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48 Male
52 Female
[109]

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated. Due to rounding, not all tables will add to 100% and totaled responses may vary from individual responses.

1. How important is it for your elected officials to have each of the following priorities--very important, pretty important, just somewhat important, not that important?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY IMPORTANT

	Total Important	Very Important	Pretty Important	Just Some- what Important	Not That Important	Not Sure
Protecting the desert landscapes, mountains and valleys, recreation areas, and other outdoor spaces that make up our public lands and making sure they are not sold off to private corporations **	79	64	15	16	4	1
Protecting the desert landscapes, mountains and valleys, recreation areas, and other outdoor spaces that make up our public lands *	74	52	22	22	3	1
Having strong policies to address air pollution	64	50	14	25	10	2
Expanding the use of renewable energy sources, such as solar, wind, and geo-thermal power	60	45	16	25	14	1
Having strong policies to address climate change	55	45	10	23	21	1

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 2a. How much do you think the FEDERAL government is doing to protect indigenous sacred places and lands for outdoor recreation and wildlife protection? Do you think it is doing too much to protect these places and lands, too little, or about the right amount? *

Too much.....	8
Too little	48
About the right amount	35
Not sure	9

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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- 2b. How important is it for the federal government to protect places that are sacred to indigenous people and tribes--extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not that important, or not important at all?
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Extremely important	37
Very important	34
Somewhat important	21
Not that important	4
Not important at all.....	3
Not sure	1
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Total Important	70

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

3. Over the past year, how many times do you think you have visited public lands such as recreation areas, parks, forests, national monuments, national wildlife refuges, or other public land in Nevada?

Once or twice.....	19
Three to five times	19
Six to ten times	18
Eleven to twenty times	11
More than twenty times	16
Never	16
Not sure	-
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Total 5 or less	38
Total 6-10	29
Total 11 or more	33

Moving along...

4. Throughout history, Democratic and Republican presidents have created national monuments to protect special places with ecological and cultural values. These national monuments limit the development of fossil fuel and renewable energy, new road construction, and mining, and encourage hunting, hiking, camping, and scenic driving.

Do you generally support or oppose protecting national monuments in Nevada? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "SUPPORT" OR "OPPOSE," ASK:)** And do you strongly or just somewhat (support/oppose) protecting national monuments in Nevada?

Strongly support	66
Somewhat support	25
Somewhat oppose	3
Strongly oppose.....	3
Not sure	3
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Total Support	91
Total Oppose	6

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5. Considering this information about national monuments, Avi Kwa Ame, also known as Spirit Mountain, is a potential new national monument in Nevada. Would you support or oppose [FORM A: Joe Biden/FORM B: the federal government] designating Avi Kwa Ame as a national monument? (IF RESPONDENTS SAYS "SUPPORT/OPPOSE," ASK:) And do you strongly or just somewhat (support/oppose) oppose [FORM A: Joe Biden/FORM B: the federal government] designating Avi Kwa Ame as a national monument?

Strongly support	35
Somewhat support	24
Somewhat oppose	3
Strongly oppose.....	7
Not sure	30
Total Support	60
Total Oppose	10

- 6a. If Avi Kwa Ame is designated as a NEW national monument, do you think it would help, hurt, or not make much difference to the state of Nevada as a whole when it comes to (READ ITEM)? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY HELP

	<u>Help</u>	<u>Hurt</u>	<u>Not Make Much Difference</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Protecting Nevada's natural areas for future generations	72	2	21	4
Protecting the places where Nevadans participate in outdoor recreation, such as hiking, backpacking, and camping	65	5	23	7
Preventing land exploitation that would hurt Nevada's environment and quality of life	51	10	31	8
Generating new jobs and economic development in Nevada	46	5	43	6

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 6b. If a unique place in Nevada is designated as a NEW national monument, do you think it would help, hurt, or not make much difference to the state of Nevada as a whole when it comes to (READ ITEM)? **

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	<u>Help</u>	<u>Hurt</u>	<u>Not Make Much Difference</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Protecting Nevada's natural areas for future generations	80	3	14	3
Protecting the places where Nevadans participate in outdoor recreation, such as hiking, backpacking, and camping	71	7	20	3
Preventing land exploitation that would hurt Nevada's environment and quality of life	59	10	24	6
Generating new jobs and economic development in Nevada	50	4	41	5

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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7. Now I'm going to read you some statements that supporters of designating Avi Kwa Ame as a national monument might make. For each one, please tell me whether you think this is a very convincing, fairly convincing, not that convincing, or not at all convincing reason to designate Avi Kwa Ame as a national monument.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY CONVINCING

	Total Con- vincing	Very Con- vincing	Fairly Con- vincing	Not That Con- vincing	Not Con- vincing At All	Not Sure
[ECOLOGICAL] The proposed monument contains some of the most visually stunning, biologically diverse lands in the Mojave Desert. Some of these biological treasures are the eastern edge of the world's largest Joshua tree forest, habitat for the desert tortoise, and a migratory corridor for desert bighorn sheep. Designating the area as a monument would protect the land and preserve these essential habitats. *	83	56	28	7	9	1
[CULTURAL] The proposed monument is considered sacred by the twelve native tribes in the area, such as the Yuman speaking tribes. Designating the area as a monument would protect sacred Native American and Indigenous cultural sites, values, and practices from looting, vandalism, and degradation	82	53	29	9	8	2
[RECREATION/OVERCROWDING] As more people visit and relocate to Las Vegas, places like Red Rock Canyon will become more overcrowded and access will be limited. Designating Avi Kwa Ame as a national monument would provide more opportunities for people to enjoy public lands and have guaranteed access to outdoor spaces for camping, hiking, biking, and other recreation **	81	47	34	11	7	1
[RECREATION/RED ROCK] Just like the example of Red Rock Canyon and the more than two million people each year who enjoy that area, designating Avi Kwa Ame as a national monument would provide more opportunities for people to enjoy public lands and have guaranteed access to outdoor spaces for camping, hiking, biking, and other recreation *	75	46	29	13	10	1
[CLIMATE] Our planet is facing a climate and conservation crisis. The United States is losing a football field's worth of natural land every thirty seconds. Designating Avi Kwa Ame as a monument would protect the natural land from development and ensure that these lands are managed in a way that helps address climate change **	66	41	25	19	12	2
[ENDORSED] Designating Avi Kwa Ame as a national monument already has the support of numerous leaders and groups across the state, which includes the Nevada legislature, conservation groups, tribal leaders, and local Searchlight, Boulder City, and Laughlin officials and residents **	74	39	35	15	9	2
[ECONOMY] The outdoor recreation economy in Nevada generates nearly fifty thousand direct jobs in the state and adds nearly four billion dollars to the economy. Designating Avi Kwa Ame as a national monument would improve the state's economy with more new jobs and revenue sources, and would play an important role in boosting the state's tourism economy *	65	38	27	18	15	2

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8. Now I'm going to read you some statements that opponents of designating Avi Kwa Ame as a national monument might make. For each one, please tell me whether you think this is a very convincing, fairly convincing, not that convincing, or not at all convincing reason to OPPOSE designating Avi Kwa Ame as a national monument.

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	Total Con- vincing	Very Con- vincing	Fairly Con- vincing	Not That Con- vincing	Not Con- vincing At All	Not Sure
[STATE CONTROL] Nevadans know what is best when it comes to handling the state's public land, not a handful of politicians in Washington, D.C. Designating Avi Kwa Ame as a national monument gives the federal government even more power over Nevada while local officials are left out of decision-making for their own land.....	48	26	23	21	29	2
[LAND GRAB/GENERAL] This is yet another example of a federal land grab to benefit an extreme environmental agenda. Federal bureaucrats have taken lands away from citizens. This unconstitutional policy shift moves us from a nation founded on private property principles to one controlled by the administrative state **	43	25	18	24	31	2
[ACCESS/VEHICLES] Designating Avi Kwa Ame as a national monument would reduce access to our public lands. It would put unfair limits on when and how local residents can use ATVs and off-highway vehicles and other ways to productively use the natural land **	42	19	23	22	34	2
[LOCALS/GENERATIONS] Designating this monument is not about what local Nevadans want or need. Our local property rights and those of families who have been grazing and accessing lands for generations pre-date the claims of the federal government on these lands **	41	19	22	22	35	2
[ENERGY] Designating this area as a national monument would PREVENT development of needed energy resources in Nevada, hurting the development of the state's energy industry. Energy projects would create hundreds of jobs, but any energy project would be stopped if Avi Kwa Ame is designated a national monument **	40	17	24	26	30	4
[ECONOMY] National monuments block access to lands which hurts rural economies. They lead to the loss of jobs, reduced wages, and reduced public access for important industries such as farming, ranching, timber harvest, mining, oil, gas exploration, fishing, and motorized recreation	38	16	23	22	38	2
[LAND GRAB/STATS] This is yet another example of a federal land grab to benefit an extreme environmental agenda. The national agenda to protect thirty percent of America's land and ocean by 2030 is an unconstitutional policy shift, moving us from a nation founded on private property principles to one controlled by the administrative state.*	34	16	18	24	40	2

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	Total Con- vincing	Very Con- vincing	Fairly Con- vincing	Not That Con- vincing	Not Con- vincing At All	Not Sure
[CLEAN ENERGY] Designating this area as a national monument would PREVENT development of needed clean energy resources in Nevada, hurting the development of the state's solar and wind industry. There are currently major solar and wind developers interested in the area who would create hundreds of jobs and expand access to renewable energy, but the projects would be stopped if Avi Kwa Ame is designated a national monument. *	44	15	29	18	35	3
[LOCALS/AGENDA] Designating this monument is not about what local Nevadans want or need, it's about the desires of a few rich individuals who do not even live here. Monuments are a part of the radical environmental agenda that does not take Nevadan's needs or our way of life into account *	31	15	16	21	45	3
[ACCESS/GENERAL] Designating Avi Kwa Ame as a national monument would reduce access to our public lands. It would put unfair limits on when and how local residents can productively use the natural land *	35	14	20	21	39	5

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

9. Based on everything you have heard, would you support or oppose [FORM A: Joe Biden/FORM B: the federal government] designating Avi Kwa Ame as a national monument? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS "SUPPORT/OPPOSE," ASK:) And do you strongly or just somewhat (support/oppose) [FORM A: Joe Biden/FORM B: the federal government] designating Avi Kwa Ame as a national monument?

Strongly support	47
Somewhat support	24
Somewhat oppose	8
Strongly oppose	12
Not sure	10
Total Support	70
Total Oppose	20

10a. And, regardless of how you feel about this idea, which ONE or TWO of the following impacts matter the most when considering your view on designating a new national monument in Nevada? *

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The impact it will have on archeological sites, including sites that are sacred to Native-American communities	39	>
The impact it will have on wildlife and natural habitats	38	
The impact it will have on public access for hunting, fishing, and hiking	18	
The impact it will have on the local economies near national monuments	14	
The impact it could have on the status of other national monuments across the country	9	
None (VOL)	6	
Not sure.....	8	

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10b. And, regardless of how you feel about this idea, which ONE or TWO of the following impacts makes you most concerned about designating a new national monument in Nevada? **

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It would give the federal government more power.....	20	>
It would benefit a few rich individuals outside of Nevada	17	
It would infringe on the constitutional rights of land-owners	15	
It would hurt the local ranching and sportsman industries.....	15	
It would prevent the development of wind and solar energy resources	14	
It would reduce access to public lands	14	
None (VOL)	18	
Not sure.....	10	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

10c. Would you approve or disapprove of a member of Congress from Nevada who SUPPORTS designating Avi Kwa Ame as a national monument? *

Approve	65
Disapprove	20
Not sure	15

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

10d. Would you approve or disapprove of a member of Congress who SUPPORTS protecting public lands by designating them as monuments? **

Approve	69
Disapprove	19
Not sure	12

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	-
Some high school.....	3
High school graduate	19
Some college, no degree	23
Vocational training, 2-year college	12
4-year college/bachelor's degree	22
Some postgraduate work, no degree	3
2-3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree	13
Doctoral/law degree	4
Not sure/refused.....	1

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F2. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be very conservative, somewhat conservative, middle of the road, somewhat liberal, or very liberal?

Very conservative	15
Somewhat conservative.....	23
Middle of the road	29
Somewhat liberal	16
Very liberal.....	13
Not sure	4
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Total Conservative	38
Total Liberal	29

1h1. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "NOT SURE/REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to? (READ LIST.)**

18-24	7
25-29	6
30-34	7
35-39	6
40-44	10
45-49	7
50-54	9
55-59	9
60-64	9
65-69	9
70-74	9
75 and older.....	12
Not sure/refused	1

1hi. Again, for statistical purposes only, are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? And to ensure that we have a representative sample, what is your race--white, Black or African American, Asian, or something else?

White	70
Black/African American.....	5
Asian.....	1
Other.....	6
Hispanic/Latino/Spanish origin	15
Not sure/refused	2

1fg. Regardless of how you may be registered, how would you describe your overall point of view in terms of the political parties? Would you say that you are mostly Democratic, leaning Democratic, completely independent, leaning Republican, or mostly Republican? **(IF INITIAL RESPONSE IS "NOT SURE" OR REFUSED, SAY:)** As a reminder, your answer is completely confidential and is being used for statistical purposes only. With that in mind, which would you say best describes you?

Mostly Democratic	25
Leaning Democratic.....	8
Completely independent	25
Leaning Republican	12
Mostly Republican	26
Not sure	4
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Total Democratic	33
Total Republican	38

PARTY REGISTRATION FROM FILE	
Democrat	35
Republican.....	32
Nonpartisan	32

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