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S1. Are you at least 18 years old and registered to vote at this address **[READ ADDRESS]**?

P1. No matter how you are planning to vote, when it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as a strong Democrat, a not very strong Democrat, a strong Republican, a not very strong Republican, or an Independent? [IF INDEPENDENT/DON'T KNOW] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

	YesNo/Don't know/Refused	100%
VOL:	Strong Democrat	32% 14 15 16 8 4 6 4
	DEMOCRAT (NET)	47% 43 10
	DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET)REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET)	61% 18

Changing topics now and thinking about energy in your part of Illinois... I am going to read you some different energy sources that are commonly used to produce electricity. For each, please tell me whether you believe your part of Illinois should be producing more of its electricity from this source, less of its electricity from this source, or continuing to produce about the same amount of electricity from this source.

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	<u>Much</u>	<u>Some</u>	same	<u>Some</u>	Much	(DK/Ref.)	MORE	<u>LESS</u>			
Solar	57%	22	12	2	3	5	79%	5			
• Coal	7%	7	28	19	32	7	14%	52			

As you may know, some people in Waukegan have proposed that the city develop a transition plan for retiring the Waukegan coal power plant on the lakefront. The transition plan would:

- -Commit to a date within the next several years to retire the Waukegan coal-burning power plant and consider clean energy alternatives.
- -Create a process to transition the plant's workers to retirement or new jobs.
- -Create a committee of local citizens and leaders to come up with a plan for redeveloping polluted sites along the lakefront.

V1. Based on what you know, do you support or oppose this transition plan to retire the Waukegan coal power plant? [IF ANSWER] And is that strongly or somewhat?

VOI :	Somewhat support	30 7 12
	SUPPORT (NET)	70%

10°/

Strongly support

Q3. If Mayor Motley were to support the transition plan for retiring the Waukegan coal power plant, would that make you feel more or less favorable towards him, or would it make no difference? [IF MORE/LESS] And is that much [MORE/LESS], or just somewhat [MORE/LESS]?

	Much more favorable	11%
	Somewhat more favorable	15
	No difference	60
	Somewhat less favorable	2
	Much less favorable	7
VOL:	(Don't know/Refused)	5
	MORE FAVORABLE (NET)	26%
	LESS FAVORABLE (NET)	9

Now I'm going to read you a statement from, supporters of the transition plan for retiring the Waukegan coal power plant and a statement from opponents of the transition plan for retiring the plant, and I'd like to know which one you agree with more. Here's the first statement...

- -Supporters say that more than one in three children in our area have asthma largely because the 50-year old Waukegan coal plant is a major source of toxic pollution. Scientists estimate that retiring the plant would prevent 330 asthma attacks and 31 heart attacks in our community every year. Even more, it would mean we can develop a long-term strategy to replace the plant with new solar installations that will create good-paying jobs and finally revitalize the lakefront to attract more visitors, residents, businesses and tax revenue.
- -Opponents say that the Waukegan plant was recently upgraded with new technology that vastly reduces pollution. Not only does it supply affordable and reliable electricity to our community, but it also provides jobs for one hundred fifty local workers as well a reliable source of tax revenue to the city. NRG, which owns the plant, is also very supportive of our local community, partnering with the city and encouraging its employees to engage in community service. Prematurely shuttering the plant could end all of these benefits.

Q4. Which of these statements do you agree with more? **[IF ANSWER]** And is that somewhat more, or much more?

	Supporters - much more	36% 29 12
VOL:	Opponents - much more(Don't know/Refused)	13 9
	SUPPORTERS (NET)	66% 26

Sometimes in surveys like this people change their mind after hearing more information. So now that you've heard these statements, let me ask you again about the transition plan for retiring the Waukegan coal power plant. As a reminder, the proposed transition plan would:

-Commit to a date within the next several years to retire the Waukegan coal-burning power plant and consider clean energy alternatives

VOL:

- -Create a process to transition the plant's workers to retirement or new jobs.
- -Create a committee of local citizens and leaders to come up with a plan for redeveloping polluted sites along the lakefront.
- **V2.** Once again, do you support or oppose the transition plan to retire the Waukegan coal power plant? **[IF ANSWER]** And is that strongly or somewhat?

Strongly support	46%
Somewhat support	26
Somewhat oppose	8
Strongly oppose	15
(Don't know/Refused)	5
SUPPORT (NET)	73%
OPPOSE (NET)	23

Q5. And once again, if Mayor Motley were to support the transition plan for retiring the Waukegan coal power plant, would that make you feel more or less favorable towards him, or would it make no difference? [IF MORE/LESS] And is that much [MORE/LESS], or just somewhat [MORE/LESS]?	VOL:	Much more favorable Somewhat more favorable No difference Somewhat less favorable Much less favorable (Don't know/Refused) MORE FAVORABLE (NET)	11% 15 62 3 6 4
		LESS FAVORABLE (NET)	8
Now I would like to ask you a few final questions for statistical purposes only	/ .		
D101. In what year were you born?	VOL:	18-29	20% 25 17 16 16 6
D102. What is the last grade that you completed in school?	VOL:	Did not complete high school	4% 23 3 15 17 25
D300. And just to make sure we have a representative sample of voters, could you please tell me your race? [IF BLACK/WHITE/OTHER] Do you consider yourself a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?	VOL:	Black/African-American White/Caucasian Hispanic/Latino Asian-American Other (SPECIFY) (Refused)	20% 39 34 1 1
Gender [BY OBSERVATION]		MaleFemale	48% 52
Region [FROM SAMPLE]		NorthCentralSouth	39% 32 29