Poll: Reliable Republican Voters Support GOP Action on Climate

Analysis Shows House Conservative Climate Caucus Members Triumphed Handily in 2022 Primary Elections

WASHINGTON, DC – New analysis from the Climate Leadership Council and Americans for Carbon Dividends shows Republican voters support climate action and voted accordingly for House Conservative Climate Caucus members in their 2022 primary elections. The two-part project polled high propensity, reliable Republican voters and examined the outcomes of Caucus members' races. House Conservative Climate Caucus members amassed a 62-5 win-loss record in their 2022 primary elections, and those who won triumphed by an average margin of 59.3%.

This is in keeping with the poll results that found a majority of reliable Republican voters (54%) – including 71% among voters ages 18 to 34 – believe it's important for their Member of Congress to work to address climate change. By more than a 3:1 margin, Republican voters want their U.S. Representative to join the Conservative Climate Caucus.

Additional findings from the poll show that Republicans strongly support the climate objectives that congressional Republicans are advancing.

- **79% agree** climate policies should reward more efficient U.S. manufacturers and penalize high carbon polluting imports from countries like Russia and China who make the same products we do but with much more pollution.
- **76% agree** good climate policy should reduce global carbon pollution and help create good paying jobs and economic opportunity, all without growing the federal deficit.
- **71% agree** that private sector innovation, American resources and investments in research and development have resulted in lower emissions and affordable energy, placing the United States as the global leader in reducing emissions.

The poll of 1,000 high propensity, reliable Republican voters was conducted by Moore Information Group from Sept. 16-19, 2022.

"Republican voters want Congress to take action on climate change and develop meaningful climate solutions," **said Erik Iverson, President and Managing Partner of Moore Information Group**. "And Republican members of Congress who support climate policies that hold polluters like China accountable, reward more efficient U.S. manufacturers and don't add to the federal budget deficit are on very solid ground with their base voters."

"The results of this analysis are crystal clear," **said Steve Rice, Managing Director of Americans for Carbon Dividends.** "Republican voters are ready for their Representatives to act to reduce global emissions and support U.S. climate leadership."

The Climate Leadership Council works with a broad set of stakeholders to promote the most cost-effective, equitable, and politically-viable climate solutions.

Americans for Carbon Dividends (AFCD) is a national education and advocacy campaign that promotes a bipartisan climate solution where all sides win.

New Polling and Election Analysis Show Republicans Support GOP Members Leading on Climate

The Climate Leadership Council and Americans for Carbon Dividends have conducted detailed analysis on Republican voting behavior related to the climate issue. This analysis includes the following:

- A review of 2022 primary election results for all members of the House Conservative Climate Caucus, including comparisons to previous elections before the formation of the caucus.

- A public opinion poll of 1,000 high propensity, reliable Republican voters nationwide conducted by Moore Information Group from Sept. 16-19, 2022.

Key findings from this project are described below:

1. A majority of high propensity, reliable Republican voters (54%) – including 71% among voters ages 18 to 34 – believe it's important for their Member of Congress to work to address climate change, and by more than a 3:1 margin, Republican voters want their U.S. Representative to join the Conservative Climate Caucus.

2. Republicans strongly support the climate objectives that congressional Republicans are advancing.

    a. Climate policies should reward more efficient U.S. manufacturers and penalize high carbon polluting imports from countries like Russia and China who make the same products we do but with much more pollution *(79% agree / 13% disagree)*

    b. Good climate policy should reduce global carbon pollution and help create good paying jobs and economic opportunity, all without growing the federal deficit *(76% agree / 17% disagree)*

    c. Private sector innovation, American resources and investments in research and development have resulted in lower emissions and affordable energy, placing the United States as the global leader in reducing emissions *(71% agree / 18% disagree)*

3. House Conservative Climate Caucus members amassed a 62-5 won-loss record in their 2022 primary elections. The only members who lost were either a) redistricted into a race against another House Republican; b) facing ethics violations; or c) voted against the majority of the GOP caucus on non-climate issues.

4. House Conservative Climate Caucus members who won their 2022 primary elections triumphed by an average *margin* of 59.3%. About half of these members either increased their margins of victory from the 2020 primary (prior to the caucus's formation) or ran unopposed.

The incontrovertible finding from this analysis is that House Republicans can support meaningful climate action and remain completely in step with their constituents.

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TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Erik Iverson, Moore Information Group

RE: National Republican Voter Survey on Climate Policy

A recent national survey of high propensity, reliable Republican voters finds that nearly six-in-ten (58%) believe climate change is occurring and a 54% majority (including 71% among Republicans age 18-34) believe it is important for their Member of Congress to work to address the problem.

The survey also revealed the following three key findings among Republicans voters nationwide:

1) Republicans back the climate objectives being advanced by Congressional Republicans.

- 76% agree "Good climate policy should reduce global carbon pollution and help create good paying jobs and economic opportunity, all without growing the federal deficit."

- 71% agree "Private sector innovation, American resources and investments in research and development have resulted in lower emissions and affordable energy, placing the United States as the global leader in reducing emissions."

- By more than a 3:1 margin, Republican voters want their U.S. Representative to join the Conservative Climate Caucus (54% yes/15% no).

2) Republicans support climate solutions that focus on lowering global emissions and support cooperation with our allies to counter China and hold foreign competitors accountable.

- 77% would support "A joint effort between the U.S. and its allies to penalize products made from high carbon pollution countries like China, which would benefit more efficient American companies and their workers."

- 79% agree "Right now, some of America's adversaries are enriching themselves by exporting cheaper products made with higher pollution. We should be partnering with our allies to hold these foreign powers accountable for their carbon pollution."

- 79% agree "Climate policies should reward more efficient U.S. manufacturers and penalize high carbon polluting imports from countries like Russia and China who make the same products we do but with much more pollution."

3) Republicans support boosting American manufacturing and competitiveness as a climate strategy.

- By a 3:1 margin, Republicans nationwide support a program that would "charge a fee on imported goods from foreign countries based upon the carbon pollution that resulted from producing those goods" (64% support, 20% oppose).

- A full majority (56%) of Republican said they would be willing to pay more for a product if they knew it was "made in America with less carbon pollution, and that paying more would help create jobs here by bringing more manufacturing and production back to Americans."

- Republicans look favorably on a candidate for Congress or U.S. Senate who supports climate policy that rewards U.S. manufacturers and penalizes high carbon polluting imports (68% more likely to vote for a candidate with this position, 17% less likely, 15% unsure).

Survey Methodology. *The survey was conducted September 16-19, 2022, using online methodology among a representative sample of N=1,000 high propensity Republican voters nationwide. The potential sampling error is plus or minus 3% at the 95% confidence level.*

District	Member	2022 Result	2022 Primary %	2022 Margin of Victory	Did Not Run in 2022	2020 Primary %
TX-11	Rep. August Pfluger (R-TX)	Won	100	100		52.2
GA-01	Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA)	Won	100	100		82.2
TX-25	Rep. Roger Williams (R-TX)	Won	100	100		87.6
WI-01	Rep. Bryan Steil (R-WI)	Won	100	100		99.7
IN-04	Rep. Jim Baird (R-IN)	Won	100	100		100
IN-08	Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)	Won	100	100		100
OH-05	Rep. Bob Latta (R-OH)	Won	100	100		100
TX-10	Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX)	Won	100	100		100
MI-01	Rep. Jack Bergman (R-MI)	Won	100	100		100
TN-02	Rep. Tim Burchett (R-TN)	Won	100	100		100
MI-02	Rep. Bill Huizenga (R-MI)	Won	100	100		100
AZ-08	Rep. Debbie Lesko (R-AZ)	Won	100	100		100
AR-04	Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR)	Won	100	100		100
VA-01	Rep. Rob Wittman (R-VA)	Won	100	100		100
VA-09	Rep. Morgan Griffith (R-VA)	Won	100	100		100
ND-AL	Rep. Kelly Armstrong (R-ND)	Won	99	98		99.5
IA-02	Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA)	Won	98.7	97.4		47.6
PA-15	Rep. G.T. Thompson (R-PA)	Won	98.2	96.4		100
TX-14	Rep. Randy Weber (R-TX)	Won	89.9	82.4		85.4
NJ-02	Rep. Jeff Van Drew (R-NJ)	Won	85.7	77.8		82.4
KY-06	Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY)	Won	87.8	75.6		90.7
NC-08	Rep. Richard Hudson (R-NC)	Won	79.6	71		100
FL-26	Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)	Won	84.2	68.4		100
GA-03	Rep. Drew Ferguson (R-GA)	Won	82.9	65.8		100
OH-12	Rep. Troy Balderson (R-OH)	Won	82.3	64.6		83.9
FL-07	Rep. Greg Murphy (R-NC)	Won	75.8	61.8		100
FL-27	Rep. María Elvira Salazar (R-FL)	Won	80.7	61.4		79.1
TX-27	Rep. Michael Cloud (R-TX)	Won	72.5	60.3		100
KY-02	Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY)	Won	78	60.1		88.6
OH-14	Rep. Dave Joyce (R-OH)	Won	75.7	59.7		83.1
OR-02	Rep. Cliff Bentz (R-OR)	Won	76.7	58.7		31.3
TN-03	Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN)	Won	79.3	58.6		100
FL-26	Rep. Carlos Antonio Giménez (R-FL)	Won	73.4	58		59.9
AR-01	Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR)	Won	73.2	56.8		100
NY-11	Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY)	Won	78.1	56.7		68.7
TX-26	Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX)	Won	66.8	56.5		73.6
FL-06	Rep. Michael Waltz (R-FL)	Won	78.1	56.2		42.4
IL-18	Rep. Darin LaHood (R-IL)	Won	66.2	53.1		100
AZ-04	Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ)	Won	63.6	49.8		63.1
FL-05	Rep. John Rutherford (R-FL)	Won	65.7	48.1		80.2
UT-03	Rep. John Curtis (R-UT)	Won	72.5	45		N/A
UT-02	Rep. Chris Stewart (R-UT)	Won	72.1	44.2		100
CA-08	Rep. Jay Obernolte (R-CA)	Won	60.9	39.1		34.9
OK-5	Rep. Stephanie Bice (R-OK)	Won	67.7	35.4		52.9
UT-01	Rep. Blake Moore (R-UT)	Won	59.8	34.5		30.9
CA-48	Rep. Michelle Steel (R-CA)	Won	43.9	34.1		34.9
MI-07	Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI)	Won	66.6	33.2		100
OK-03	Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK)	Won	61.1	30.4		100
SC-04	Rep. William Timmons (R-SC)	Won	52.7	28.9		N/A
TX-04	Rep. Pat Fallon (R-TX)	Won	59	28.8		Appointed
NV-02	Rep. Mark Amodei (R-NV)	Won	54.3	21.2		80.8
UT-08	Rep. Burgess Owens (R-UT)	Won	60.4	20.8		43.5

SD-AL	Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-SD)	Won	60.4	20.8		76.1
WA-05	Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA)	Won	50.5	19.8		52.7
CO-05	Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO)	Won	49.9	18.6		100
AR-02	Rep. French Hill (R-AR)	Won	58.4	16.8		100
NY-02	Rep. Andrew Garbarino (R-NY)	Won	51.3	11.6		63.3
CA-39	Rep. Young Kim (R-CA)	Won	34.6	11.4		48.3
AZ-06	Rep. David Schweikert (R-AZ)	Won	43.3	10.9		100
SC-01	Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC)	Won	53.3	8.3		57.5
WA-04	Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA)	Won	25.5	4.4		57.4
CA-21	Rep. David Valadao (R-CA)	Won	25.6	2.5		49.7
LA-06	Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA)	TBD				71
MS-04	Rep. Steven Palazzo (R-MS)	*Lost*	46.4	-7.2		66.8
WV-01	Rep. David McKinley (R-WV)	*Lost*	35.6	-18.6		100
MI-03	Rep. Peter Meijer (R-MI)	*Lost*	48.3	-3.4		50.2
SC-07	Rep. Tom Rice (R-SC)	*Lost*	24.6	-26.5		N/A
WA-03	Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)	*Lost*	22.3	-0.5		56.2
MI-06	Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI)				x	62.7
OH-16	Rep. Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH)				x	100
NY-27	Rep. Chris Jacobs (R-NY)				x	59.1
PA-12	Rep. Fred Keller (R-PA)				x	100
OK-02	Rep. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK)				x	79.9