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As Gas Prices Skyrocket, New Poll Reveals How Americans Feel About Electric Vehicles

With Midterm Elections on the Horizon, New Poll Reveals Democrats Should Prioritize Addressing the Needs of Working-Class Americans and Avoid Progressive Priorities Like Electric Vehicle (EV) Investments

WASHINGTON, DC — Today, Centrist Democrats of America (CDA) released [a new national survey](#) on Americans' attitudes towards electric vehicles. The poll, which surveyed 1,000 Americans, highlights where Democrats should readjust their focus to better support working American families. Though 91 percent of respondents are either "very concerned" or "somewhat concerned" about the high costs of gas and oil, only 14 percent say they are "very likely" to purchase an EV in the next two years.

In fact, when asked how Congress should prioritize spending, issues that were most appealing were "ending childhood hunger," "fixing our roads and bridges," and "for police training and hiring." Coming in dead last among respondents was "more funding for increasing the number of electric vehicles."

These polling results come as Congress holds a series of hearings on high gas prices and their approach to combat them. CDA's findings reveal Americans are most in favor of temporarily halting state and federal taxes on gas, but other favorable approaches include increasing the number of permits for drilling oil and gas and the President's recent decision to release gasoline from the strategic reserve. Only eight percent of respondents strongly support the government investing more in EV infrastructure to encourage the use of EVs as a response to high gas prices.

Additional topline findings from the survey show:

- 83 percent of respondents are concerned about our nation's long-term energy security
- 44 percent of respondents said high gas prices are "making it hard to make ends meet"
- Only seven percent of respondents strongly support adding "an additional charge on people's electrical bill to help fund the building of charging stations for electric vehicles"
- For those not likely to buy an EV in the next two years or more, expense was a top concern
- 41 percent of respondents believe the shift towards EVs is already happening, and additional federal investments are "not an effective use of taxpayer money"

“The results of our poll illustrate that the American people are struggling to cope with high gas prices and are very concerned about inflation, the economy and crime,” said **Hank Naughton, President of CDA**. “For the average working-class family, prioritizing federal investments in EVs just doesn’t make sense. Americans want low gas prices, support oil exploration and are concerned about our nation’s future energy security. As we approach the midterm elections, Democrats should heed these findings and avoid highlighting progressive goals like massive government spending on EVs.”

About Centrist Democrats of America

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