

# LOUISIANA

Offshore wind public opinion brief · March 2026

# 70%

**of Louisiana voters favor offshore wind construction off their state's coast** — an 8-point gain over 14 months, during a period in which the industry faced significant attacks from the executive branch. Offshore wind ranks second only to solar as the energy resource Louisiana voters most want as part of the state's electricity solution.

# 83%

support **adding more renewables** to Louisiana's energy mix

# 61%

**are not very confident that the LA grid can meet demand** over the next 10 years

# 69%

say it's very important the Federal government **honor previously permitted offshore wind projects**

## LOUISIANA VOTER SUPPORT FOR OFFSHORE WIND CONSTRUCTION BY AFFILIATION

Across political affiliations, a **majority of voters** support offshore wind development.

Democrats



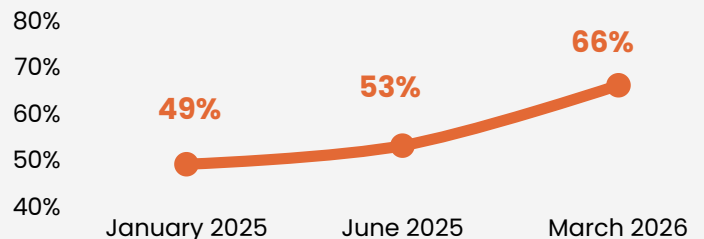
Independents



Republicans

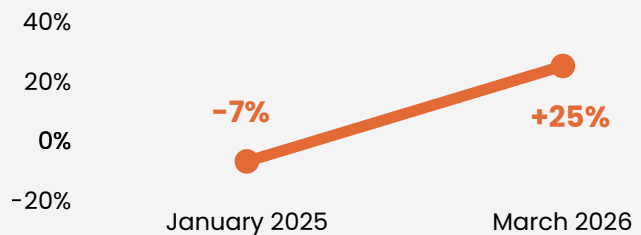


## LA GOP VOTER SUPPORT FOR OSW CONSTRUCTION



Louisiana Republican voter support has increased substantially since Jan 2025.

## LA GOP VOTER CANDIDATE NET SUPPORT SWING



Since January 2025, Louisiana Republican voters have become significantly **more likely** to vote for a candidate that is pro offshore wind.

# LOUISIANA WORKERS BUILDING OFFSHORE WIND

When Edison Chouest Offshore launched the ECO Edison in May 2024, it marked the first new-build Service Operation Vessel constructed in the United States. The Louisiana shipbuilder put more than 600 Americans to work building the \$97 million, 262-foot vessel, drawing on a supply chain that reached across 34 states. The ECO Edison is now serving as a floating home base for 60 offshore wind turbine technicians, who live and work aboard the ship for weeks at a time while servicing turbines at sea.

Otto Candies, another Gulf Coast company, saw the market opportunity and retrofitted existing oil and gas assets into offshore wind vessels, then put them to work on four East Coast project sites: Vineyard Wind, South Fork Wind, CVOW, and Revolution Wind. These are companies that know how to work offshore, know how to build vessels, and know how to keep energy infrastructure running. Offshore wind gave them a new customer, and they delivered.



Jennifer Scalise, wife of House Majority Leader Steve Scalise, christens the ECO Edison at the Edison Chouest shipyard in Louisiana. Credit: Edison Chouest and Oceanic Network.

## NATIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN FOOTPRINT

Across the nation:

- **2,135+** supplier contracts generated across **40** states, supporting a national supply chain
- **\$25+ billion** in total investment driven by the U.S. offshore wind industry
- **51%** of supply chain investment is flowing to Republican congressional districts, from Gulf Coast shipyards to Midwestern steel mills
- **\$1.8 billion** invested in shipyards, across 26 facilities in 15 states

## WHAT LOUISIANA VOTERS BELIEVE

**64%**

**reject the claim** that offshore wind drives up energy prices for consumers

**59%**

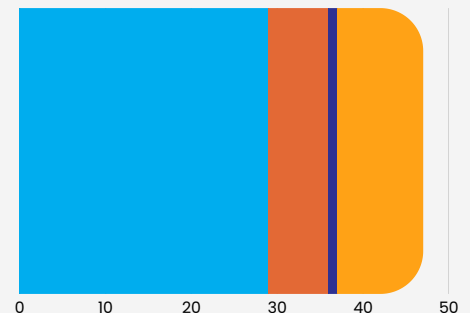
**reject the claim** that offshore wind affects military radar systems

*Opposition claims are broadly encountered but **not deeply held**, creating room for education.*

## LA SHIPYARDS BUILT THE OSW FLEET

Over the past five years, **47** specialty vessels have been built or retrofitted at American yards, and Louisiana yards are among the most active.

● CTV ● SOV ● WTIV ● Other



Louisiana yards have contributed vessels to all commercial scale projects operating or currently under construction.