ARIZONA VOTERS SUPPORT CLIMATE ACTION

CLIMATE CHANGE AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR ARIZONA VOTERS

Arizona voters support a range of climate policies and want candidates for political office to support those policies. Three-quarters (75%) of Arizona voters would be more likely to vote for a candidate for elected office who supports increasing government funding for renewable energy, like solar and wind. And about six in ten (63%) say increasing domestic production of renewable energy is likely to create good jobs in Arizona, compared to just one in five (20%) who say the same of increasing fossil fuel production. Arizona voters also support other climate policies, including requiring fossil fuel companies to pay a tax on their carbon pollution (69%) and ensuring protection of low-income and minority communities that are most vulnerable to climate change, pollution, and other environmental harm (67%). Almost one in five (17%) say climate change is one of the two most important issues to their vote for president.

ARIZONA VOTERS CONCERNED ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE IMPACTS

More than seven in ten Arizona voters say air pollution (75%), pollution of lakes, rivers, and streams (73%), and toxic chemicals like PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) in drinking water (71%) are serious problems for their state. And Arizona voters are already experiencing impacts from climate change. Almost four in ten (39%) say they or someone in their family has experienced more severe seasonal allergies in the last year, and more than a quarter (27%) have experienced heat stress or heat-related illness. Close to four in ten (38%) have made major upgrades to their homes to make them more energy efficient, like replacing windows or appliances or installing solar panels.

RACE FOR U.S. SENATE IS CLOSE

When asked who they would vote for if the election for U.S. Senate were held today, 44% of Arizona voters say they would vote for the Democrat, while an equal number (44%) say they would vote for the Republican, and 12% say they would vote for neither candidate or a different candidate.

Climate Nexus, in partnership with the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication and the George Mason University Center for Climate Change Communication, conducted a representative survey from February 11-15, 2020, of 539 registered voters in Arizona. The margin of error for this survey is 4.3% at the 95% confidence level.