

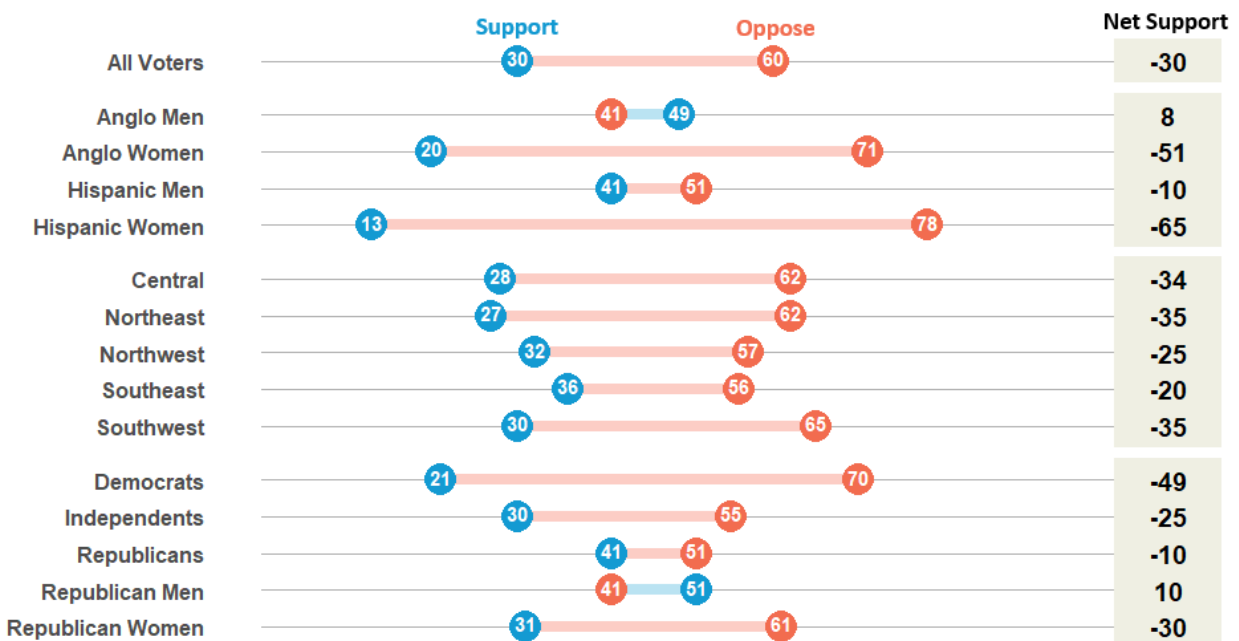


To:
From: Stephen Clermont, Change Research
Date: December 23, 2022
Re: Survey Results

In a recent survey of 1,015 New Mexico voters, Change Research finds that voters overwhelmingly oppose a project to import all of the country's high level nuclear waste, up to 173,600 metric tons, into New Mexico, and store it here for forty years or longer. We asked voters the following:

“A private company plans to import all of the country's high level nuclear waste, up to 173,600 metric tons, into New Mexico, and store it here for forty years or longer. Experts predict that up to 13 accidents will occur during the 10,000 rail shipments. Supporters say the storage casks are safe and that jobs would be created. Opponents say that accidents will occur, exposing people and the environment to dangerous radioactive waste. Do you support or oppose this project coming to New Mexico?”

Overall, 60% of voters oppose this project after learning about it and hearing from both sides. Just 30% support it with the remaining 10% undecided. Women, regardless of ethnicity, oppose it substantially more than men. Majorities of Republicans, Independents, and Democrats all oppose it as do voters in all parts of the state. The following chart highlights the widespread opposition from all except Anglo and Republican men.





About this Poll

Polling was conducted online from December 7-14, 2022. Using its Dynamic Online Sampling process to attain a sample reflective of the electorate in each Congressional District, Change Research polled 1015 voters in New Mexico. Post-stratification weights were made on age, gender, education, ethnicity, region, and 2020 presidential vote to reflect the distribution of voters within the state. The margin of error is 3.5 percentage points.