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Poll: Majority of New Jersey Voters Don't Support Eliminating the Sale of New Gas- and Diesel-Powered Cars and Trucks

WASHINGTON, DC — A priority for the New Jersey Governor, the state may adopt California's electric vehicle (EV) policy, a full ban on the sale of any new gasoline- and diesel-powered vehicles starting in 2035. With this in mind, the Centrist Democrats of America (CDA) [released a poll](#) on New Jerseyans' attitudes about EVs and the state's transportation future.

The key findings:

- **Just 3% of New Jersey** voters say limiting the number of gas vehicles sold in the state is the best approach to encouraging more EV usage.
- **A majority of New Jersey** voters are very concerned about climate change and its effects. Democrats are most likely to be very concerned.
- **Nearly half** of New Jersey voters who are not very likely to buy an electric car in the next two years say their current car should last longer.
- **Just 3% of New Jersey** voters say more funding for increasing the number of electric vehicles should be the top funding priority.
- **Over two-thirds** of New Jersey voters support the Governor getting approval from the state legislature to ban the sale of new gas- and diesel-powered vehicles in the state. **Just 12% of voters** support the Governor moving unilaterally to accomplish this policy.

"If Democrats want to be the Party for the working-class Americans, we can't force low-income and middle-class families to buy expensive EVs," said CDA Board Member David Baria. He added: "The polling is clear that Democrats in New Jersey are smart to be supportive of government policies that sensibly promote EVs. But calling for bans on the sale of new gas- and diesel-powered vehicles is not popular with voters."

[The poll](#) also found that over a third of New Jersey voters say that more funding for ending childhood hunger is most important, followed by funding to fix roads and bridges, and more funding for wind and solar energy. Just 3% of New Jersey voters say more funding for increasing the number of electric vehicles should be the top funding priority.

Other topline findings from the survey:

- 60% of respondents support that New Jersey implementing its own rules on EVs and not be forced to follow the rules of California.
- Over a quarter of New Jersey voters say they are very or somewhat likely to buy an electric vehicle in the next year.
- Younger voters, men, and voters in North New Jersey are most likely to say they are likely to buy an electric vehicle in the next year.
- Over a quarter of New Jersey voters think the federal government should provide at least half of the infrastructure for charging stations.

- Just 17% of New Jersey voters say we need to do whatever we can to get as many EVs on the road as quickly as possible.
- Over two in five New Jersey voters strongly agree that a ban [on the sale of new gas- and diesel-powered vehicles in the state] will alienate many consumers and that residents will cross state lines to buy cars.

About the poll:

600 interviews among voters in New Jersey were conducted from March 8 to 12, 2023. Interviews were conducted using an online survey. Results were weighted to ensure proportional response. The comparative margin of error for results is 4.0% at the 95% confidence level. This number is higher for subgroups.

Link to poll:

[Click here](#) or link:

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