

US Public Opinion

American Energy Independence

October, 2026



About the Council for a Secure America

The cornerstones of American national security are: a strong military, a vibrant economy, enduring alliances, and American ingenuity. The Council for Secure America was founded on the premise that American energy independence, in all of its forms, is the underpinning for U.S. security.

For decades, American foreign policy was forced to make concessions to foreign nations who fueled its economy. In 2019, thanks to the innovation of American energy producers, the United States achieved energy independence. This accomplishment made America the leading energy producer in the world, fortifying its national security and buttressing geo-political stability in the Middle East.

Amongst America's many allies, the US-Israel partnership is a strategic, long-lasting and ongoing bilateral alliance. Energy independence has only strengthened it.

CSA educates key audiences on the importance of domestic energy production and technologies to American and Israeli mutual national security interests.

Moreover, American energy statecraft has reshuffled the geopolitical landscape and sowed the seeds of peace in the Middle East, enabling old adversaries to become allies. In 2020, the United States brokered the Abraham Accords—promoting unprecedented normalization and multilateral ties between its closest ally, Israel, and Arab States including the United Arab Emirates, the Kingdom of Bahrain, Sudan, and the Kingdom of Morocco.

CSA champions the ideals of the Abraham Accords and their critical impact on geopolitical security and global trade. CSA is advancing these partnerships and is committed to bringing multi-faceted awareness to complex and evolving challenges.



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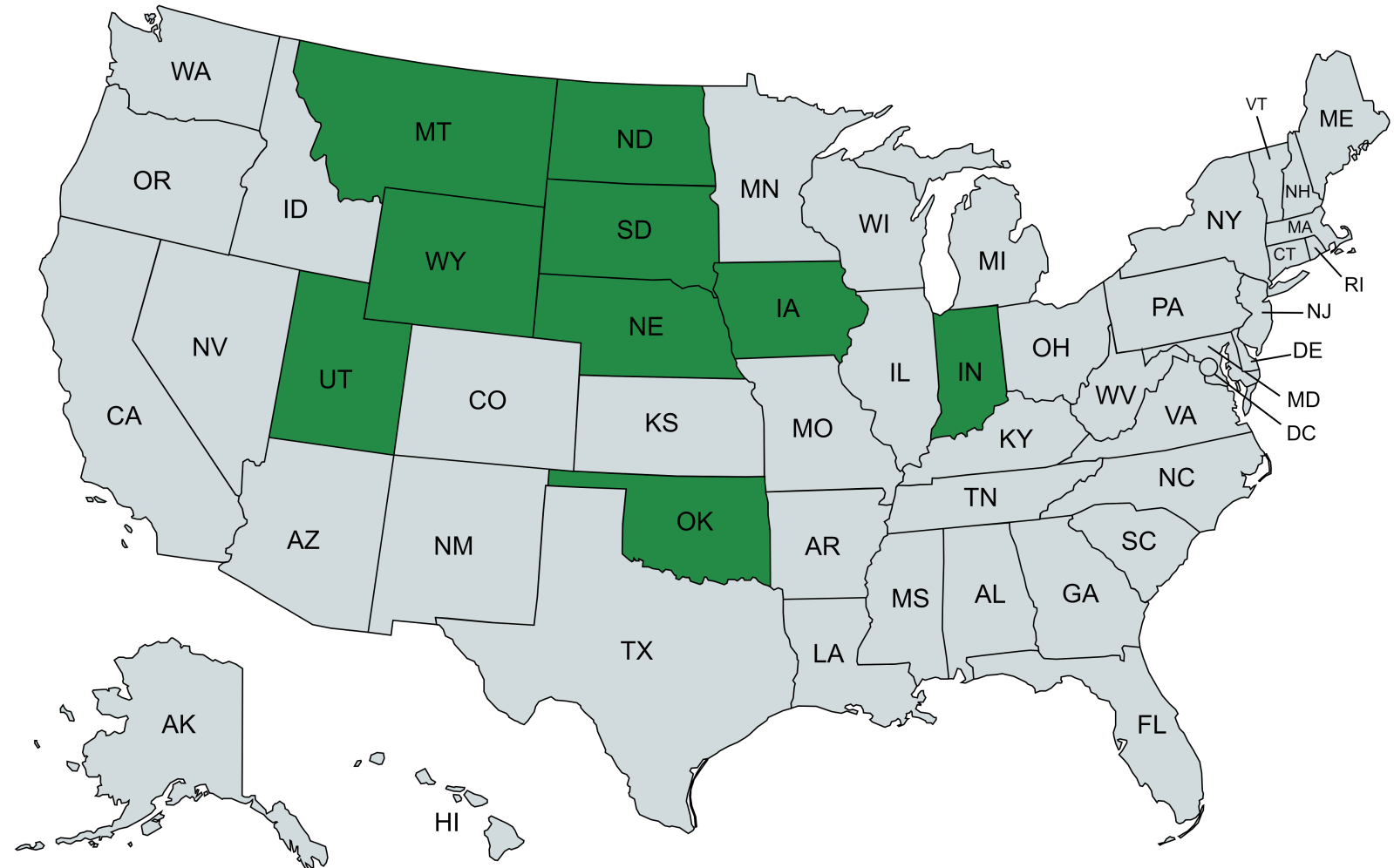
US Survey Methodology

- Data was collected from **September 25-27, 2026 by Morning Consult** among a **national sample of 2,200 American adults**. Interviews were conducted online and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of US adults based on gender, educational attainment, age, race and region.
- **Previous surveys were conducted June 21-23, 2025, March 20-21, 2025 and September 18-20, 2024** by Morning Consult following the same methodology.
- Results from the full survey have a **margin of sampling error is +/- 2.1%**.
- **All numbers of .5 and higher are rounded up** in this presentation.



9 CSA States - Additional Analysis in the Survey

- **IA** (Iowa): 3.2 million
- **IN** (Indiana): 6.9 million
- **MT** (Montana): 1.1 million
- **ND** (North Dakota): 0.8 million
- **NE** (Nebraska): 2.0 million
- **OK** (Oklahoma): 4.0 million
- **SD** (South Dakota): 0.9 million
- **UT** (Utah): 3.5 million
- **WY** (Wyoming): 0.6 million

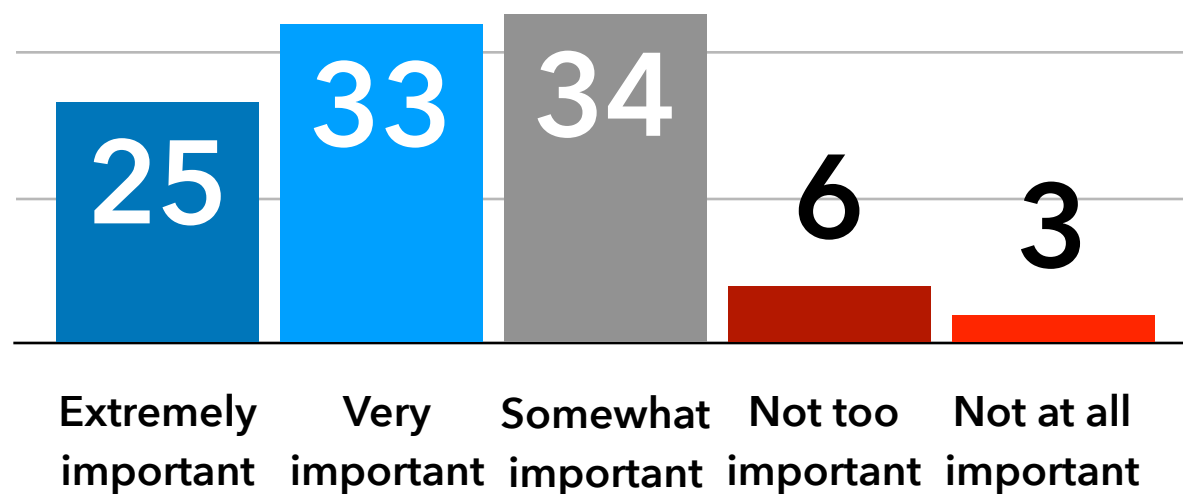


How Important is My State to American Security and Prosperity

How important is the U.S. state that you reside in to the economic strength and national security of the United States?

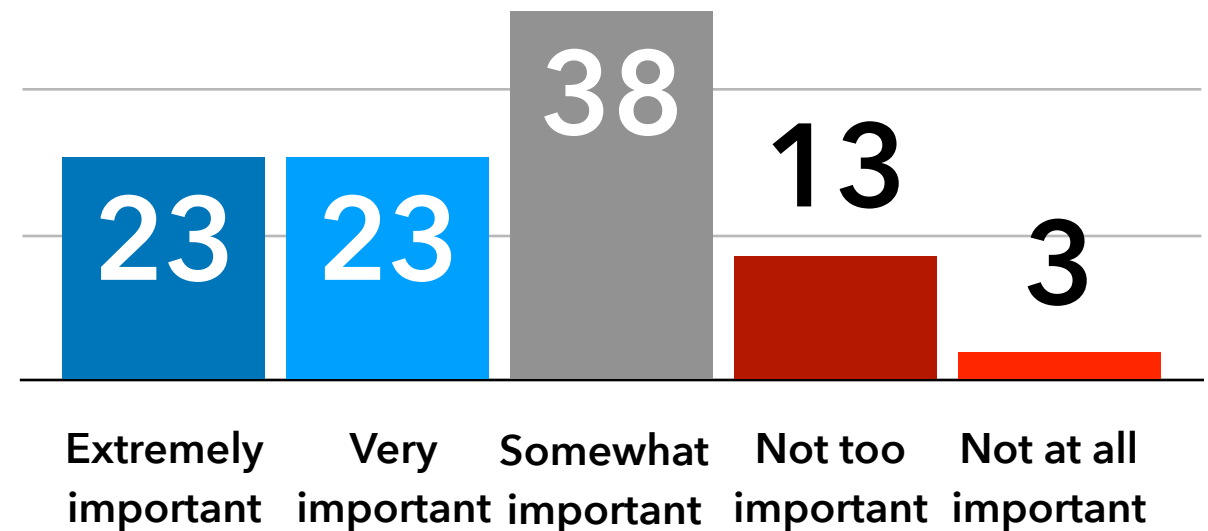
All US Adults

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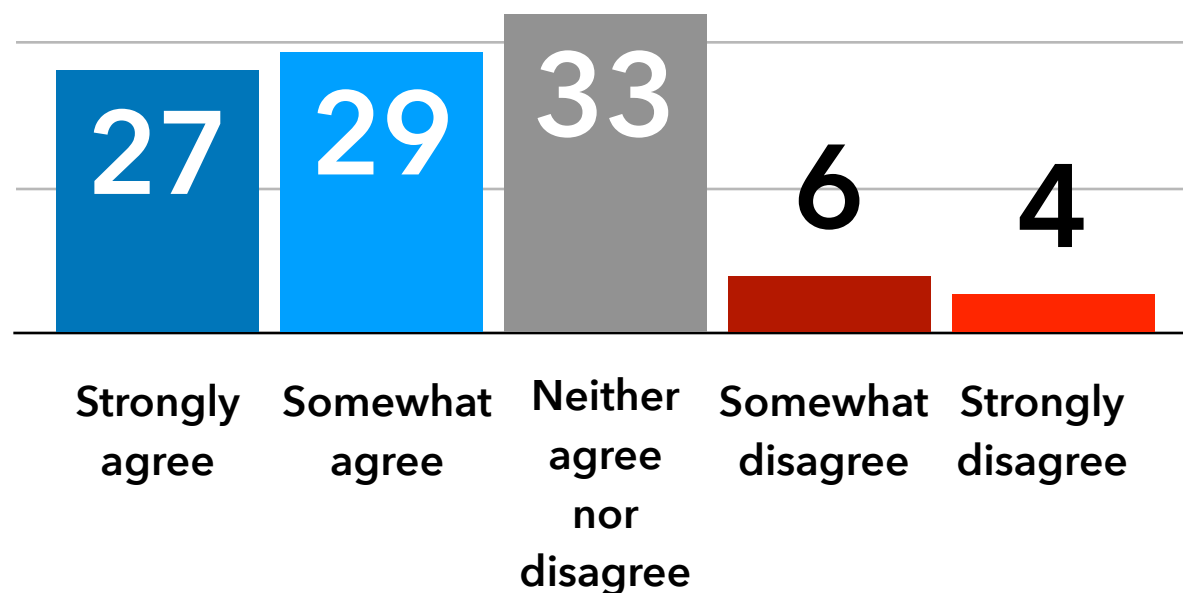
American Energy Independence Makes America Safer

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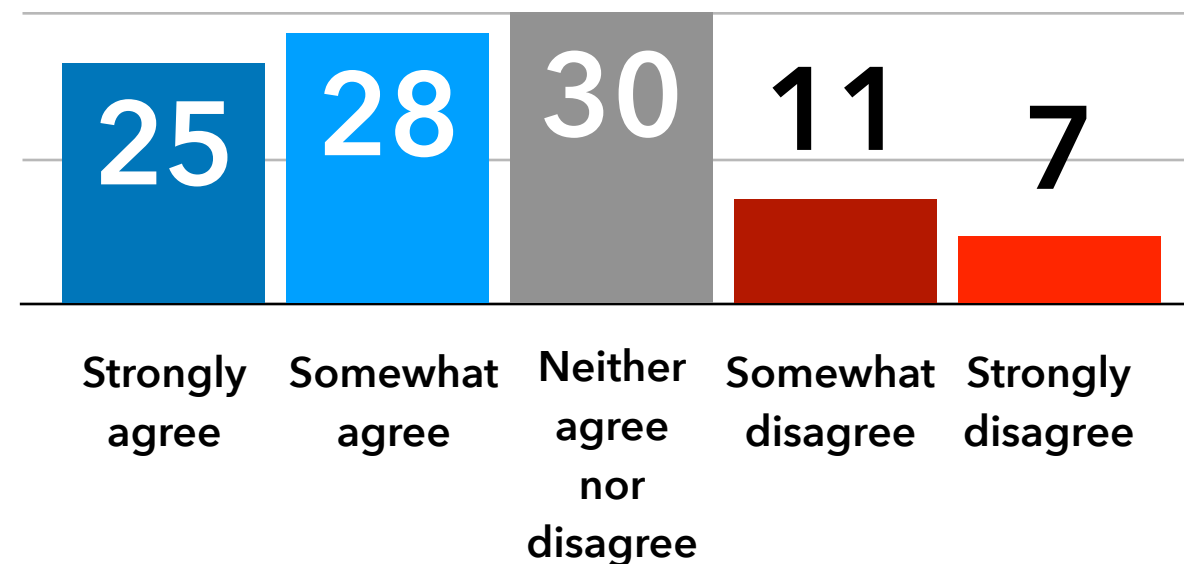
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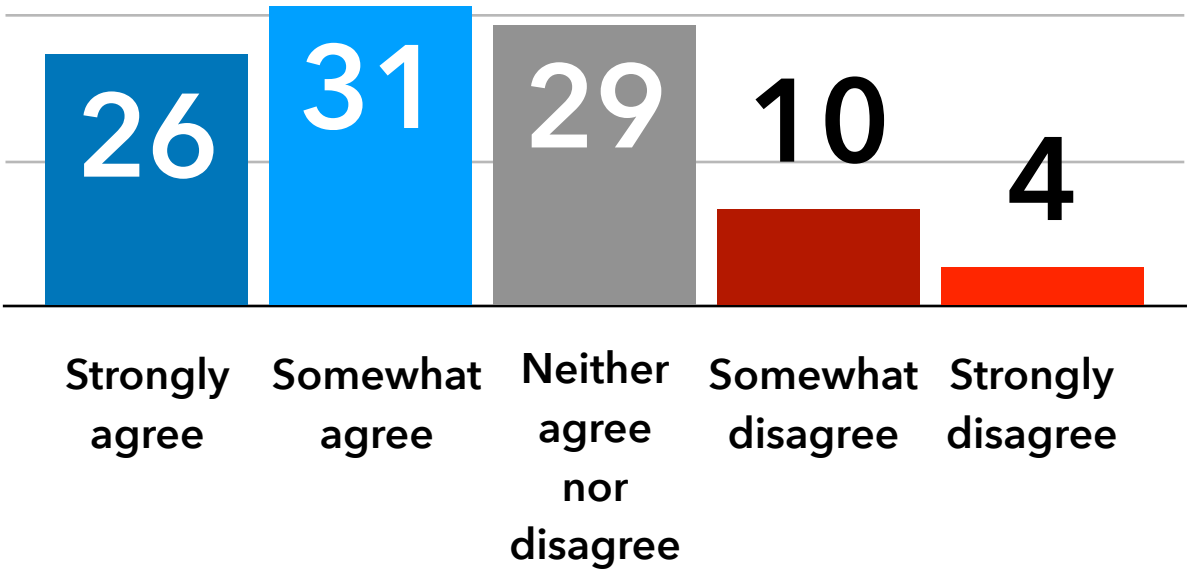
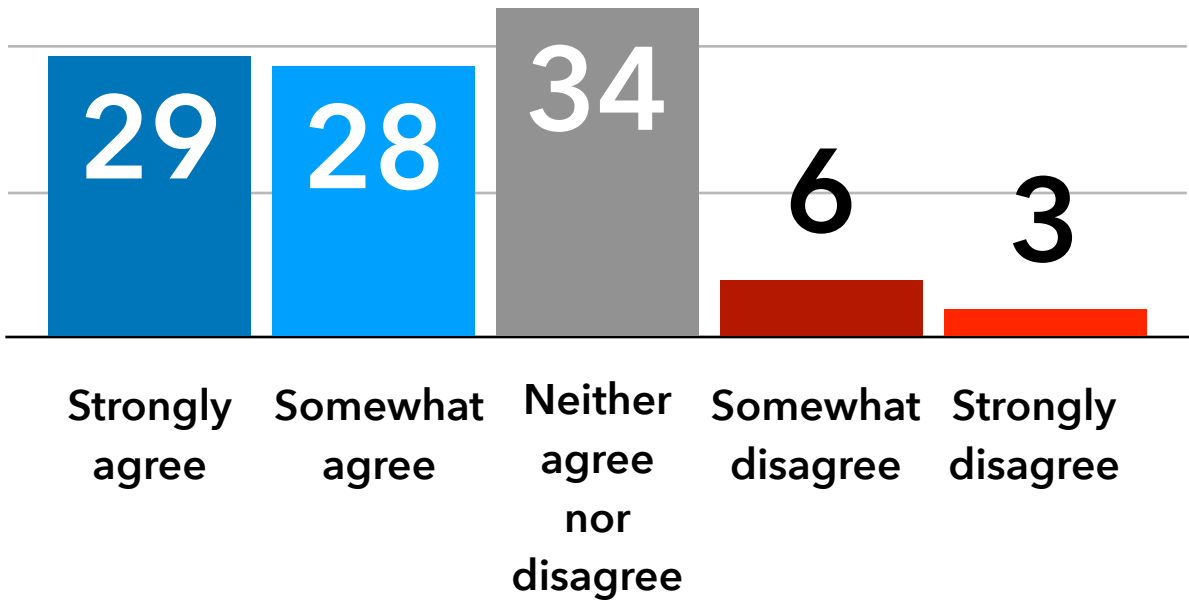
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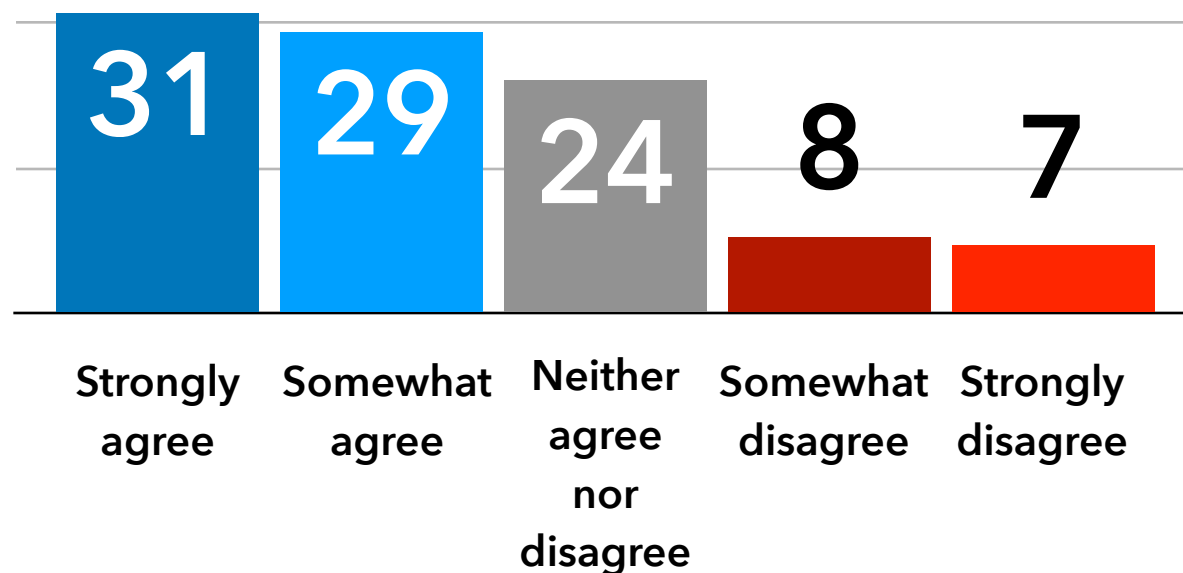
American Energy Independence Makes America Safer (By Gender)

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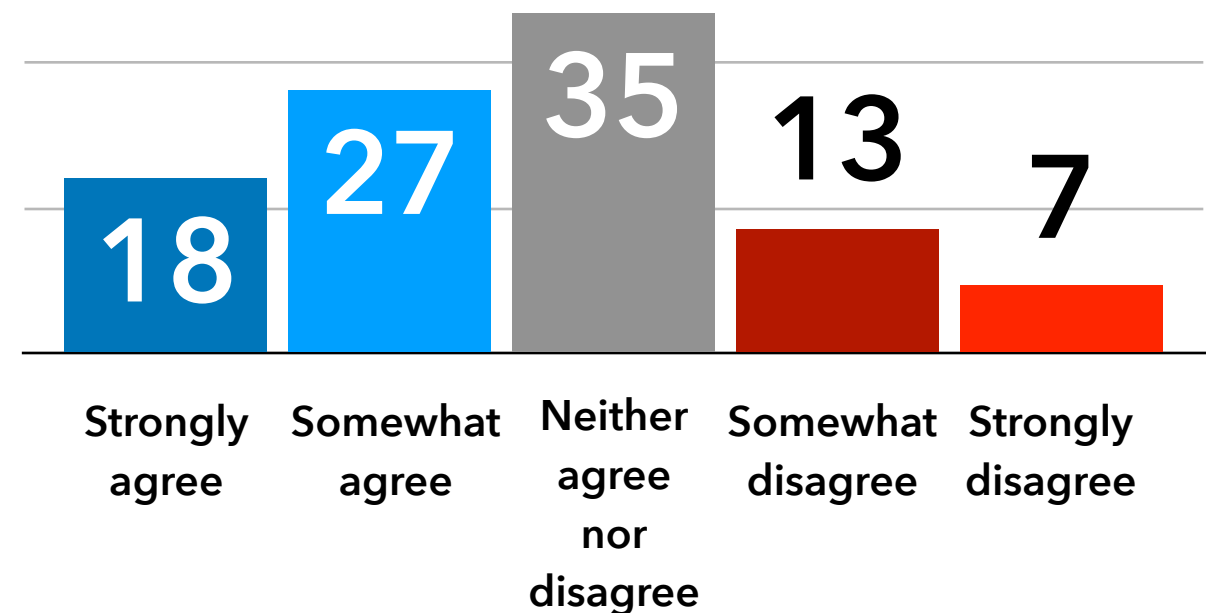
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Female

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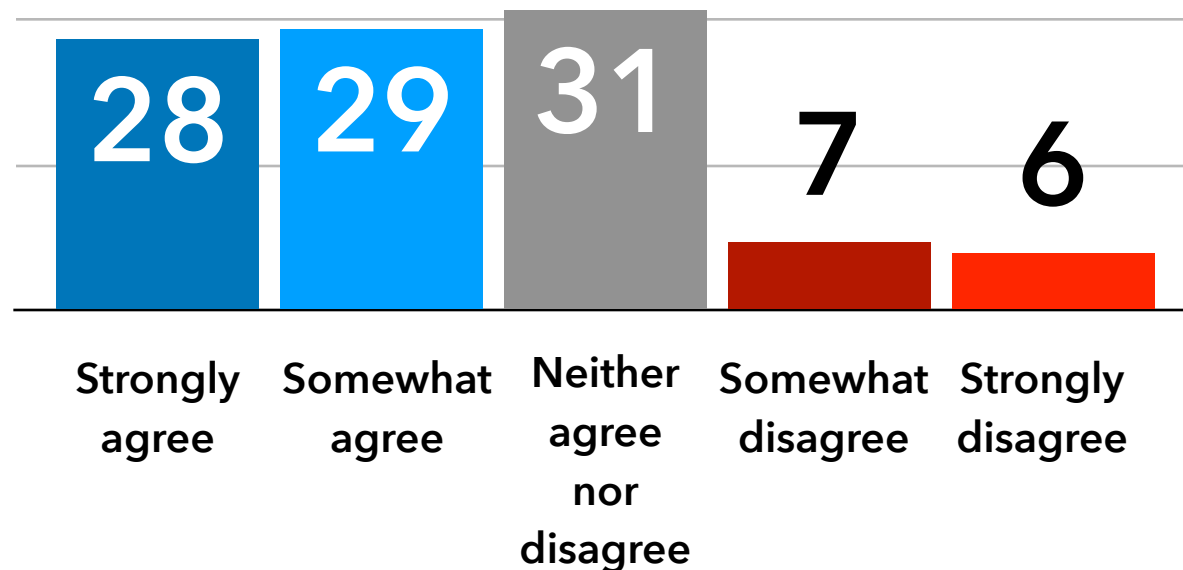
American Energy Independence Makes American Economy Stronger

To what extent do you agree or disagree, if at all, with the following statement?

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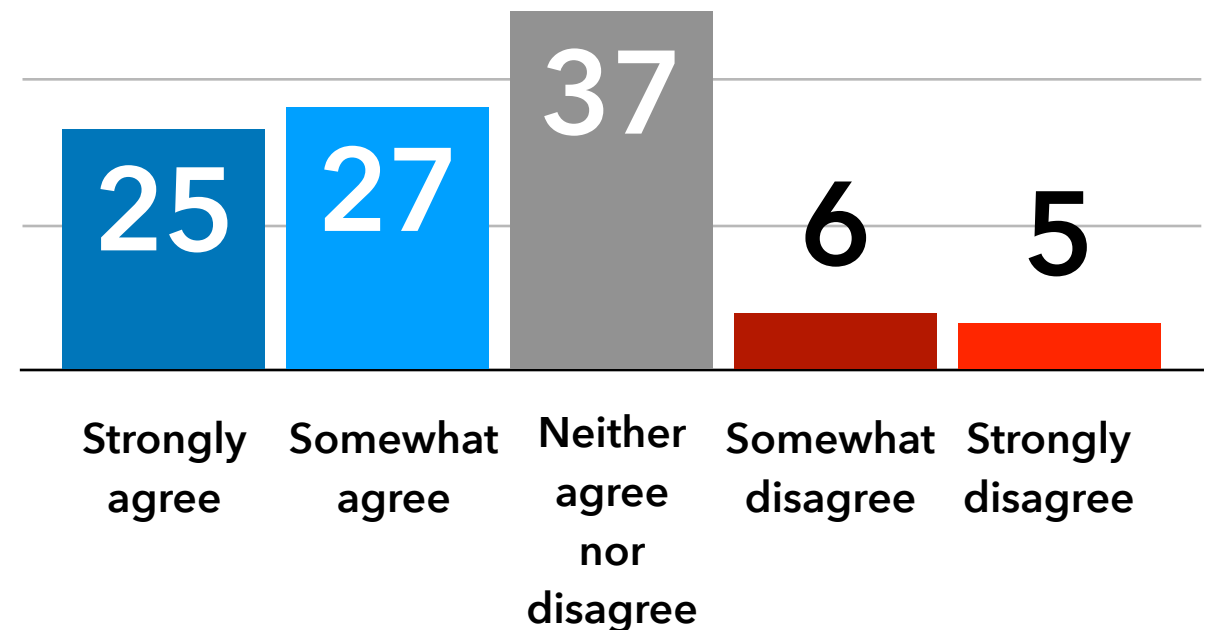
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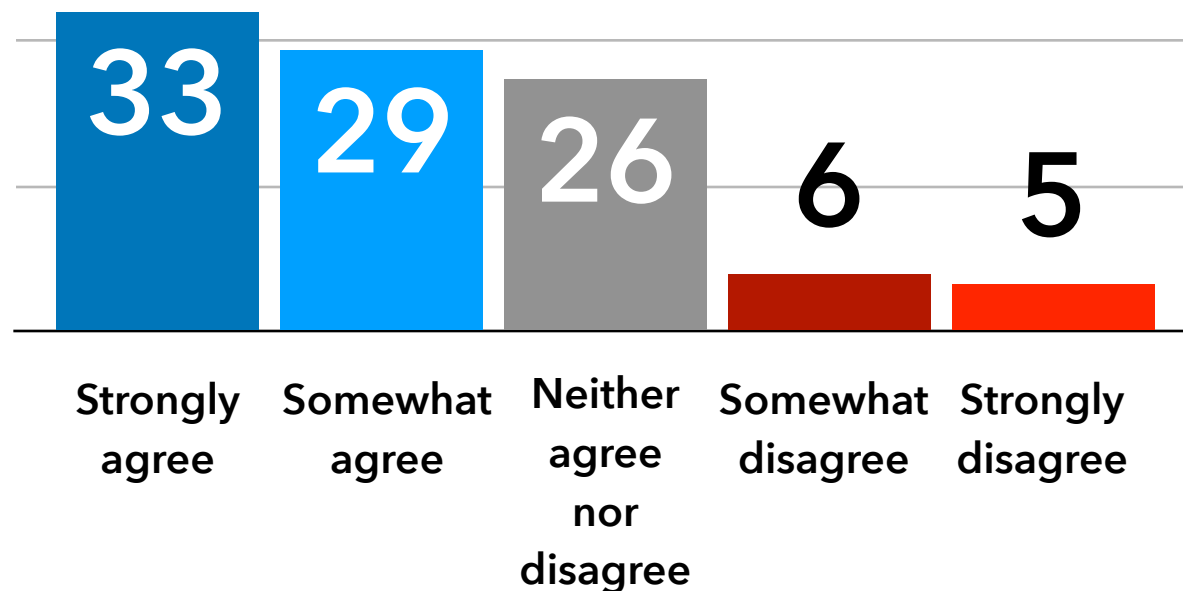
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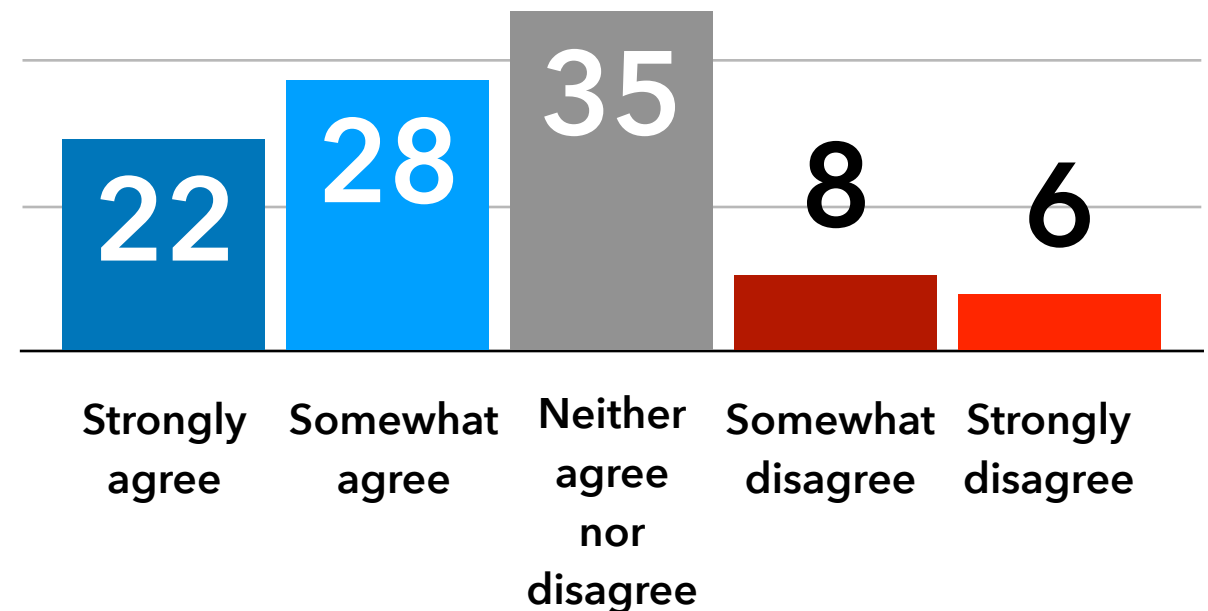
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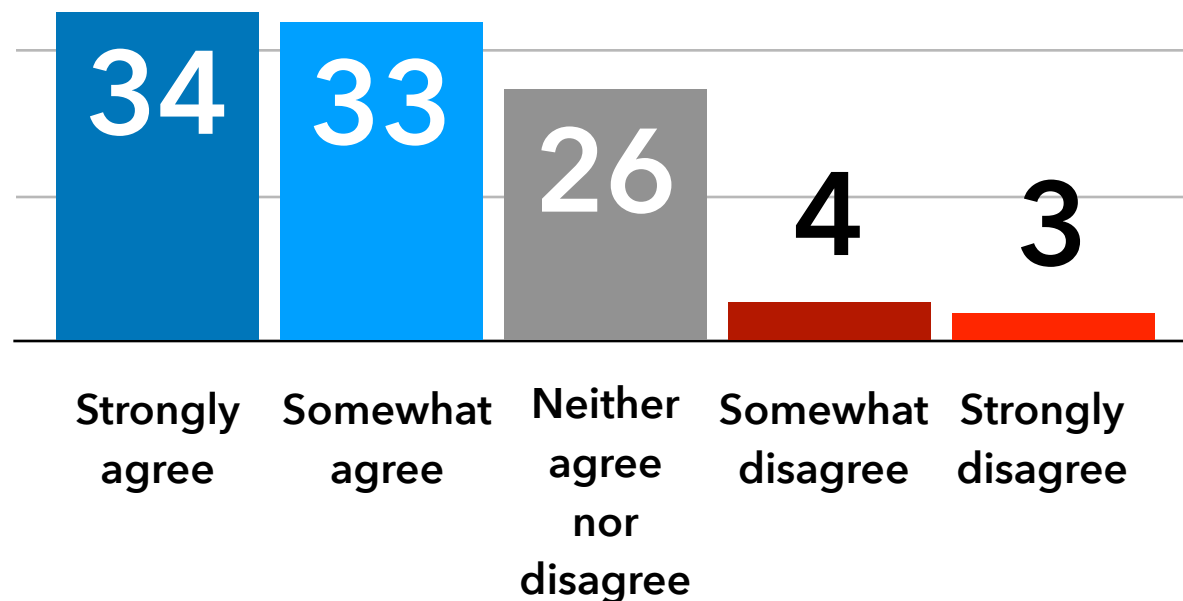
America Supports Permitting Reform

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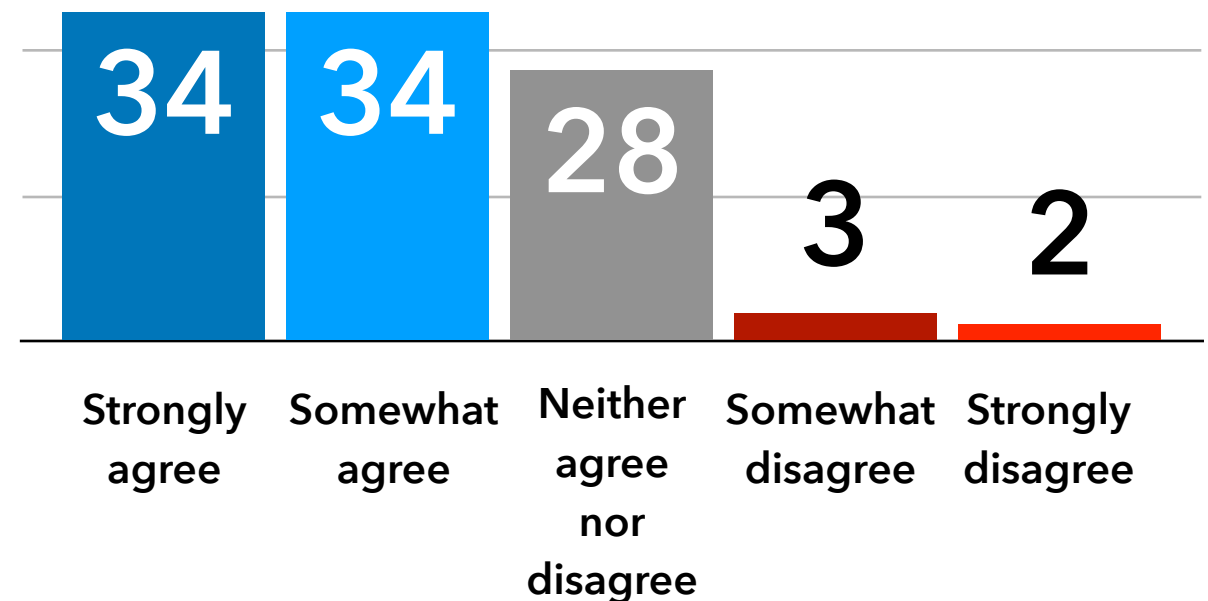
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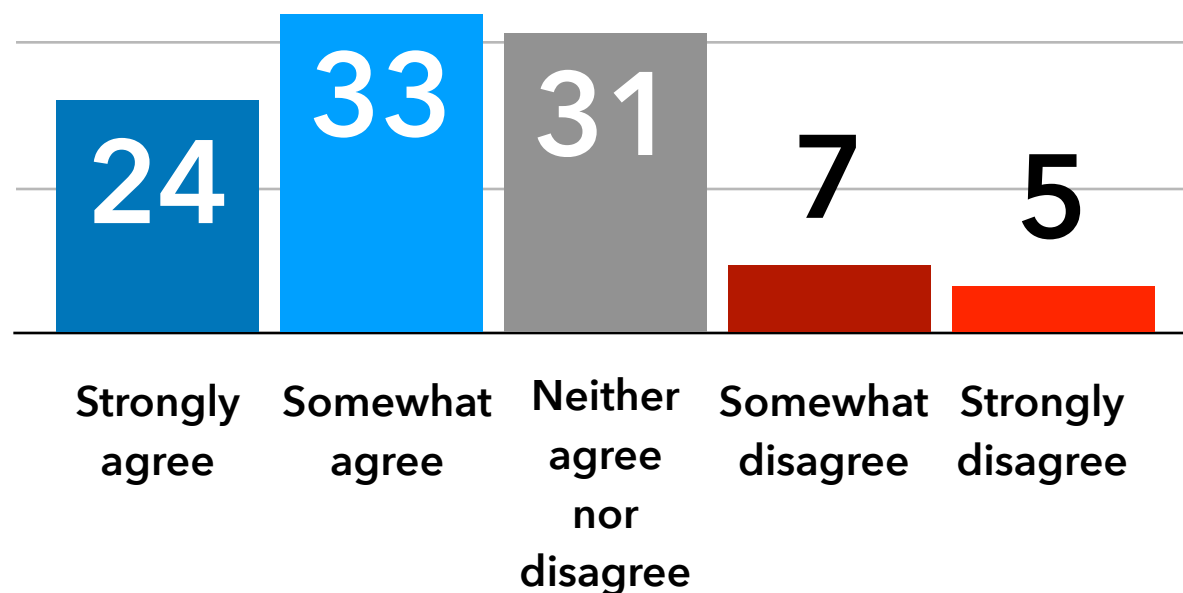
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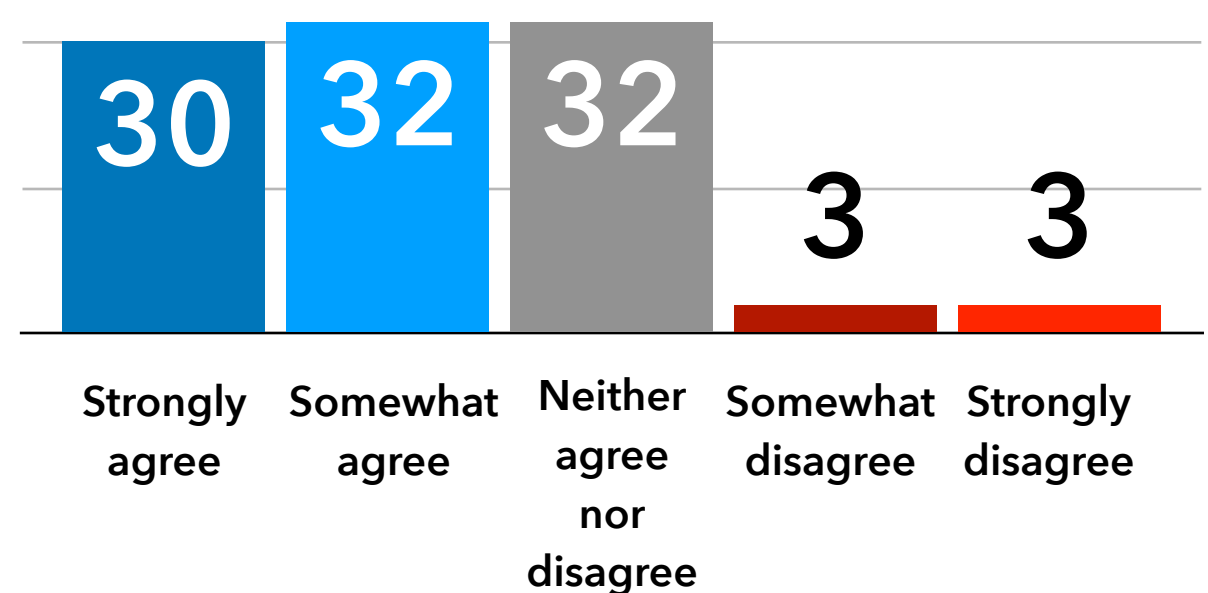
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Millennials

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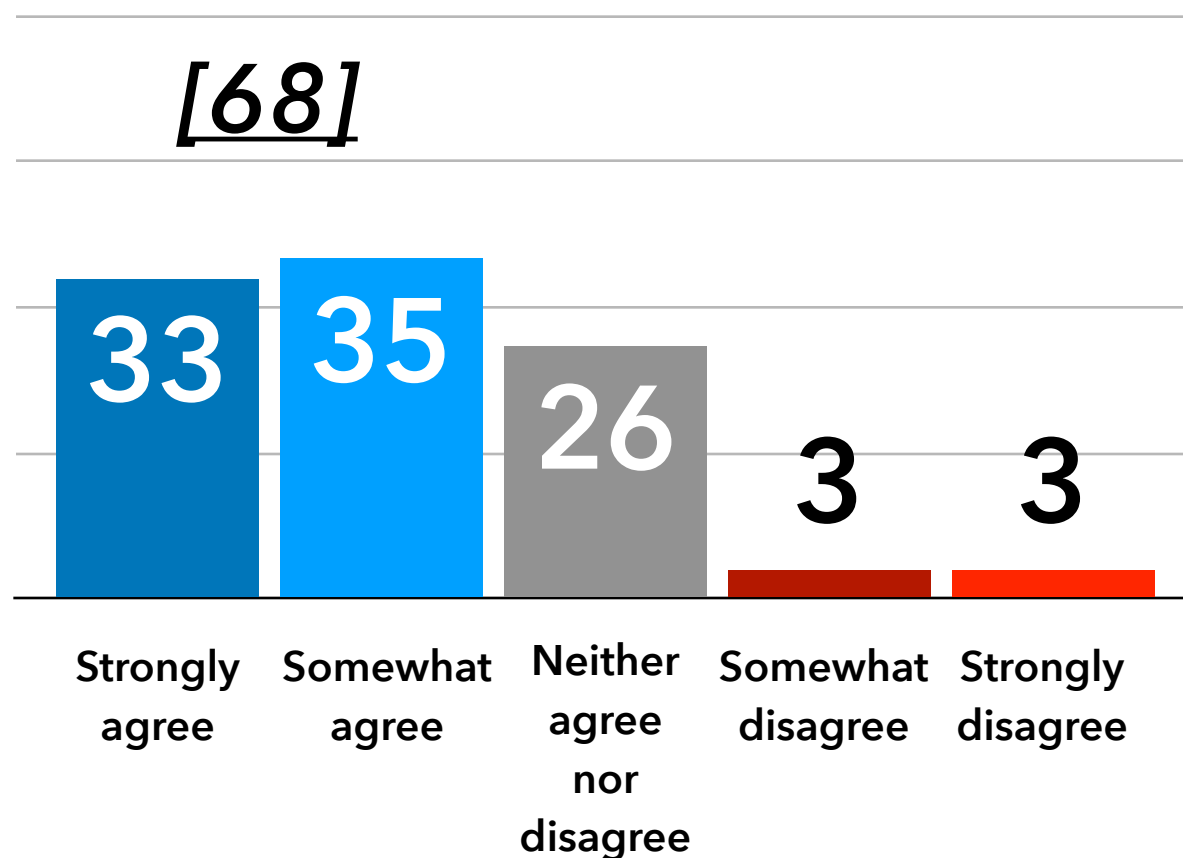


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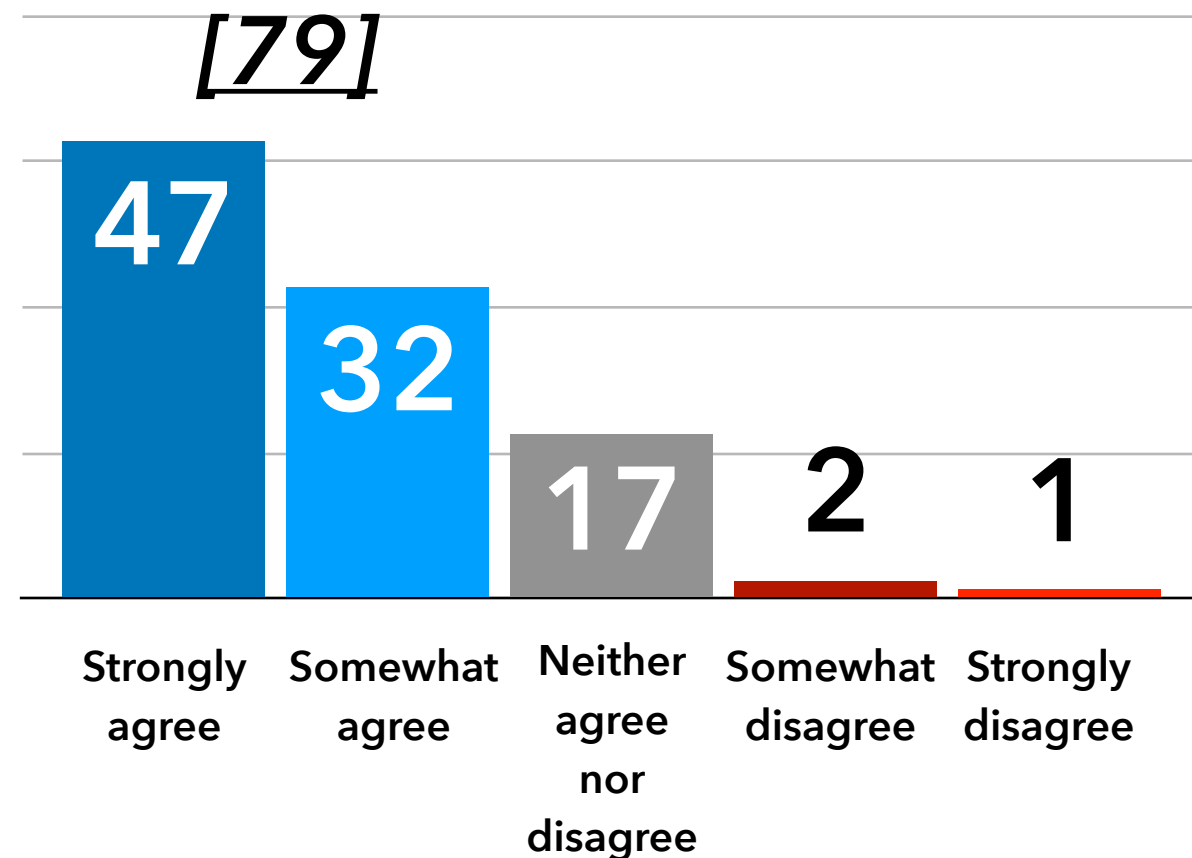
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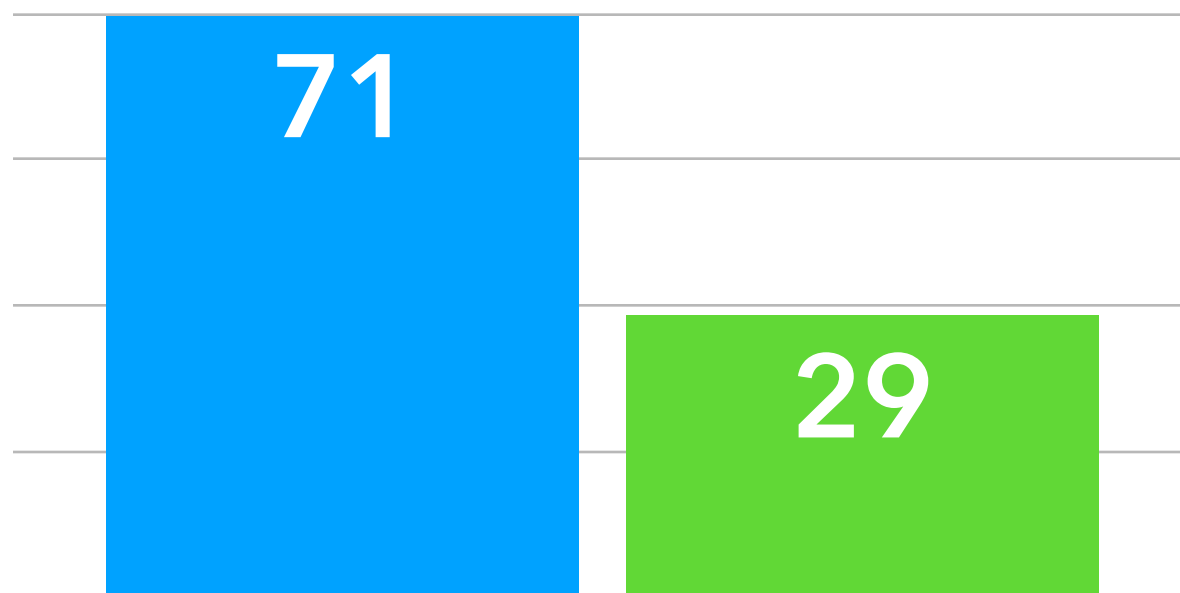


American Energy Independence v. Dependence

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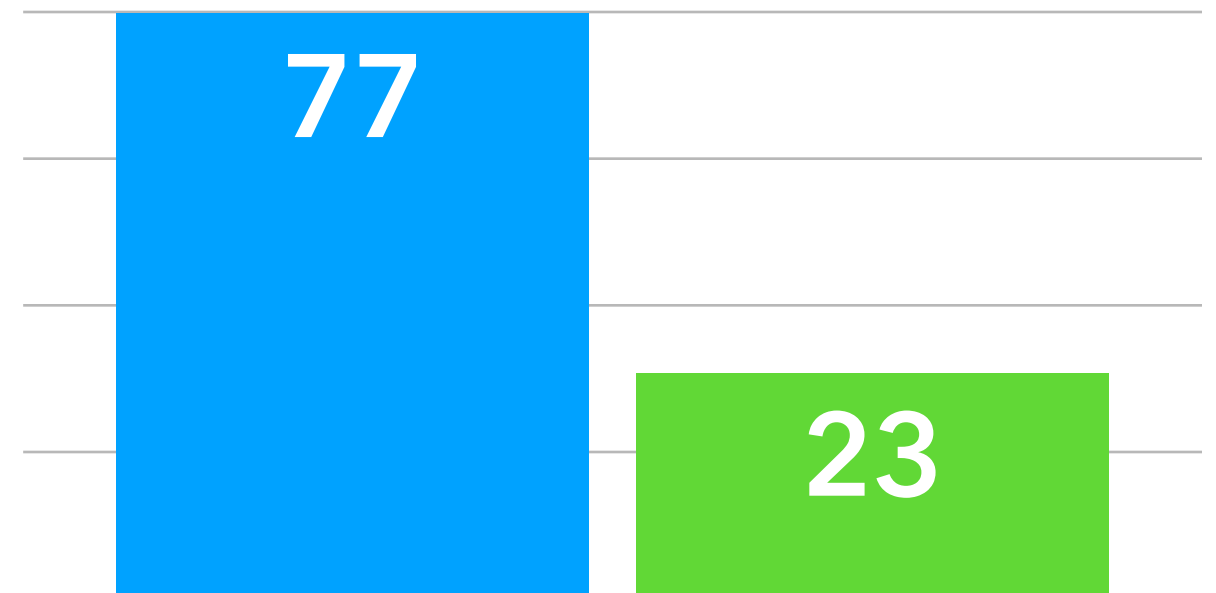
***America is safer when it makes its own energy and does not rely on other countries for oil or natural gas.
OR America is part of a global energy economy and doesn't need to produce all of its own energy.***

All US Adults



Produce our own Energy Part of a Global Economy

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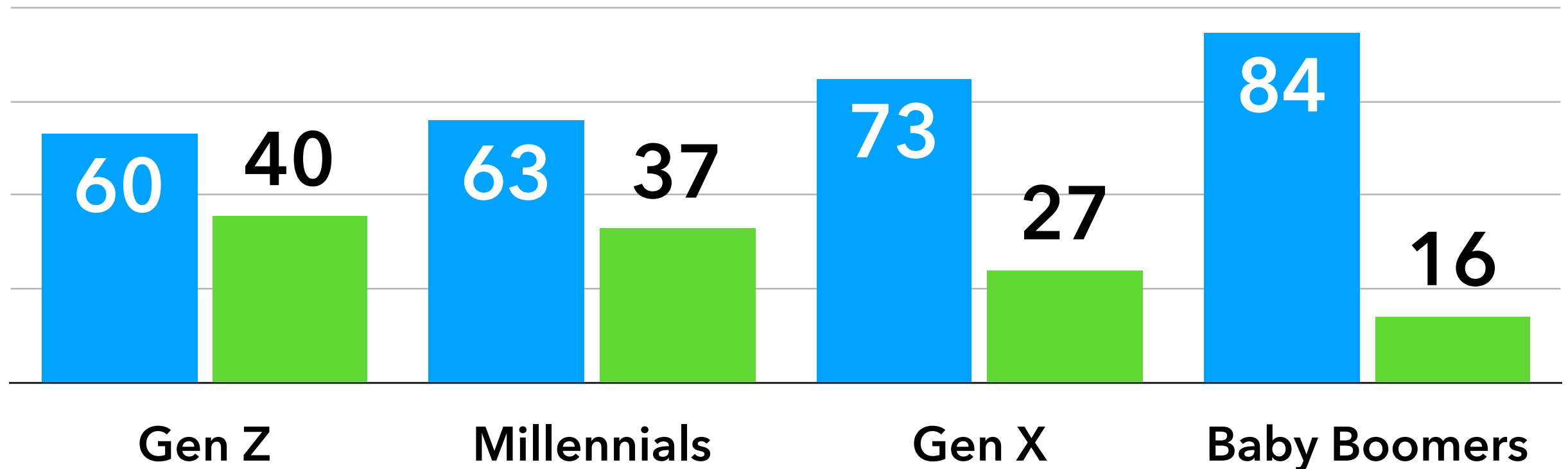
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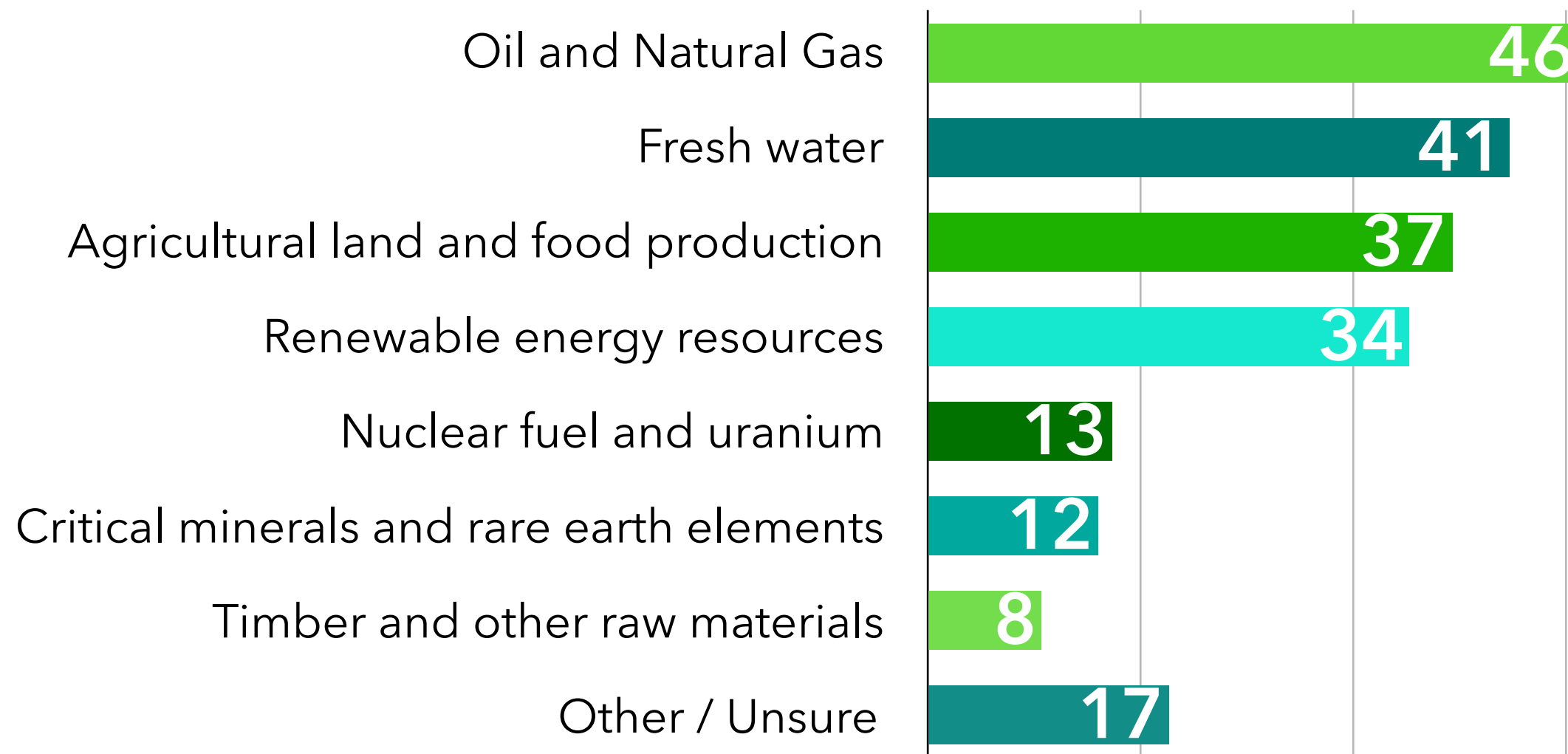


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What Resource is Most Important to American Prosperity and Security?

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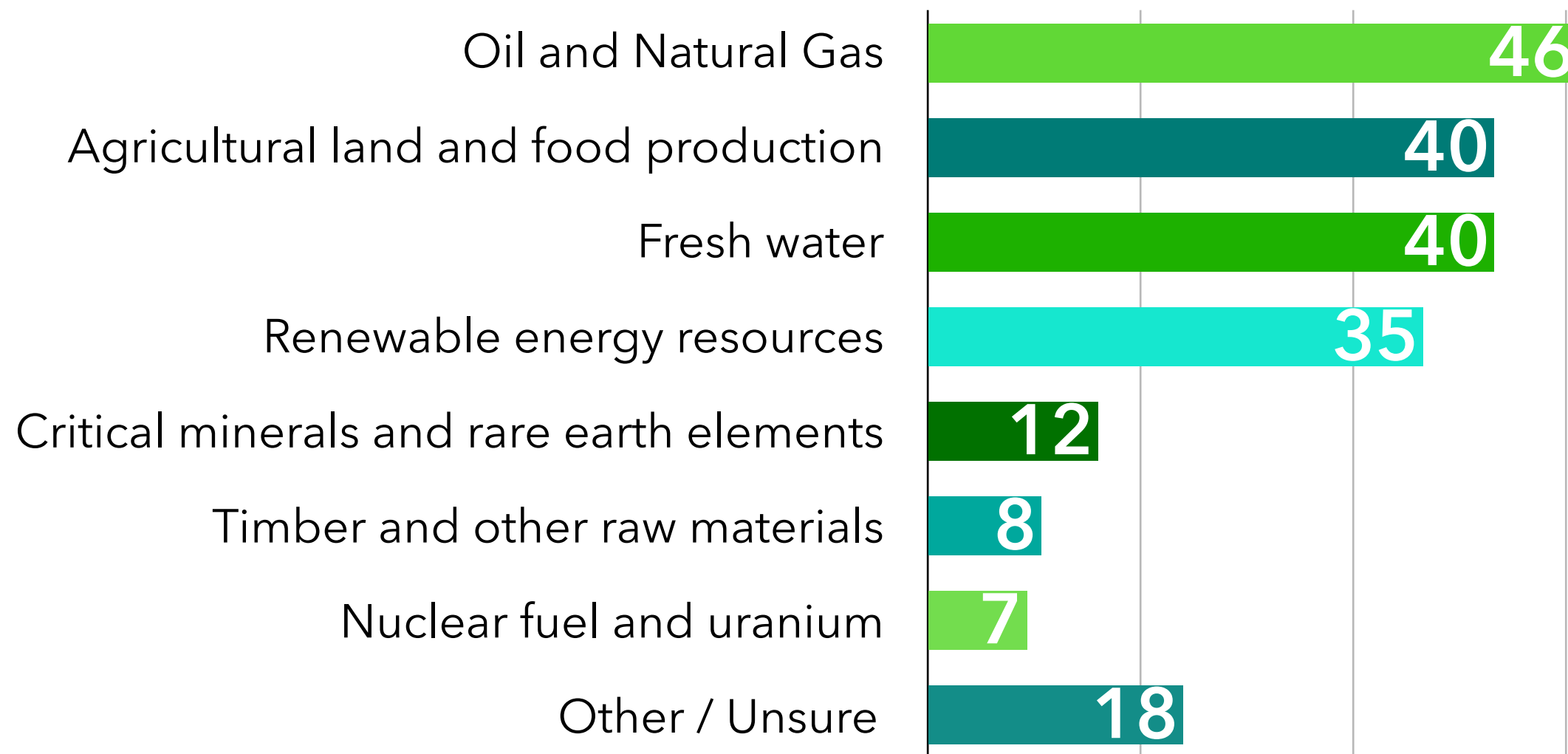
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CSA: What is Most Important to American Prosperity and Security?

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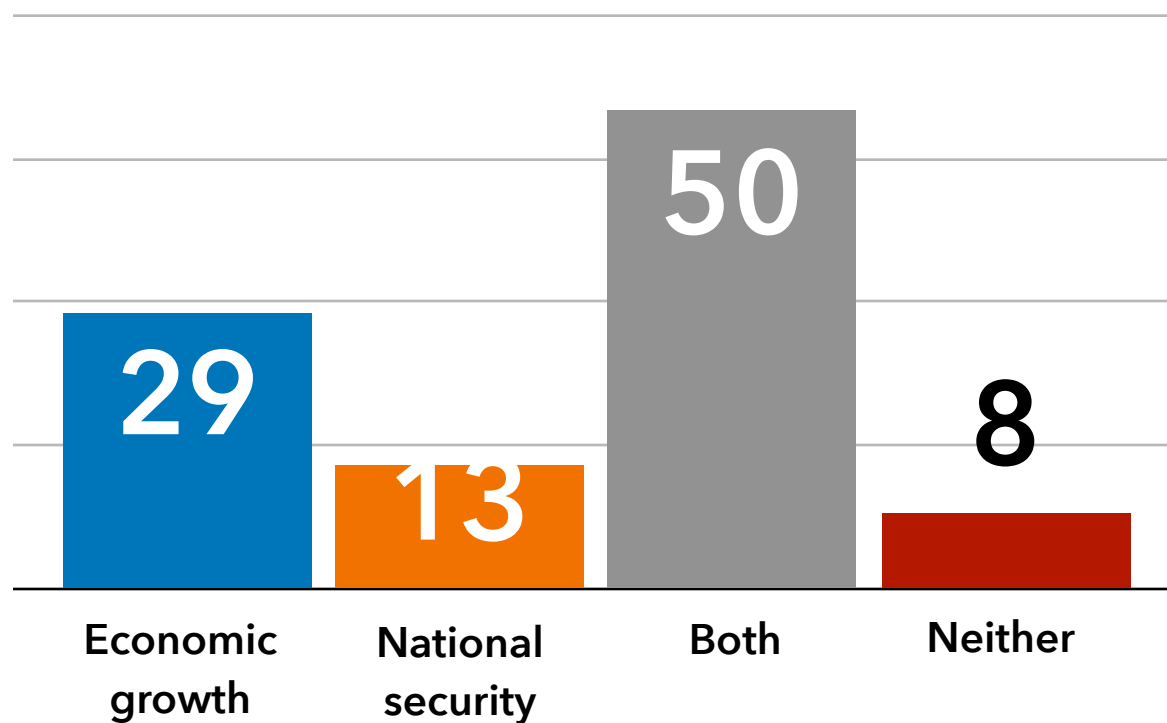


Benefits of America's Natural Resources

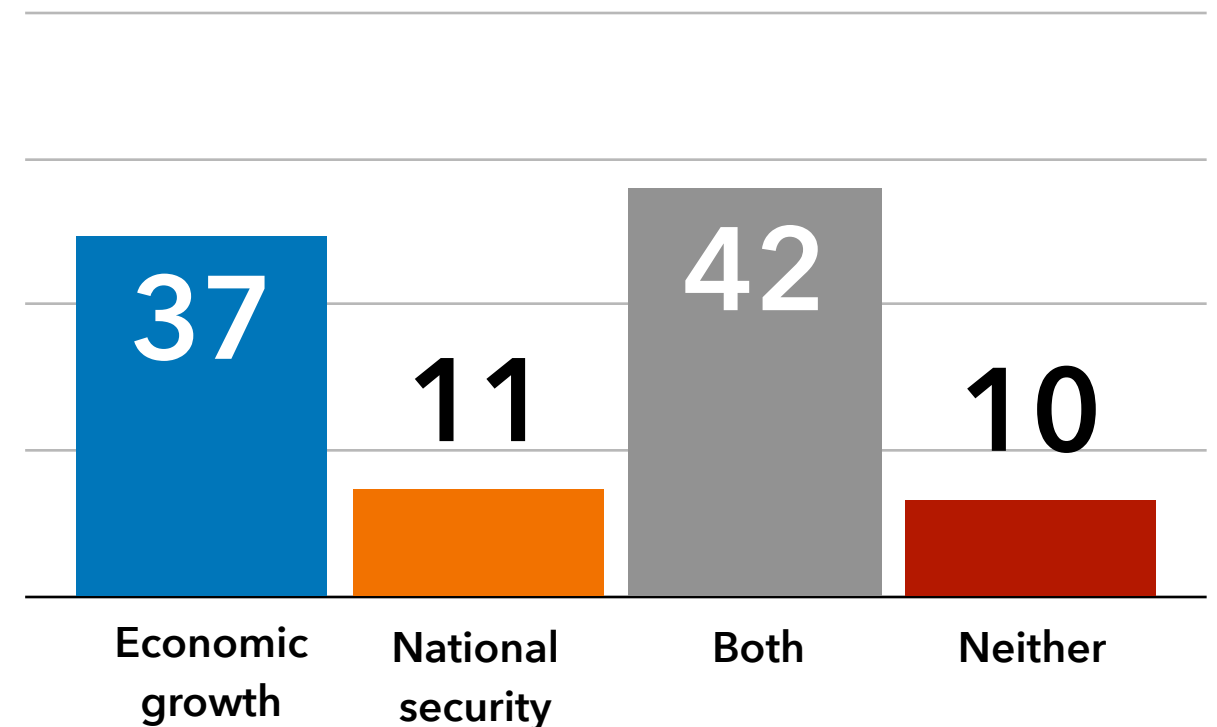
Do you believe America's natural resources such as fresh water, timber, oil, natural gas, and critical minerals primarily:

- Support the economic growth of the US
- Support the national security of the US
- Both
- Neither

All US Adults



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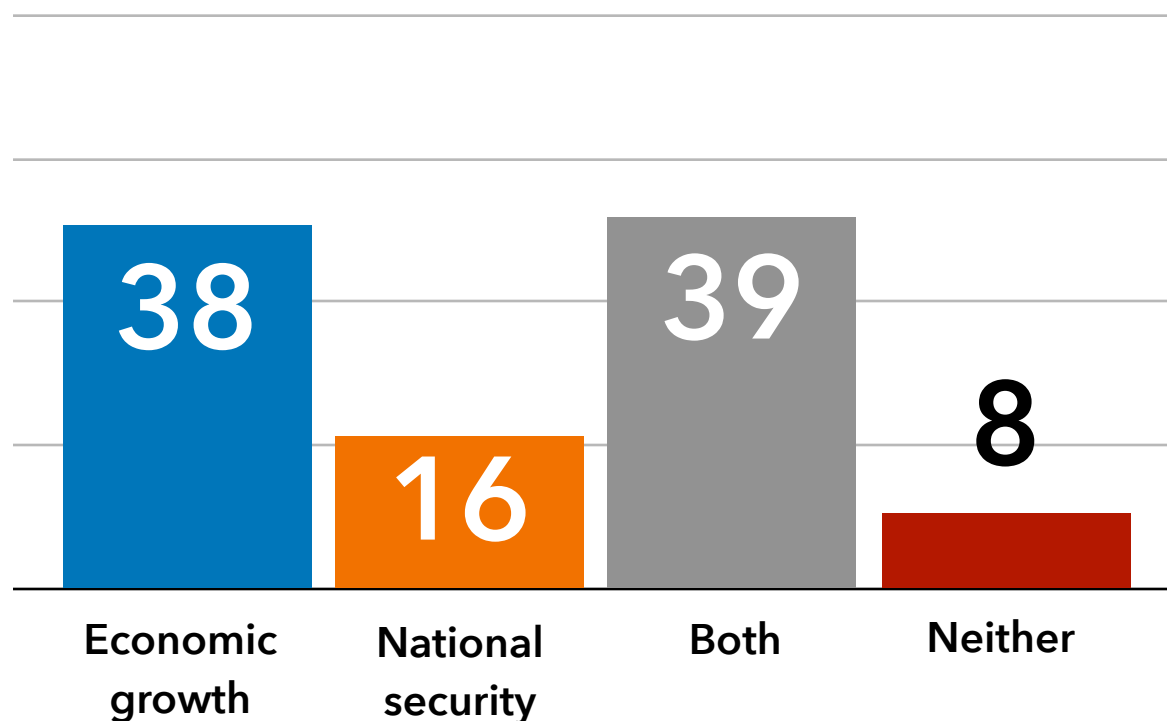


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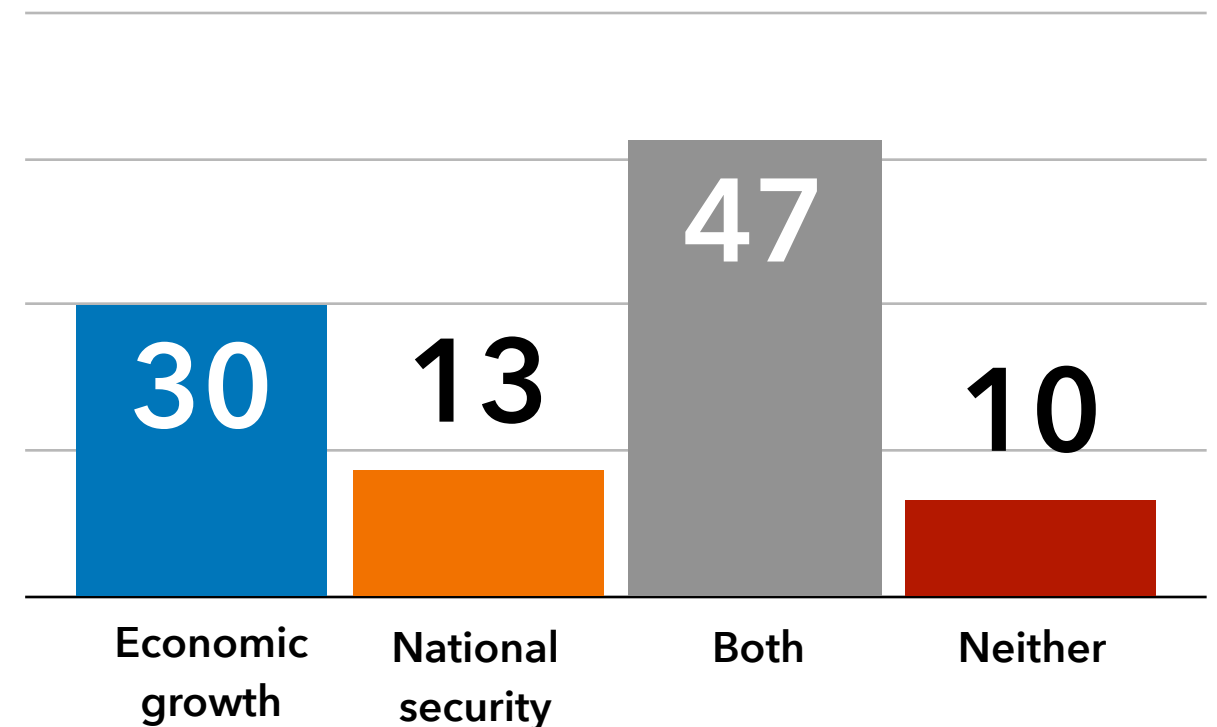
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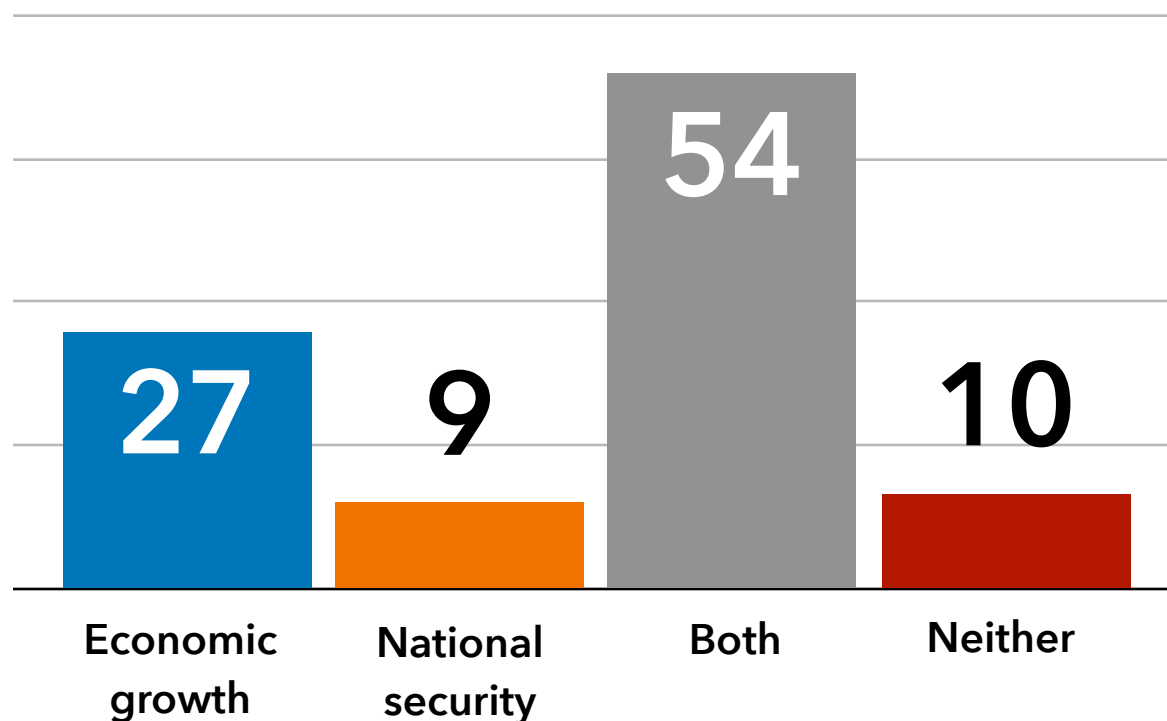


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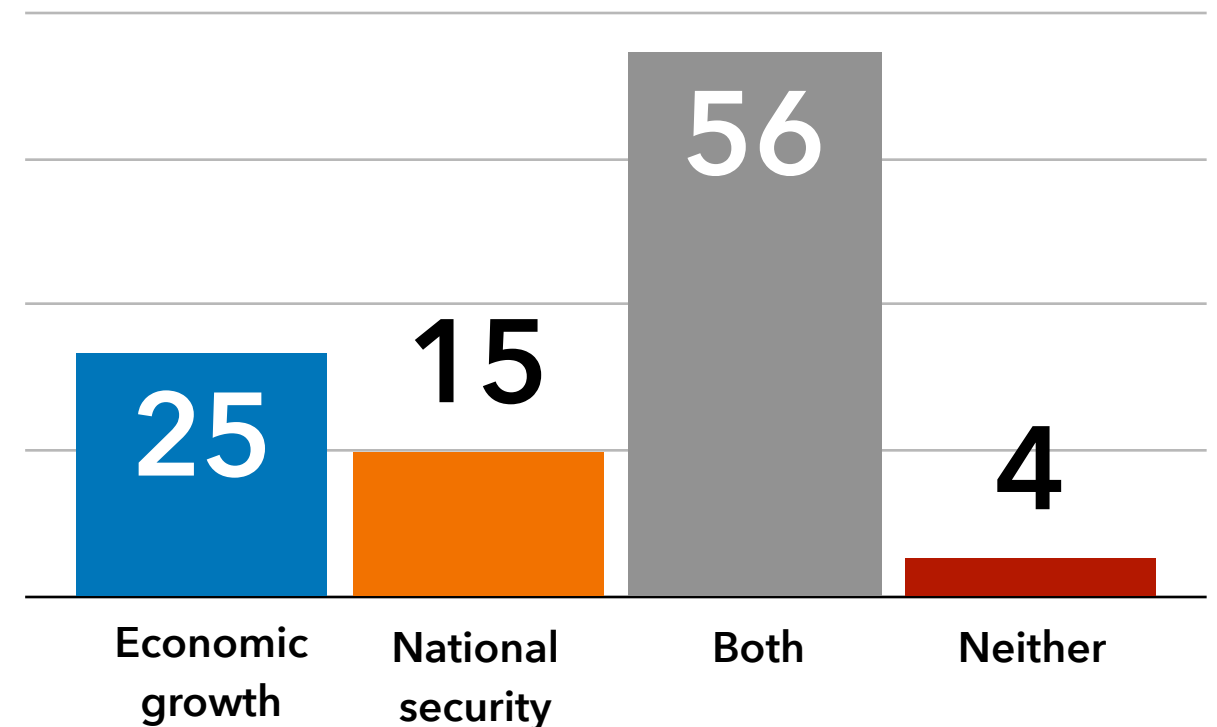
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