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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted March 2-18, 2026, with a random sample of –1,000— adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of –500—national adults in Form A and the sample of – 500-- national adults in Form B, the margin of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 80% cell phone respondents and 20% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, party identification, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the most recent Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the most recent National Health Interview Survey. Party identification targets are based on the average of the three most recent Gallup polls. Population density targets are based on the 2020 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact galluphelp@gallup.com.

49. Do you think that, as a country, the United States should put more emphasis, less emphasis, or about the same emphasis as it does now on producing domestic energy from each of the following sources—
[RANDOM ORDER]?

<i>2026 Mar 2-18 (sorted by "more emphasis")</i>	More emphasis	Less emphasis	Same emphasis
Solar power	66	16	17
Wind	55	24	20
Nuclear power	46	25	26
Natural gas	42	22	35
Oil	34	37	28
Coal	23	50	25

FULL RESULTS AND TRENDS:

A. Coal

	<u>More emphasis</u>	<u>Less emphasis</u>	<u>Same as now</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2026 Mar 2-18	23	50	25	3
2021 Mar 1-15	23	48	28	*
2019 Mar 1-10 ^	22	50	25	2
2015 Mar 5-8	28	43	27	2
2013 Mar 7-10	31	41	25	3

B. Oil

	<u>More emphasis</u>	<u>Less emphasis</u>	<u>Same as now</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2026 Mar 2-18	34	37	28	1
2021 Mar 1-15	38	39	22	*
2019 Mar 1-10 ^	28	43	29	*
2015 Mar 5-8	41	30	27	1
2013 Mar 7-10	46	32	21	1

C. Natural gas

	<u>More emphasis</u>	<u>Less emphasis</u>	<u>Same as now</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2026 Mar 2-18	42	22	35	2
2021 Mar 1-15	49	19	33	*
2019 Mar 1-10 ^	46	19	33	1
2015 Mar 5-8	55	12	32	2
2013 Mar 7-10	65	10	24	2

^ Asked of a half sample

Q.49 (EMPHASIS ON U.S. ENERGY SOURCES) CONTINUED

D. Wind

	<u>More emphasis</u>	<u>Less emphasis</u>	<u>Same as now</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2026 Mar 2-18	55	24	20	1
2021 Mar 1-15	66	16	18	*
2019 Mar 1-10 ^	70	11	18	1
2015 Mar 5-8	70	14	14	1
2013 Mar 7-10	71	12	16	1

E. Solar power

	<u>More emphasis</u>	<u>Less emphasis</u>	<u>Same as now</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2026 Mar 2-18	66	16	17	1
2021 Mar 1-15	73	10	17	*
2019 Mar 1-10 ^	80	7	12	1
2015 Mar 5-8	79	9	12	1
2013 Mar 7-10	76	10	12	2

F. Nuclear power

	<u>More emphasis</u>	<u>Less emphasis</u>	<u>Same as now</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2026 Mar 2-18	46	25	26	3
2021 Mar 1-15	39	28	32	1
2019 Mar 1-10 ^	32	35	31	2
2015 Mar 5-8	35	33	28	4
2013 Mar 7-10	37	32	28	3

^ Asked of a half sample

50. Overall, would you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the construction of a nuclear energy plant in your area as one of the ways to provide electricity for the U.S.?

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Some-what favor</u>	<u>Some-what oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total Favor</u>	<u>Total Oppose</u>
2026 Mar 2-18	18	27	19	34	2	45	53
2007 Mar 11-14	13	27	15	44	2	40	59
2006 Mar 13-16	14	28	18	37	3	42	55
2005 Mar 7-10	11	24	19	44	2	35	63
2004 Mar 8-11	10	27	22	37	4	37	59
2001 Mar 5-7	11	23	19	44	3	34	63

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QN49A: Coal BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
More emphasis	23%	27%	20%	22%	26%	17%	25%	24%	17%	20%	31%	43%	21%	10%	23%	20%	24%
Less emphasis	50%	45%	54%	54%	42%	53%	46%	50%	63%	51%	35%	18%	50%	76%	47%	54%	48%
Same emphasis as now	25%	26%	23%	23%	28%	27%	26%	23%	19%	27%	29%	36%	27%	13%	25%	24%	27%
(DK)/(Refused)	3%	1%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	5%	3%	2%	1%	5%	1%	1%

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QN49B: Oil BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
More emphasis	34%	35%	33%	32%	36%	21%	38%	38%	26%	31%	43%	59%	31%	18%	38%	32%	32%
Less emphasis	37%	34%	40%	40%	32%	50%	36%	30%	46%	39%	28%	8%	38%	61%	37%	40%	36%
Same emphasis as now	28%	31%	25%	27%	30%	26%	25%	31%	27%	28%	27%	32%	30%	20%	23%	28%	31%
(DK)/(Refused)	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%	-	0%

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QN49C: Natural gas BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
More emphasis	42%	45%	40%	40%	46%	25%	42%	52%	35%	42%	48%	62%	41%	29%	43%	45%	39%
Less emphasis	22%	16%	26%	23%	19%	38%	21%	12%	24%	26%	16%	3%	24%	32%	26%	22%	17%
Same emphasis as now	35%	37%	32%	37%	32%	33%	37%	36%	40%	31%	33%	35%	32%	38%	28%	32%	44%
(DK)/(Refused)	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	4%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	-	2%	1%	3%	1%	0%

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QN49D: Wind BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
More emphasis	55%	50%	59%	52%	61%	61%	53%	52%	62%	52%	49%	23%	53%	83%	53%	57%	53%
Less emphasis	24%	30%	20%	29%	13%	15%	23%	31%	20%	27%	28%	54%	21%	5%	23%	22%	29%
Same emphasis as now	20%	20%	20%	18%	23%	23%	23%	15%	18%	20%	22%	23%	24%	12%	22%	21%	18%
(DK)/(Refused)	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	3%	-	-

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QN49E: Solar power BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
More emphasis	66%	61%	71%	65%	70%	69%	65%	64%	74%	63%	59%	35%	70%	88%	61%	70%	65%
Less emphasis	16%	21%	12%	18%	11%	10%	16%	22%	13%	16%	20%	38%	12%	4%	18%	12%	21%
Same emphasis as now	17%	18%	16%	17%	16%	17%	19%	14%	12%	21%	18%	26%	17%	8%	19%	18%	14%
(DK)/(Refused)	1%	0%	1%	0%	3%	4%	-	1%	0%	0%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	-	0%

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QN49F: Nuclear power BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
More emphasis	46%	61%	31%	48%	43%	40%	51%	44%	48%	45%	43%	50%	49%	41%	35%	42%	58%
Less emphasis	25%	16%	33%	22%	29%	32%	18%	27%	23%	23%	29%	17%	24%	31%	36%	26%	15%
Same emphasis as now	26%	21%	32%	29%	23%	23%	29%	27%	28%	29%	23%	33%	23%	26%	23%	31%	26%
(DK)/(Refused)	3%	2%	3%	2%	4%	5%	3%	2%	2%	2%	5%	0%	4%	2%	6%	2%	1%

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**QN50: Overall, would you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the construction of a nuclear energy plant in your area as one of the ways to provide electricity for the U.S.? BY
Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income**

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Strongly favor	18%	29%	8%	21%	13%	20%	20%	14%	17%	19%	20%	26%	19%	13%	15%	16%	23%
Somewhat favor	27%	31%	23%	28%	25%	30%	28%	25%	30%	26%	25%	30%	25%	28%	25%	23%	31%
Somewhat oppose	19%	15%	21%	19%	18%	21%	15%	20%	17%	20%	19%	17%	22%	15%	18%	22%	18%
Strongly oppose	34%	23%	46%	30%	40%	26%	34%	39%	35%	35%	32%	26%	32%	42%	38%	38%	27%
(DK)/(Refused)	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	0%	4%	1%	2%	1%	4%	1%	1%

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