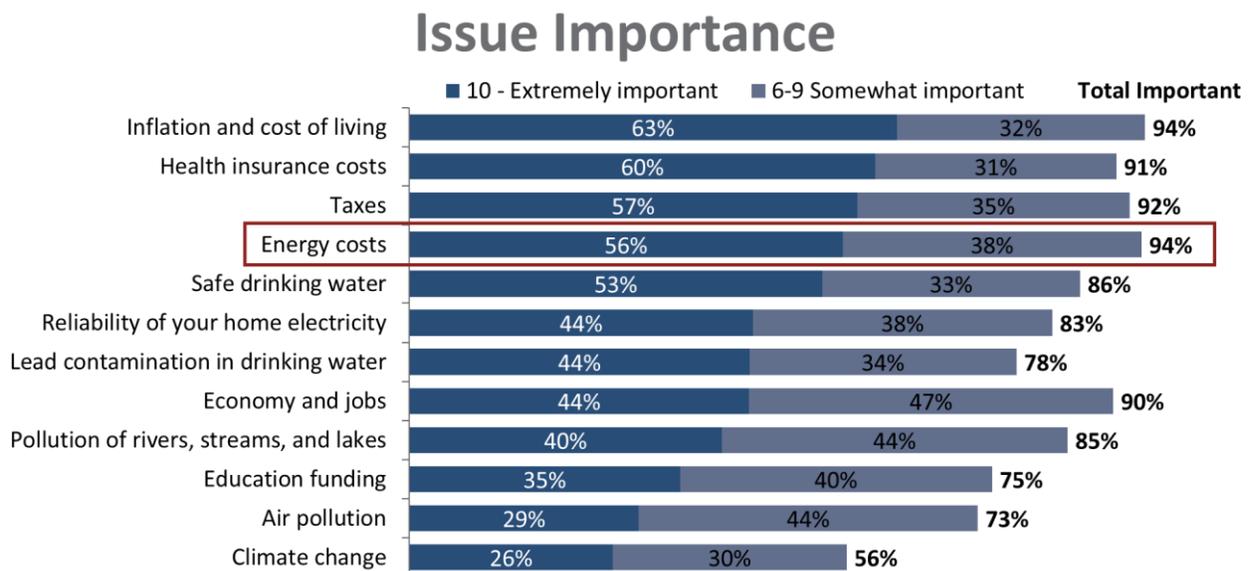


TO: Interested Parties
FROM: EMC Research, Inc.
RE: Ohio Voter Survey Results
DATE: March 10, 2026

A recent poll¹ of likely November 2026 voters in Ohio finds that rising energy costs are a top concern of voters, and there is broad bipartisan support for common-sense solutions to expand Ohio's energy supply.

Ohio voters rate energy costs as a top concern, blaming data centers and a lack of supply.

Affordability issues are the top concerns for Ohio voters, and energy costs are a particular concern. Nearly three-in-five (56%) rate energy costs an extremely important concern, just behind inflation and the cost of living (63% extremely important concern), health insurance costs (60%) and taxes (57%).



Majorities of Ohio voters also rate issues related to clean water as important – more than half (53%) say that safe drinking water is extremely important, and in total more than three-in-four rate pollution of rivers, streams, and lakes (85%) and lead contamination in drinking water (78%) as important issues.

When it comes to energy costs, most voters (82%) believe that “A.I. computing and data centers are driving up the costs of energy for everyday households.” Voters believe that increasing energy supply will reduce costs for consumers (71% agree).

Common sense energy policies find bipartisan support.

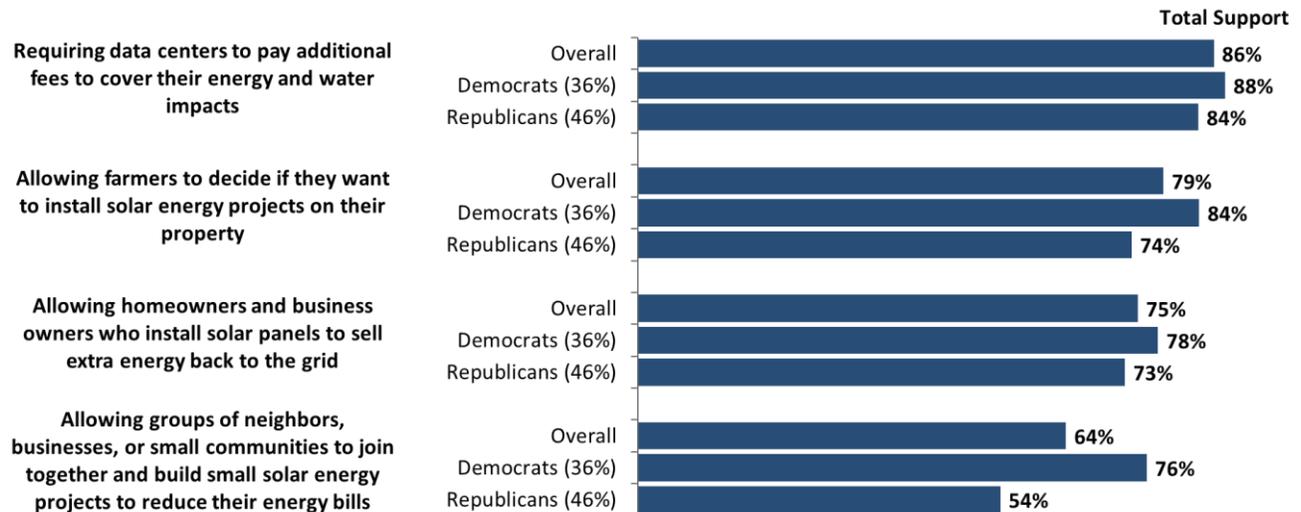
The poll also tested support for a number of policy proposals, finding broad bipartisan support for common sense solutions to the challenge of rising energy costs.

In line with voters’ attitudes toward the impact of A.I. and data centers on energy costs, more than four-in-five voters overall, including a similar share of both Democrats and Republicans, support requiring data centers to pay additional fees to cover their energy and water impacts.

The poll showed strong support across partisan divides for increasing solar energy generation. More than two-thirds of voters, including majorities of both parties, support allowing homeowners and businesses who install solar panels to sell extra energy back to the grid, and allowing community solar projects to reduce bills.

In addition, more than three-in-four voters overall, including three-in-four Republicans, support allowing farmers to make their own decisions about installing solar energy projects on their own land.

Policy Support by Party



Acton leading Ramaswamy in race for Governor; Brown leading Husted in U.S. Senate race.

This snapshot of Likely November 2026 voters finds Democrat Amy Acton leading Republican Vivek Ramaswamy by 53% to 43% in the race for Governor, and former Senator Sherrod Brown leading Senator Jon Husted 51%-47% in the race for U.S. Senate. While Acton has consolidated the support of Democratic voters with 82% of their vote, Ramaswamy is underperforming among Republicans with only 65% support, and independent voters are breaking 51%-46% for Acton. Similarly, Brown garners 84% support among Democrats, while Husted is drawing 70% of the Republican vote, and independent voters are split with 48% for Brown and 49% for Husted.

ⁱ EMC Research conducted an online survey among a random sample of 2,000 registered voters in Ohio, including 1,343 likely November 2026 voters, from February 10th to 22nd, 2026. Results among likely November 2026 voters have a margin of error of ± 2.7 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence.