

## **Polling Memo**

**To:** Interested Parties

**From:** American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM)

**Subject:** Voter Sentiment on Gas Car Ban and EV Mandate Policies Nationally and in Key States

**Date:** July 8, 2024

### **Overview**

The following memo presents an overview of recent national and battleground polling data conducted from June 29 through July 2, 2024. The national polling was conducted by WPA Intelligence, while the battleground polling in Arizona, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wisconsin was conducted by Remington Research Group. This data measures likely voter sentiment regarding the Biden-Harris Administration's gas-car ban and EV mandate policies, as well as voter preferences in congressional, senatorial and presidential elections. To date, AFPM has invested nearly \$20 million in an issue advocacy campaign educating voters on the upcoming gas car ban.

### **National Poll Key Findings**

1. Nationally, seven-in-ten likely voters oppose government regulations banning the sale of gas-powered cars.
2. Almost two-thirds of voters, nationally, are less likely to vote for a candidate who bans the sale of gas-fueled cars.
3. More than 60% of voters are concerned they will be unable to buy the car of their choice in the next decade.

### **Questions Asked**

1. Do you support or oppose government regulations that would ban new gasoline, diesel and traditional hybrid vehicles? (Support/Oppose gas car ban)
2. Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate who wants to ban the sale of gas-fueled cars? (Importance of stopping gas car ban)
3. In March, the Biden Administration announced a ban on the sale of most new gas-fueled cars by 2032. Given these new rules, how concerned are you that you will be unable to buy the car of your choice within the next decade? (Concerned about gas car ban)

## Data Breakdown

- **Support/Oppose gas car ban**
  - **Overall:** 70% oppose, 18% support
  - **Republicans:** 90% oppose, 6% support
  - **Democrats:** 49% oppose, 31% support
  - **Independents:** 71% oppose, 20% support
- Importance of stopping gas car ban
  - **Overall:** 64% less likely, 16% more likely
  - **Republicans:** 88% less likely, 5% more likely
  - **Democrats:** 41% less likely, 27% more likely
  - **Independents:** 65% less likely, 16% more likely
- Concerned about gas car ban
  - 37% very concerned
  - 25% somewhat concerned
  - 18% not too concerned
  - 13% not concerned at all
  - 6% refused

*Methodology: The national survey was conducted June 29 – July 2, 2024. Sample size was 1,000 voters and was weighted to match expected voter turnout in the 2024 general election. The margin of error is +/- 3.1% with a 95% level of confidence.*

## Battleground State Poll Key Findings

1. **Voter Sentiment on the Biden-Harris Car Ban:** Voters overwhelmingly oppose the Biden-Harris car ban and consider it very important to their vote.
2. **Electoral Impact:** Even before the debate, Biden was trailing Trump due to his public policy positions on key issues such as his administration's car ban.
3. **Democratic Party's Challenge:** Replacing President Joe Biden will not resolve the unpopularity of the gas car ban, as Democrats are aligned with Biden on this policy.

## Questions Asked

1. If the General Election for United States Congress were held today, would you vote for the Republican or the Democratic candidate? ("Congressional Election")

2. Candidates in the 2024 Presidential Election are Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Joe Biden, Independent Robert F. Kennedy, Independent Cornell West, and Green Party candidate Jill Stein. If the election were held today, for whom would you vote? (“Presidential Election”)
3. Candidates in the 2024 election for Senate are Republican [GOP nominee] and Democrat [Dem nominee]. If the election were held today, for whom would you vote? (“Senate Election”)
4. Both the federal government and roughly a dozen states led by California have plans to ban or effectively ban sales of most new gas, diesel, flex fuel, and traditional hybrid cars and trucks in the next decade. Do you support or oppose these electric vehicle mandates and government bans on gasoline and diesel cars? (“Support/Oppose Gas Car Ban”)
5. Would you say stopping bans on new gas-powered cars is very important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant, or not important at all in deciding whom to vote for? (“Importance of Stopping Gas Car Ban”)

## State Breakdown

### Arizona:

#### Congressional Election:

- Republican: 49%
- Democrat: 45%
- Undecided: 7%

#### Senate Election:

- Lake: 47%
- Gallego: 47%
- Undecided: 6%

#### Importance of Stopping Gas Car Ban:

- Very Important: 40%
- Somewhat Important: 26%
- Somewhat Unimportant: 19%
- Not Important at All: 12%
- Not Sure: 5%

#### Presidential Election:

- Trump: 49%
- Biden: 42%
- Kennedy: 4%
- West: 0%
- Stein: 1%
- Undecided: 4%

#### Support/Oppose Gas Car Ban:

- Support: 20%
- Oppose: 60%
- Not Sure: 19%

*Methodology: Survey conducted June 29 through July 1, 2024. 638 likely 2024 General Election voters participated in the survey. Survey weighted to match expected turnout demographics for the 2024 General Election. Margin of Error is +/-4% with a 95% level of confidence. Totals do not always equal 100% due to rounding.*

## Michigan:

### Congressional Election:

- Republican: 47%
- Democrat: 44%
- Undecided: 9%

### Presidential Election:

- Trump: 45%
- Biden: 42%
- Kennedy: 6%
- West: 1%
- Stein: 1%
- Undecided: 5%

### Senate Election:

- Slotkin: 47%
- Rogers: 43%
- Undecided: 10%

### Support/Oppose Gas Car Ban:

- Support: 18%
- Oppose: 63%
- Not Sure: 19%

### Importance of Stopping Gas Car Ban:

- Very Important: 41%
- Somewhat Important: 27%
- Somewhat Unimportant: 16%
- Not Important at All: 12%
- Not Sure: 4%

*Methodology: Survey conducted June 29 through July 1, 2024. 584 likely 2024 General Election voters participated in the survey. Survey weighted to match expected turnout demographics for the 2024 General Election. Margin of Error is +/-4% with a 95% level of confidence. Totals do not always equal 100% due to rounding.*

## Montana:

### Congressional Election:

- Republican: 54%
- Democrat: 39%
- Undecided: 7%

### Presidential Election:

- Trump: 56%
- Biden: 36%
- Kennedy: 3%
- West: 1%
- Stein: 0%
- Undecided: 4%

### Senate Election:

- Sheehy: 50%
- Tester: 45%
- Undecided: 5%

### Support/Oppose Gas Car Ban:

- Support: 16%
- Oppose: 66%
- Not Sure: 18%

### Importance of Stopping Gas Car Ban:

- Very Important: 47%
- Somewhat Important: 21%
- Somewhat Unimportant: 16%
- Not Important at All: 13%
- Not Sure: 3%

*Methodology: Survey conducted June 29 through July 1, 2024. 570 likely 2024 General Election voters participated in the survey. Survey weighted to match expected turnout demographics for the 2024 General Election. Margin of Error is +/-4% with a 95% level of confidence. Totals do not always equal 100% due to rounding.*

**Nevada:**

**Congressional Election:**

- Republican: 48%
- Democrat: 44%
- Undecided: 9%

**Presidential Election:**

- Trump: 47%
- Biden: 40%
- Kennedy: 5%
- West: 1%
- Stein: 1%
- Undecided: 6%

**Senate Election:**

- Brown: 46%
- Rosen: 48%
- Undecided: 6%

**Support/Oppose Gas Car Ban:**

- Support: 63%
- Oppose: 21%
- Not Sure: 16%

**Importance of Stopping Gas Car Ban:**

- Very Important: 38%
- Somewhat Important: 24%
- Somewhat Unimportant: 12%
- Not Important at All: 19%
- Not Sure: 7%

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**Ohio:**

**Congressional Election:**

- Republican: 49%
- Democrat: 44%
- Undecided: 7%

**Presidential Election:**

- Trump: 51%
- Biden: 41%
- Kennedy: 5%
- West: 0%
- Stein: 0%
- Undecided: 3%

**Senate Election:**

- Moreno: 44%
- Brown: 50%
- Undecided: 7%

**Support/Oppose Gas Car Ban:**

- Support: 13%
- Oppose: 63%
- Not Sure: 24%

**Importance of Stopping Gas Car Ban:**

- Very Important: 45%
- Somewhat Important: 22%
- Somewhat Unimportant: 15%
- Not Important at All: 12%
- Not Sure: 5%

*Methodology: Survey conducted June 29 through July 1, 2024. 611 likely 2024 General Election voters participated in the survey. Survey weighted to match expected turnout demographics for the 2024 General Election. Margin of Error is +/-4% with a 95% level of confidence. Totals do not always equal 100% due to rounding.*

## Pennsylvania:

### Congressional Election:

- Republican: 49%
- Democrat: 47%
- Undecided: 4%

### Presidential Election:

- Trump: 48%
- Biden: 43%
- Kennedy: 5%
- West: 1%
- Stein: 0%
- Undecided: 3%

### Senate Election:

- McCormick: 48%
- Casey: 49%
- Undecided: 4%

### Support/Oppose Gas Car Ban:

- Support: 20%
- Oppose: 60%
- Not Sure: 21%

### Importance of Stopping Gas Car Ban:

- Very Important: 44%
- Somewhat Important: 25%
- Somewhat Unimportant: 13%
- Not Important at All: 14%
- Not Sure: 4%

*Methodology: Survey conducted June 29 through July 1, 2024. 673 likely 2024 General Election voters participated in the survey. Survey weighted to match expected turnout demographics for the 2024 General Election. Margin of Error is +/-4% with a 95% level of confidence. Totals do not always equal 100% due to rounding.*

## Texas:

### Congressional Election:

- Republican: 52%
- Democrat: 42%
- Undecided: 6%

### Presidential Election:

- Trump: 49%
- Biden: 39%
- Kennedy: 5%
- West: 1%
- Stein: 1%
- Undecided: 5%

### Senate Election:

- Cruz: 53%
- Allred: 43%
- Undecided: 4%

### Support/Oppose Gas Car Ban:

- Support: 14%
- Oppose: 65%
- Not Sure: 21%

### Importance of Stopping Gas Car Ban:

- Very Important: 44%
- Somewhat Important: 21%
- Somewhat Unimportant: 15%
- Not Important at All: 14%
- Not Sure: 5%

*Methodology: Survey conducted June 29 through July 1, 2024. 589 likely 2024 General Election voters participated in the survey. Survey weighted to match expected turnout demographics for the 2024 General Election. Margin of Error is +/-4% with a 95% level of confidence. Totals do not always equal 100% due to rounding.*

## Wisconsin:

### Congressional Election:

- Republican: 49%
- Democrat: 46%
- Undecided: 5%

### Presidential Election:

- Trump: 49%
- Biden: 43%
- Kennedy: 5%
- West: 1%
- Stein: 0%
- Undecided: 3%

### Senate Election:

- Hovde: 48%
- Baldwin: 48%
- Undecided: 3%

### Support/Oppose Gas Car Ban:

- Support: 22%
- Oppose: 59%
- Not Sure: 19%

### Importance of Stopping Gas Car Ban:

- Very Important: 42%
- Somewhat Important: 22%
- Somewhat Unimportant: 19%
- Not Important at All: 14%
- Not Sure: 3%

*Methodology: Survey conducted June 29 through July 1, 2024. 593 likely 2024 General Election voters participated in the survey. Survey weighted to match expected turnout demographics for the 2024 General Election. Margin of Error is +/-4% with a 95% level of confidence. Totals do not always equal 100% due to rounding.*

## Conclusion

This new polling underscores what the American people have been saying for months—that they do not want the government banning gas cars, mandating electric vehicles or imposing regulations that restrict access to the types of cars that best meet a family's needs and budget. AFPM will continue its issue advocacy campaign, educating voters about the ramifications of government policies designed to ban new gas-powered vehicles. Elected officials should take note that the American people care about this issue and are watching to see whether Congress will stand up and overturn the EPA's regulation banning the sale of most new gas cars.

