



# LATEST WEST VIRGINIA VOTER SENTIMENT ON NATURAL GAS

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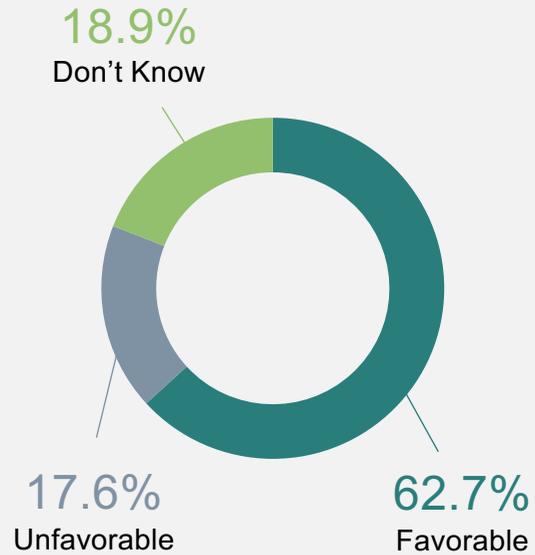
# WV Voters Strongly Support Natural Gas

WV Voters overwhelmingly believe natural gas has many benefits and support more drilling

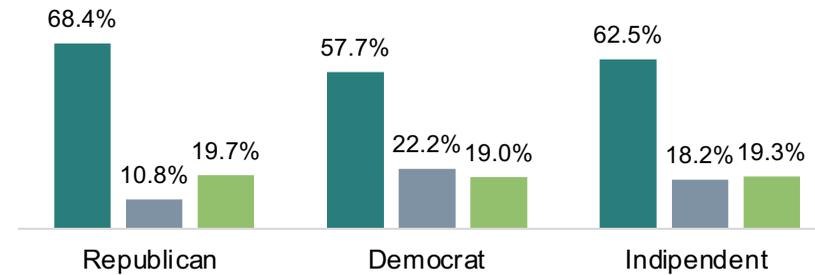


# Natural Gas Industry is Viewed Favorably

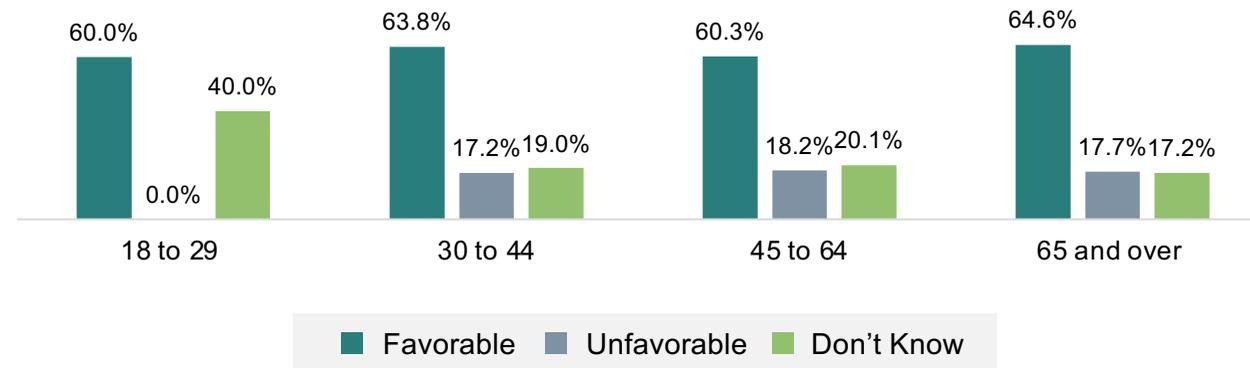
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of West Virginia natural gas producers and operators in general?



Favorability by Party



Favorability by Age



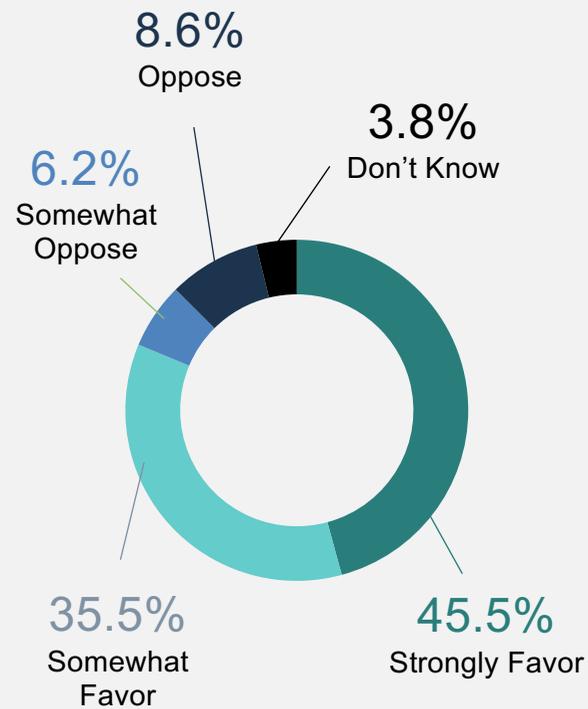
Voters view the natural gas industry favorably by a 63%-18% margin

A positive impression that is mostly consistent through gender, age and political affiliation

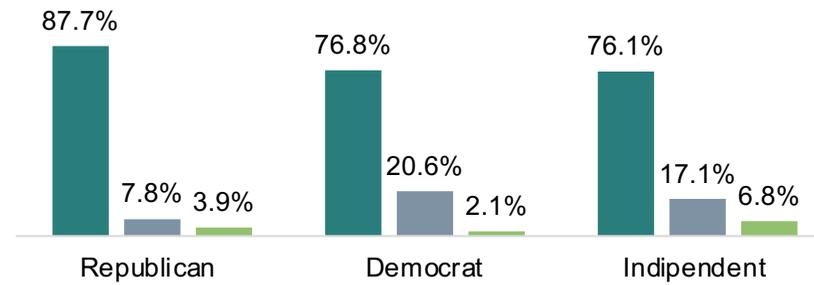
All age groups support the industry with strong majorities

# 80% of Voters Favor Natural Gas Drilling

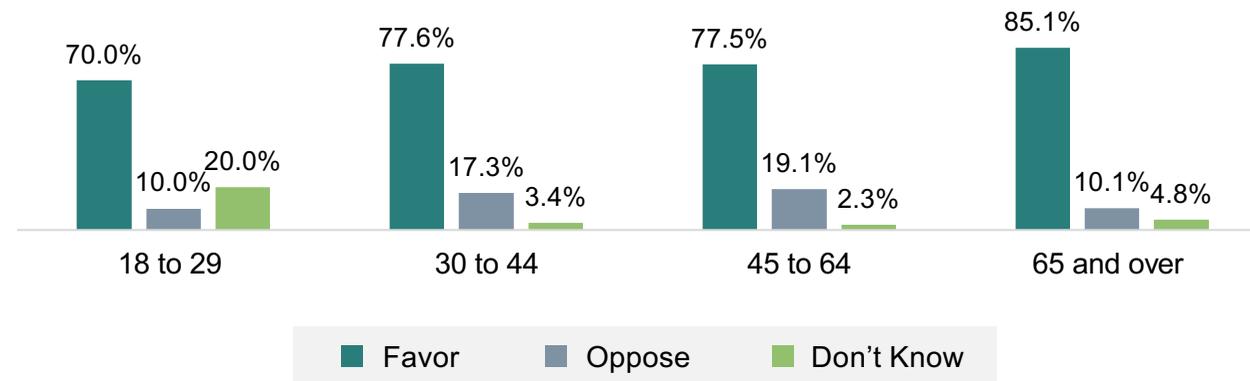
Do you favor or oppose drilling for natural gas here in West Virginia?



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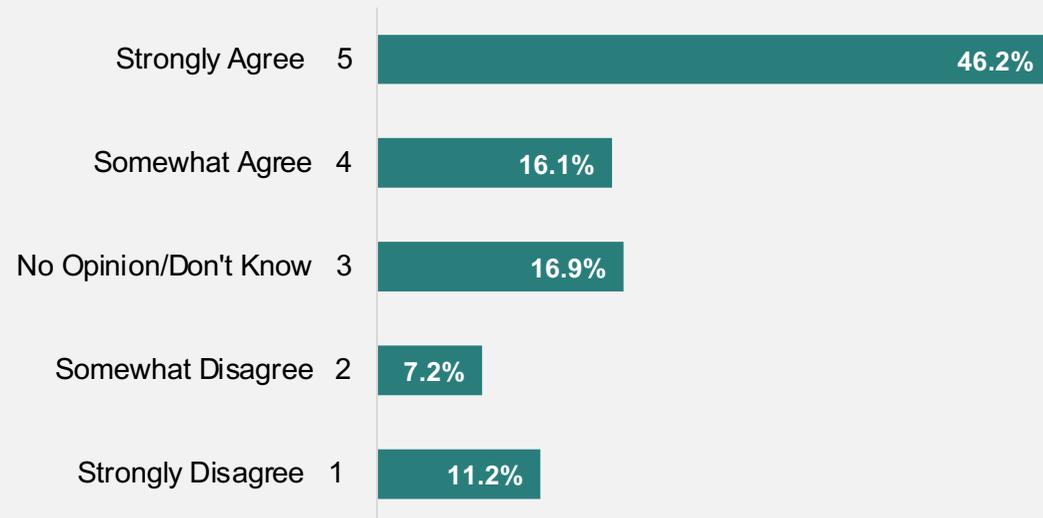
Overwhelming support for the industry across all demographics

Favorability across parties - Republicans (88%-8%), Independents (76%-17%), and Democrats (77%-21%)

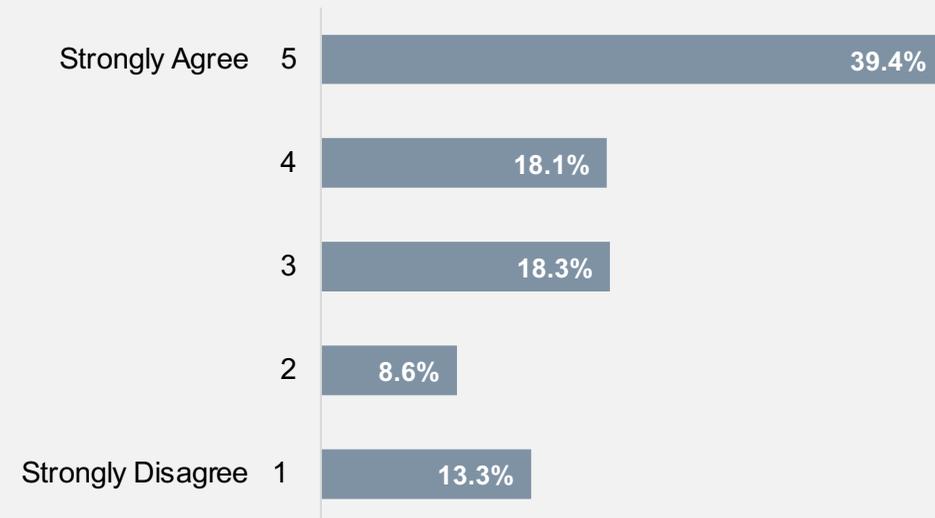
# WV Voters Believe Natural Gas Future is at Risk

As threats of burdensome regulations and outright bans gain steam in Washington, voters agree that we need to act now to ensure West Virginia benefits from its vast resources.

There is a growing political movement in the United States to completely ban the use of natural gas in the near future, so it is important for West Virginia to tap into those resources now.



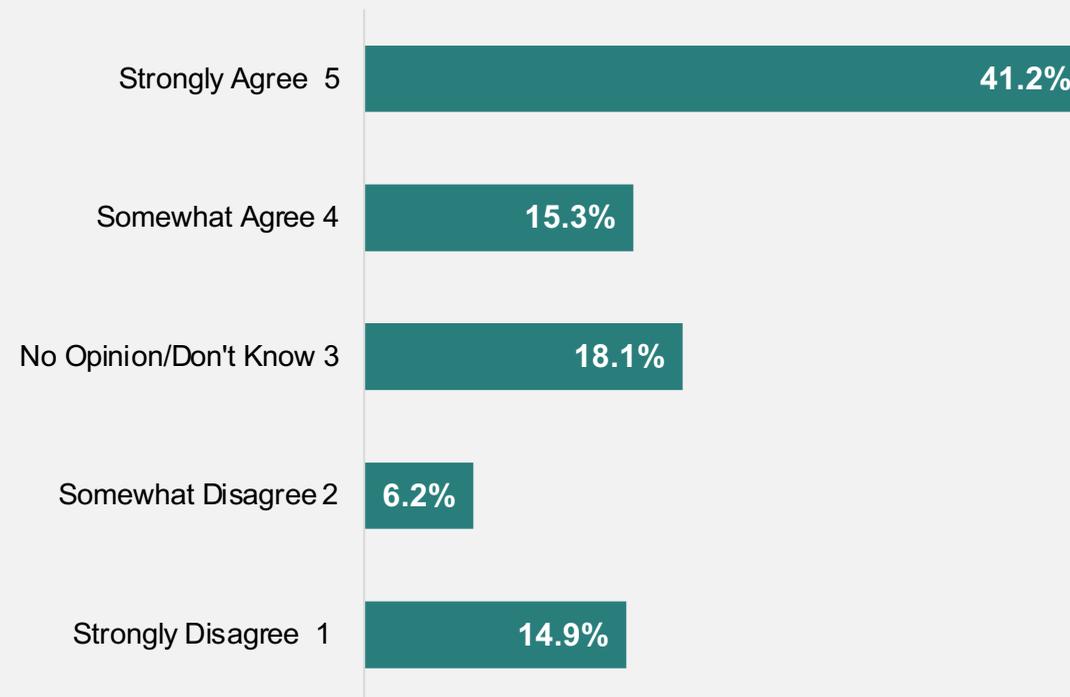
The movement to ban fracking is getting stronger, so West Virginia should seize this opportunity to reap the rewards of its natural resources before it is lost.



# Fairness and Opportunity Arguments are Persuasive

Current laws allow a single royalty “holdout” — including those who do not even live in West Virginia — to block the ability of hundreds of other landowners from the development of their minerals and accessing royalty payments.

It is unfair for a majority of mineral rights owners to be denied the opportunity to earn royalty payments on their property because a neighbor or someone living outside the state does not agree to the arrangement.



# WV Voters Support Case for Modernizing Property Laws

## Case for Modernizing Property Laws

“When a handful of out-of-state landowners can block thousands of West Virginians from cashing in on their mineral rights, something is wrong. A better approach to property laws will mean more efficient natural gas development, which is good for landowners, local communities, and the state economy. It will attract new industries that will sustain long-term growth, while bringing more tax revenue to the state for education and other needed priorities. And we have to act fast or our state could lose the opportunity to reap the rewards of our natural gas resources if Washington bans fracking or natural gas in a few years.”

Based on what you read, would you be in support or against legislation to modernize property laws in West Virginia?

