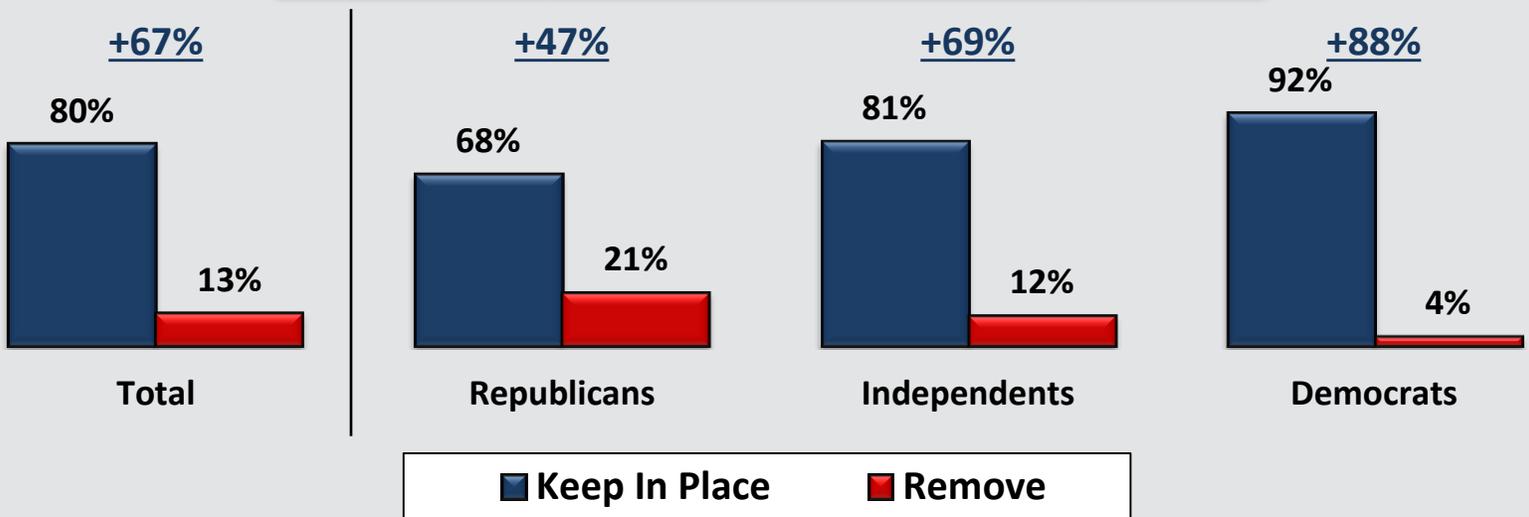


# Public Lands

*Western voters have strong feelings about the public lands in their state. There is overwhelming support among voters in the West for keeping national monuments in place. Somewhat similarly, they are opposed to state governments taking control of national public lands, but are not firmly opposed to oil and gas drilling on public lands. However, they do NOT support allowing more coal mining on public lands.*

Fully 80% of voters in the West back keeping national monument designations in place, while only 13% support having them removed. This sentiment is consistently strong across partisan and ideological lines, as well as in each of the seven Western states in which we surveyed.

## Keep Existing National Monument Designations

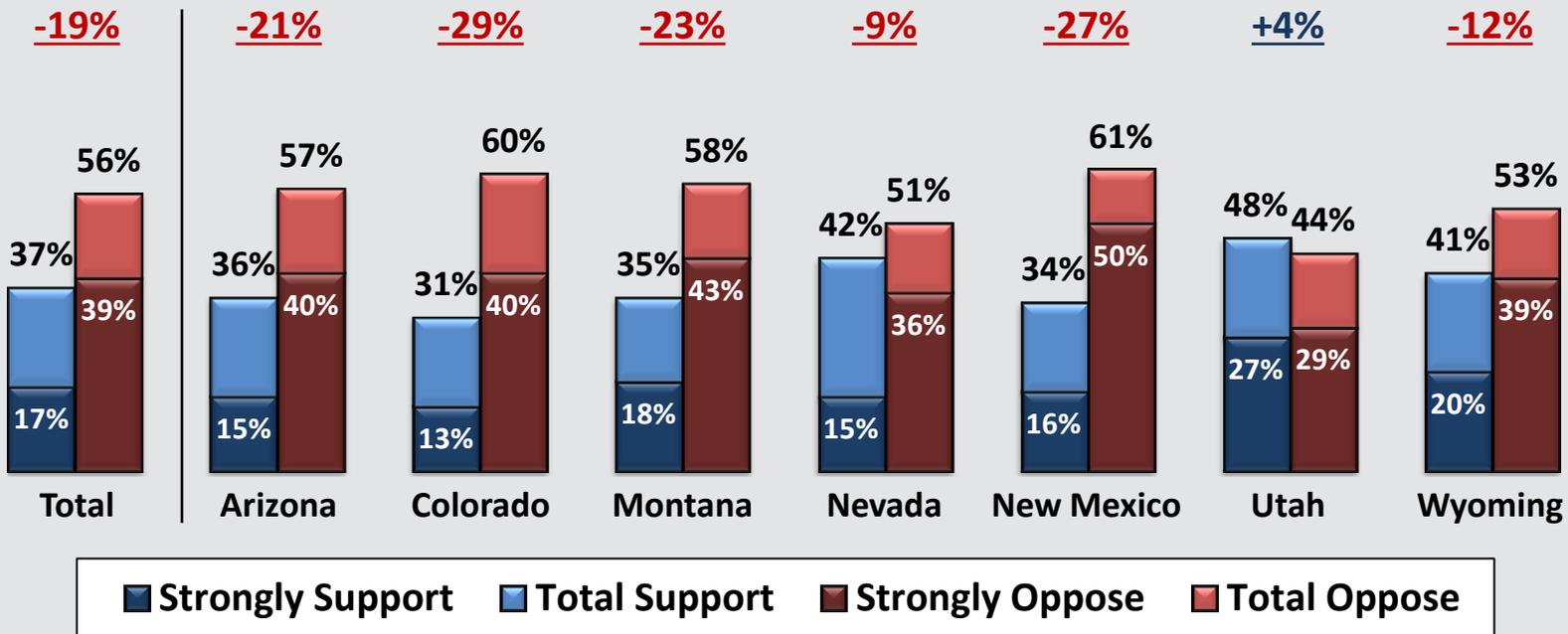


Voters in these states were also asked:

*Some Members of Congress have proposed giving state government control over national public lands, such as national forests, national monuments, and national wildlife refuges in its borders. The state government would decide the future management of the lands, but state taxpayers would pay all costs, including the cost of maintenance and preventing and fighting wildfires. Do you support or oppose this proposal?*

Thirty seven percent (37%) support this proposal, while a majority (56%) are opposed. Only in Utah did a plurality of voters support this proposal.

# Support for Giving State Government Control Over National Public Lands



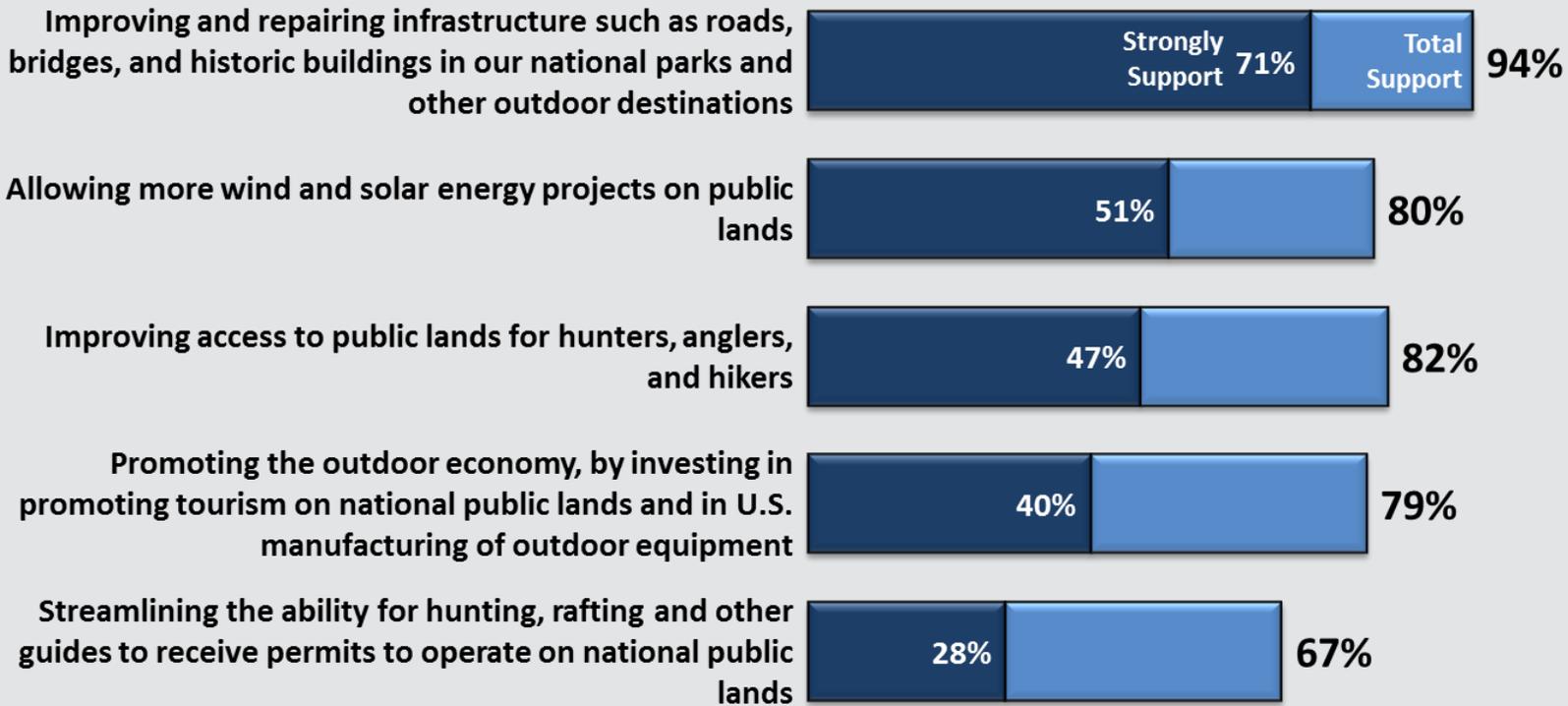
Asked for their opinion on oil and gas drilling taking place on public lands, 35% of Western voters said that type of drilling on public lands should be strictly limited one half (50%) say that while some public lands should be drilled, environmentally sensitive places should be permanently protected, and just 9% said that public lands should be generally open to drilling.

Asked to consider a number of actions the Trump administration may consider taking on national public lands, voters in the West expressed overwhelming support for several possible actions.

Leading the way was the close to unanimous support for improving and repairing infrastructure in national parks and other outdoor destinations. Fully 94% of voters support this potential action, with 71% saying they strongly support it. Support for several other possible actions easily topped 75% support.



## Trump Administration Actions Ranked by % Strongly Support



However, there is strident opposition to allowing more coal mining on public lands. Sixty-three percent (63%) of voters are opposed to allowing more coal mining on public lands, with 44% saying they are strongly opposed. Only 33% of voters in the West support this action.



## Allowing more coal mining on public lands

