

Center for Western Priorities

#6217 | Winning the West Survey

1,807 Likely 2024 Voters in Arizona, Colorado, and Nevada

SCREENERS

QS3. Are you:

	Total	AZ	СО	NV
	(n=1807)	(n=605)	(n=600)	(n=602)
A man	48	48	48	49
A woman	51	51	51	51
Neither / Non-binary	1	1	1	0

AS4. What is your age?

	Total	AZ	CO	NV
	(n=1807)	(n=605)	(n=600)	(n=602)
18-34	24	22	28	22
35-49	23	22	24	24
50-64	25	27	22	26
65+	27	28	26	28

QS15. In November of 2024, there will be an election for President. How likely are you to vote in that election? Are you:

	Total	AZ	СО	NV
	(n=1807)	(n=605)	(n=600)	(n=602)
Absolutely certain	81	80	82	80
Very likely	13	13	13	13
Possibly will vote	5	5	5	5
Absolutely will not vote	0	0	0	0
Don't know	2	1	1	2

QS19. Regardless of which political party you identify with personally, which party are you REGISTERED with on the voter rolls in **[STATE]**?

	Total	AZ	СО	NV
	(n=1807)	(n=605)	(n=600)	(n=602)
Democrat	32	32	29	35
Republican	32	36	26	34
Independent	36	32	45	31

QS21. For statistical purposes only, which of the following ethnic or racial groups best describes you? Please select all that apply.

	Total (n=1807)	AZ (n=605)	CO (n=600)	NV (n=602)
White	78	78	85	71
Black or African American	9	9	5	12
Latino/a or Hispanic	16	18	13	17
Asian or Pacific Islander	5	5	4	6
Middle Eastern	1	1	0	0
Native American	4	3	4	4
Other	2	1	2	2
Prefer not to answer	1	1	1	1

LANDSCAPE

Are you favorable or unfavorable to the following people and groups?

	Very favorable		Somewhat unfavorable		FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE
Q1r1. Bureau of Land Management						
Total <i>(n=1807)</i>	27	51	16	5	78	22
AZ (n=605)	28	52	15	5	80	20
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	28	54	13	5	82	18
NV <i>(n=602)</i>	27	47	20	7	74	26
Q1r2. National Park Service						
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	59	34	4	3	93	7
AZ (n=605)	60	31	5	3	92	8
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	63	33	3	2	95	5
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	53	39	5	3	92	8
Q1r3. U.S. Forest Service						
Total <i>(n=1807)</i>	53	40	4	3	93	7
AZ (n=605)	55	38	4	3	92	8
CO (<i>n=600</i>)	55	40	2	3	95	5
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	49	41	6	4	90	10
Q1r4. Oil and gas companies						
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	18	36	32	14	54	46
AZ (n=605)	17	35	33	15	52	48
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	19	35	31	15	54	46
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	17	39	31	14	56	44
Q1r5. Coal companies						
Total <i>(n=1807)</i>	13	40	31	16	53	47
AZ (n=605)	13	39	31	17	52	48
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	14	39	30	17	53	47
NV <i>(n</i> =602)	13	41	33	13	54	46
Q1r6. Mining companies						
Total <i>(n=1807)</i>	15	45	29	10	61	39
AZ (n=605)	16	43	29	12	59	41
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	15	44	31	10	59	41
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	15	49	28	8	64	36

Very	Somewhat	Somewhat	Very	
favorable	favorable	unfavorable	unfavorable	FAVORABLE UNFAVORABLE

Q1r7. Renewable energy companies						
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	37	47	12	4	84	16
AZ (n=605)	38	44	13	5	82	18
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	39	49	8	4	88	12
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	33	48	15	4	81	19
Q1r8. Conservation groups						
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	31	47	16	6	78	22
AZ (n=605)	33	44	18	5	77	23
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	32	49	12	7	81	19
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	29	48	18	5	77	23
Q1r9. Outdoor recreation companies, such as REI and Patagonia						
Total <i>(n=1807)</i>	29	58	11	3	87	13
AZ (n=605)	29	57	10	3	86	14
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	30	59	8	3	89	11
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	28	57	13	2	85	15

Who do you trust more when it comes to each of the following issues?

Q2r1. Handling conservation efforts to preserve land, parks, and wildlife	President Biden	Congress
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	37	63
AZ (n=605)	38	62
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	37	63
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	37	63
Q2r2. Responsibly managing America's public lands		
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	38	62
AZ (n=605)	38	62
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	36	64
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	40	60
Q2r3. Protecting land with unique natural or historical significance by designating them as new national monuments		
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	40	60
AZ (n=605)	41	59
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	40	60
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	39	61

ENVIRONMENT & CONSERVATION OUTLOOK AND CONCERNS

How concerned are you about each of the following? Are you...?

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	verv	Not at all concerned		NOT NCERNED
Q3r1. Losing open spaces, natural areas, wildlife habitat, and America's most beautiful landscapes.						
Total <i>(n=1807)</i>	54	33	10	3	87	13
AZ (n=605)	55	32	10	4	86	14
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	56	34	9	2	89	11
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	52	34	11	3	86	14
Q3r2. The effects of a changing climate, like floods, droughts, and wildfires, on our public lands.						
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	51	28	13	8	78	22
AZ (n=605)	51	25	15	8	77	23
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	53	29	12	6	82	18
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	48	28	12	11	76	24
Q3r3. Oil and mining companies, huge foreign-owned corporations, and developers making record profits off America's land, but not paying their fair share for the damage they do to it.						
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	54	32	9	4	86	14
AZ (n=605)	55	30	10	5	85	15
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	54	34	10	2	88	12
NV (<i>n=602</i>)	53	33	8	5	86	14
Q3r4. Corporations and developers harming the lands and waters we use for outdoor recreation, hunting, and fishing.						
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	52	36	9	3	87	13
AZ (n=605)	52	34	9	4	87	13
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	49	40	8	3	89	11
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	53	33	11	3	86	14

Should the government be doing more or less of each of the following?

	Much more	Somewhat more	About what it's doing now	Somewhat less	Much less	MORE	LESS
Q4r1. Creating and protecting national monuments on public land that has significant historical, scenic, or scientific value for the future							
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	37	33	23	5	3	70	8
AZ (n=605)	38	33	20	5	4	71	9
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	35	33	25	4	3	68	7
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	39	32	23	4	2	71	6
Q4r2. Protecting public access for hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation							
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	32	34	27	4	3	66	7
AZ (n=605)	31	35	26	5	3	66	8
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	32	34	28	3	3	66	6
NV (<i>n=602</i>) Q4r3. Addressing overcrowding and better maintaining national parks, public lands, and national monuments	33	32	27	5	3	65	8
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	34	39	20	4	3	73	7
AZ (n=605)	31	43	18	4	3	74	8
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	33	39	22	4	3	71	7
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	38	36	19	5	2	74	7
Q4r4. Regulating oil, gas, and mining corporations that operate on federal lands							
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	39	28	18	9	7	66	16
AZ (n=605)	40	27	16	10	7	67	17
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	37	28	19	10	6	65	16
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	39	27	18	9	7	67	16

When it comes to how public land should be used, how important are each of the following priorities? Use a scale of 1 to 7 to indicate how much of a priority you think it should be, where 1 means you don't think it is a priority at all and 7 means you think it should be a top priority.

	BOTTOM 3	4	5	6	7 - TOP PRIORITY
Q5r1. Drilling for oil and natural gas					
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	31	19	18	12	20
AZ (n=605)	27	20	20	12	21
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	37	18	17	10	18
NV (n=602)	27	19	18	14	22
Q5r2. Mining for minerals					
Total <i>(n=1807)</i>	29	27	20	11	12
AZ (n=605)	28	27	21	13	11
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	34	26	20	8	11
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	25	28	20	12	15
Q5r3. Renewable energy production (wind, solar, geothermal)					
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	17	14	17	18	35
AZ (n=605)	16	14	18	18	34
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	16	13	19	18	34
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	18	13	15	18	36
Q5r4. Recreation for the public (hunting, fishing, hiking)					
Total <i>(n=1807)</i>	11	21	26	18	23
AZ (n=605)	12	21	28	18	22
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	11	20	27	19	23
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	11	22	23	19	24
Q5r5. Conservation efforts to protect the land					
Total <i>(n=1807)</i>	6	15	20	21	37
AZ (n=605)	7	15	20	20	37
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	4	15	21	24	36
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	8	16	18	19	38
Q5r6. Livestock grazing					
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	18	24	23	16	19
AZ (n=605)	19	23	22	18	18
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	19	25	23	14	18
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	15	23	25	16	21

	BOTTOM 3	4	5	6	7 - TOP PRIORITY
Q5r7. Timber harvesting					
Total <i>(n=1807)</i>	28	26	22	12	13
AZ (n=605)	24	29	23	12	12
CO (<i>n=600</i>)	34	24	21	10	11
NV (n=602)	25	25	20	13	16

Q6. When it comes to conservation efforts in this country, which of the following concerns you more?

	Total (n=1807)	AZ (n=605)	CO (<i>n=600</i>)	NV (n=602)
The government won't do enough to protect America's natural resources against overdevelopment, corporate greed, and environmental disasters.	63	62	64	62
The government will go too far with regulations and restrictions on land use that hurt our economy and destroy local jobs.	37	38	36	38

Q7. Which do you agree with more?

	Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	AZ (n=605)	CO (<i>n</i> =600)	NV (n=602)
We need to use all available options to make energy prices affordable again and that means increasing oil and gas drilling wherever oil is available – including on public lands. With global instability in Russia, Ukraine, and the Middle East, America should prioritize energy exploration on public lands.	41	41	37	45
We need to prioritize renewable resources on public lands, with careful management of our land and natural resources. Wind and solar power, which are now more affordable than fossil fuels, will only keep getting cheaper for consumers. We can meet energy needs without dangerous, boom-and-bust energy sources, while still protecting our public lands, forests, mountains, and deserts.	59	59	63	55

POLITICS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Q8. When deciding who to vote for in an election, how important is it that they support conservation of public lands?

	Total (n=1807)	AZ (n=605)	CO (<i>n</i> =600)	NV (n=602)
Very important	40	43	38	40
Somewhat important	47	41	52	46
Not that important	10	13	9	10
Not at all important	3	3	1	4
TOTAL IMPORTANT	87	84	90	87
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	13	16	10	13

Would you be more or less likely to vote for someone who did each of the following?

Q9r1. Prioritizes protecting and investing in national parks and monuments for the public	Much MORE likely to support	Somewhat MORE to support	No impact either way	Somewhat LESS likely to support	Much LESS likely to support	MORE LIKELY	LESS LIKELY
Total (n=1807)	30	41	23	5	1	71	6
AZ (n=605)	31	41	22	5	2	72	6
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	28	45	22	4	1	73	5
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	31	38	25	6	0	69	6
Q9r2. Supports creating a new national monument in [STATE] to protect the open spaces and natural resources and preserve the landscape for future generations							
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	28	35	28	6	3	63	9
AZ (n=605)	27	34	28	8	3	61	11
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	29	37	27	5	2	66	7
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	28	34	28	6	4	62	10

	Much MORE likely to support	Somewhat MORE to support	No impact either way	Somewhat LESS likely to support	Much LESS likely to support	MORE LIKELY	LESS LIKELY
Q9r3. Supports increased access and investments to meet demand for hunting, fishing, hiking, and other recreation on public lands and parks							
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	20	36	34	8	3	56	10
AZ (n=605)	16	38	36	8	2	54	10
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	18	40	33	6	3	58	9
NV <i>(n=602)</i>	24	31	33	10	3	55	12
Q9r4. Prioritizes protecting public lands from being taken over by private developers and oil and mining corporations							
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	39	32	20	7	3	71	10
AZ (n=605)	39	30	22	7	3	69	9
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	38	35	19	6	2	73	8
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	40	30	19	8	4	69	12

NATIONAL MONUMENTS

Q10. If President Biden and his administration did more to protect and conserve public lands, parks, wildlife, and national monuments, would that make you more or less favorable to them?

	Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	AZ (n=605)	CO (<i>n</i> =600)	NV (n=602)
Much more favorable	29	30	27	29
Somewhat more favorable	46	46	49	42
Somewhat less favorable	12	11	12	12
Much less favorable	14	14	12	17
TOTAL MORE FAVORABLE	74	75	76	71
TOTAL LESS FAVORABLE	26	25	24	29

Q11. Would you support or oppose President Biden using executive authority to designate land or water as a national monument if it had unique cultural, historical, or natural significance?

	Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	AZ (n=605)	CO (n=600)	NV (n=602)
Strongly support	28	26	29	30
Somewhat support	38	43	39	33
Somewhat oppose	15	13	15	17
Strongly oppose	19	19	17	20
TOTAL SUPPORT	67	69	68	63
TOTAL OPPOSE	33	31	32	37

Asked of Arizona voters

Q12. In Arizona there is a proposal to designate the Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon as a national monument. The proposed national monument would include more than 1 million acres adjacent to Grand Canyon National Park and would protect tribal cultural and historic sites against any future mining claims, while also enhancing the natural, recreational, and scientific resources of the region. Do you support or oppose President Biden designating the Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon as a national monument? (*n*=605)

Strongly support	45
Somewhat support	34
Somewhat oppose	11
Strongly oppose	9
TOTAL SUPPORT	79
TOTAL OPPOSE	21

Asked of Colorado voters

Q13. In Colorado there is a proposal to designate the Dolores River Canyon Country as a national monument. The proposed national monument would protect existing public lands surrounding the Dolores River in western Colorado to conserve important wildlife habitats, safeguard the area's scenic beauty, and support outdoor recreation. Do you support or oppose President Biden designating the Dolores River Canyon Country as a national monument? (*n*=600)

Strongly support	43
Somewhat support	41
Somewhat oppose	10
Strongly oppose	6
TOTAL SUPPORT	84
TOTAL OPPOSE	16

Asked of Nevada voters

Q14. In Nevada there is a proposal to designate the Bahsahwahbee National Monument (locally known as Swamp Cedars) as a national monument. The proposed national monument would protect land that was once a ceremonial and pilgrimage site for thousands of Indigenous Newe Peoples, and was at the heart of three 19th century massacres, one being the largest known Indian massacre in US history. Do you support or oppose President Biden designating Bahsahwahbee (Swamp Cedars) as a national monument? (*n*=602)

Strongly support	39
Somewhat support	38
Somewhat oppose	13
Strongly oppose	10
TOTAL SUPPORT	77
TOTAL OPPOSE	23

MESSAGING

Below are reasons people have given for designating **[IF ARIZONA VOTER**: Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon; **IF COLORADO VOTER**: Dolores River Canyon Country; **IF NEVADA VOTER**: Bahsahwahbee (Swamp Cedars)] as a national monument.

	Very convincing	Somewhat g convincing _c	Not too onvincing	Not at all convincing	CONVINCING	NOT CONVINCING
Q15r1. A study of communities near 14 newly designated national monuments in the West found that they experienced increases in the number of businesses and jobs.						
Total <i>(n=1807)</i>	25	50	19	6	75	25
AZ (n=605)	25	47	23	5	72	28
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	27	51	16	5	79	21
NV <i>(n=602)</i>	25	51	18	6	76	24
Q15r2. National monuments and parks save taxpayers money in the long run, protecting our water supplies and reducing the wildfires and flooding that cost taxpayers billions of dollars each year.						
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	31	44	17	8	75	25
AZ (n=605)	34	40	18	8	75	25
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	31	46	17	6	77	23
NV <i>(n=602)</i>	27	46	17	10	73	27
Q15r3. Every \$1 invested in national parks and monuments, returns approximately \$10 to the U.S. economy.						
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	31	41	19	9	73	27
AZ (n=605)	30	42	19	9	72	28
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	32	43	20	6	74	26
NV <i>(n=602)</i>	32	39	18	11	72	28
Q15r4. Designating land or waters as national monuments allows us to protect and preserve these priceless landscapes, so that we can pass them down to future generations.						
Total <i>(n=1807)</i>	37	44	13	6	81	19
AZ (<i>n</i> =605)	40	40	14	7	79	21
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	35	48	13	4	84	16
NV (n=602)	37	44	12	6	81	19

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Not too convincing	Not at all convincing	CONVINCING	NOT CONVINCING
Q15r5. Protecting public lands unites all Americans.						
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	25	36	26	12	62	38
AZ (n=605)	25	37	25	12	62	38
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	25	37	27	12	61	39
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	25	36	26	13	61	39
Q15r6. <i>Shown to Colorado voters:</i> The proposal has bipartisan support from Democrats and Republicans in the House and Senate. <i>(n=600)</i>	30	41	23	7	71	29
Q15r7. <i>Shown to Arizona voters:</i> The designation would stop new uranium mining, which is a major threat to the Grand Canyon and the Colorado River, and would endanger the safety of surrounding northern Arizona communities. (n=605)	42	31	19	8	72	28
Q15r8. Shown to Colorado voters: The designation would protect the West's scarce water supply because the Grand Canyon region is a watershed for the Colorado River, which provides water to 40 million Americans. (n=600)	40	46	10	4	86	14
Q15r9. <i>Shown to Nevada voters:</i> The land is home to the sacred and globally unique grove of shallow-rooted Rocky Mountain juniper trees known as the 'swamp cedars'. <i>(n=602)</i>	29	41	20	11	69	31
Q15r10. Shown to Arizona voters: It would protect the outdoor recreation economy of Arizona, which brings around 6 million people to visit the Grand Canyon National Park each year, and provides recreation opportunities like hiking, hunting, and angling. (<i>n=605</i>)	33	45	16	6	78	22
Q15r11. Shown to Colorado voters: It would protect the outdoor recreation economy of Colorado, which last summer brought half a million people to enjoy activities like rafting and kayaking on the Colorado River. (<i>n=600</i>)	30	49	16	5	79	21

	Very S convincing o	Somewhat convincing _c	Not too onvincing (Not at all convincing	CONVINCING	NOT CONVINCING
Q15r12. Shown to Nevada voters: It would protect the outdoor recreation economy of Nevada, which in recent years has supported nearly \$5 billion in spending and created over 50,000 jobs. (n=602)	32	46	15	7	78	22
Q15r13. Shown to Arizona voters: The effort is being led by Native American tribes and would protect tribal ancestral homelands and natural and cultural resources that are historically significant and sacred to tribes. (<i>n=605</i>)	42	37	15	6	79	21
Q15r14. <i>Shown to Colorado voters:</i> The designation would protect important Native American artifacts and cultural sites along the Dolores River and has support from local tribes (<i>n=600</i>)	39	44	13	3	84	16
Q15r15. Shown to Nevada voters: The land is a holy site for nearby tribal nations and a place of historical significance, where nearly 1,000 indigenous Newe ancestors were killed during 19th-century massacres. (<i>n=602</i>)	37	39	15	9	77	23

Asked of Arizona voters

Q16. Do you support or oppose President Biden designating the Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon as a national monument? (*n*=605)

Strongly support	39
Somewhat support	38
Somewhat oppose	12
Strongly oppose	10
TOTAL SUPPORT	78
TOTAL OPPOSE	22

Asked of Colorado voters

Q17. Do you support or oppose President Biden designating the Dolores River Canyon Country as a national monument? (*n*=600)

Strongly support	40
Somewhat support	45
Somewhat oppose	8
Strongly oppose	7
TOTAL SUPPORT	84
TOTAL OPPOSE	16

Asked of Nevada voters

Q18. Do you support or oppose President Biden designating Bahsahwahbee (Swamp Cedars) as a national monument? (*n*=602)

Strongly support	35
Somewhat support	40
Somewhat oppose	12
Strongly oppose	13
TOTAL SUPPORT	76
TOTAL OPPOSE	24

OTHER ISSUE CHECK-INS

Q19. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the agency that manages America's public lands, recently proposed a new rule that would instruct land managers to treat land restoration and conservation as a use of the land, equal to other uses such as mining, oil drilling, and grazing.

Do you support or oppose the BLM proposal for a new public lands conservation and landscape health Rule?

	Total (n=1807)	AZ (n=605)	CO (n=600)	NV (n=602)
Strongly support	22	22	21	23
Somewhat support	45	45	49	43
Somewhat oppose	21	21	21	20
Strongly oppose	12	13	9	14
TOTAL SUPPORT	67	66	70	66
TOTAL OPPOSE	33	34	30	34

Q20. Here are two different views of the new proposed Public Lands Rule. Which do you agree with more?

Supporters of the Rule say it protects the Western way of life. Public lands belong to all Americans, current and future. Conservation efforts will restore natural resources and recreation areas damaged by drilling and mining. It will ensure land can be used for recreation, hunting, and fishing for generations to come and safeguard natural resources like watersheds on which millions of Americans rely.

Opponents of the Rule say it would hurt Western states by letting the federal government stop activities essential to local economies like grazing, energy development, and tourism on taxpayer-owned lands. It's clear anti-grazing and anti-development organizations and special interests plan to abuse the Rule to halt ranching and block access to our nation's abundant energy reserves located on public lands.

	Total	AZ	CO	NV
	(n=1807)	(n=605)	(n=600)	(n=602)
Supporters who want to pass the Rule	62	62	64	61
Opponents who want to prevent the Rule	38	38	36	39

Q21. Mining for minerals on public lands is getting more attention because some minerals are important for the production of solar panels, batteries and other clean energy technology. The industry is currently regulated by the General Mining Act of 1872. Some people have proposed updating and modernizing the law to strengthen environmental safeguards and require companies to pay taxpayers a royalty for mining on public lands, which is currently not required.

How important do you think it is to update the Mining Act of 1872?

	Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	AZ (n=605)	CO (<i>n</i> =600)	NV (n=602)
Very important	36	36	37	36
Somewhat important	47	49	47	46
Not very important	12	11	12	13
Not at all important	4	4	4	5
TOTAL IMPORTANT	84	85	84	82
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	16	15	16	18

Asked of half

Q22. Which of the following comes closer to your view of mining regulations? (*n*=1807)

	Total (<i>n</i> =905)	AZ (n=301)	CO (n=312)	NV (n=292)
The U.S. has some of the strongest environmental and labor protections in the world, especially compared to other top mining countries like China and Russia. We shouldn't be adding new regulations and laws that will just outsource mining and make us more dependent on foreign countries.	32	33	33	28
We must modernize the 150 year old mining law so it works for everyone, not just the mining industry. Currently, corporations can dump toxic mining waste on federal land without penalty, leaving taxpayers to clean up the mess. And corporations pay no royalties for minerals extracted from taxpayer-owned lands, unlike oil and gas companies.	68	67	67	72

Asked of other half

Q22. Which of the following comes closer to your view of mining regulations? (*n*=1807)

	Total (<i>n</i> =902)	AZ (n=304)	CO (n=288)	NV (n=310)
The U.S. has some of the strongest environmental and labor protections in the world, especially compared to other top mining countries like China and Russia. We shouldn't be adding new regulations and laws that will just outsource mining and make us more dependent on foreign countries.	41	42	33	48
The mining industry is integral to the future of clean energy. But we must modernize the 150 year old mining laws to ensure mining companies don't make the same mistakes of the past. Mining companies are working to weaken protections and stop modernizing laws that oversee mining on federal land.	59	58	67	52

Q23. Which of the following do you think explains why the General Mining Act of 1872 hasn't been updated?

	Total (n=1807)	AZ (n=605)	CO (<i>n</i> =600)	NV (n=602)
The U.S. has some of the strongest environmental and labor protections in the world and doesn't need additional updates to this law	37	37	33	40
The National Mining Association has spent millions of dollars lobbying the government and donating to political campaigns to prevent updates	63	63	67	60

Here are some reasons people want to update the General Mining Act of 1872. Indicate how convincing each is on a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 means it's not convincing at all and 7 means it's an extremely convincing reason to update the law.

	BOTTOM 3	4	5	6	7 – EXTREMELY CONVINCING
Q24r1. <i>Asked of half:</i> The law is simply out of date. It was written in 1872 and hasn't kept pace with the scope and scale of modern industrial mining.					
Total (<i>n</i> =905)	18	17	18	18	29
AZ (n=301)	17	18	18	14	33
CO (n=312)	19	16	17	23	25
NV (<i>n</i> =292)	19	17	18	17	28
Q24r2. <i>Asked of other half:</i> The law is simply out of date. It was written in 1872, long before electric vehicles (or any cars) and lithium batteries.					
Total (<i>n</i> =902)	17	18	19	16	31
AZ (n=304)	16	18	19	18	29
CO (<i>n</i> =288)	16	18	23	13	30
NV (n=310)	18	17	15	17	33
Q24r3. Right now, there are almost no protections for the public when it comes to ensuring mines are not causing harm to the environment or local water supplies.					
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	15	19	16	19	31
AZ (n=605)	15	18	16	17	34
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	13	19	17	24	28
NV <i>(n=602)</i>	17	20	15	17	31
Q24r4. Current laws allow anyone to stake a mining claim on almost any federal public land not currently being used for mining, which is the majority of federal land in the West.					
Total (n=1807)	22	24	18	16	20
AZ (n=605)	20	24	17	18	21
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	21	27	21	14	18
NV <i>(n</i> =602)	26	22	17	15	19
Q24r5. Current laws allow mines to operate on lands that are not suitable for mining and destroy lands that are sacred to Native American tribes.					
Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	19	19	17	16	30
AZ (n=605)	17	20	15	16	31
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	18	20	18	16	28
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	21	17	16	16	30

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BOTTOM	4	5	6	EXTREMELY
3				CONVINCING

Q24r6. There are at least 22,500 abandoned hardrock mines on federal lands, which can leak toxic chemicals into waterways. Abandoned hardrock mines have contributed to the contamination of 40 percent of the country's rivers and 50 percent of all lakes.

Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	13	19	18	18	33
AZ (n=605)	12	19	17	17	35
CO (<i>n</i> =600)	12	20	18	20	29
NV <i>(n=602)</i>	14	18	18	17	33

Q24r7. The mining industry gives nothing back to U.S. taxpayers while they rake in billions, profiting off of lands owned by the American public. Oil, gas, and coal industries all pay for the resources they extract from public lands.

Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	18	18	16	16	31
AZ (n=605)	16	17	18	16	32
CO (n=600)	19	21	14	18	28
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	20	17	17	14	32

Q24r8. Mining companies have frequently abandoned mines on federal lands for the last 150 years. That leaves taxpayers on the hook for billions of dollars in cleanup costs.

Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	15	17	17	19	32
AZ (n=605)	15	16	18	18	34
CO (n=600)	14	20	18	20	29
NV (<i>n</i> =602)	17	17	17	18	32

Q24r9. The National Mining Association has spent over \$25 million dollars lobbying the government and making campaign donations to politicians in their efforts to stop updates to the 1872 law.

Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	20	21	17	15	28
AZ (n=605)	20	21	16	14	30
CO (n=600)	21	21	17	17	24
NV <i>(n=602)</i>	19	21	18	14	29

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Q25. Over the past few years, have public lands, parks, and wildlife issues become more or less important for you?

	Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	AZ (n=605)	CO (<i>n</i> =600)	NV (n=602)
Much more important	28	27	29	28
Somewhat more important	33	34	35	30
Not changed either way	31	30	28	36
Somewhat less important	5	6	5	5
Much less important	3	3	3	2
MORE IMPORTANT	61	61	64	57
LESS IMPORTANT	8	9	8	7

Q26. How often do you visit public lands such as national recreation areas, parks, national forests, national monuments, national wildlife refuges, or other public land in the West?

	Total	AZ	СО	NV
	(n=1807)	(n=605)	(n=600)	(n=602)
A few times a month	14	10	17	15
A few times a season	21	18	26	19
A few times a year	30	33	30	28
Once a year	12	13	10	12
Every few years	17	21	14	17
Never	6	6	2	9

Q27. Which of the following activities have you participated in? Please select all that apply.

	Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	AZ (n=605)	CO (<i>n</i> =600)	NV (n=602)
Donated money to an environmental, conservation, or outdoor group in the last 12 months	23	21	23	24
Donated money to a political candidate or party in the last 12 months	15	17	13	15
Volunteered for a political campaign or party	9	8	10	10
Volunteered for an environmental, conservation, or outdoor group	14	15	13	14
Stopped buying a company's products or using its services specifically because the company was having an unnecessarily negative impact on the lands or natural environment	27	25	30	26
Bought a company's products or services specifically because of the company's dedication to helping lands or the environment	31	31	34	28
None of the above	42	41	40	46

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QS9A.	Regardless of how	you are registered to vote,	do you consider yourself a:

	Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	AZ (n=605)	CO (<i>n</i> =600)	NV (n=602)
Strong Democrat	13	13	11	15
Democrat	19	21	16	20
Strong Republican	12	14	10	14
Republican	20	20	17	22
Independent	32	29	41	26
Other	2	2	3	3
Don't know	2	3	2	2
DEMOCRAT	32	33	27	34
INDEPENDENT	36	33	46	30
REPUBLICAN	32	34	27	36

QD1. What is the last grade or level of school you have completed?

	Total (<i>n</i> =1807)	AZ (n=605)	CO (<i>n</i> =600)	NV (n=602)
Less than high school diploma	1	2	1	2
High school graduate	14	13	12	18
Some college - but less than two years of college	18	18	16	19
Some college - two years or more/A.A. degree	19	23	18	16
Technical or trade school	6	5	7	7
College graduate/bachelor's degree/B.A./B.S.	26	23	31	23
Master's or professional degree (MBA, law, Ph.D, etc.)	16	17	15	15

QD3b. Do you have any children?

	Total	AZ	СО	NV
	(n=1807)	(n=605)	(n=600)	(n=602)
Yes - 8 years old or younger	14	13	17	12
Yes - Between 9-17 years old	18	16	17	23
Yes - 18 years old or older	40	40	36	43
No	38	40	40	35

QD8a. Do you live in a:

	Total	AZ	СО	NV
	(n=1807)	(n=605)	(n=600)	(n=602)
City	38	36	32	46
Suburb	49	49	51	46
Rural or less developed area	13	14	17	7

QD26. When it comes to political issues, do you generally consider yourself to be:

	Total (n=1807)	AZ (n=605)	CO (n=600)	NV (n=602)
Conservative	18	19	16	19
Somewhat conservative	18	19	16	19
Moderate	37	37	39	34
Somewhat liberal	13	12	14	13
Liberal	14	13	15	15
CONSERVATIVE	36	38	32	38
MODERATE	37	37	39	34
LIBERAL	28	25	30	28

Asked of 2020 voters

QD29. In the November 2020 General Election for President, did you vote for...

	Total	AZ	СО	NV
	(n=1656)	(n=548)	(n=559)	(n=549)
Democrat Joe Biden	51	49	54	50
Republican Donald Trump	45	49	41	46
Someone else	4	3	5	3
Did not vote for President	0	0	1	0

Asked of 2022 Arizona voters

QAZSen. In the November 2022 election for Senate, did you vote for... (n=521)

Democrat Mark Kelly	50
Republican Blake Masters	38
Someone else	9
Did not vote for Senate	4

QAZGov. In the November 2022 election for Governor, did you vote for... (n=521)

Democrat Katie Hobbs	52
Republican Kari Lake	40
Someone else	5
Did not vote for Governor	3

Asked of 2022 Colorado voters

QCOSen. In the November 2022 election for Senate, did you vote for... (n=489)

Democrat Michael Bennet	53
Republican Joe O'Dea	33
Someone else	9
Did not vote for Senate	5

QCOGov. In the November 2022 election for Governor, did you vote for... (n=489)

Democrat Jared Polis	60
Republican Heidi Ganahl	29
Someone else	6
Did not vote for Governor	5

Asked of 2022 Nevada voters

QNVSen. In the November 2022 election for Senate, did you vote for... (*n*=492)

Democrat Catherine Cortez Masto	50
Republican Adam Laxalt	39
Someone else	6
Did not vote for Senate	5

QNVGov. In the November 2022 election for Governor, did you vote for... (*n*=492)

Democrat Steve Sisolak	46
Republican Joe Lombardo	46
Someone else	4
Did not vote for Senate	4