the need for increased infrastructure**

- Understanding that a lack of pipelines is an obstacle to increasing natural gas production, **73%** of respondents, including **70%** of Independents and **67%** of Democrats support building new pipelines

#### **6. Support for natural gas translates to the polls**

- By double-digit margins, voters across party lines, including Independents and swing voters, say they'd be more likely to vote for a candidate who supports an increase in natural gas production. Only 1 in 5 Democrats say it would make them less likely to vote for a candidate.

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## **METHODOLOGY**

The nationwide online poll was conducted by Impact Research of 1057 registered voters with an oversample of 578 Democrats between June 2 – June 8, 2022. The margin of error for the main sample is +/- 3 and +/- 3.4 for the overall Democratic sample.