

2006 Lander County Community Survey Results

Lander County High School students in Battle Mountain and Austin conducted approximately 355 face to face surveys in order to ascertain the views and knowledge of the repository program. The Lander County Community survey focused on questions and issues that have been the subject of national survey efforts related nuclear energy and Yucca Mountain.

The purpose for using these questions is to compare Lander County survey responses with responses from national survey efforts.

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Question 1 Are you familiar with the Yucca Mountain Project and the federal government's efforts to store spent nuclear fuel in Nevada?

Lander County	Survey Respondent	
Response	Freq.	Percent
Yes	329	91.1
No	32	8.9

Question 2. Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the use of

nuclear energy as one of the ways to provide electricity in the United States?

Lander County	Survey Respondent	
Response	Freq.	Percent
Strongly Favor	82	22.8
Somewhat Favor	144	40.1
Somewhat Oppose	87	24.2
Strongly Oppose	45	12.5
No Response	1	.3

Question 3. Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement: "We should

definitely build more nuclear energy plants in the future?"

Lander County	Survey Respondents	
Response	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	76	21.4
Somewhat Agree	112	31.5
Somewhat Disagree	89	25.1
Strongly Disagree	77	21.7
No Response	1	.3

Question 4. How important is it to have a clear plan of action for handling the high-level radioactive waste from America's 103 electricity-generating

nuclear energy plants? Is it extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important?

Lander County	Survey Respondent	
Response	Frequency	Percent
Extremely Important	269	76.6
Very Important	61	17.4
Somewhat Important	19	5.4
Not Very Important	2	.6
Not at All Important	0	0.0

Question 5: Radioactive waste is transported in rugged vault-like containers, under strict regulations, using cautious procedures, and in collaboration with state

agencies. In the past 35 years, there have been more than 3,000 shipments of this radioactive waste across a total of nearly 2 million miles, and no radiation leaks. After hearing this statement, how confident are you that the radioactive waste from America’s nuclear power plants will be transported safely to the proposed Yucca Mountain disposal site?

Lander County	Survey Respondent	
Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Confident	80	22.7
Somewhat Confident	137	38.8
Not too Confident	84	23.8
Not Confident at All	52	14.7

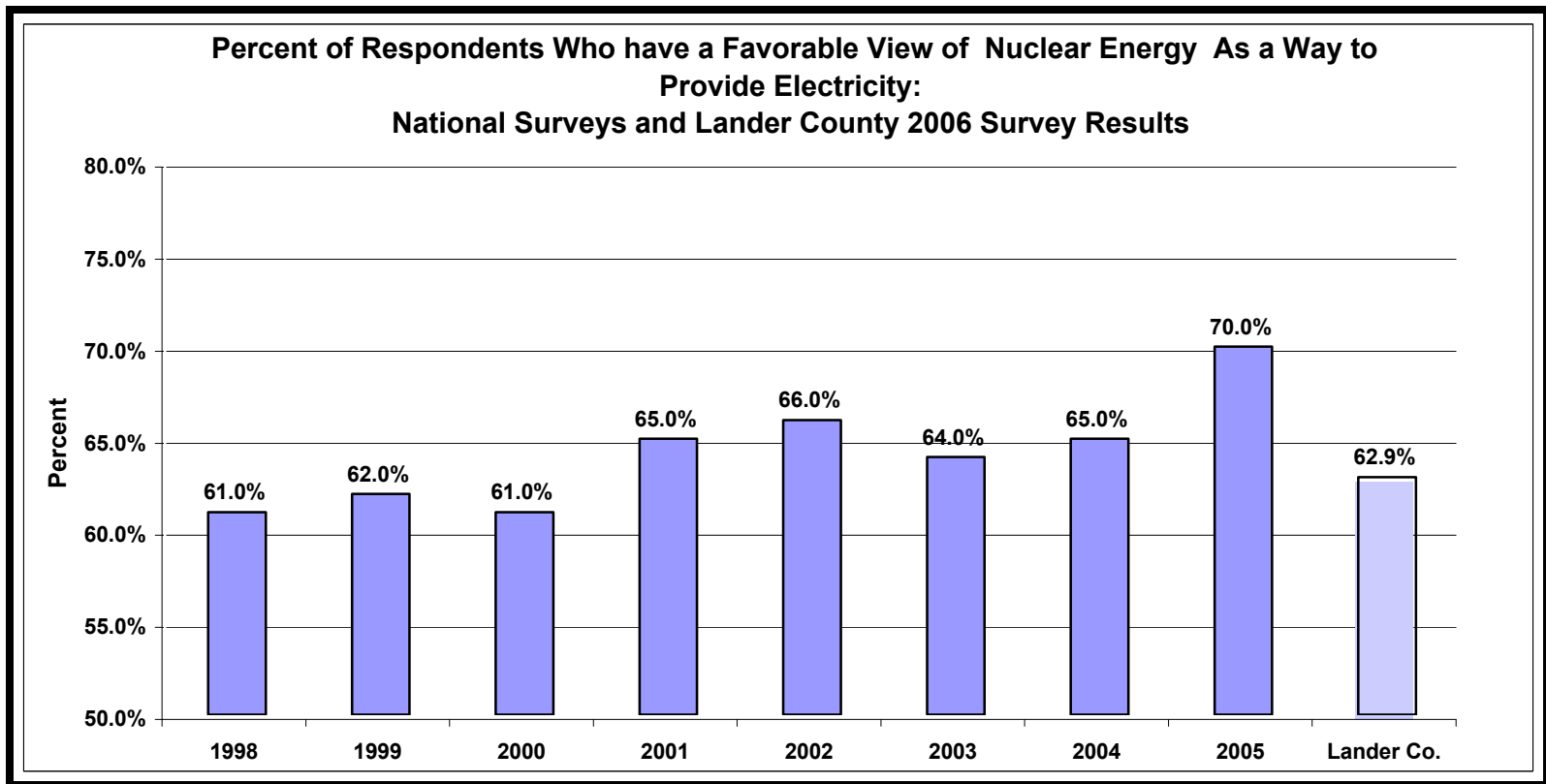
Question 6: Do you think it is possible for the state, tribal and local governments to continue to challenge the Yucca Mountain Project while developing a benefits package for Nevada?

Lander County	Survey Respondent	
Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	154	43.6
No	66	18.7
Don't Know	133	37.7

Comparisons to National Survey Responses

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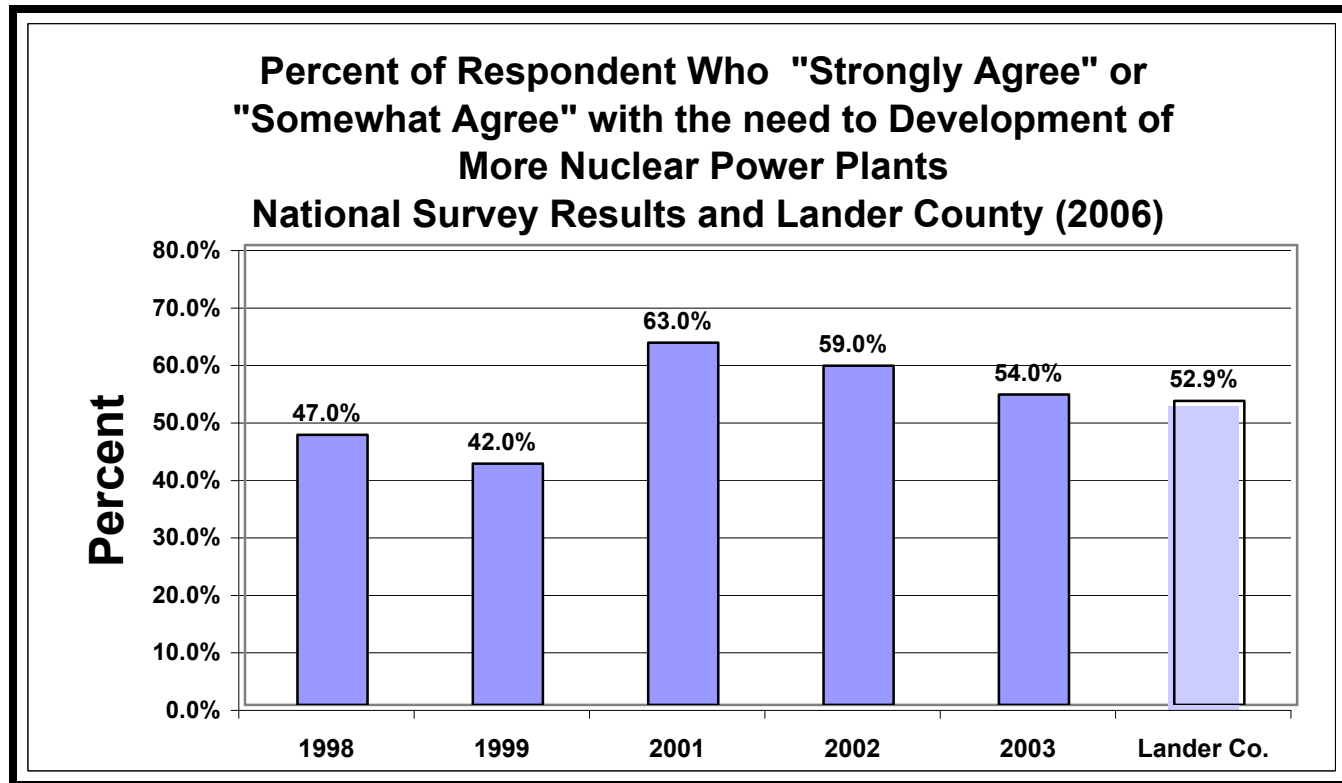
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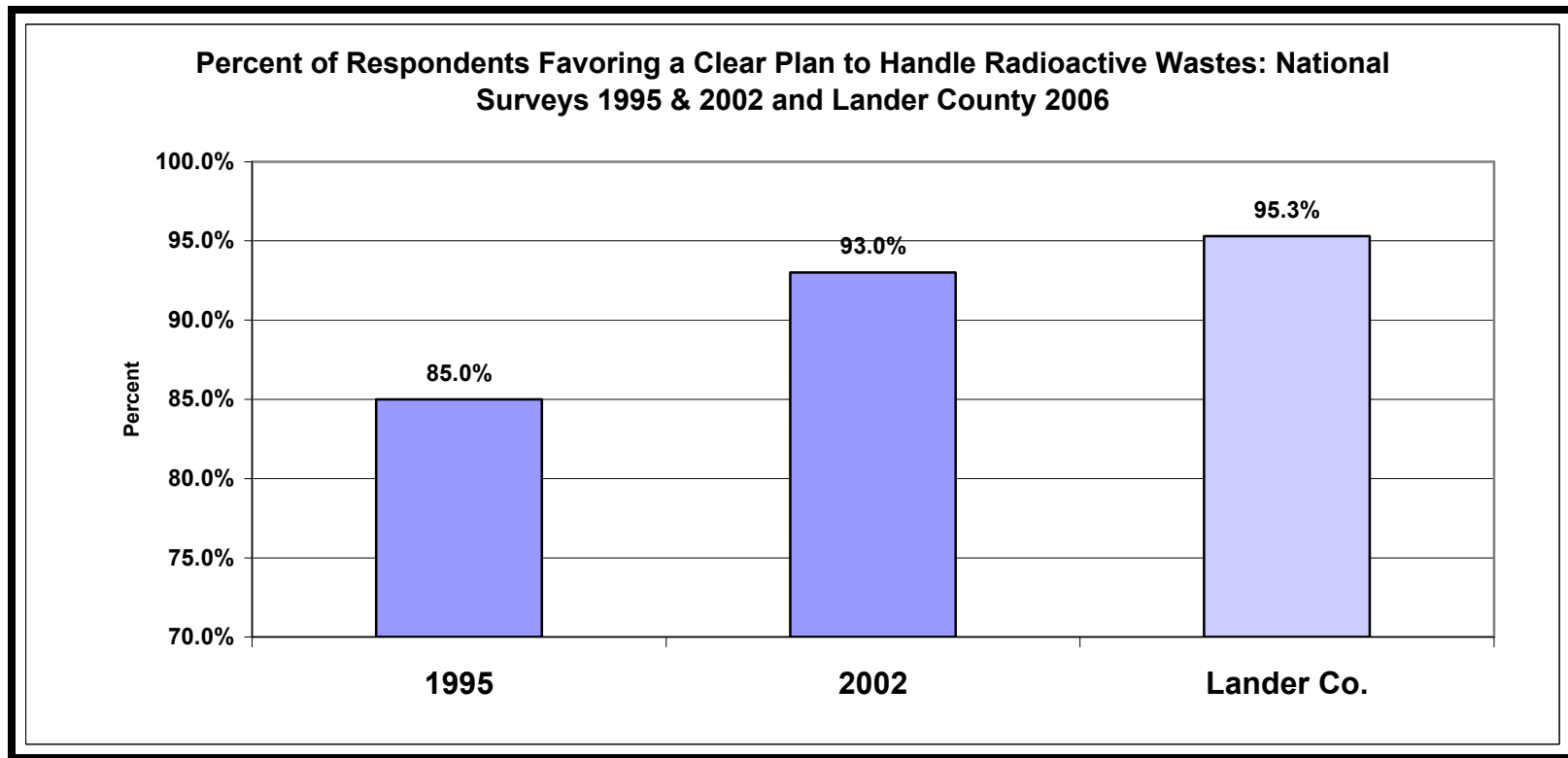
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