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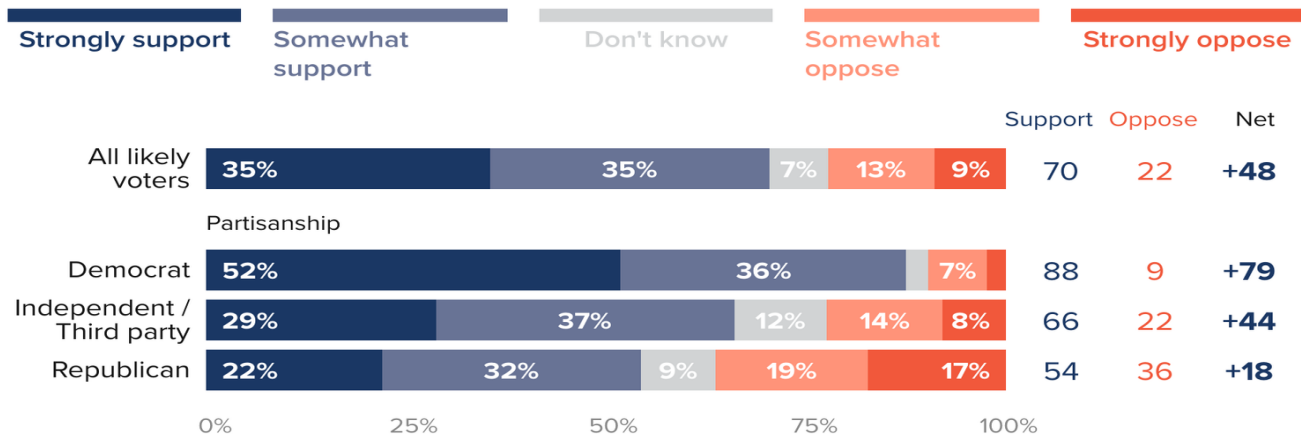
New research has revealed what a lot of folks already suspected—the plastics and fossil fuel industries have known for decades that plastic recycling isn’t a viable solution to plastic waste management, despite the fact that they’ve touted recycling as a solution.

Blatant deception like this has impacts on public trust and the future of our planet. Voters across party lines express strong support for litigation against these industries over their role in deceiving the public about the viability of plastic recycling:

Across Party Lines, Voters Support Litigation Against the Plastics and Fossil Fuel Industries

Officials in some states have recently proposed taking legal action against the plastics and fossil fuel industries to hold them accountable for their role in plastic pollution. The officials cite evidence that the plastics and fossil fuel industries deceived the public about the viability of plastic recycling.

Would you support or oppose officials **in your state** taking similar legal action against the plastics and fossil fuel industries?



August 15–17, 2024 survey of 1,231 likely voters

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Fifty-four respondents agreed that the actions of the plastics and fossil fuel industries are yet another example of big companies lying to their consumers, and a majority of voters believe the plastic and fossil fuel companies have a great deal of responsibility to address the plastic waste crisis.

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