

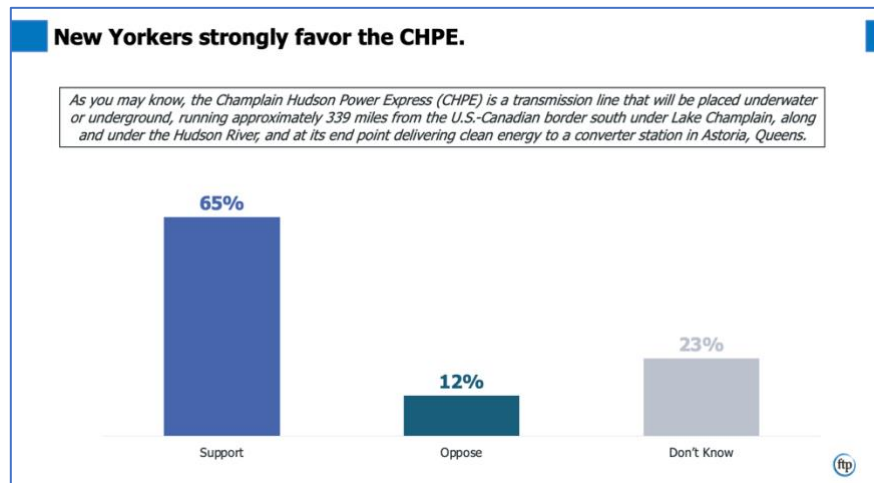
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Subject: Key Findings from our Recent New York Survey

This memo summarizes key findings from a recent online statewide survey in New York. The survey was conducted among 500 New York voters, with oversamples to reach 400 New York City voters and 300 Hudson River Valley voters, conducted between January 26th and February 3rd, 2022. The margin of error for a sample size of 500 is +/- 5.0 at the 95% confidence interval.

Sixty-five percent (65%) of New Yorkers support the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE), with very few opposed – and support extends across key demographic groups.

In our recently completed statewide survey, we provided New York voters with a basic description of the Champlain Hudson Power Express project:

“As you may know, the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) is a transmission line that will be placed underwater or underground, running approximately 339 miles from the U.S.-Canadian border south under Lake Champlain, along and under the Hudson River, and at its end point delivering clean energy to a converter station in Astoria, Queens.”



A strong majority (65%) support the project. Just 12% of New Yorkers oppose the project, and 23% are undecided.

Support for the Champlain Hudson Power Express is strong across the state, with strong majorities upstate (57%), in the Hudson River Valley (62%) and in New York City (74%) all supporting the project. And in no region does opposition rise above 16%.

Importantly, support extends across political divides, with 75% of Democrats, 60% of Republicans, and 57% of independents saying they support it. At a time when there is little that aligns voters across party, support for the project is robust.

Indeed, we see strong majority support across *every* demographic group we tested, including gender (72% support among men, 59% among women) and race and ethnicity (70% among Black voters, 69% among Hispanic voters, and 63% among white voters).

New Yorkers across the state strongly agree with Governor Hochul’s support for renewable energy initiatives, including the CHPE.

Sixty-five percent (65%) agree with the Governor’s “support for initiatives to reduce New York state’s reliance on fossil fuels by making 70% of New York’s electricity come from renewable energy before the year 2030.” This includes 84% of Democrats, 54% of independents, and nearly half of Republicans (49%) agreeing with the current Governor.

Additionally, 61% agree with the Governor’s statement that “the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) will help New York reduce its reliance on fossil fuels and meet its 2030 renewable energy goals.” This includes 54% of upstate New Yorkers, 60% of Hudson River Valley voters, and 67% of New York City voters.

Voters recognize the importance of the potential benefits that the project offers the state.

New Yorkers see value in the many benefits that the project has to offer the state. For example, 78% agree that “today, New Yorkers pay 57% more than the national average for electricity. We need projects like this to help reduce the cost of electricity” (with 46% saying they “strongly agree”). Seventy-five percent (75%) agree with the statement that “this project will create jobs for New York families from upstate New York all the way down to New York City” (39% strongly agree).

Additionally, 75% agree that “the hydropower in this project will provide New Yorkers with a dependable, always-on supply of clean energy through hydropower” (36% strongly agree).

Taken together, these results point to a project that enjoys broad support among New York voters, with benefits that they are eager to receive.