



# PUBLIC OPINION STRATEGIES

turning questions into answers

## Greene County, Ohio

March 2-3, 2022

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## METHODOLOGY

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On behalf of Vesper Energy, Public Opinion Strategies conducted a survey of N=350 Registered Voters in Greene County, Ohio. N=140 interviews were conducted via landlines and N=210 interviews were conducted via cell phone on March 2-3, 2022. The margin of error for this survey is  $\pm 5.24\%$ .

Quotas were set to ensure we have an accurate sample of voters that are both demographically and geographically proportionate to the voting-age population of Greene County, Ohio. Minor weights were applied to the final data for gender, age, ethnicity, geography, and voters' recalled 2020 presidential vote to further ensure accurate representation of all voters.

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## KEY FINDINGS

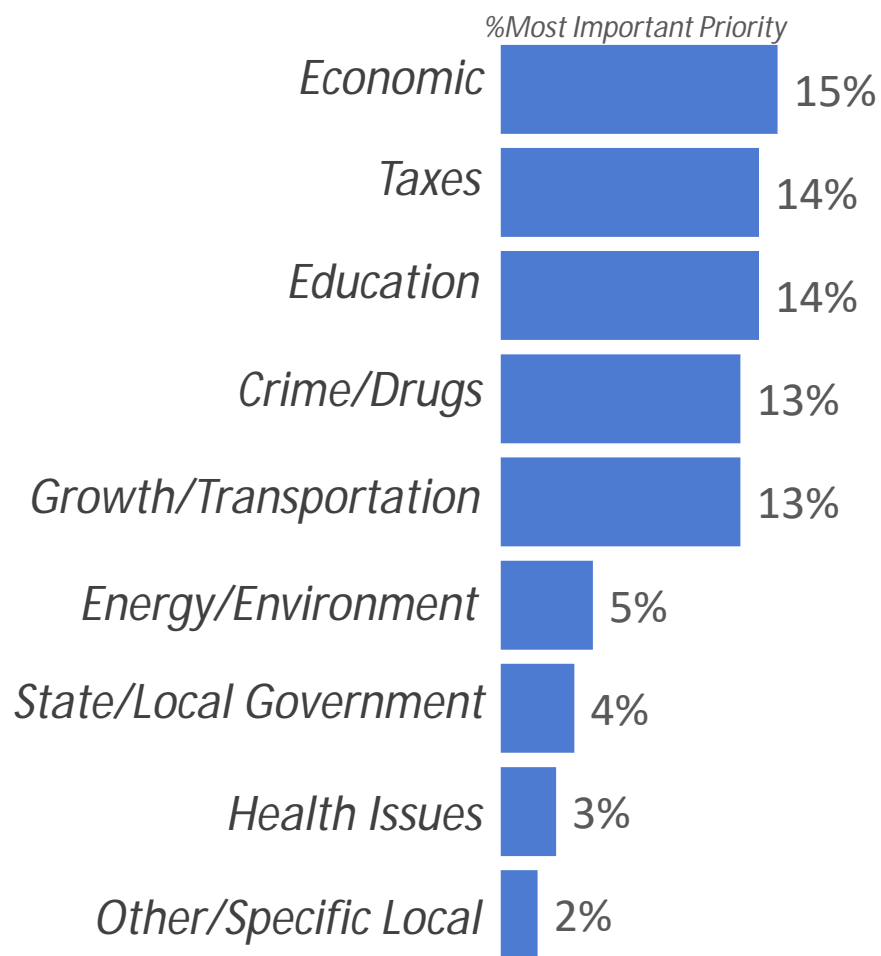
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- 1.** By a two-to-one margin, Greene County voters support transitioning the country's energy supply from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources like wind and solar.
- 2.** While Greene County voters are not all that familiar with the Kingwood Solar Project, they support it by nearly a three-to-one margin, with voters explaining their support by citing the need to shift to renewable energy sources.
- 3.** There is support for the project regionally across the county, and among those who are more aware of the project.
- 4.** Support for Kingwood increases when voters are informed that it will help farmers preserve their farmland, help transition the country to clean energy and will use less than one percent of the county's agricultural land.

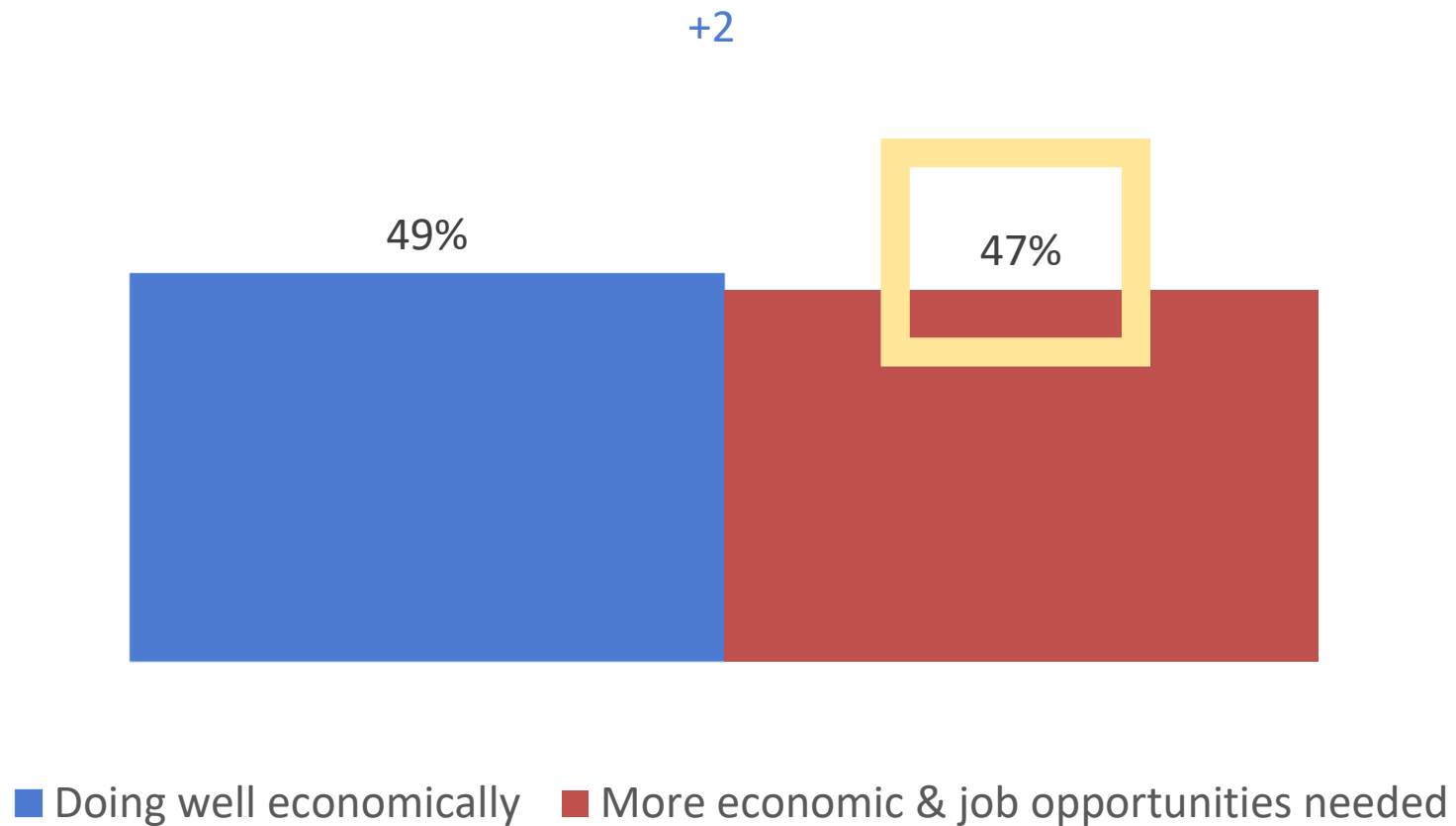


# Key Poll Results

Greene County voters have a varied issue agenda, led by economic concerns.



There is a significant sentiment that more economic and job opportunities are needed in the county.



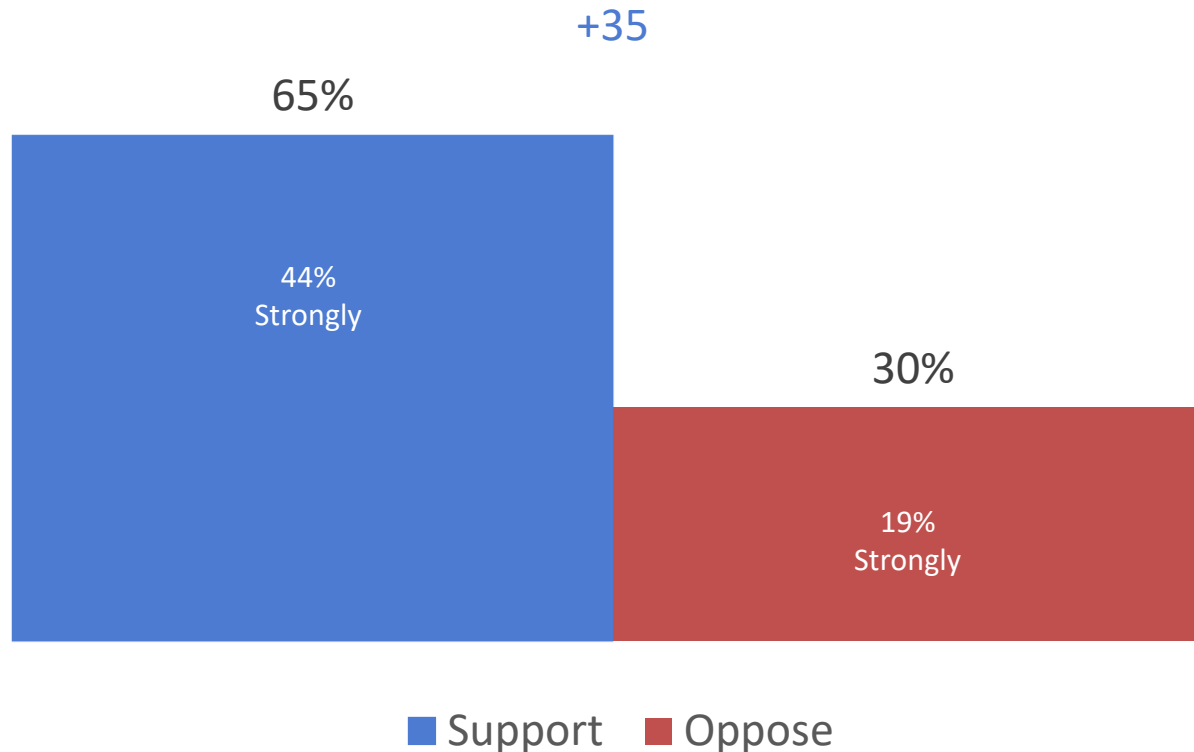


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More than two-thirds of Greene County voters support transitioning the country's energy supply to renewables.

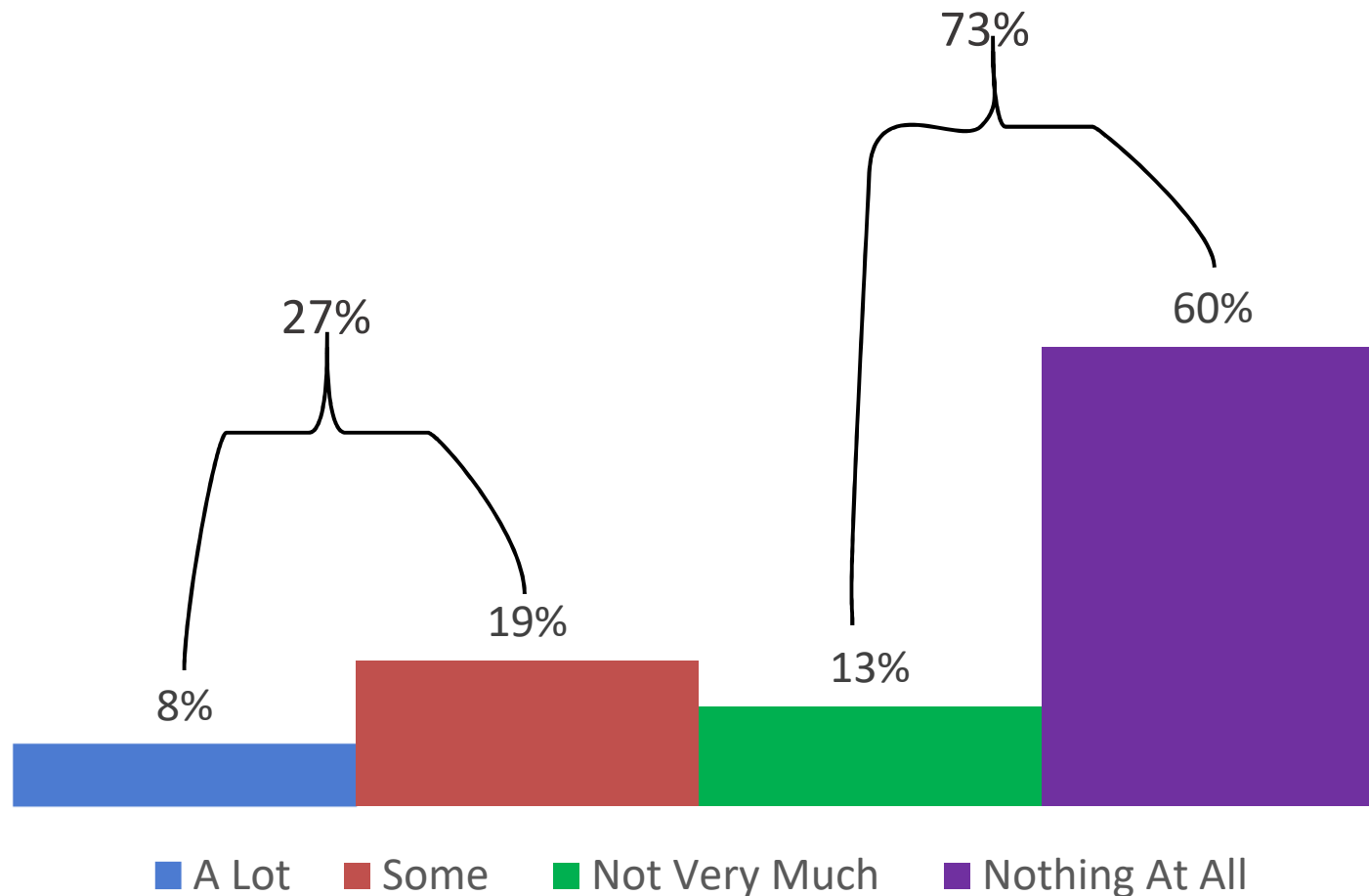
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*And, do you generally support or oppose gradually transitioning the country's energy supply from fossil fuels like oil, natural gas and coal more toward renewable energy sources like wind and solar power?*



## Most voters in the county have heard little about the Kingwood Solar project.

*How much have you seen, read or heard about the Kingwood Solar plan to build a utility-scale solar farm here in Greene County...*





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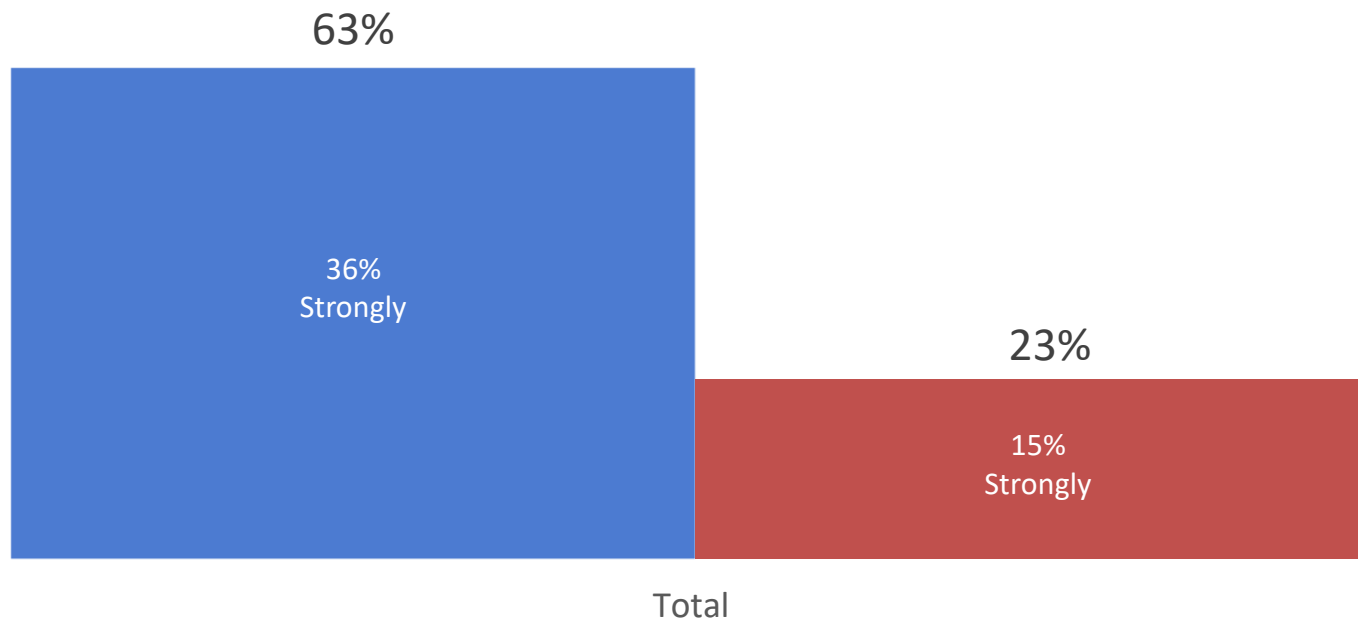
When told about the Kingwood solar project...

*As you may know, Kingwood Solar has proposed a solar project that consists of 1,200 acres of private, leased land in Xenia, Cedarville, and Miami townships. It is projected to provide \$1.5 million annually to the local communities in Greene County with the largest beneficiary being the schools. Do you support or oppose this proposed Kingwood Solar Farm?*

Kingwood wins by almost three to one.

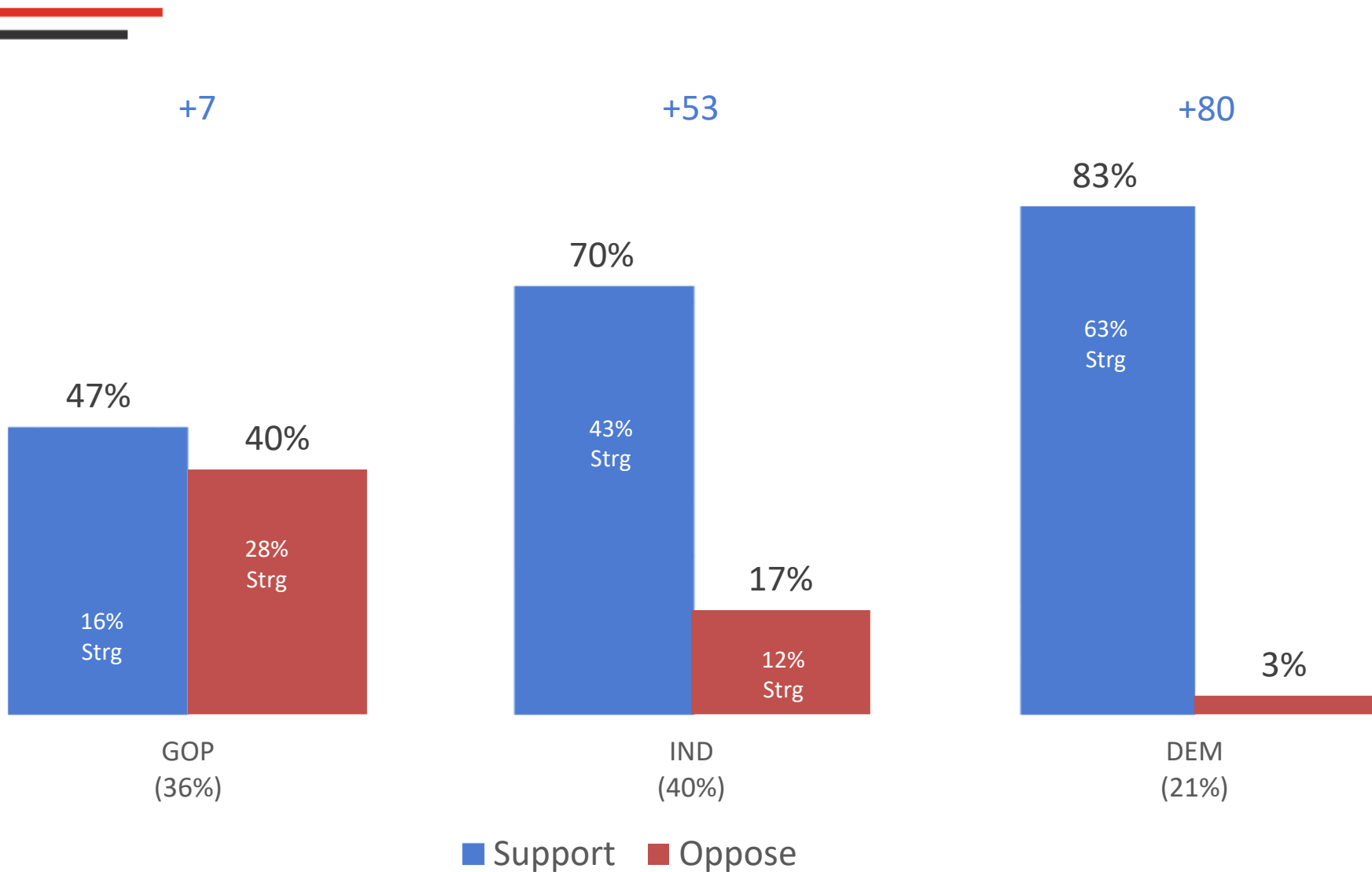


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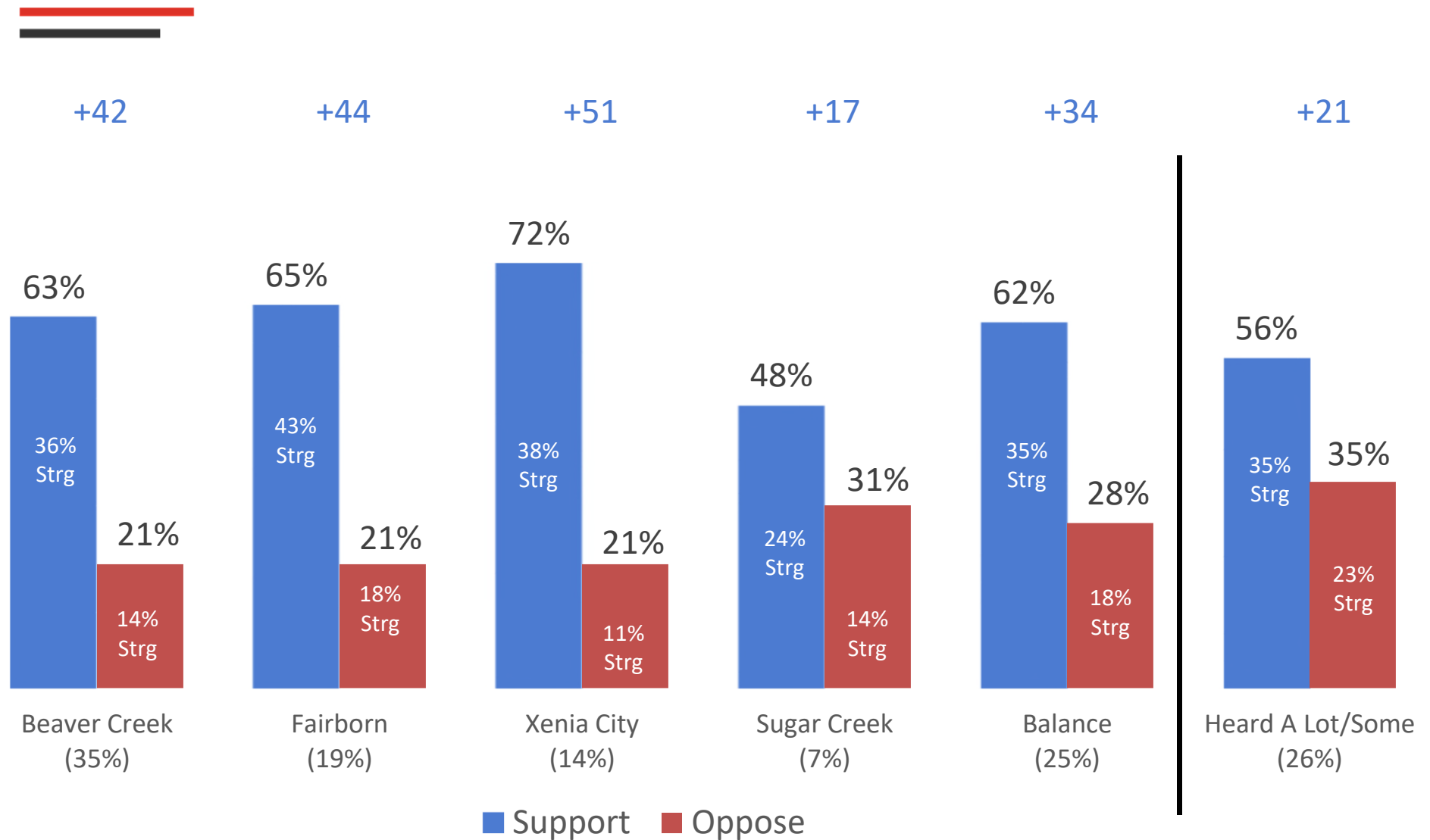


■ Support ■ Oppose

## Democrats anchor support for the Kingwood project.



Voters across the county support it.



## And, what are the most important reasons why you support this proposed project?

Getting away from burning coal, it's great that we are using solar panels and solar energy.

I think solar power is the way to go. I think it's inexpensive. Why not tap into it.

I think it'll bring jobs and more clean energy.

Just to help with pollution and less dependent on fossil fuels because the dangers of fracking affects the whole state and there's a lot more earthquakes, more water pollution, more air pollution.

To get to stop using fossil fuels to get our dependence off fossil fuels. I think it would be a good job opportunity for a lot of people. A good job creator.

Because it will bring jobs, and plus it is renewable energy, more jobs, hopefully, more business.

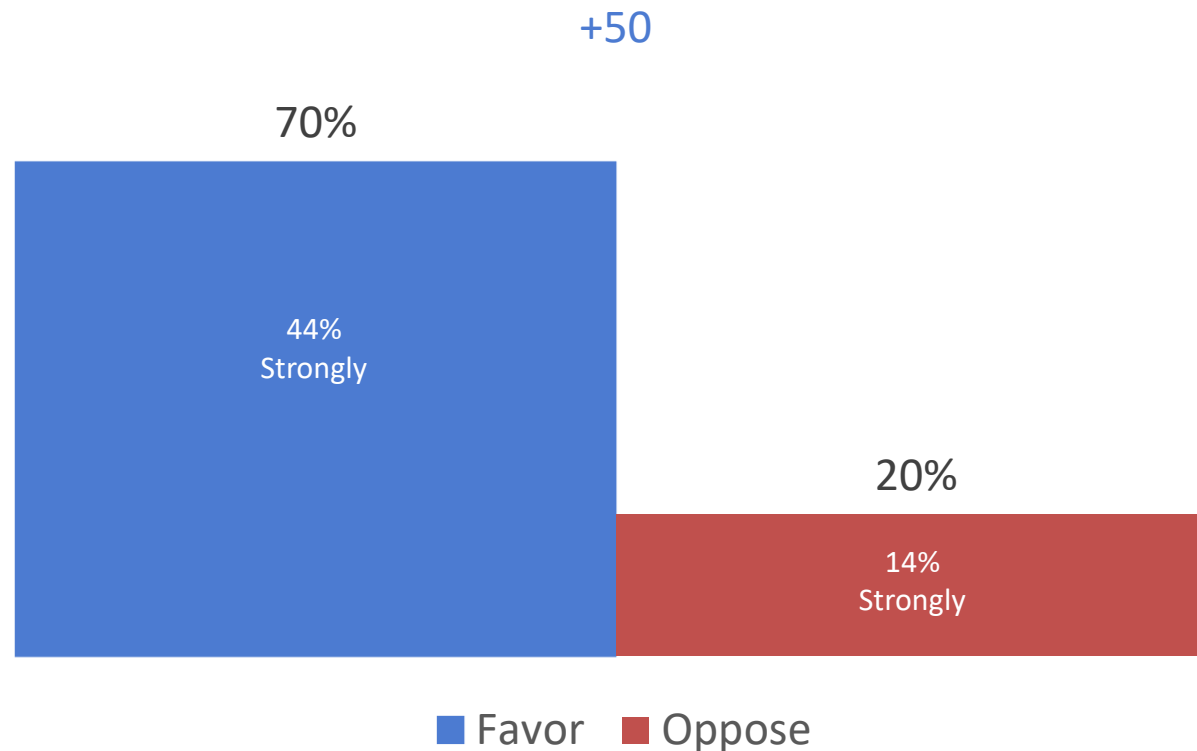
I am all for any project that boosts this country towards green energy to get away from fossil fuels due to climate change.

Because of global warming. We got to get away from fuels that pollute the air and we need to get it done quickly.



## Support for Kingwood increases when voters are told the project will help farmers preserve their farmland...

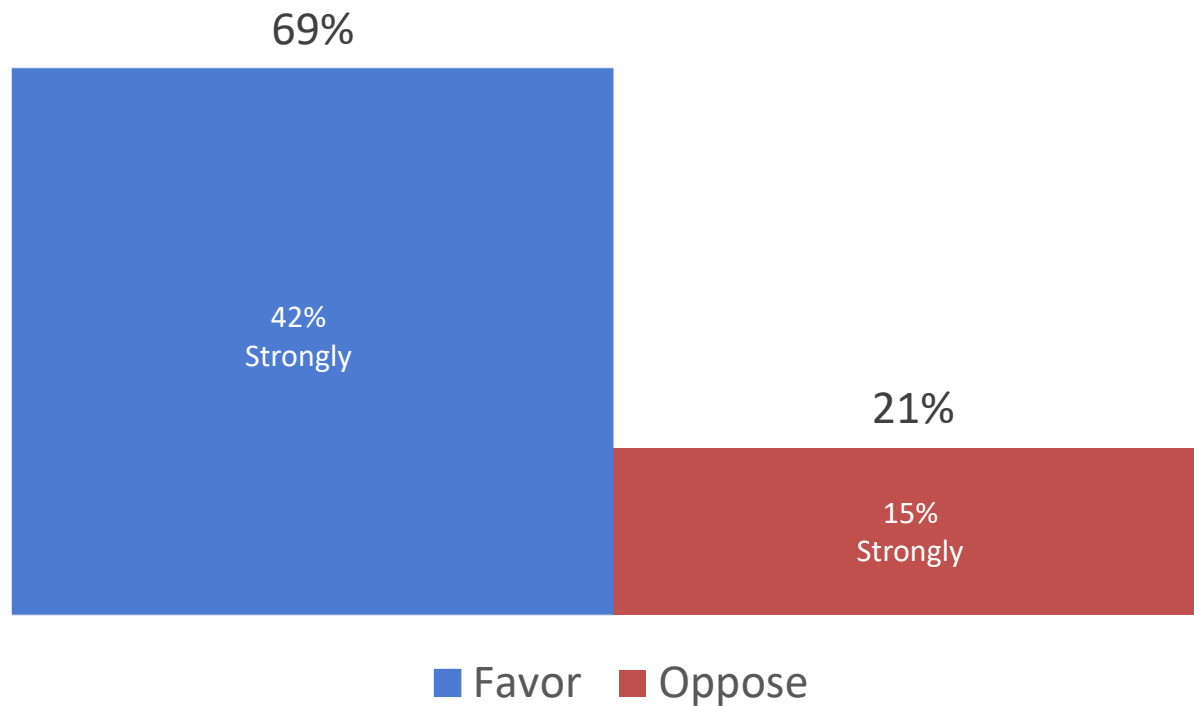
*If you knew that this facility will not only help farmers preserve their farmland for future generations, but also help Southwest Ohio contribute to the critical transition to clean energy generation, then would you favor or oppose this project?*





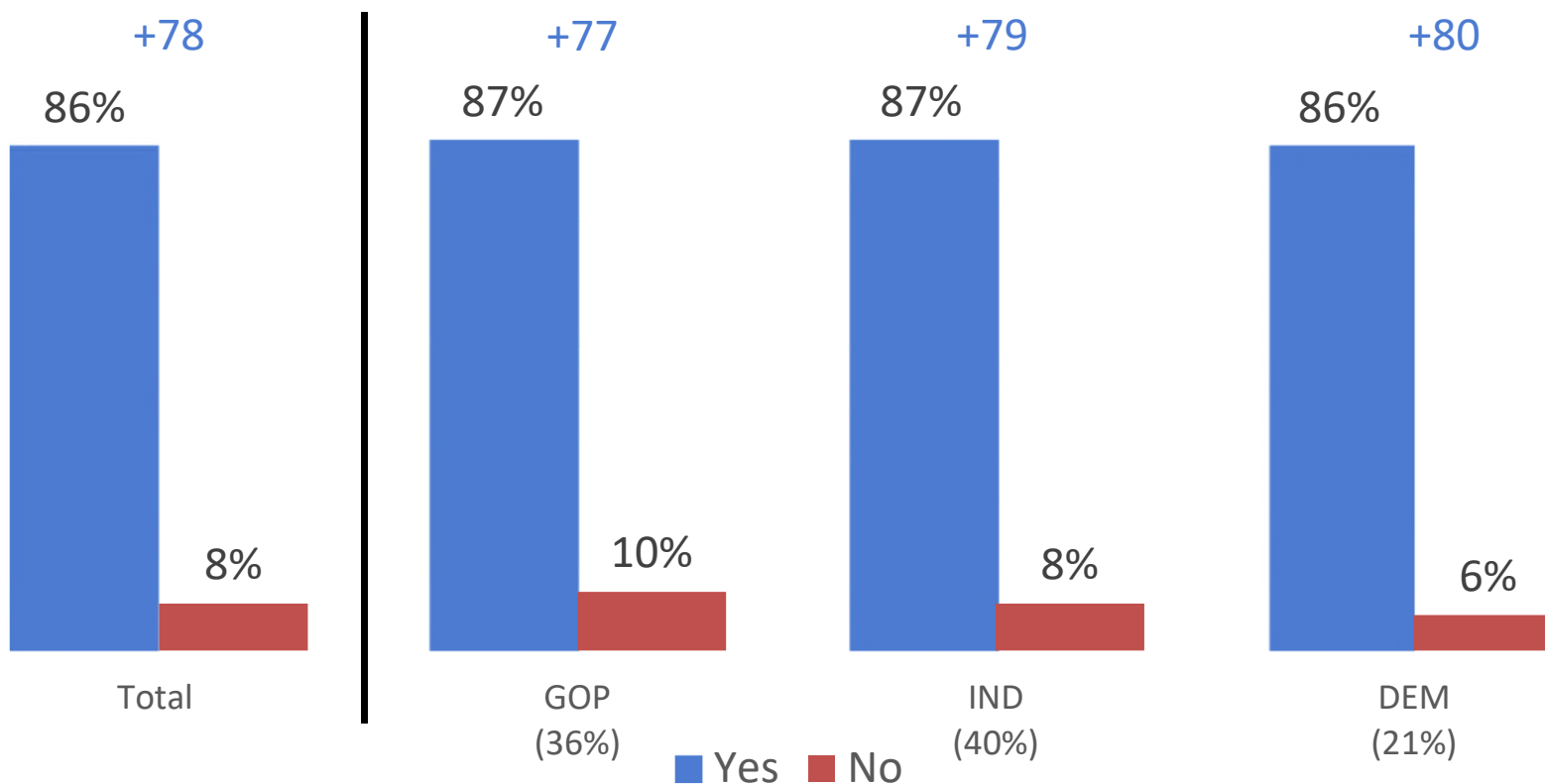
And when learning the project comprises less than 1% of all agricultural land in the county.

*And, if you knew that the 1,200 acres of land that will be used by this solar project comprises less than one percent of all agricultural land in the county, then would you favor or oppose this project?*

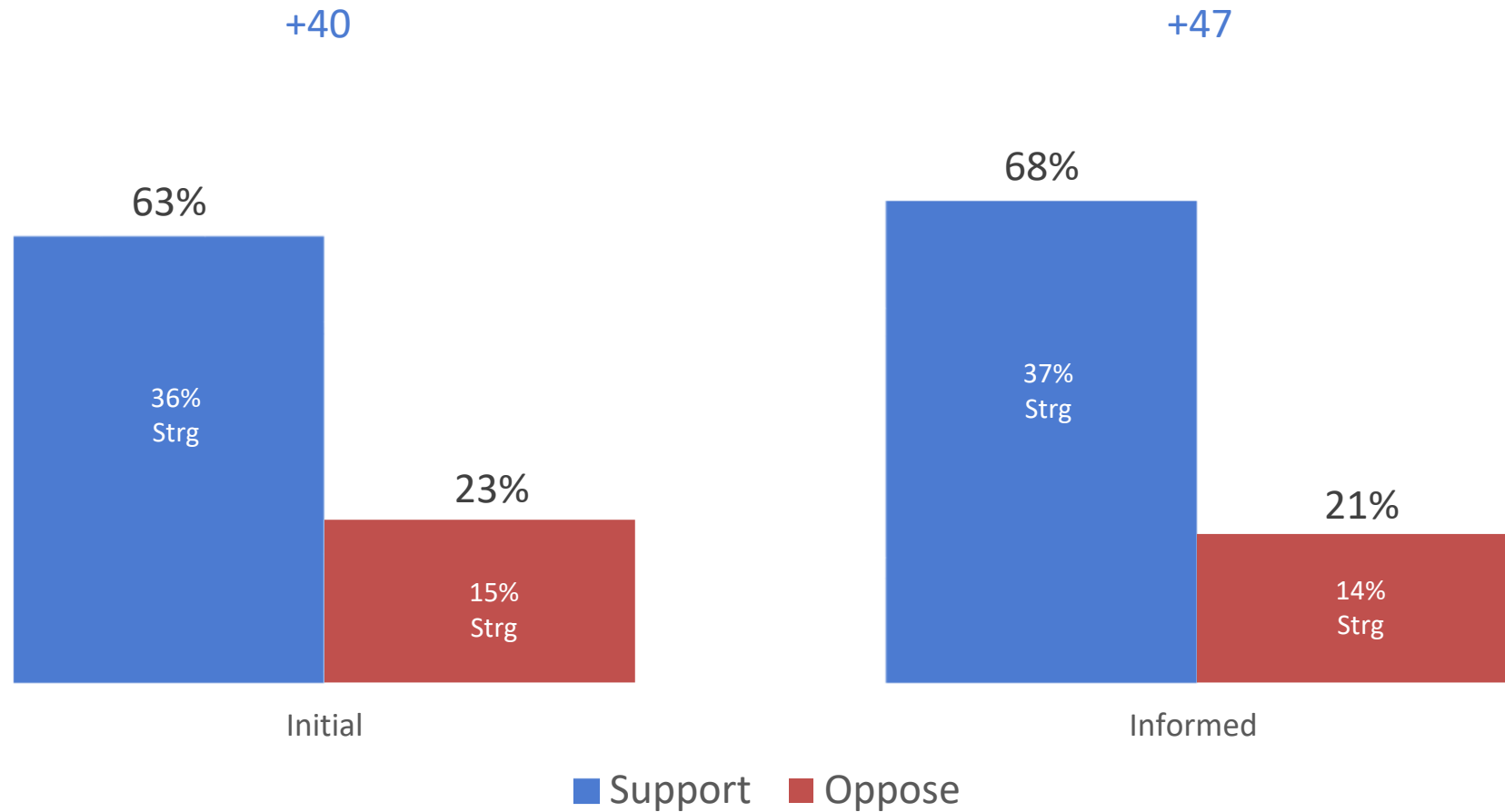


Nearly 90% of voters believe that landowners should have the right to lease their land to whomever they want without interference from the state or local governments.

*As you may know, a number of Greene County residents have agreed to lease their land to Vesper Energy for the Kingwood Solar project. Do you believe that these property owners should have the right to lease their land to whomever they want and that the state and local governments should not interfere?*



At the end of the poll, support for Kingwood increases to 68%.





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