

Public Support for Funding Great Lakes Restoration

Findings from BRS survey research

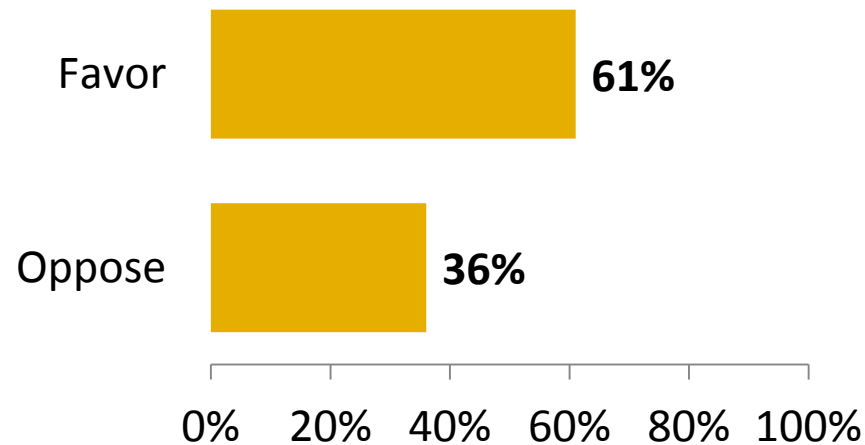
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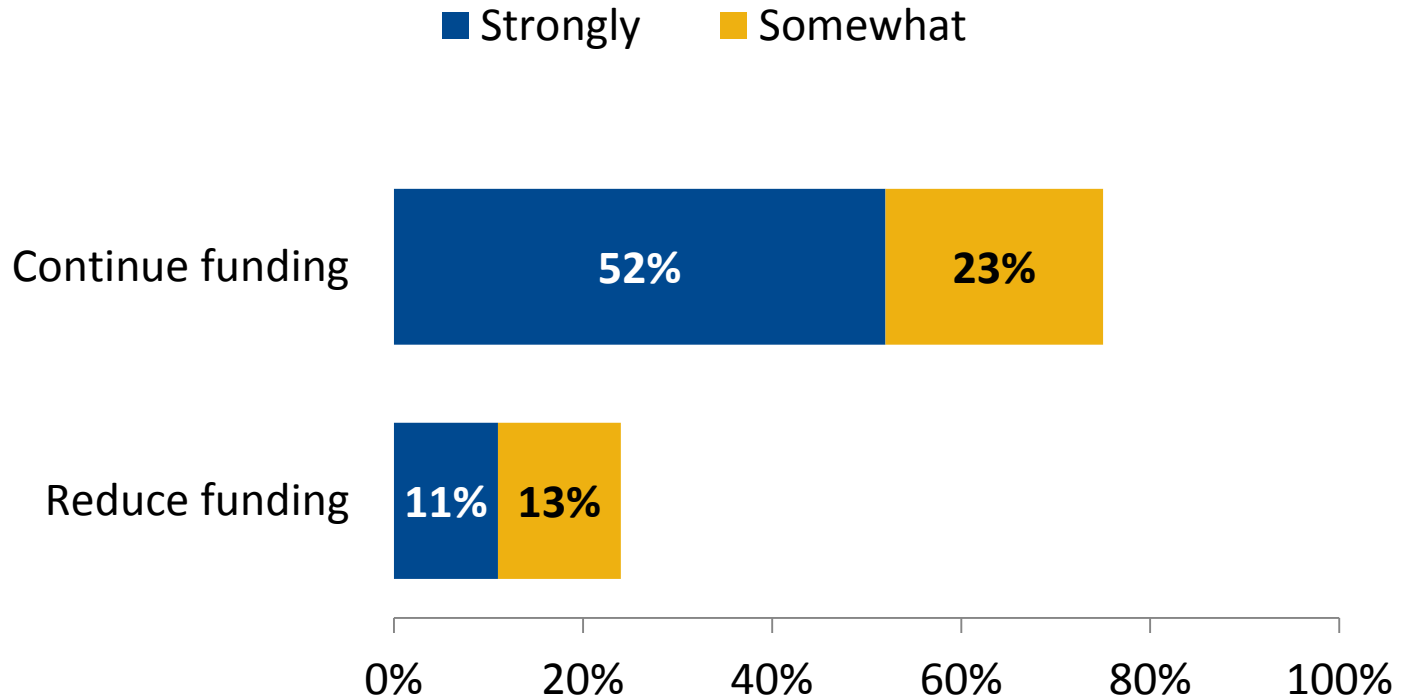
Opinion Research ■ Strategic Communication

Support for Spending on the Great Lakes in 2005



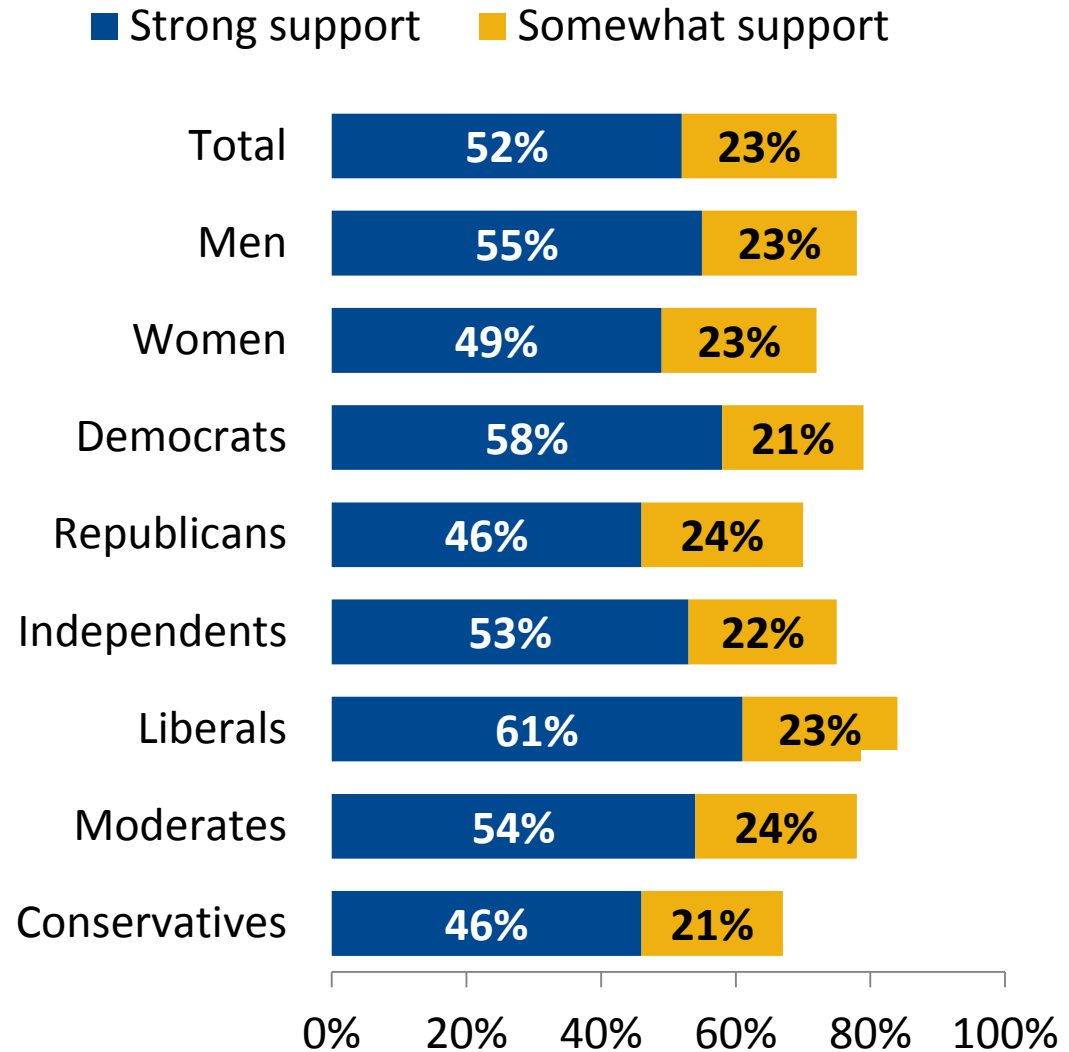
The governments of the states surrounding the Great Lakes are proposing that each state in the region, including your state, spend one billion dollars of taxpayer money over five years to clean up toxic waste and bacteria, protect wetlands, and prevent invasive species to improve the condition of the Great Lakes. On a ten point scale, where one means strongly oppose and ten means strongly favor, how much do you favor or oppose spending this money on the Great Lakes? –*BRS and VJ Breglio Consulting, September 2005, survey of 1503 adult residents of the eight states bordering the Great Lakes(favor = ratings 6-10; oppose = ratings 1-5).*

Support for Continued Funding in 2011

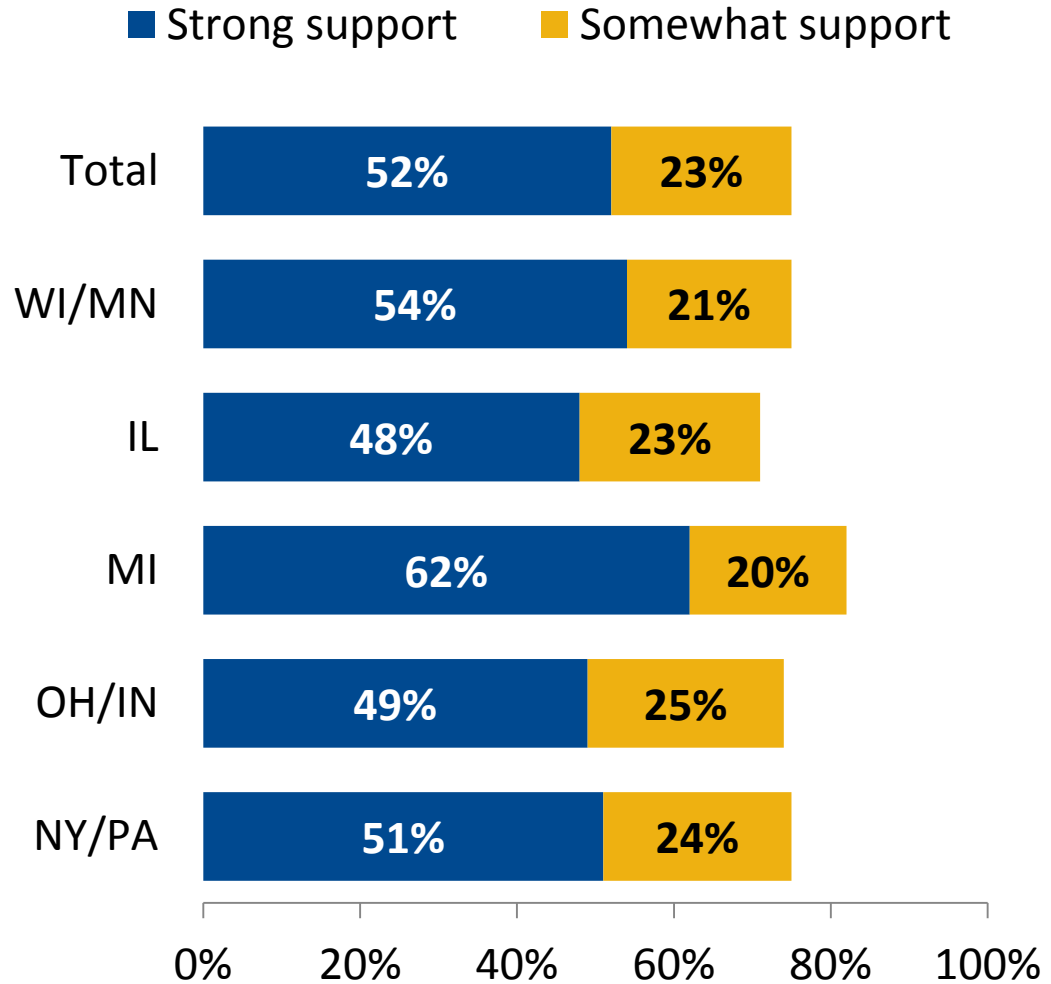


Over the last three years, the U.S. federal government has spent over 400 million dollars a year to improve the condition of the Great Lakes by cleaning up toxic waste and bacteria, protecting and rebuilding wetlands, and preventing and managing invasive species such as Asian carp. In your opinion, should the federal government continue that funding for Great Lakes restoration, or should it reduce the funding? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat? *BRS, February 2011, survey of 1511 adult residents of the eight states bordering the Great Lakes.*

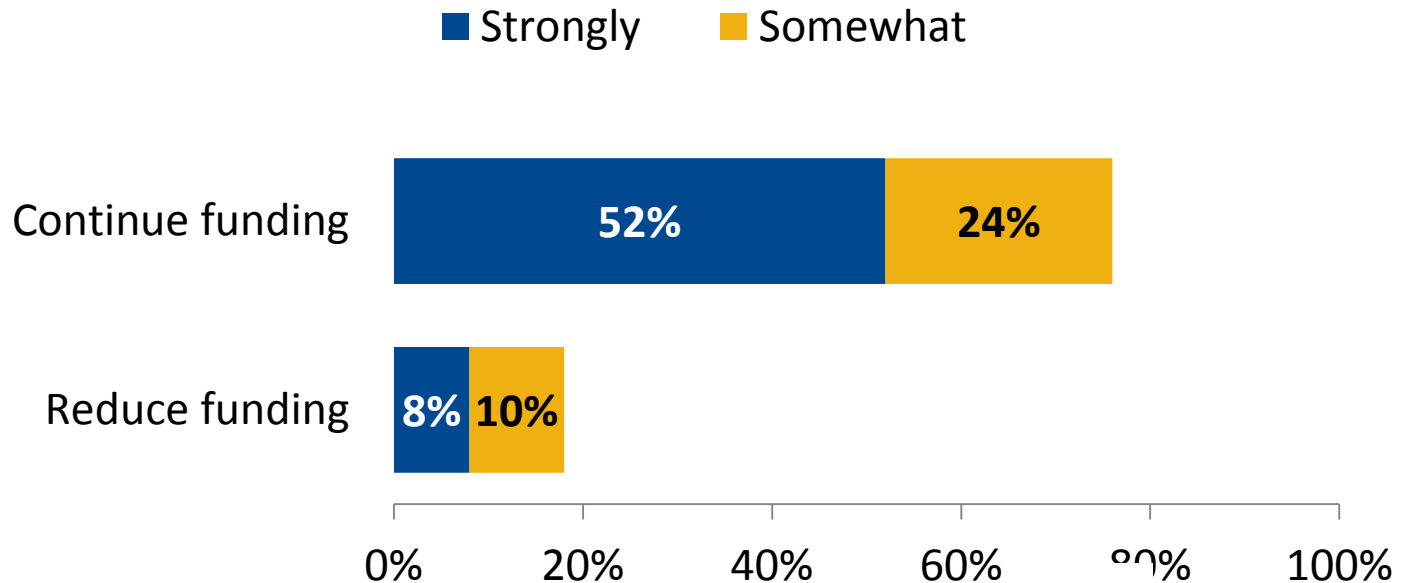
Support for Continued Funding by Demographics



Support for Continued Funding by State



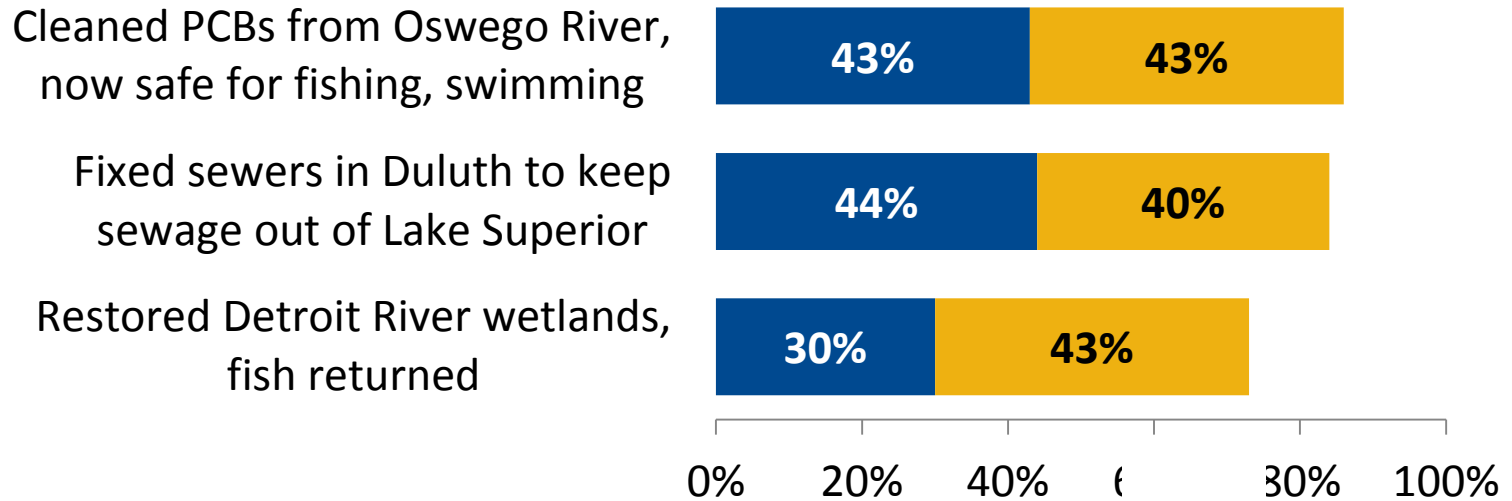
Support for Continued Funding Among Ohio Voters in 2014



Over the last five years, the U.S. federal government has spent over 300 million dollars a year to improve the condition of the Great Lakes by cleaning up toxic waste and bacteria, reducing run-off pollution from cities and farms, and protecting and rebuilding wetlands. In your opinion, should the federal government continue that funding for Great Lakes restoration, or should it reduce the funding? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat? *BRS and Fallon Research, June 2014, survey of 805 general election voters in Ohio.*

Examples of Restoration Projects

■ Excellent use of tax dollars ■ Good use



Here are some examples of how federal tax dollars have been spent on improving the Great Lakes. Please tell me if you think each one is an excellent, good, fair, poor, or very poor use of federal tax dollars. *BRS, February 2011, survey of 1511 adult residents of the eight states bordering the Great Lakes.*