

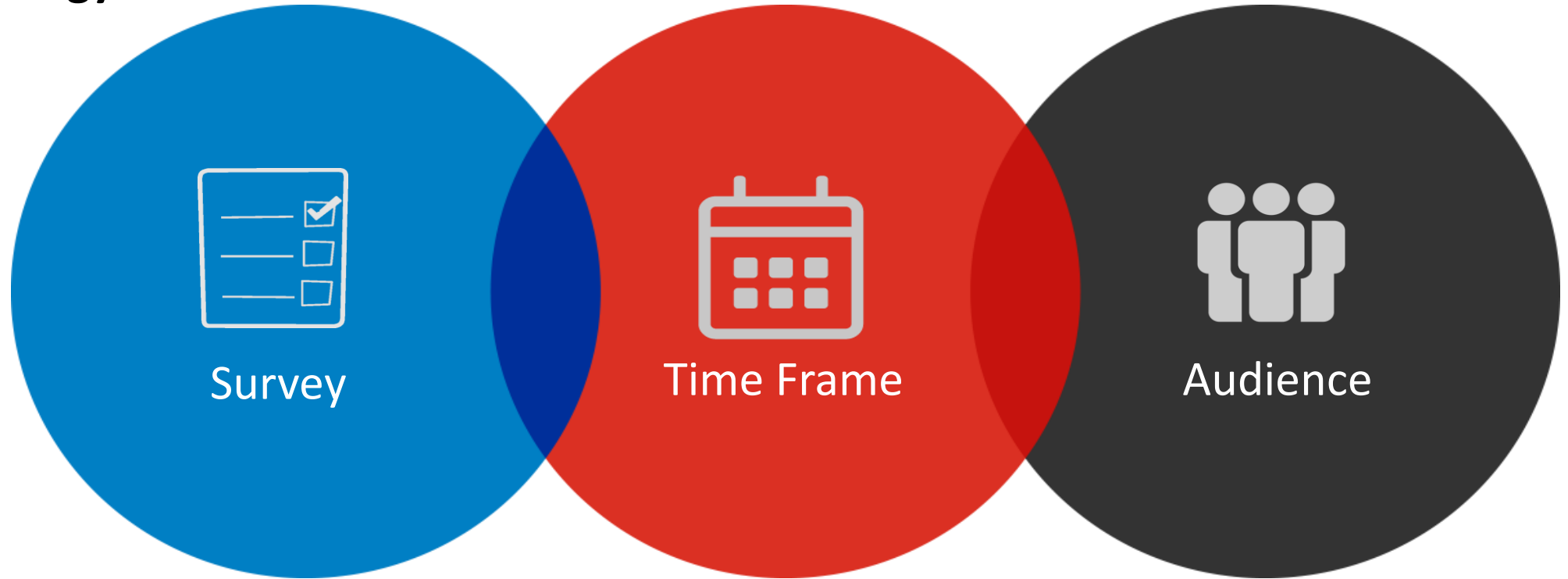


# Dakota Access Pipeline Illinois Statewide Phone Survey

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# Methodology



Survey

Time Frame

Audience

- **Public Opinion Strategies conducted a statewide phone survey in Illinois of adults to measure opinion about the use of pipeline to transport natural gas and oil in general and the Dakota Access Pipeline operating within the state.**
- **The survey was conducted January 16-19, 2020.**
- **The survey was conducted by phone among N=700 Illinois adults.**
- **The margin of error for a sample size of N=700 is  $\pm 3.7\%$ .**

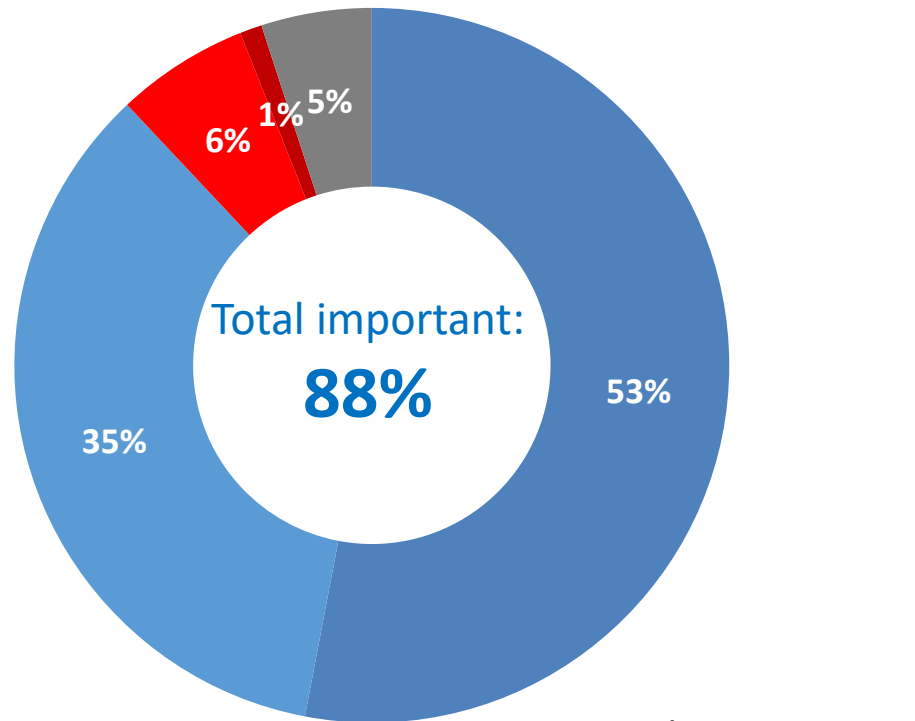




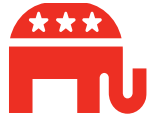


# Importance of the Industry and Using Pipeline in Illinois

Nearly all residents surveyed say the oil industry is important to the state's economy. Majorities across partisanship call the industry "very important" to the state's economy.

*Now, thinking about Illinois's energy industry, how important would you say the industry is to the state's economy as a whole?*



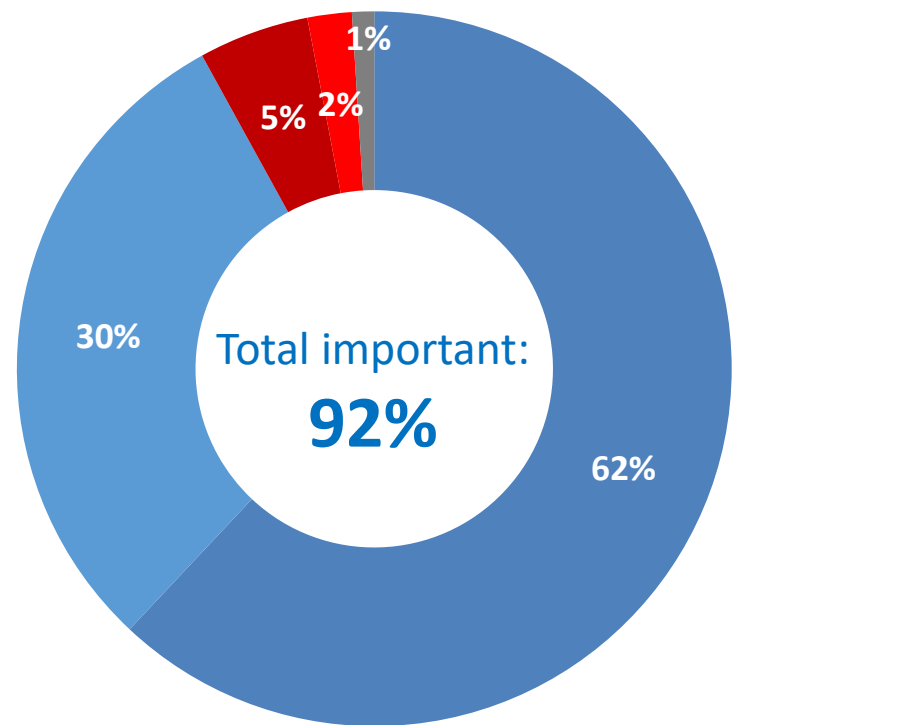
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Total Important	88%	83%	90%
Very Important	58%	52%	51%

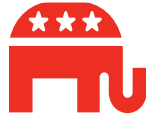



A bi-partisan aspiration in Illinois is for the U.S. to produce all our own energy and become energy independent.

*How important is it to you that the United States produce all of its own energy and becomes energy independent?*

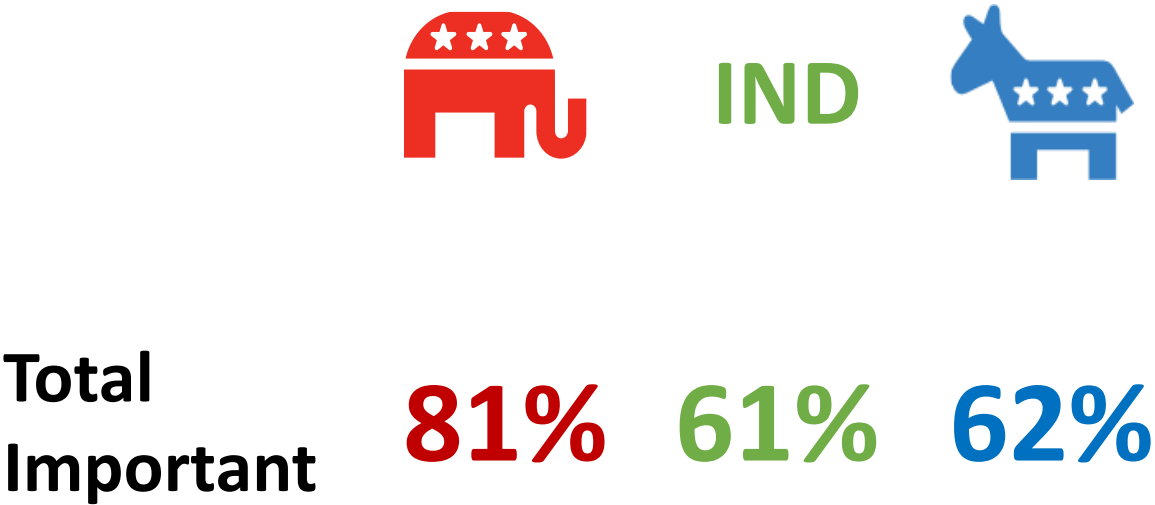
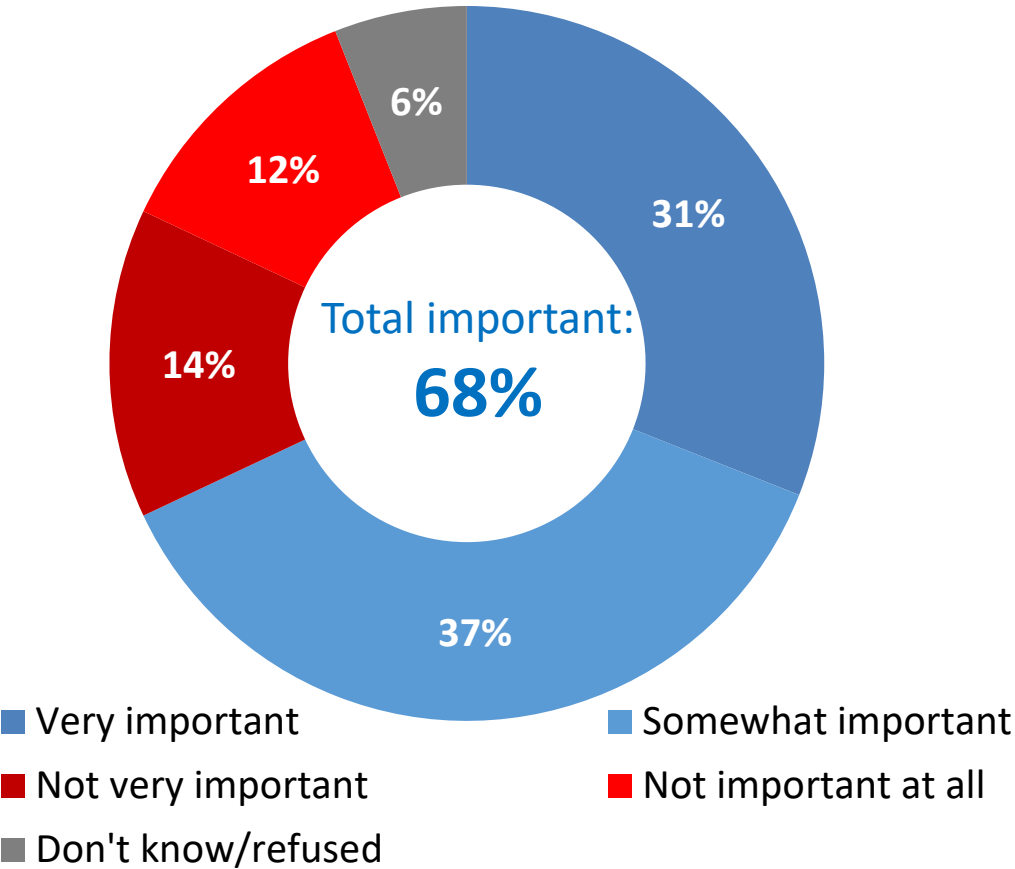


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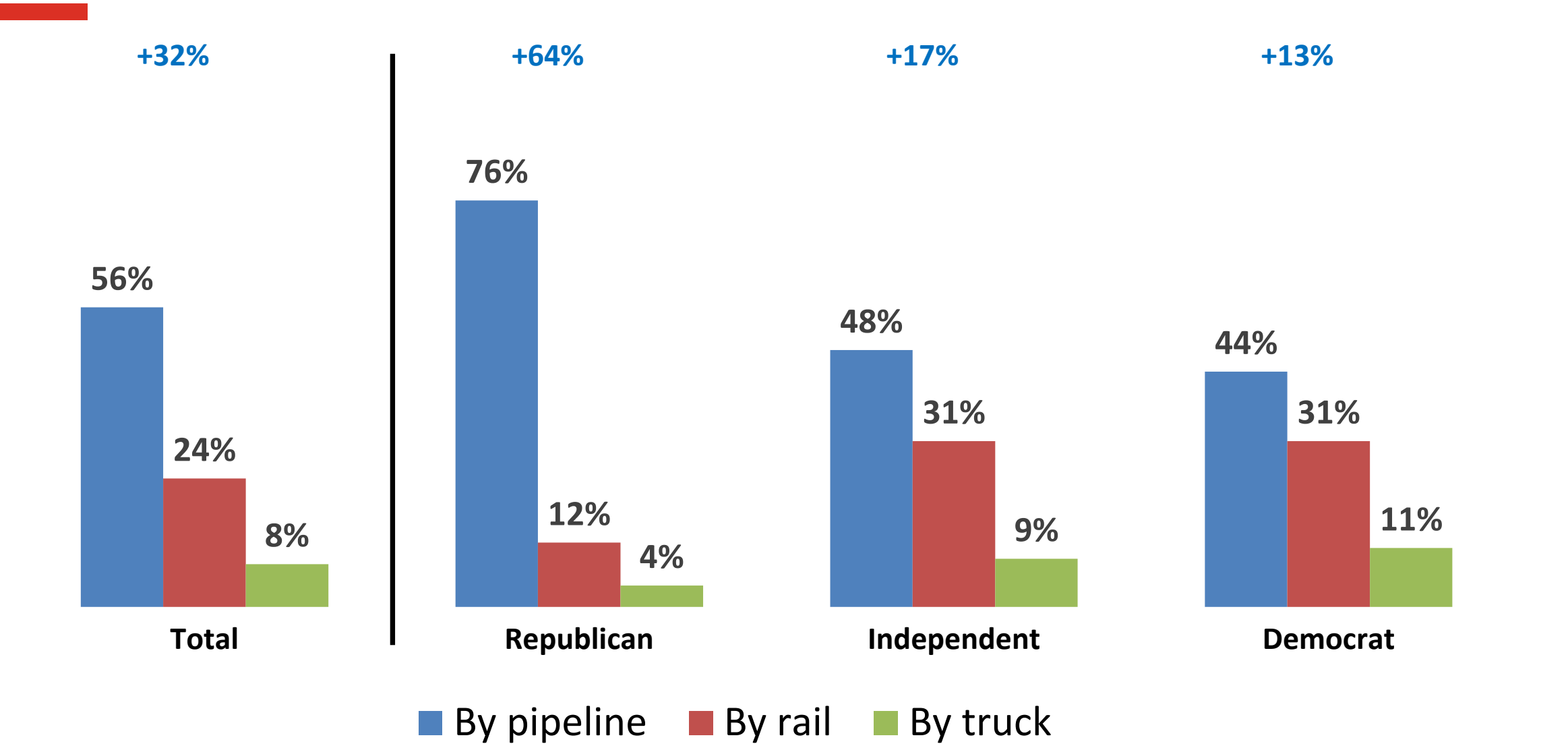
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Total Important	95%	92%	89%
Very Important	72%	57%	56%

A vast majority of respondents say it is important that Illinois natural gas and oil be transported by pipeline and not by rail or truck.

*How important is it to you that natural gas and oil that transits through Illinois is transported by pipeline instead of by rail or by truck?*



A majority of residents (56%) say pipelines are the safest way to transport oil but differences exist by party on this question.





# Increasing capacity on the Dakota Access Pipeline

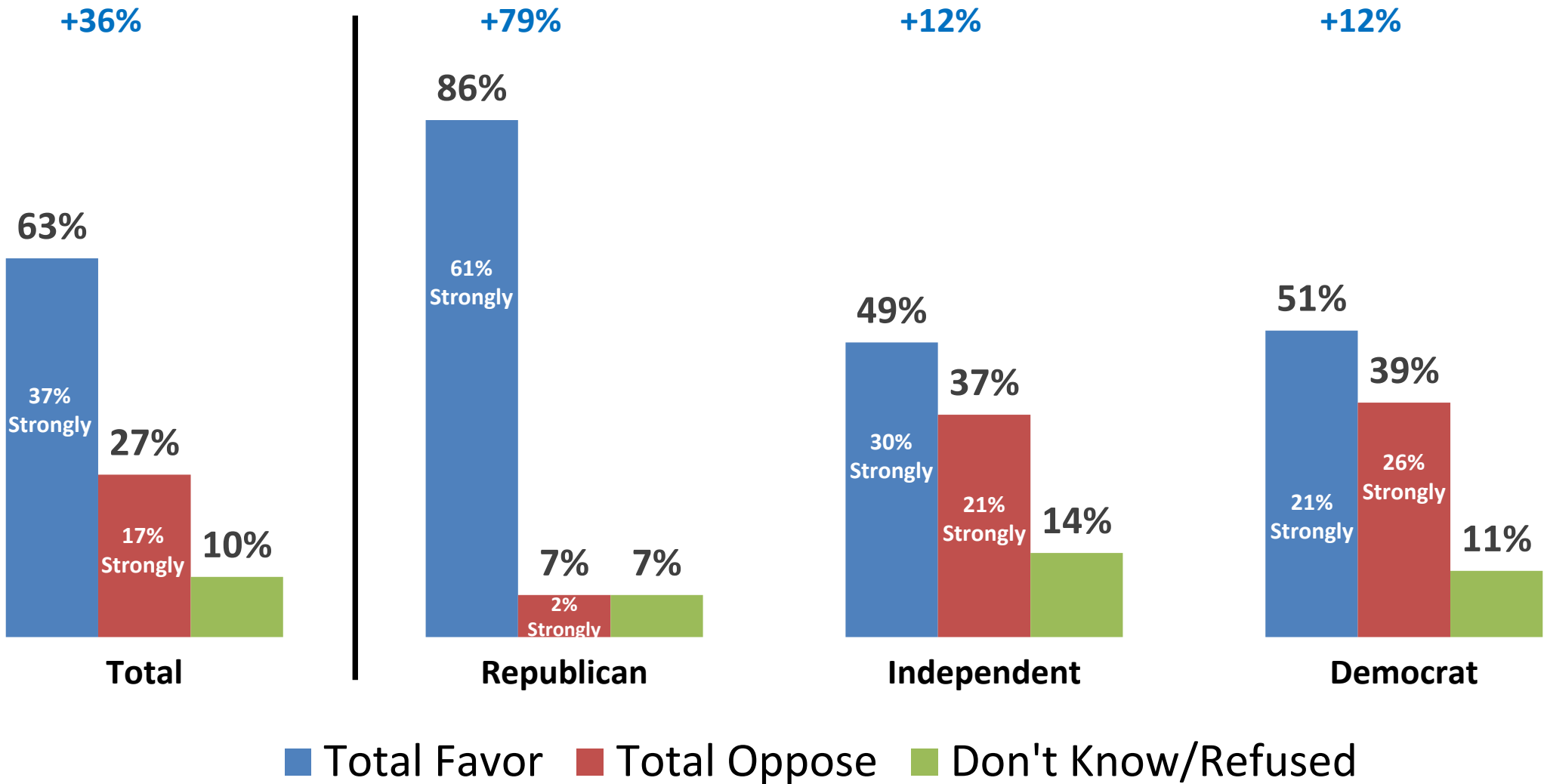


## Dakota Access Pipeline Capacity Increase Language

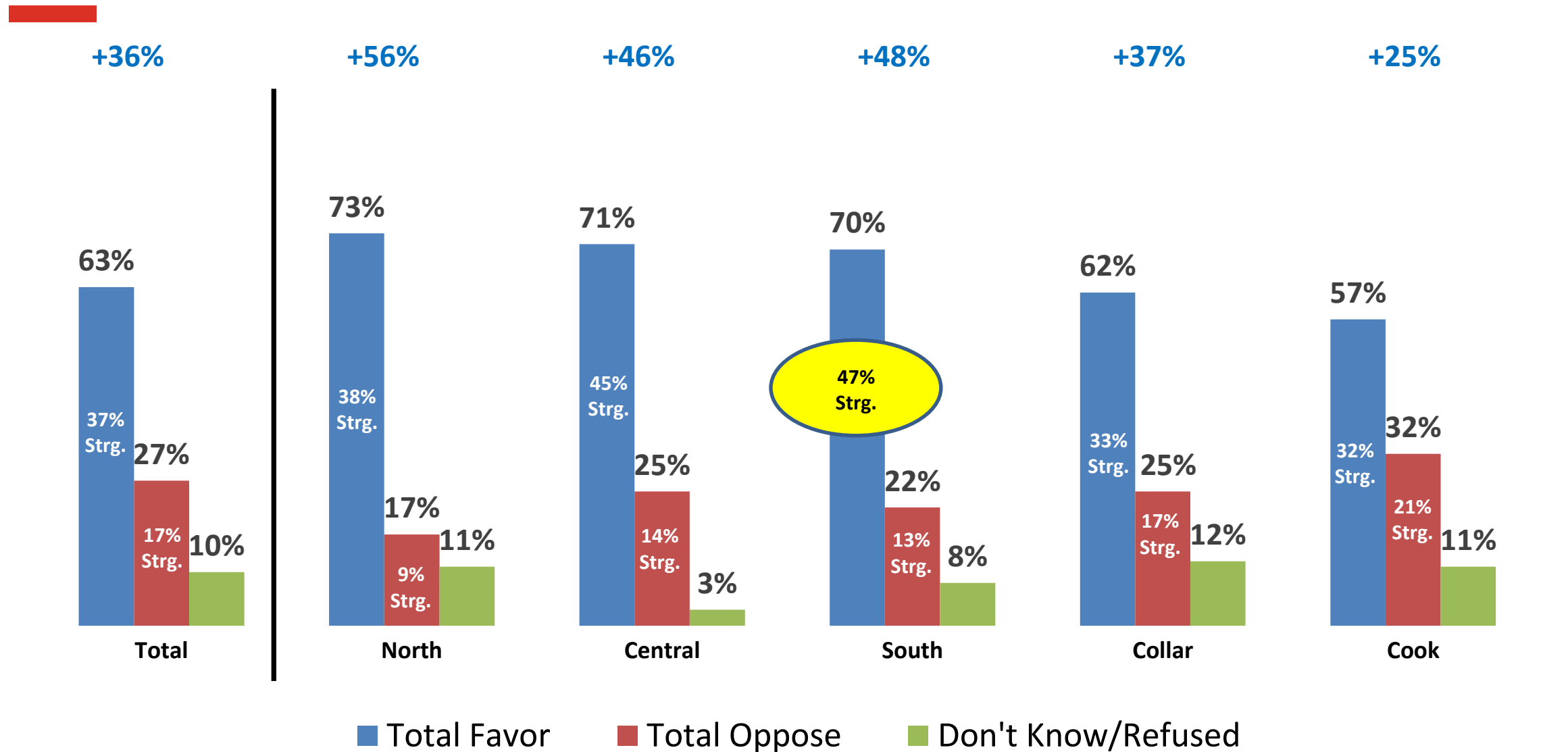


*Currently, the Dakota Access Pipeline transports five hundred seventy thousand barrels of oil per day to Illinois. Adding an additional pump station in Illinois along the existing line to create additional horsepower would allow it to transport up to one point one million barrels of oil per day, doubling its capacity, with no mainline construction or additional pipe needed. If the pump station is added – the capacity of the Dakota Access Pipeline is increased – that would mean more US oil is produced and more is refined in the US.*

Increasing Dakota Access Pipeline's (DAP) capacity is strongly supported by residents overall including by 86% of Republicans and 51% of Democrats across the state.



Majorities of residents by region support the increase in DAP capacity and there is higher strong support (47% strongly favor) in the southern region where the DAP is mainly located.





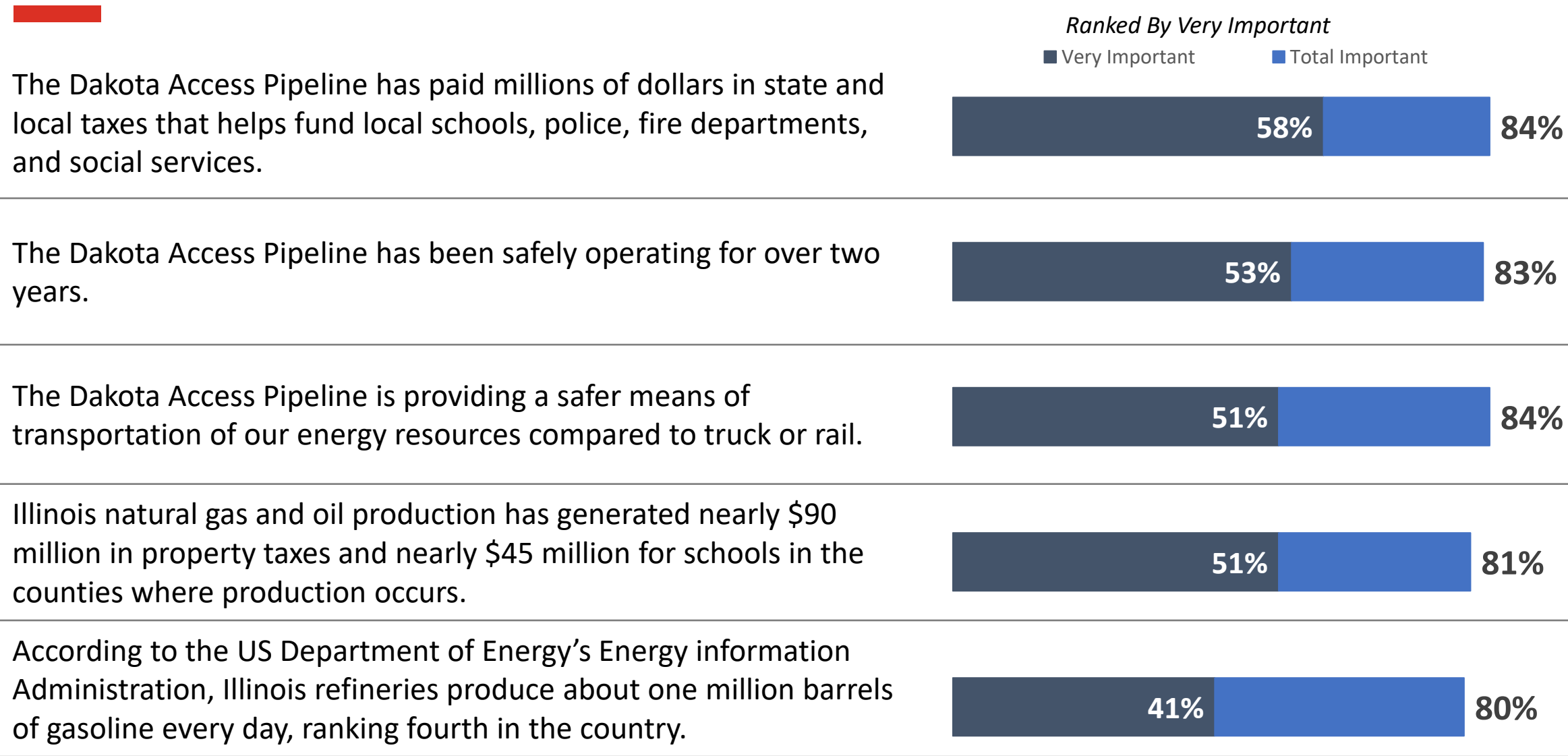


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# **Dakota Access Pipeline Statements**



# Large majorities of residents find these statements important to them personally.






An aerial photograph of a rural farm scene. In the foreground, there are several red barns with white roofs and a white silo. A dirt road winds through the landscape. The background features rolling green hills and a dense forest of trees with autumn foliage. The text "Summary of Key Findings" is overlaid in the center of the image.

# Summary of Key Findings



# Summary of Key Finding

- ✓ For over 90% of Illinois resident the energy industry is seen as important to the state economy.
- ✓ Pipeline is seen as the safest way to transport oil by a majority of residents.
- ✓ By 68% to 26% residents say it is important to continue to transport oil by pipeline than other means.
- ✓ Fully 85% of residents say it is personally important to them that “the Dakota Access Pipeline is providing a safer means of transportation of our energy resources compared to truck or rail.”
- ✓ This survey shows very high and strong support of expanding capacity on DAP with 63% total and 37% strongly favoring this proposal statewide and just 27% opposing. And, support is higher in the southern part of the state where the pipeline runs.
- ✓ Dakota Access Pipeline’s record of safety is very important to voters as is that it *“has paid millions of dollars in state and local taxes that helps fund local schools, police, fire departments, and social services.”*



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