

# KEY FINDINGS FROM A SURVEY OF VOTERS IN WASHINGTON'S 8<sup>th</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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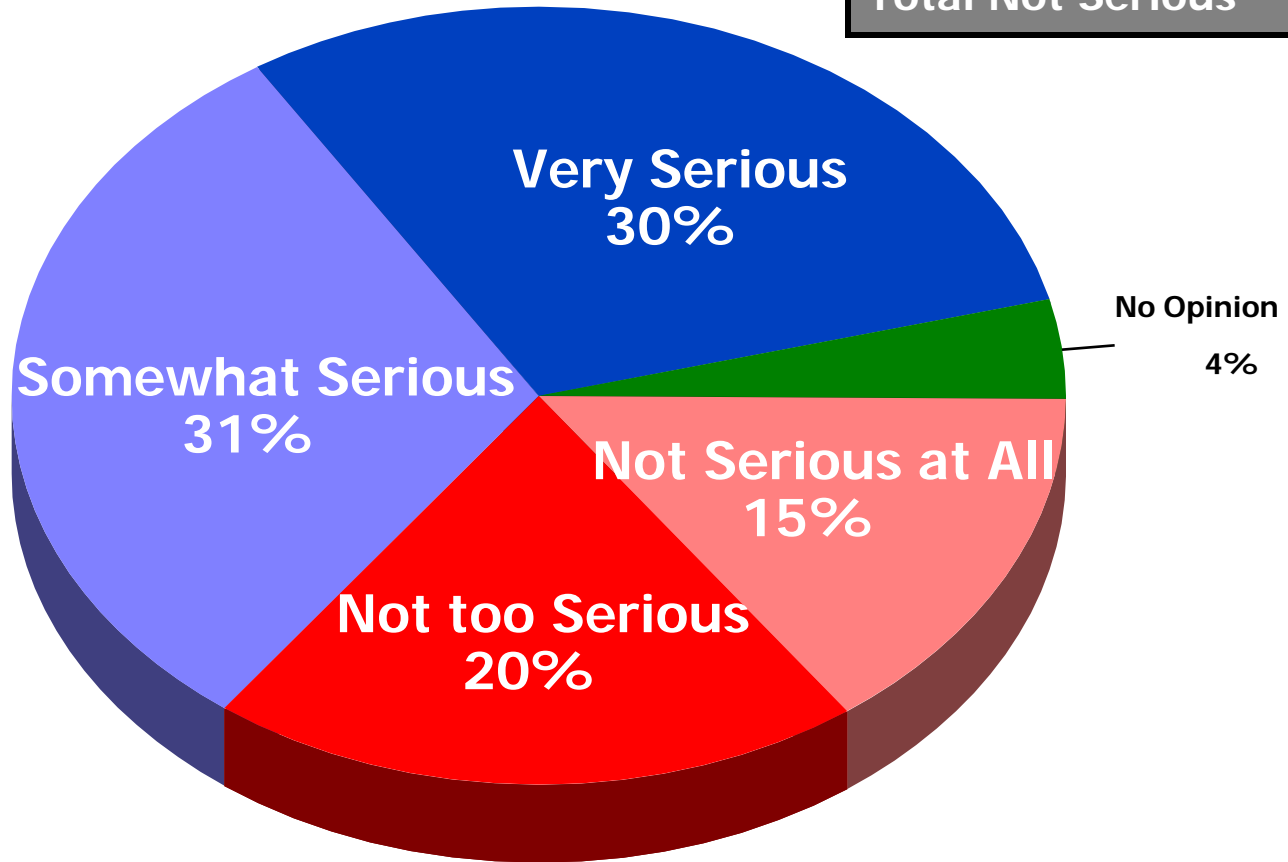
# Methodology



**On behalf of the Pew Environment Group (PEG) Public Opinion Strategies conducted a survey of 400 registered voters in Washington's eighth congressional district. The survey was conducted September 15-17, 2009 and has a margin of error of  $\pm 4.9\%$ .**

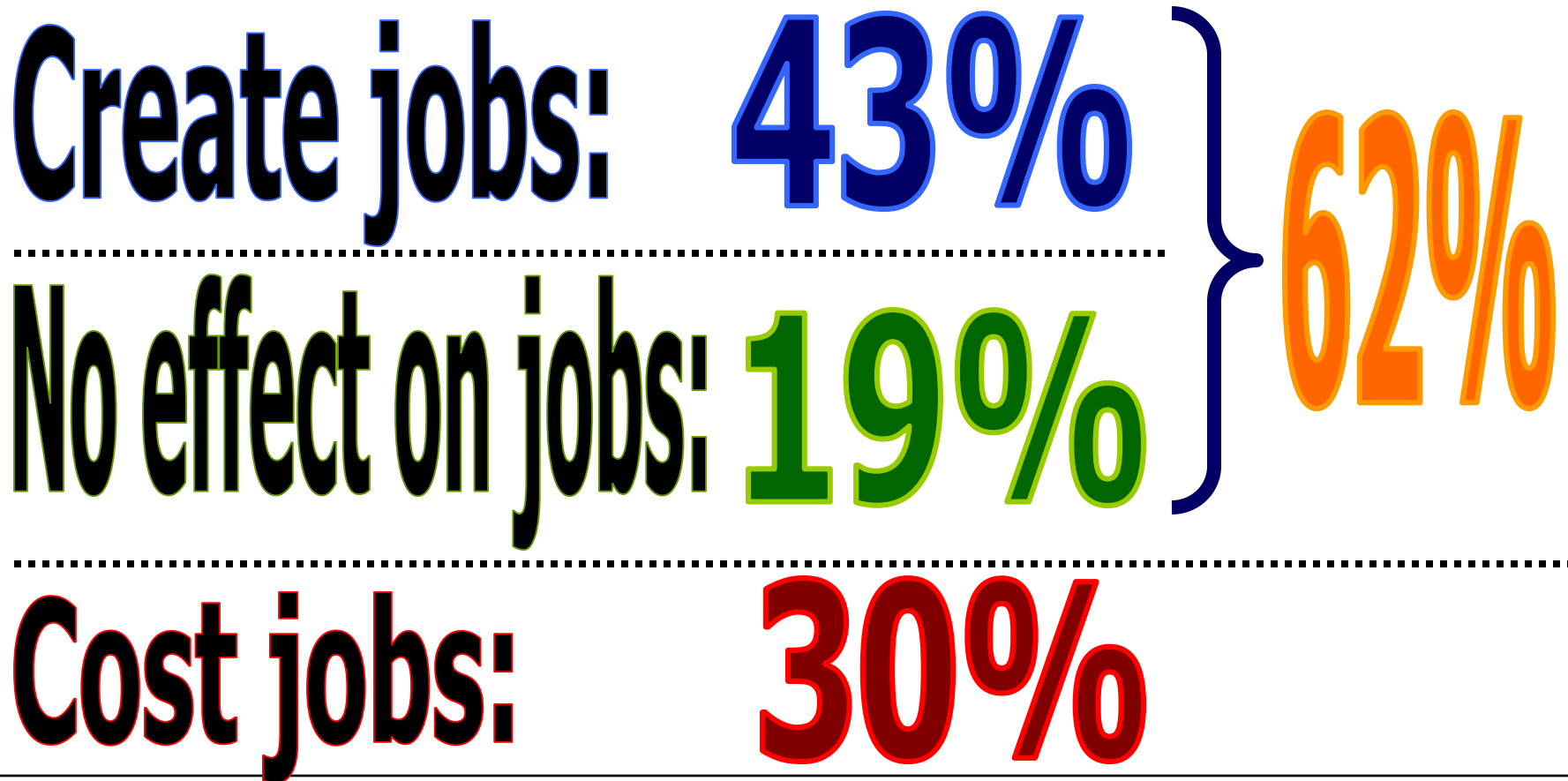
# A majority of voters say global warming a serious threat.

Total Serious	61%
Total Not Serious	35%



*Generally speaking, how serious of a threat do you think global warming is today, very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not serious at all-or don't you have an opinion on this?*

District voters believe dealing with global warming will either have no effect on the number of jobs available, or create new jobs.



*Which comes closer to your point of view? Efforts to reduce global warming will cost American jobs; Efforts to reduce global warming will not affect American jobs; or Efforts to reduce global warming will create new American jobs.*

**District voters were told about an energy proposal and asked if they favor or oppose it.**

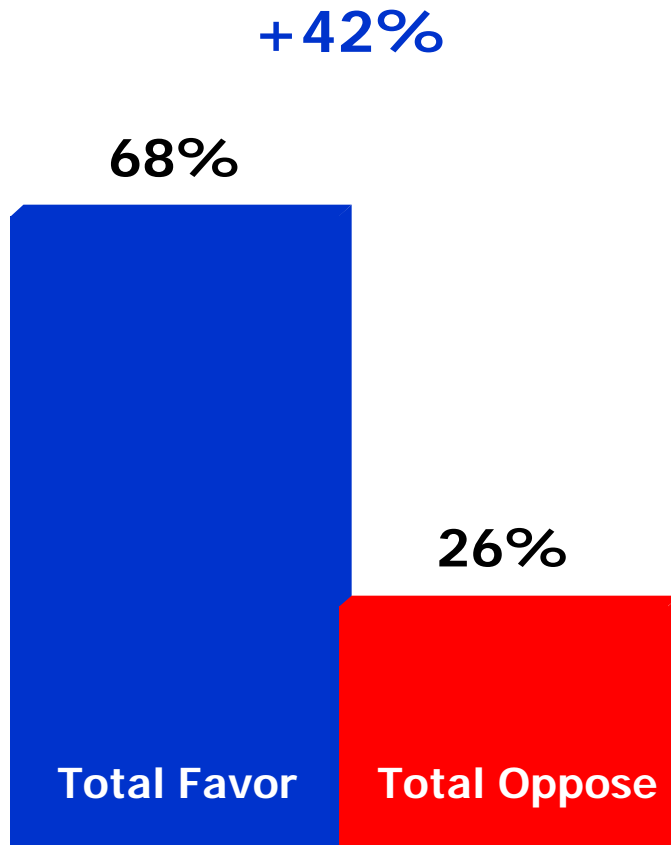
**Congress is considering an energy plan that has two key parts:**

**One part would require factories and power companies to reduce their emissions of the carbon pollution that causes global warming by 17% by the year 2020 and by 80% by the year 2050.**

**The other part would require power companies to generate 20% of their power from clean energy sources like wind and solar by the year 2025.**

# The energy proposal enjoys broad support across all key sub-groups.

## Favor/Oppose Two-Part Energy Plan



<u>Sub-Groups</u>	<u>%Favor</u>	<u>%Oppose</u>
Men	63%	34%
Women	74%	20%
Under 45	74%	22%
Over 45	65%	29%
Republicans	50%	47%
Independents	58%	32%
Democrats	91%	5%
Less Than College	68%	28%
College+	69%	25%
Core/East King County	71%	23%
King County South Suburbs	63%	31%
Pierce County	72%	26%



# A majority of voters say they would be more likely to vote for a candidate who supported the energy bill being considered by Congress.

Candidate A supported the clean energy jobs and global warming bill considered by Congress because moving the country to clean energy will create good jobs here in the state of Washington. By the year twenty-thirty it will reduce our dependence on foreign oil by one-quarter of our nation's current consumption, saving consumers more than one hundred and thirty-five billion dollars in fuel costs. It will also decrease the carbon pollution that causes global warming, and make polluters pay to give middle-income Americans an energy tax credit.

# 52%

OR

Candidate B opposed the global warming bill considered by Congress because it will create a new energy tax at the worst possible time when families are struggling to survive the recession. Americans will be forced to pay more every time they drive, buy groceries, or flip on a light switch, up to as much as three thousand dollars per year per family. This backdoor tax will make our struggling economic situation worse, costing us hundreds of thousands of jobs and pushing American companies overseas where taxes and regulations are less burdensome.

	36%	56%
IND	39%	34%
	73%	14%

# 34%

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