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**WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS COMES CLOSEST TO YOUR VIEWS?**

- All registered voters and by party affiliation

![Bar chart showing poll results](chart.png)

**The government should let green considerations and climate considerations determine the energy choices it makes.**

- All registered voters: 32%
- ANC: 26%
- DA: 27%
- EFF: 46%

**The government should pursue any energy sources as long as they end loadshedding and are cost effective.**

- All registered voters: 62%
- ANC: 69%
- DA: 59%
- EFF: 45%
The government should let green considerations and climate considerations determine the energy choices it makes. The government should pursue any energy sources as long as they end loadshedding and are cost effective.

By race

By highest level of education

Polling support for various sources of energy
WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ENERGY SOURCES DO YOU THINK WOULD BE BEST FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO INVEST IN TO ADDRESS SOUTH AFRICA’S ENERGY CRISIS AND GENERATE CONSISTENT, CHEAP ENERGY FOR ALL?

All registered voters and by party affiliation

By race
WOULD YOU SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF MORE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS?

All registered voters and by party affiliation
By race

By highest level of education

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WOULD YOU SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF MORE COAL POWER PLANTS?

All registered voters and by party affiliation

By race
By highest level of education

WOULD YOU SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF MORE SOLAR AND WIND POWER PLANTS?

All registered voters and by party affiliation
By race

By highest level of education

TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS

When voters are asked which energy sources would best address South Africa’s electricity crisis roughly 4 in 10 say solar and wind followed by 3 in 10 who say coal whilst 1 in 10 say gas and 1 in 20 nuclear. When voters are asked whether green considerations should determine the energy choices the government makes, roughly a third say yes whilst two thirds say no. As a consequence roughly 70% of voters would support the construction of new coal fired power stations. For the ANC the figure was 72% and for the DA 56%. For black voters the figure was 71% whilst for white voters it was 31%. Roughly 60% of voters would support the construction of a nuclear fleet. For the ANC the figure was 70% and for the DA 55%. For black voters the figure was 67% and for white voters 43%. The racial splits in the data most likely reflect the fact that roughly 6 in 10 white voters have installed private electricity solutions in their homes as opposed to roughly 1 in 10 black voters (see SRF report 23/2023).

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