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NEW YORKERS AND AMERICANS LIVING IN THE NORTHEAST OPPOSE FRACKING

- *On March 20th, Quinnipiac released a poll showing that "For the first time ever, New York State voters oppose by a clear margin, 46 -39 percent, drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale."*
- *On April 2nd, Pew Research released a poll that showed 46% of Americans living in the Northeast oppose fracking while only 37% support it.*

From Quinnipiac:

New York State Voters Oppose Gas Drilling

For the first time ever, New York State voters oppose by a clear margin, 46 -39 percent, drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale, as concerns for the environment win out over the promise of economic benefits, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Support for drilling peaked at 47 - 42 percent when the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN- uh-pe-ack) University poll first asked the question August 11, 2011. For the last year, voters have been virtually tied on the question of whether they support drilling because of economic benefits or oppose drilling because of environmental concerns.

Today, upstate voters remain divided, with 44 percent in favor of drilling and 42 percent opposed, while suburban voters are split 42 - 42 percent. New York City voters oppose drilling 53 - 32 percent. Republicans support drilling 62 - 21 percent while Democrats are opposed 60 - 24 percent. Independent voters are divided with 46 percent in favor and 42 percent opposed.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo is "carefully evaluating the issue of hydro-fracking," 21 percent of New York State voters say, but 30 percent say his is "dragging his feet...to avoid making a decision," with 46 percent offering no opinion.

"New Yorkers might be getting impatient with the long delay over natural gas drilling. They're turning negative on the basic idea and more of them see foot-dragging by Gov.

Andrew Cuomo rather than a careful evaluation," said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

For more information see: <http://www.quinnipiac.edu/institutes-centers/polling-institute/new-york-state/release-detail>

From the Pew Research Center:

Regional, Gender, Partisan Differences in Views of Fracking

Less Support for Fracking in Northeast, West

<i>Increased use of fracking ...</i>	Favor %	Oppose %	DK %
Total	48	38	14=100
Men	55	34	11=100
Women	41	42	17=100
18-29	49	41	10=100
30-49	48	41	12=100
50-64	49	36	15=100
65+	44	34	22=100
Post grad	46	39	15=100
College grad	44	42	14=100
Some college	52	35	12=100
HS or less	47	38	15=100
Republican	66	24	11=100
Democrat	33	52	15=100
Independent	51	36	13=100
Northeast	37	46	17=100
Midwest	55	32	13=100
South	52	34	14=100
West	43	44	13=100

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 Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

There are regional differences in opinions about the increased use of fracking. More than half of those who live in the Midwest (55%) and South (52%) favor the increased use of fracking; there is less support in the West (43%) and Northeast (37%).

While men favor the increased use of fracking by a 55% to 34% margin, women are divided (41% favor, 42% oppose).

Twice as many Republicans (66%) as Democrats (33%) favor the increased use of fracking. Independents, by a 51% to 36% support the increased use of fracking.

For more information see: <http://www.people-press.org/2013/04/02/keystone-xl-pipeline-draws-broad-support/>