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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that 86% of likely Democratic caucus-goers in Nevada think climate and the environment are very important (53%) or the most important issue (33%). The environment is a crucial issue for caucus-goers across all demographics, with the highest intensity from voters aged 18 to 29 (52% say it is the most important issue), Latinx caucus-goers (43% say it is the most important issue), and voters with annual incomes less than \$20,000 a year (57% say it is the most important issue).

- Caucus-goers across all age groups say the environment is very important or the most important issue: 91% among ages 18 to 29, 89% among those aged 65 or older, and 84% among those aged 30 to 45 and 46 to 65.
- The environment is also considered either very important or the most important issue to large majorities across every ethnicity, including Native American or Indigenous people (89%), whites (89%), Asian Americans or Pacific Islanders (88%), Latinxs (82%), and African-Americans (81%).

When making decisions about which candidate to support, 21% say that addressing climate change is the most important issue, second only to achieving universal health care (25%). The margins are even higher among Latinxs, for whom climate ranks first at 28%, followed by achieving universal health care (21%) and immigration reform (20%).

Moreover, 38% of respondents indicated that Democratic candidates for president are not talking about climate change enough in their campaigns, while 41% said candidates were talking about the issue the right amount.



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There is strong support for policies addressing climate change and environmental issues.

- 91% support restoring federal rules that stop polluters from putting toxics in the water and air, while just 6% oppose it.
- 90% support setting a new national clean energy standard requiring a majority of electricity to come from clean and renewable sources like solar and wind, like the standard recently increased in Nevada. Just 8% oppose this.
- 83% support the use of federal funds to combat the climate crisis by investing in efforts to make communities more resilient to the impacts of climate change, while only 8% oppose this.

Democratic caucus-goers in Nevada also say they are more likely to support candidates who prioritize the environment and climate change in their policy plans.

- 86% are more likely to support a candidate who pledges to make climate change a top issue and prioritizes policies to move the United States to a 100% clean energy economy.
- 80% are more likely to support a candidate who supports policies encouraging farmers and ranchers to implement practices that combat climate change.
- 77% are more likely to support a candidate who has a climate change plan prioritizing communities most affected by pollution, including lower income communities and communities of color.

PPP surveyed 859 likely Democratic caucus voters in Nevada from January 29-30, 2020. The margin of error is +/- 3.3%. 58% of interviews for the survey were conducted by text message and 42% by telephone. 4% of the surveys were conducted in Spanish.