



Chemical Facility Safety

Findings from a national survey of 1,009 adults over the age of 18, including 794 likely voters conducted August 20 through 23, 2015.

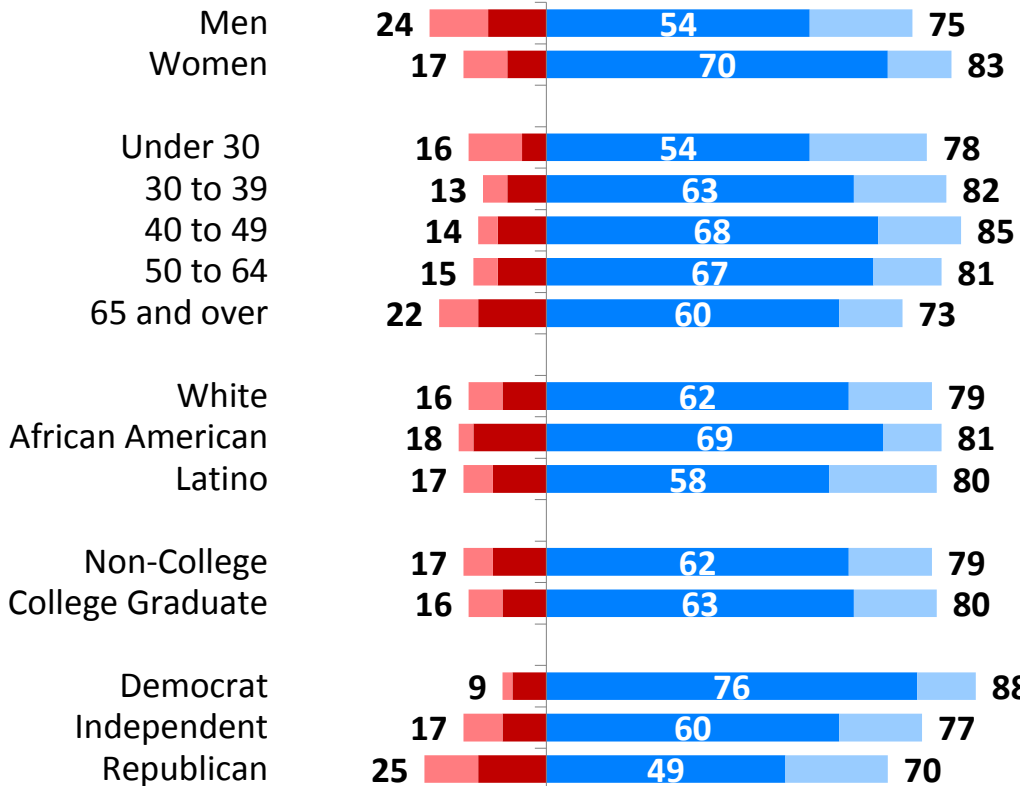
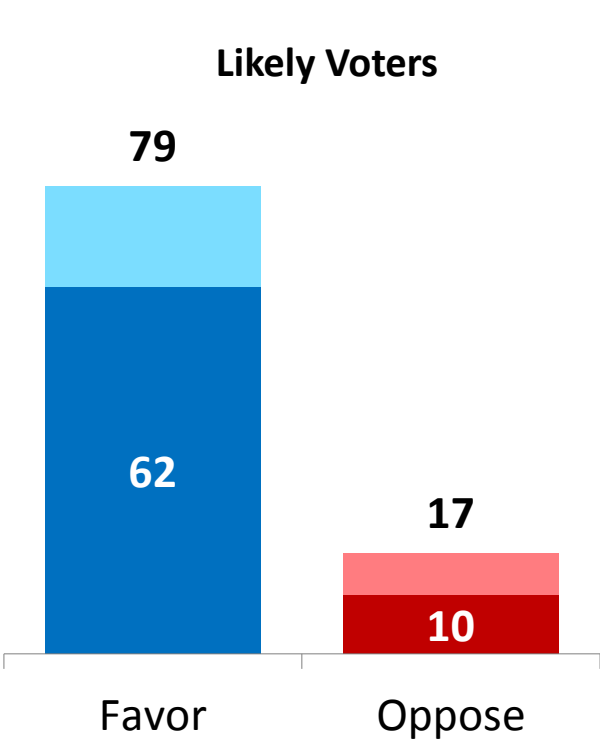
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Key Findings

- A strong 79 percent majority of likely voters, including majorities across demographics favor requiring chemical facilities to use safer chemicals and processes.
- Voters believe that past chemical releases and explosions that have caused harm are a good reason to set stricter safety standards.
- People reject the notion that safer processes will kill jobs. They strongly want to protect the safety and security of Americans. People prefer protecting the safety of millions of Americans through new regulations even if chemical facilities have been voluntarily adopting practices on their own.
- Democrats, African Americans and women are among those most likely to strongly favor requirements that protect the safety and security of millions of Americans.

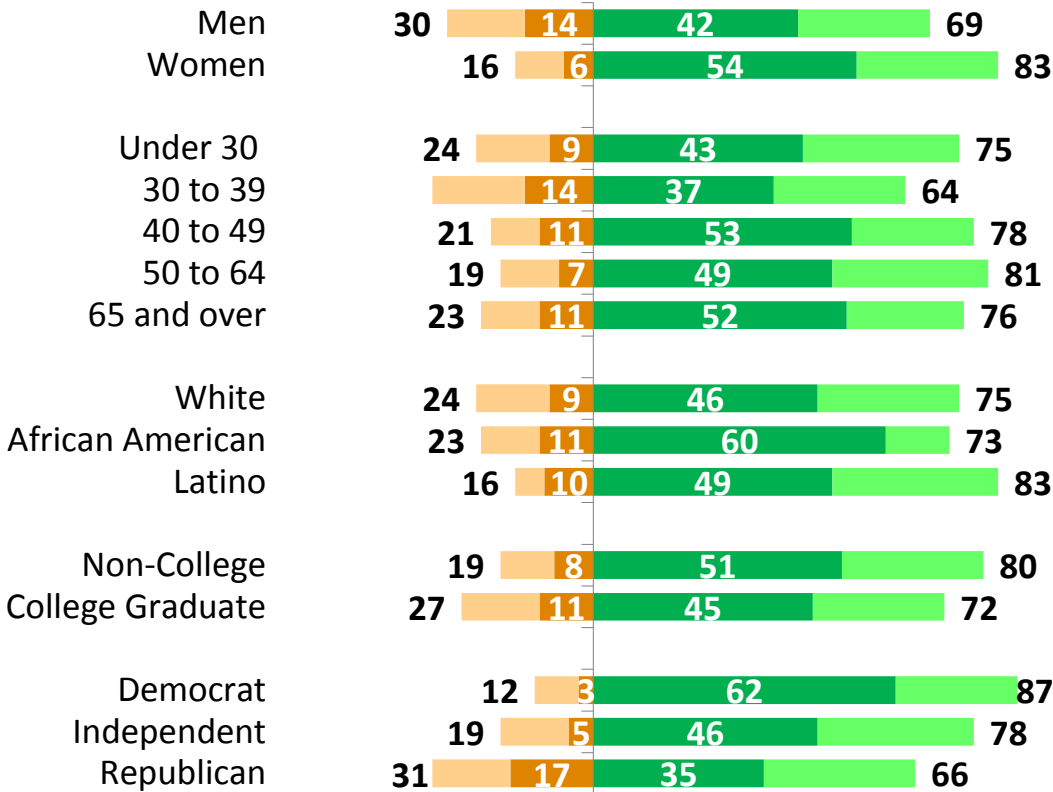
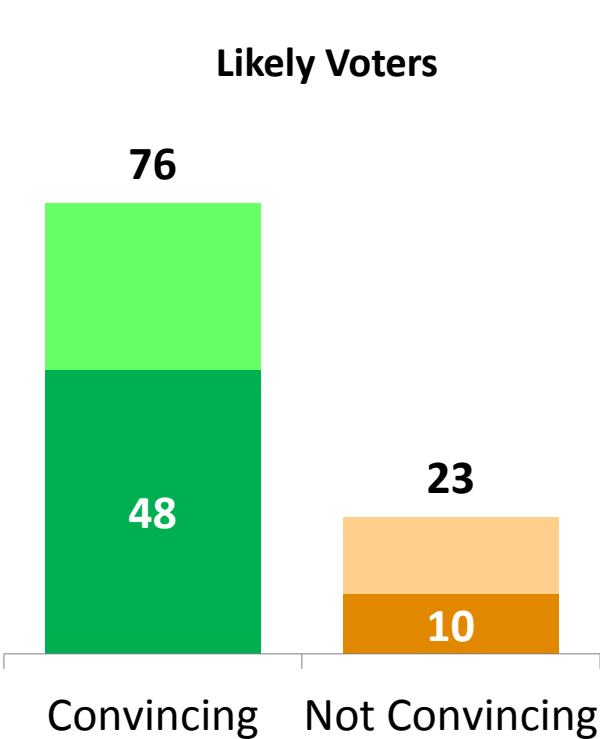
Americans across demographics strongly favor requiring chemical facilities to use safer chemicals and processes.

To prevent explosions or major release of poisonous gases, do you favor or oppose a Federal government requirement that chemical facilities use safer chemicals and processes when they are effective, available, and affordable?



Americans believe that past chemical releases and explosions that have caused harm are a good reason to set stricter safety standards.

Since 2013 there have been over 400 chemical releases or explosions, causing 82 deaths and over 1600 injuries. How convincing a reason is this to set stricter safety standards to ensure that all chemical facilities use the safest available processes?



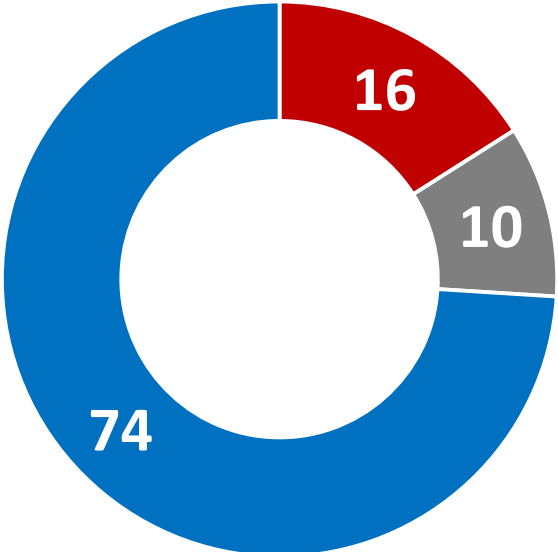
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People reject the notion that safer processes will kill jobs. They strongly want to protect the safety and security of Americans.

Which of the following statements do you agree with more? (Split Sampled Question)

(Some/Other) people say public officials should protect the safety and security of millions of Americans by setting new safety standards for chemical plants that ensure they use the safest processes that are available, effective, and affordable.

(Some/Other) people say public officials should not require the use of safer processes and chemicals because they will kill jobs and cause chemical facilities to move to other countries with weaker standards.



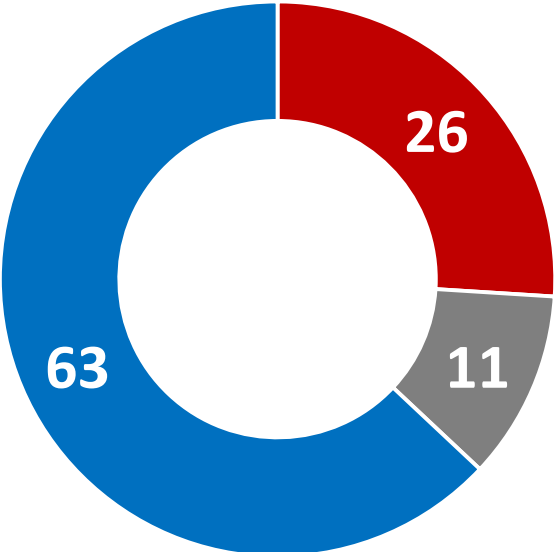
Both/Neither/Don't Know

People prefer protecting the safety of millions of Americans through new regulations, even if some chemical facilities have voluntarily adopted practices on their own.

Which of the following statements do you agree with more? (Split Sampled Question)

(Some/Other) people say public officials should protect the safety and security of millions of Americans by setting new safety standards for chemical plants that ensure they use the safest processes that are available, effective, and affordable.

(Some/Other) people say public officials should oppose new regulations because chemical facilities have been already voluntarily adopting safer practices and chemicals on their own, so new regulations are unnecessary.



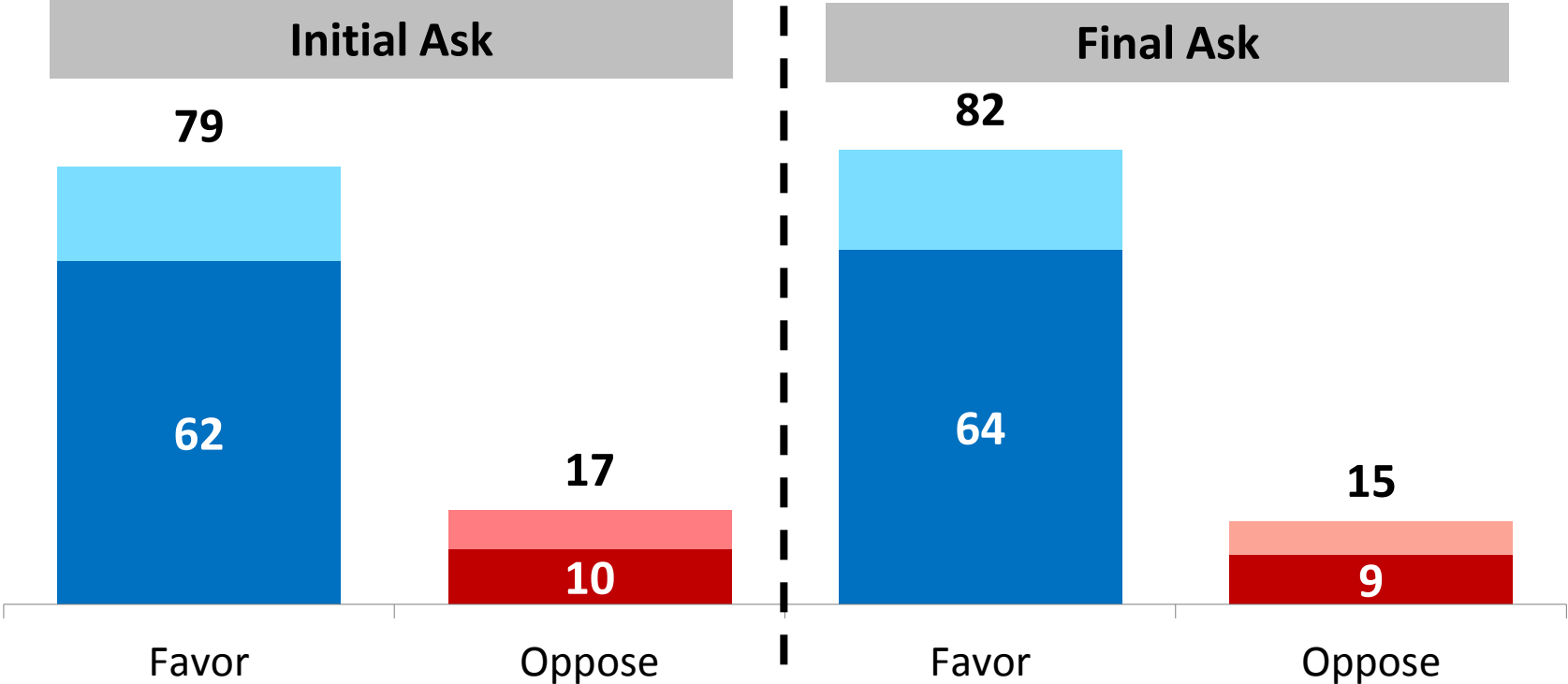
Both/Neither/Don't Know

Strong majorities across demographics agree that we need to protect the safety and security of millions of Americans, regardless of opposition arguments.

Which of the following statements do you agree with more? (Split Sampled Question)	Protect Safety	Would Kill Jobs & Send Facilities Overseas	Protect Safety	Already Voluntarily Adopting
Likely Voters	74	16	63	26
Men	69	19	58	29
Women	79	13	67	23
Under 30	65	15	66	30
30 to 39	69	18	69	25
40 to 49	80	8	62	23
50 to 64	77	15	62	23
65 and over	75	18	58	30
White	74	18	61	25
African American	70	15	79	17
Latino	80	5	56	38
Non-College	74	15	64	24
College Graduate	75	17	61	28
Democrat	85	8	83	12
Independent	75	11	66	20
Republican	64	25	44	40

Messaging on the importance of protecting the safety and security of millions of Americans increases support.

To prevent explosions or major release of poisonous gases, do you favor or oppose a Federal government requirement that chemical facilities use safer chemicals and processes when they are effective, available, and affordable?



Strongly favor Strongly oppose
Not so strongly favor Not so strongly oppose

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Methodology

- Lake Research Partners designed this survey, which was administered by Caravan in a national omnibus survey conducted by telephone using professional interviewers. The survey reached a total of 1,009 adults nationwide in the continental United States (508 by landline, and 501 by cell phone), including 794 likely voters. The survey was conducted from August 20-23, 2015, and has a margin of error of +/- 3.1% at the 95% confidence interval among adults, and a margin of error of +/-3.5% at the 95% confidence interval among likely voters. The margin of error is higher among subgroups.



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