



According to a recent poll of 811 adults across New Jersey by Fairleigh Dickinson University's PublicMind, the majority (71%) "Strongly Agree" that the right to clean air and clean water should be protected by the constitution in a manner similar to the rights of free speech, freedom of religion and other protections. An additional 12 percent "Agree". Only 14 percent disagree with the statement (6% Disagree, 8% Strongly Disagree).

The "Strongly Agree" support runs across all demographics, with no group failing to reach 57 percent. This notwithstanding, significant differences exist across most demographics measured. Democrats (81%) are more likely than Republicans (57%) to "Strongly Agree". Similarly, women (75%) are more likely than men (66%), non-whites (78%) are more likely than whites (67%), and those between the ages of 18 and 34 (76%) are more likely than those 60 or older (67%) to "Strongly Agree". Those in the Southern part of the state (64%) are less likely to "Strongly Agree" than those in North (74%) or Central (73%) New Jersey.

Turning to the subsample (n=694) of self-identified Registered Voters (70%) in the study shows virtually identical support compared to the general population.

Methodology

The most recent survey by Fairleigh Dickinson University's PublicMind was conducted by telephone from February 24-28, 2016 using a randomly selected sample of 811 New Jersey adults, age 18 and older. One can be 95 percent confident that the error attributable to sampling has a range of +/- 3.4 percentage points, including the design effect. The margin of error for subgroups is larger and varies by the size of that subgroup. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling error. This kind of error, which cannot be measured, arises from a number of factors including, but not limited to, non-response (eligible individuals refusing to be interviewed), question wording, the order in which questions are asked, and variations among interviewers.

PublicMind interviews are conducted by Opinion America of Cedar Knolls, NJ, with professionally trained interviewers using a CATI (Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing) system. Random selection is achieved by computerized random-digit dialing. This technique gives every person with a landline phone number (including those with unlisted numbers) an equal chance of being selected.

Landline households are supplemented with a separate, randomly selected sample of cell-phone respondents interviewed in the same time frame. The total combined sample is mathematically weighted to match known demographics of gender, age, education, and race. 427 interviews were conducted on landlines and 384 were conducted on cellular telephones.

Tables

<i>Do you [ROTATE] agree or disagree with the following statement: The right to breathe clean air and drink clean water in New Jersey should be protected by the Constitution, similar to our rights to free speech, freedom of religion and other protections</i>										
		PID			Gender		Race		Education	
	All	Dem	Ind	Repub	Male	Female	White	Non-white	HS/Some college	College+
Strongly Agree	71%	81	62	57	66	75	67	78	72	70
Agree	12%	11	15	11	13	10	11	13	14	10
Disagree	6%	3	6	10	6	6	7	3	3	8
Strongly Disagree	8%	2	14	15	12	5	9	5	8	9
Refused/DK (vol)	4%	2	4	6	3	4	5	1	3	4

	Region			Age			Registered Voters
	North	Central	South	18-34	35-59	60+	(n=694)
Strongly Agree	74%	73	64	76	70	67	70
Agree	13%	9	13	14	12	9	11
Disagree	6%	6	6	3	6	7	7
Strongly Disagree	5%	7	13	6	8	10	9
Refused/DK (vol)	2%	4	4	1	3	7	4

Weighted sample characteristics

		N = 811; MoE = +/- 3.4
Gender	<i>Male</i>	49%
	<i>Female</i>	51%
Age	<i>18-34</i>	28%
	<i>35-59</i>	41%
	<i>60+</i>	30%
	<i>Refused</i>	1%
Race	<i>White</i>	64%
	<i>African American</i>	13%
	<i>Hispanic</i>	15%
	<i>Asian</i>	4%
	<i>Other/Refused</i>	3%
Party (with leaners)	<i>Dem</i>	50%
	<i>Ind/DK/Refused</i>	19%
	<i>Repub</i>	28%