



**CYGNAL**

**Survey of Likely Voters**

New York Statewide

*Conducted January 5 - 10, 2021*

n=700 |  $\pm 3.70\%$



1. When there is a general election for President, Governor, State Legislature or local office, do you always vote, almost always vote, vote most of the time, hardly ever vote, or never vote?

	Freq.	%
Always vote	502	71.7%
Almost always vote	142	20.3%
Vote most of the time	56	8.0%
Total	700	100.0%

2. Generally speaking, would you say that things in New York State are headed in the right direction or off on the wrong track?

	Freq.	%
<b><u>Right direction</u></b>	<b><u>351</u></b>	<b><u>50.1%</u></b>
Definitely right direction	126	18.0%
Probably right direction	225	32.1%
<b><u>Wrong track</u></b>	<b><u>290</u></b>	<b><u>41.5%</u></b>
Probably wrong track	126	18.0%
Definitely wrong track	165	23.5%
Unsure	59	8.4%
Total	700	100.0%

3. Other than the COVID-19 pandemic, which two of the following issues do you believe should be the top priorities for the state legislature?

	Freq.	%
Creating jobs and improving the economy	330	47.1%
Increasing safety and lowering crime	209	29.9%
Ensuring access to affordable healthcare	207	29.6%
Lowering taxes for individuals	192	27.4%
Improving education	99	14.2%
Lowering housing costs	97	13.9%
Addressing climate change	94	13.5%
Something else	32	4.6%
Unsure	9	1.2%
Total	700	100.0%

4. Do you support or oppose allowing natural gas projects to be built in New York State?

	Freq.	%
<b><u>Support</u></b>	<b><u>356</u></b>	<b><u>50.8%</u></b>
Strongly support	173	24.7%
Somewhat support	183	26.1%



<b><u>Neither support nor oppose</u></b>	<b><u>166</u></b>	<b><u>23.6%</u></b>
<b><u>Oppose</u></b>	<b><u>99</u></b>	<b><u>14.2%</u></b>
Somewhat oppose	55	7.8%
Strongly oppose	44	6.4%
Unsure	80	11.4%
Total	700	100.0%

5. Thinking about your energy provider, which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion of their reliability?

	<b>Freq.</b>	<b>%</b>
<b><u>Reliable</u></b>	<b><u>558</u></b>	<b><u>79.7%</u></b>
Very reliable	328	46.9%
Somewhat reliable	230	32.9%
<b><u>Neither reliable nor unreliable</u></b>	<b><u>53</u></b>	<b><u>7.6%</u></b>
<b><u>Unreliable</u></b>	<b><u>68</u></b>	<b><u>9.7%</u></b>
Somewhat unreliable	37	5.3%
Very unreliable	30	4.3%
Unsure	21	3.0%
Total	700	100.0%

6. Generally speaking, would you say your electricity rates are too high, about right, or too low?

	<b>Freq.</b>	<b>%</b>
<b><u>Too high</u></b>	<b><u>448</u></b>	<b><u>63.9%</u></b>
Much too high	136	19.5%
Somewhat too high	311	44.5%
<b><u>About right - neither too low nor too high</u></b>	<b><u>211</u></b>	<b><u>30.1%</u></b>
<b><u>Too low</u></b>	<b><u>18</u></b>	<b><u>2.6%</u></b>
Somewhat too low	11	1.6%
Much too low	7	1.0%
Unsure	23	3.3%
Total	700	100.0%



7 - 12. How important or unimportant each of the following energy goal:

	Important	Very important	Neither important nor unimportant	Unimportant	Very unimportant	Unsure	Total
Reducing air pollutants and emissions from power plants	<b><u>88.9%</u></b> <b><u>622</u></b>	62.7% 439	5.7% 40	<b><u>4.1%</u></b> <b><u>29</u></b>	1.2% 8	1.3% 9	100.0% 700
Keeping energy costs low	<b><u>92.4%</u></b> <b><u>647</u></b>	65.0% 455	4.5% 32	<b><u>2.7%</u></b> <b><u>19</u></b>	1.4% 9	0.3% 2	100.0% 700
Making sure all New Yorkers have reliable electricity	<b><u>91.6%</u></b> <b><u>641</u></b>	77.1% 540	4.9% 34	<b><u>2.9%</u></b> <b><u>20</u></b>	1.6% 12	0.6% 4	100.0% 700
Reducing New York's reliance on out-of-state coal and oil	<b><u>79.7%</u></b> <b><u>558</u></b>	44.7% 313	11.9% 83	<b><u>4.9%</u></b> <b><u>34</u></b>	1.9% 13	3.6% 25	100.0% 700
Reducing air pollution by relying more on natural gas	<b><u>81.7%</u></b> <b><u>572</u></b>	48.0% 336	10.0% 70	<b><u>4.8%</u></b> <b><u>33</u></b>	2.4% 17	3.5% 25	100.0% 700
Achieving 100% renewable energy sources like wind and solar power.	<b><u>79.6%</u></b> <b><u>557</u></b>	48.7% 341	9.0% 63	<b><u>9.9%</u></b> <b><u>69</u></b>	3.8% 26	1.6% 11	100.0% 700

13. Natural gas pipelines are the safest and most effective way to transport natural gas to users.

	Freq.	%
<b><u>Agree</u></b>	<b><u>401</u></b>	<b><u>57.3%</u></b>
Strongly agree	196	28.0%
Somewhat agree	205	29.3%
<b><u>Neither agree nor disagree</u></b>	<b><u>137</u></b>	<b><u>19.5%</u></b>
<b><u>Disagree</u></b>	<b><u>71</u></b>	<b><u>10.2%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree	45	6.5%
Strongly disagree	26	3.7%
Unsure	91	13.0%
Total	700	100.0%



14. Investing in natural gas infrastructure is important to maintain reliable power for New Yorkers.

	Freq.	%
<b><u>Agree</u></b>	<b><u>447</u></b>	<b><u>63.8%</u></b>
Strongly agree	215	30.7%
Somewhat agree	232	33.1%
<b><u>Neither agree nor disagree</u></b>	<b><u>128</u></b>	<b><u>18.3%</u></b>
<b><u>Disagree</u></b>	<b><u>62</u></b>	<b><u>8.9%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree	34	4.9%
Strongly disagree	28	4.0%
Unsure	63	9.0%
Total	700	100.0%

15. I am willing to pay more for energy in order to fund the development and increased use of renewable energy like wind and solar power.

	Freq.	%
<b><u>Agree</u></b>	<b><u>300</u></b>	<b><u>42.8%</u></b>
Strongly agree	118	16.8%
Somewhat agree	182	26.0%
<b><u>Neither agree nor disagree</u></b>	<b><u>147</u></b>	<b><u>21.0%</u></b>
<b><u>Disagree</u></b>	<b><u>230</u></b>	<b><u>32.8%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree	124	17.7%
Strongly disagree	106	15.1%
Unsure	24	3.4%
Total	700	100.0%

16. To ensure that workers are protected, wage and other labor protections should be required as part of energy development projects in New York State.

	Freq.	%
<b><u>Agree</u></b>	<b><u>451</u></b>	<b><u>64.4%</u></b>
Strongly agree	227	32.4%
Somewhat agree	224	31.9%
<b><u>Neither agree nor disagree</u></b>	<b><u>139</u></b>	<b><u>19.8%</u></b>
<b><u>Disagree</u></b>	<b><u>78</u></b>	<b><u>11.1%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree	49	6.9%
Strongly disagree	29	4.2%
Unsure	33	4.7%
Total	700	100.0%



17. New York State should NOT allow any more companies to invest in natural gas infrastructure even if it means higher energy costs and less reliable power.

	Freq.	%
<b>Agree</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>27.8%</b>
Strongly agree	90	12.9%
Somewhat agree	104	14.9%
<b>Neither agree nor disagree</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>24.3%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>37.6%</b>
Somewhat disagree	151	21.5%
Strongly disagree	113	16.1%
Unsure	72	10.3%
Total	700	100.0%

- 18 - 26. Do you support or oppose using each of the following sources of energy and electricity in New York State:

	Support	Strongly support	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Unsure	Total
Hydro-electric energy	<b>84.7%</b> <b>593</b>	47.7% 334	<b>4.3%</b> <b>30</b>	1.1% 8	11.0% 77	100.0% 700
Renewable energy	<b>90.9%</b> <b>637</b>	62.4% 436	<b>4.2%</b> <b>30</b>	1.3% 9	4.8% 34	100.0% 700
Nuclear	<b>39.6%</b> <b>277</b>	14.6% 102	<b>45.4%</b> <b>318</b>	23.3% 163	15.0% 105	100.0% 700
Natural gas	<b>83.5%</b> <b>585</b>	40.6% 284	<b>9.4%</b> <b>66</b>	3.2% 22	7.1% 50	100.0% 700
Coal	<b>34.3%</b> <b>240</b>	13.4% 94	<b>54.4%</b> <b>381</b>	30.9% 216	11.3% 79	100.0% 700
Wind	<b>87.7%</b> <b>614</b>	59.0% 413	<b>7.4%</b> <b>52</b>	2.2% 15	4.9% 34	100.0% 700
Solar	<b>89.4%</b> <b>626</b>	64.4% 451	<b>5.7%</b> <b>40</b>	1.4% 10	4.9% 34	100.0% 700
Hydraulic Fracking	<b>39.1%</b> <b>274</b>	16.5% 116	<b>40.0%</b> <b>280</b>	22.2% 156	20.9% 146	100.0% 700
Oil	<b>53.0%</b> <b>371</b>	19.4% 136	<b>36.9%</b> <b>259</b>	11.8% 82	10.1% 71	100.0% 700



**27 - 32.** Would each statement make you more or less likely to support the development of a new natural gas pipeline in New York State that would deliver affordable energy?

	<b>More likely</b>	<b>Much more likely</b>	<b>Less likely</b>	<b>Much less likely</b>	<b>Unsure</b>	<b>Total</b>
Since the Coronavirus pandemic hit, two million New Yorkers have been laid-off. A new pipeline will create good-paying union jobs, help rebuild the economy, reduce the cost of energy, and lower the overall cost of living in the state.	<b><u>80.1%</u></b>	45.5%	<b><u>7.4%</u></b>	2.6%	12.5%	100.0%
	<b><u>561</u></b>	318	<b><u>52</u></b>	18	87	700
A natural gas pipeline delivers fuel that was produced in the United States and therefore reduces our dependence on foreign oil and renewable energy materials.	<b><u>82.7%</u></b>	46.4%	<b><u>7.5%</u></b>	2.8%	9.8%	100.0%
	<b><u>579</u></b>	325	<b><u>53</u></b>	20	68	700
Currently, New York utility customers pay the second-highest amount of money for utility services. Building a new natural gas pipeline would help reduce utility costs for families and businesses.	<b><u>80.2%</u></b>	46.8%	<b><u>8.7%</u></b>	2.2%	11.1%	100.0%
	<b><u>562</u></b>	327	<b><u>61</u></b>	15	78	700
Because of the closure of Indian Point that has already begun and will be complete by 2021, New York State will immediately need new sources of energy for homes and businesses or it will rely on old, high emitting, and inefficient power plants.	<b><u>70.7%</u></b>	34.8%	<b><u>11.8%</u></b>	2.9%	17.5%	100.0%
	<b><u>495</u></b>	243	<b><u>82</u></b>	20	123	700
Natural gas is less expensive to customers than other energy options.	<b><u>78.2%</u></b>	40.2%	<b><u>8.5%</u></b>	2.6%	13.2%	100.0%
	<b><u>548</u></b>	282	<b><u>60</u></b>	18	93	700
Studies have shown natural gas has enabled the power industry to reduce emissions by 60% from 1990 levels.	<b><u>81.4%</u></b>	42.7%	<b><u>8.1%</u></b>	2.6%	10.5%	100.0%
	<b><u>570</u></b>	299	<b><u>57</u></b>	18	73	700

**33.** With what you know now, do you support or oppose allowing natural gas projects to be built in New York State?

	<b>Freq.</b>	<b>%</b>
<b><u>Support</u></b>	<b><u>504</u></b>	<b><u>71.9%</u></b>
Strongly support	253	36.2%
Somewhat support	250	35.8%
<b><u>Neither support nor oppose</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>14.2%</u></b>
<b><u>Oppose</u></b>	<b><u>65</u></b>	<b><u>9.3%</u></b>
Somewhat oppose	38	5.4%
Strongly oppose	27	3.9%
Unsure	32	4.5%
Total	700	100.0%



34. Are you female or male?

	<b>Freq.</b>	<b>%</b>
Female	392	56.0%
Male	308	44.0%
Total	700	100.0%

35. What age range do you fall within?

	<b>Freq.</b>	<b>%</b>
<b><u>Under 50</u></b>	<b><u>254</u></b>	<b><u>36.2%</u></b>
18 – 34	109	15.6%
35 – 49	144	20.6%
<b><u>50 and Over</u></b>	<b><u>446</u></b>	<b><u>63.8%</u></b>
50 – 64	214	30.6%
65 or older	232	33.2%
Total	700	100.0%

36. With which political party are you registered?

	<b>Freq.</b>	<b>%</b>
Republican	182	26.1%
Democrat	365	52.1%
Unaffiliated	111	15.9%
Another party	31	4.5%
Unsure	10	1.4%
Total	700	100.0%

37. And thinking about your views toward politics and government, would you say you are...

	<b>Freq.</b>	<b>%</b>
<b><u>Conservative</u></b>	<b><u>207</u></b>	<b><u>29.5%</u></b>
Very conservative	69	9.9%
Somewhat conservative	137	19.6%
<b><u>Moderate</u></b>	<b><u>241</u></b>	<b><u>34.4%</u></b>
<b><u>Liberal</u></b>	<b><u>225</u></b>	<b><u>32.1%</u></b>
Somewhat liberal	133	19.0%
Very liberal	92	13.1%
Unsure	28	4.0%
Total	700	100.0%





38. What is your race or ethnicity?

	Freq.	%
White	472	67.5%
Black or African-American	83	11.9%
Hispanic or Latino	78	11.2%
Any other race or ethnicity	62	8.9%
Unsure	4	0.6%
Total	700	100.0%

39. Geo

	Freq.	%
NYC	455	65.0%
Central/Eastern	130	18.5%
Western	116	16.5%
Total	700	100.0%

40. Geo - Media Market

	Freq.	%
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	56	8.0%
Buffalo	61	8.7%
New York	455	65.0%
Rochester, NY	45	6.4%
Syracuse	39	5.6%
Utica	7	1.1%
Watertown	7	1.0%
Binghamton	15	2.2%
Burlington-Plattsburgh	4	0.6%
Elmira (Corning)	10	1.4%
Total	700	100.0%

41. Geo - Congressional District

	Freq.	%
1	43	6.1%
4	45	6.4%
6	70	10.0%
7	48	6.8%
11	22	3.1%
13	116	16.6%
14	43	6.2%
17	38	5.5%
18	22	3.1%
19	33	4.8%
20	29	4.1%
21	29	4.2%
22	12	1.7%
23	30	4.3%
24	30	4.3%
25	34	4.8%
27	56	8.0%
Total	700	100.0%



42. Geo – Region

	Freq.	%
East State	117	16.8%
North Central State	89	12.7%
West State	107	15.2%
Long Island	88	12.6%
West NYC	181	25.9%
East NYC	118	16.8%
Total	700	100.0%

43. Gender + Age

	Freq.	%
F 18 - 34	72	10.3%
F 35 - 49	59	8.5%
F 50 - 64	129	18.4%
F 65+	132	18.8%
M 18 - 34	37	5.3%
M 35 - 49	85	12.1%
M 50 - 64	86	12.2%
M 65+	101	14.4%
Total	700	100.0%

44. Age + Income

	Freq.	%
<65 <\$50k	135	19.3%
<65 \$50k-\$99k	155	22.1%
<65 \$100k+	178	25.5%
65+ <\$50k	82	11.8%
65+ \$50k-\$99k	76	10.9%
65+ \$100k+	73	10.5%
Total	700	100.0%

45. Income

	Freq.	%
Less than \$50,000	217	31.1%
\$50,000 - \$100,000	231	33.0%
More than \$100,000	251	35.9%
Total	700	100.0%

46. Swing Voters

	Freq.	%
Yes	122	17.5%
No	578	82.5%
Total	700	100.0%

47. Education

	Freq.	%
<b>No Degree</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>52.3%</b>
Completed some high school	16	2.2%
Highschool graduate or GED	188	26.9%
Completed some college	95	13.6%



Associate degree	67	9.6%
<b><u>Degree</u></b>	<b>334</b>	<b>47.7%</b>
Bachelor's degree	211	30.2%
Graduate degree or further	123	17.6%
Total	700	100.0%

48. Gender + Education

	<b>Freq.</b>	<b>%</b>
Female No Degree	235	33.6%
Female Degree	157	22.4%
Male No Degree	131	18.7%
Male Degree	178	25.4%
Total	700	100.0%

49. Partisanship + Age

	<b>Freq.</b>	<b>%</b>
Republican 18 - 34	28	4.0%
Republican 35 - 49	31	4.4%
Republican 50 - 64	56	8.0%
Republican 65 or older	68	9.7%
Democrat 18 - 34	57	8.2%
Democrat 35 - 49	91	13.0%
Democrat 50 - 64	112	16.0%
Democrat 65 or older	105	15.0%
Another party 18 - 34	5	0.8%
Another party 35 - 49	6	0.9%
Another party 50 - 64	11	1.6%
Another party 65 or older	8	1.2%
Unaffiliated 18 - 34	16	2.3%
Unaffiliated 35 - 49	14	2.0%
Unaffiliated 50 - 64	32	4.5%
Unaffiliated 65 or older	50	7.1%
Unsure	10	1.4%
Total	700	100.0%

50. Partisanship + Gender

	<b>Freq.</b>	<b>%</b>
Republican Female	99	14.1%
Republican Male	83	11.9%
Democrat Female	214	30.5%
Democrat Male	151	21.6%
Another party Female	15	2.1%
Another party Male	17	2.4%
Unaffiliated Female	58	8.2%
Unaffiliated Male	54	7.7%
Unsure	10	1.4%
Total	700	100.0%



## METHODOLOGY

This probabilistic survey was conducted January 5 – 10, 2021, with 700 likely election voters. It has a margin of error of  $\pm 3.70\%$ . Known registered voters were interviewed via online panel. This survey was weighted to likely election voter universe.

## ABOUT THE FIRM

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