

For the First Time Ever, A Majority of Americans Oppose Fracking and Nuclear Power

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Gallup [reported](#) on March 18th:

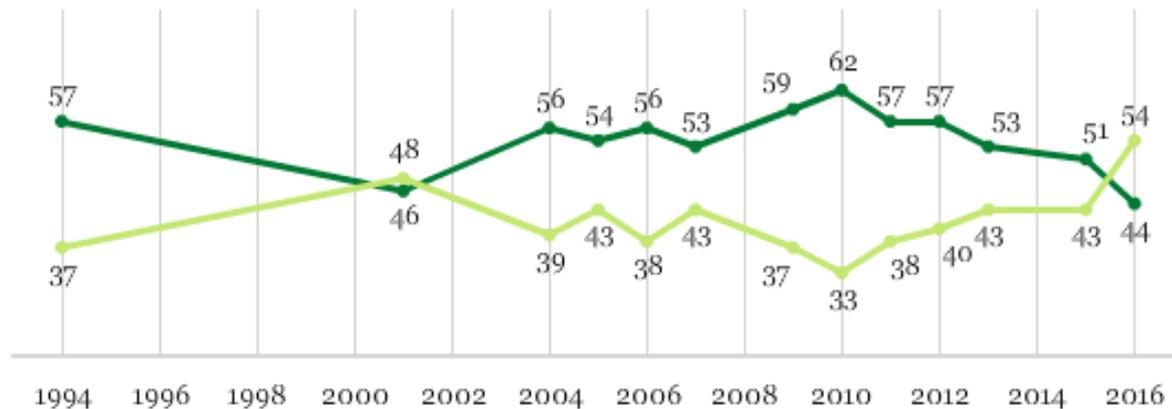
For the first time since Gallup first asked the question in 1994, a majority of Americans say they oppose nuclear energy.

The 54% opposing it is up significantly from 43% a year ago, while the 44% who favor using nuclear energy is down from 51%.

Majority of Americans Now Say They Oppose Nuclear Energy

Overall, do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the use of nuclear energy as one of the ways to provide electricity for the U.S.?

■ Total % favor ■ Total % oppose



Note: Surveys in 2001-2009 and 2012 asked this question of a half sample

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Similarly, Gallup [reported](#) Wednesday:

Opposition to fracking rises to 51% from 40% in 2015

Opposition to the practice of hydraulic fracturing or “fracking” has increased significantly in the past year as environmental concerns, such as earthquakes, have grown, even though the procedure has helped keep oil prices low.

Fracking in the United States

Do you favor or oppose hydraulic fracturing or “fracking” as a means of increasing the production of natural gas and oil in the U.S.?

	<i>Favor%</i>	<i>Oppose%</i>	<i>No opinion%</i>
<i>Mar 2-6, 2016</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Mar 5-8, 2015</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>19</i>

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Both [fracking](#) and [nuclear](#) are insanely destructive to health and the environment ... so it is good news that the public has turned against them.

What types of energy do Americans favor?

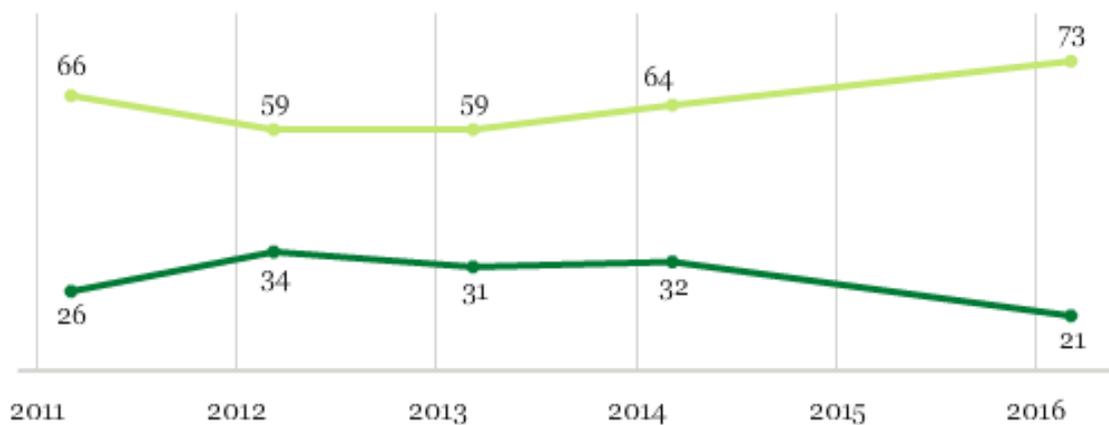
A third Gallup report from last month [found](#):

Seventy-three percent of Americans say they prefer emphasizing alternative energy, rather than gas and oil production, as the solution to the nation’s energy problems.

Americans' Preferred Solution to Energy Problems

Which of the following approaches to solving the nation's energy problems do you think the U.S. should follow right now?

■ Emphasize production of oil, gas ■ Emphasize alternative energy



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